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SUBJECT CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

Attached please find CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS for March 2000. Included are TANF-oriented data, and the WFNJ Statistical Summary. Some items of interest include:

- The TANF caseload continues to decline. Since March of 1999 there has been a decrease of 17.0%.
- Food Stamp households decreased by over 15,000 since March 1999.
- For GA, recipient figures reported are for December 1999, which are 6.4% below December 1998.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to call David Karwoski at 588-2273 or Janet Taylor at 588-2277.

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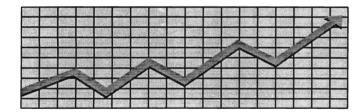
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Highlights of CURRENT PROGRAM STATISTICS

TANF

(Tables 1 and 5, Graphs 1 and 4)

[The number of single parent families is reduced by the number of companion cases listed for payment on the source table FF-012, to avoid double counting.]

As of the end of March 2000, 50,968 eligible families in New Jersey were receiving TANF cash assistance:

- 49,809 single head of household families
- 1,159 two-parent families.

The largest number of TANF families receiving cash assistance, by county:

Essex — 17,522, Hudson — 8,341, Camden — 5,190, Passaic — 3,802 Union — 2,989

The number of TANF cash assistance families in the other 16 counties ranged from:

 51 families in Hunterdon County to 2,132 in Mercer County, with ten counties below 1000 families

There were over 27,166 fewer eligible TANF families receiving cash assistance in March 2000 than in March 1998, a decline 34.8 percent.

- Single head families: 25,198 below two years ago in March 1998, a drop of 33.6%.
- Two parent families: declined by 1,968 or 62.9 percent from March 1998.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

(Tables 2 and 6, Graphs 2, 5, and 6)

At the end of March 2000, 142,136 households participated in the Food Stamp Program.

- TANF: 39,771 households with 128,571 persons.
- Other low income: 102,365 households with 188,482 persons.
- Total persons: 317,053, including 153,071 adults and 163,982 children
- By County: 57.8 percent of the households were in: Essex 34,189

Hudson 20,580

Camden 13,346

Passaic 13,995

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Two years ago in March 1998, 178,824 households participated in Food Stamps in New Jersey. Over the next two years the number declined by 36,688, or 20.5 percent, to 142,136 by March 2000.

- TANF(FS) households steadily declined by 39,086 from 78,857 in March 1998 to 39,771 two years later. There were 99,967 Other Low Income households in March 1998 and 2,398 more two years later.
- Total FS Recipients: were 402,543 in March 1998, and declined to 317,053 by March 2000, a drop of 85,490, or 21.2 percent.
- Adult FS Recipients: declined from 191,205 in March 1998 to 153,071 in March 2000, a drop of 38,134 (19.9 percent).
- Recipient FS Children: declined by 47,356 (22.4 percent), from 211,338 in March 1998 to 163,982 in March 2000.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

(Tables 3, 7 and 9, Graphs 3, 7 and 9)

In March 2000 Emergency Assistance (EA) payments were made for 2,015 eligible TANF families and 353 SSI recipients in New Jersey. For TANF families this included payments for:

- Temporary Rental Assistance (TRA) for 248 families
- Motel placements for 197 families and emergency shelter placements for 406 families
- All other TANF-EA for 1,164 families (including back rent, back utilities, security deposits, furnishings, clothing and food allowance, or transitional housing)
- 670 families in Essex County, 282 in Passaic County, 153 in Middlesex County, 134 in Mercer.

In the past two years, the average number of EA payments for TANF amilies was 2,442 in 1998, and 1,861 for the twelve months of 1999. Payments were made to 14.9% more families in March 2000 as compared to February 2000.

- TRA payments were 12.3 % of the number in March 2000.
- Motel payments were up from two years ago.; 191 to 197.

The TANF participation rate for March 2000 was 33.99% for the State as a whole. This is an increase of .59 percentage points from February 2000.

Participation rates by county:

- Eight counties had a participation rate greater than 40 percent, Burlington, Monmouth, Morris
- Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

(Table 9, Graph 9)

There were 23,895 GA recipients in December 1999, up from 23,274 in November.

■ There were 14,165 Employable GA and 9,730 Unemployable GA recipients in December 1999.

CHILD SUPPORT AND PATERNITY

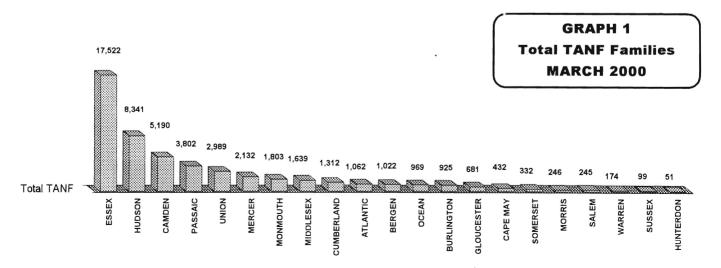
(Table 10)

For **FFY 2000**, the **total collections** of the Child Support and Paternity Program was about **\$568,524,000**, an increase of over **8 percent** over the same period for **FFY 1999**.

Table 1
TANF

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING REPORT MONTH, AND NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING TANF AT END OF REPORT MONTH

PROGRAM			MARCH 2000		
County	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF
ATLANTIC	101	148	1,054	8	1,062
BERGEN	74	104	976	46	1,022
BURLINGTON	138	170	895	30	925
CAMDEN	474	494	5,021	169	5,190
CAPE MAY	59	52	410	22	432
CUMBERLAND	173	167	1,219	93	1,312
ESSEX	709	897	17,338	184	17,522
GLOUCESTER	92	88	668	13	681
HUDSON	349	471	8,128	213	8,341
HUNTERDON	7	4	51	0	51
MERCER	209	215	2,098	34	2,132
MIDDLESEX	205	217	1,584	55	1,639
MONMOUTH	144	144	1,795	8	1,803
MORRIS	22	33	237	9	246
OCEAN	106	104	916	53	969
PASSAIC	275	344	3,649	153	3,802
SALEM	45	55	243	2	245
SOMERSET	45	44	317	15	332
SUSSEX	6	9	97	2	99
UNION	232	318	2,949	40	2,989
WARREN	20	28	164	10	174
NJ TOTAL	3,485	4,106	49,809	1,159	50,968



Data is derived from NJ Division of Family Development's FAMIS report #FF-012

Table 2 FOOD STAMP

NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH

PROGRAM	MARCH 2000								
		HOUSEHOLDS			<u>PERSONS</u>				
		Other				Other			
County	TANF	low income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF	low income	Adults	Children	
ATLANTIC	687	3,869	4,556	9,540	2,190	7,350	4,912	4,628	
BERGEN	.737	5,664	6,401	11,146	2,233	8,913	7,278	3,868	
BURLINGTON	519	2,994	3,513	7,542	1,672	5,870	3,844	3,698	
CAMDEN	3,963	9,383	13,346	31,823	13,340	18,483	14,606	17,217	
CAPE MAY	355	1,358	1,713	4,005	1,192	2,813	2,015	1,990	
CUMBERLAND	972	3,401	4,373	10,912	3,237	7,675	4,894	6,018	
ESSEX	14,551	19,638	34,189	80,797	47,219	33,578	36,212	44,585	
GLOUCESTER	427	1,730	2,157	4,646	1,323	3,323	2,360	2,286	
HUDSON	6,909	13,671	20,580	46,319	21,698	24,621	21,901	24,418	
HUNTERDON	31	309	340	560	82	478	361	199	
MERCER	1,458	4,380	5,838	12,197	4,644	7,553	6,063	6,134	
MIDDLESEX	1,239	4,487	5,726	11,476	3,759	7,717	6,155	5,321	
MONMOUTH	1,369	5,094	6,463	13,833	4,478	9,355	7,113	6,720	
MORRIS	158	1,356	1,514	2,548	463	2,085	1,702	846	
OCEAN	645	4,061	4,706	11,685	2,006	9,679	5,320	6,365	
PASSAIC	3,045	10,950	13,995	31,475	10,189	21,286	14,440	17,035	
SALEM	177	764	941	2,235	579	1,656	1,042	1,193	
SOMERSET	211	1,408	1,619	2,873	644	2,229	1,716	1,157	
SUSSEX	57	501	558	1,116	166	950	652	464	
UNION	2,130	6,375	8,505	18,011	7,056	10,955	9,228	8,783	
WARREN	131	972	1,103	2,314	401	1,913	1,257	1,057	
NJ TOTAL	39,771	102,365	142,136	317,053	128,571	188,482	153,071	163,982	

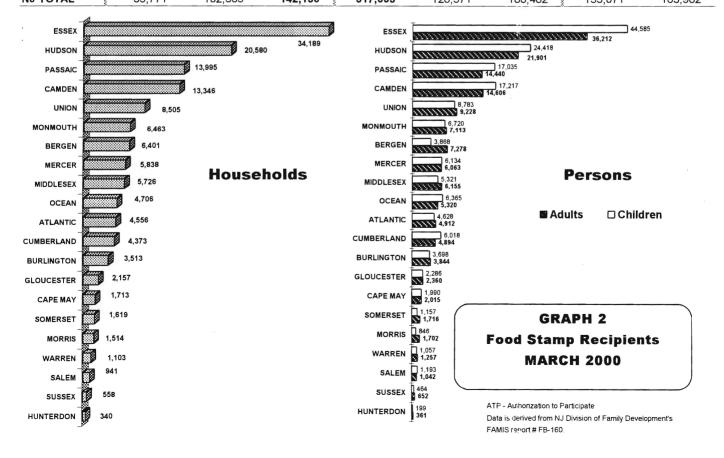


Table 3
TANF/SSI

NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS (UNDUPLICATED CASES)

EMERGENCY	MARCH 2000							
ASSISTANCE	<u>T</u> .	ANF Families Re	ceiving Emer	gency Assistan	<u>ce</u>	SSI		
County	TOTAL TANF-EA	Temporary Rental Assist.	Motel Housing	Emergency Shelter	Other TANF-EA	Receipients Receiving EA*		
ATLANTIC	25	0	3	8	14	15		
BERGEN	117	16	19	33	49	42		
BURLINGTON	39	0	. 2	32	5	9		
CAMDEN	86	13	1	21	51	15		
CAPE MAY	16	6	4	0	6	6		
CUMBERLAND	14	0	0	7	7	3		
ESSEX	670	132	13	156	369	31		
GLOUCESTER	27	3	3	11	10	5		
HUDSON	108	9	23	24	52	11		
HUNTERDON	0	0	0	0	0	0		
MERCER	134	32	11	2	89	20		
MIDDLESEX	153	4	22	36	91	44		
MONMOUTH	114	16	32	0	66	16		
MORRIS	16	0	3	4	9	7		
OCEAN	73	9	47	2	15	15		
PASSAIC	282	0	2	28	252	46		
SALEM	14	1	4	1	8	2		
SOMERSET	48	1	4	16	27	36		
SUSSEX	9	2	3	1	3	16		
UNION	67	4	1	23	39	8		
WARREN	3	0	0	1	2	6		
NJ TOTAL	2,015	248	197	406	1,164	353		

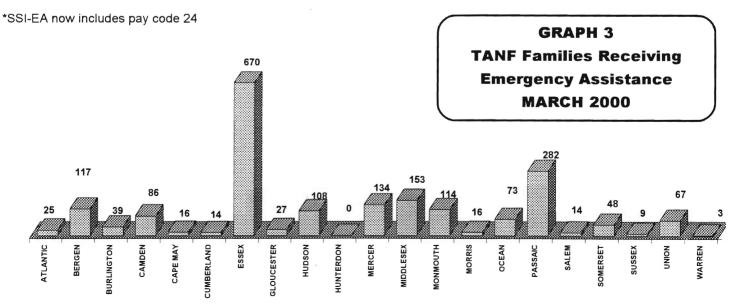


Table 4	WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY STATISTICAL SUMMARY								
WFNJ				M	ARCH 20	00			
COUNTY	CASES REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE	<u>employi</u> Cwep	MENT DIRECTED A ALL OTHER TRAINING	ACTIVITIES JOB SEARCH	EMPLOYED OPEN (TANF RECIPIENT)		SERVICES IVE CASE TRAINING REL. EXPENSES	EMPLOYED CLOSED	POST TANF CHILD CARE
ATLANTIC	483	7	108	86	59	66	31	37	310
BERGEN	571	22	221	145	211	103	114	26	188
BURLINGTON	450	65	79	118	154	76	104	37	275
CAMDEN	3,076	238	630	341	629	508	468	125	825
CAPE MAY	259	18	29	62	80	22	8	11	43
CUMBERLAND	689	13	347	241	113	113	163	44	326
ESSEX	12,449	592	4,132	1,775	2,370	1,879	2,755	166	589
GLOUCESTER	295	24	34	12	62	36	2	9	180
HUDSON	5,512	78	3,210	750	1,493	1,159	664	136	658
HUNTERDON	23	0	6	11	6	4	0	2	14
MERCER	1,195	107	326	154	362	162	129	43	369
MIDDLESEX	837	6	207	117	268	124	211	51	332
MONMOUTH	1,072	12	523	135	367	297	374	54	473
MORRIS	118	25	28	19	38	20	28	13	72
OCEAN	412	3	133	46	139	85	55	27	296
PASSAIC	2,417	46	1,908	191	436	383	597	57	302
SALEM	114	27	13	23	23	27	30	6	106
SOMERSET	180	17	44	56	50	36	28	10	77
SUSSEX	39	15	11	14	17	13	4	2	44
UNION	1,650	52	826	155	322	274	412	65	346
WARREN	117	6	58	11	30	22	1	9	30
STATE	31,958	1,373	12,873	4,462	7,229	5,409	6,178	930	5,855

Data is derived from NJ Division of Family Development's FAMIS reports

Table 5 TANF

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS DURING REPORT MONTH, AND NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING TANF AT END OF REPORT MONTH

PROGRAM	MARCH 1998 THROUGH MARCH 2000						
	Applications Approved	Terminations	Single Head Families	Two Parent Families	Total TANF	Medicaid Only	
1998 MAR	4,875	6,255	75,007	3,127	78,134	6,649	
APR	5,646	7,696	73,118	2,862	75,980	6,795	
MAY	4,555	5,882	71,955	2,641	74,596	6,845	
JUN	4,815	6,156	70,658	2,480	73,138	6,893	
JUL	5,403	7,372	68,904	2,261	71,165	6,955	
AUG	5,262	6,536	67,846	2,153	69,999	6,969	
SEP	4,819	6,271	66,649	2,020	68,669	6,819	
OCT	4,337	6,282	64,988	1,922	66,910	6,714	
NOV	5,577	6,749	63,944	1,824	65,768	6,773	
DEC	4,812	6,105	62,921	1,755	64,676	6,684	
1998 AVERAGE	5,010	6,530	68,599	2,305	70,904	6,810	
1999 JAN	4,697	5,832	61,894	1,732	63,626	6,583	
FEB	4,369	5,497	60,974	1,711	62,685	6,484	
MAR	4,254	5,454	59,760	1,659	61,419	6,642	
APR	4,402	11,543*	58,633	1,540	60,173		
MAY	4,896	5,877	58,061	1,520	59,581		
JUN	4,084	5,735	56,684	1,448	58,132		
JUL	3,950	5,409	55,330	1,366	56,696		
AUG	4,835	5,064	55,273	1,320	56,593		
SEP	4,143	4,866	54,563	1,303	55,866		
OCT	4,380	5,425	53,578	1,280	54,858		
NOV	4,222	5,369	52,173	1,216	53,389		
DEC	3,815	4,857	51,283	1,162	52,445		
1999 AVERAGE	4,337	5,399	56,517	1,438	57,955	6,570	
2000 JAN	3,847	4,543	50,810	1,121	51,931		
FEB	4,023	4,478	50,351	1,127	51,478		
MAR	3,485	4,106	49,809	1,159	50,968		
2000 AVERAGE	3,785	4,376	50,323	1,136	51,459		

^{*} During March FAMIS mass change approximately 6,600 cases previously identified as Medicaid only are now shown as terminated due to delinking of Medicaid and TANF.

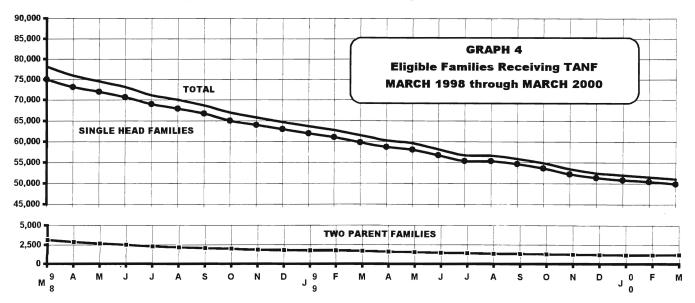
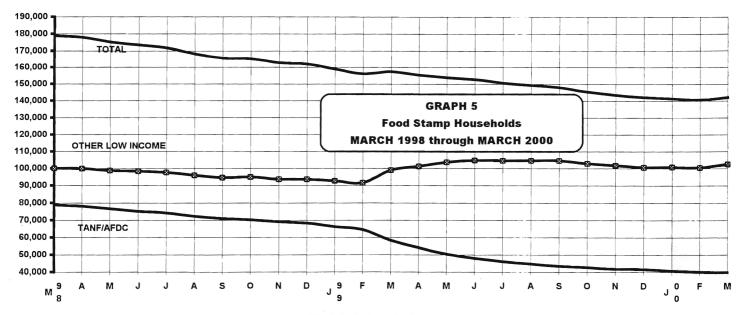


Table 6 FOOD STAMP

NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING HOUSEHOLDS, PERSONS, ADULTS AND CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE REPORT MONTH

PROGR	RAM			MARCH	1998 THROUGH MARCH 2000					
			HOUSEHOLDS				PERSONS			
			Other low				Other low			
		TANF	income	TOTAL	TOTAL	TANF	income	Adults	Children	
·/////////////////////////////////////	MAR	78,857	99,967	178,824	402,543	251,862	150,681	191,205	211,338	
	APR	78,131	99,750	177,881	400,060	249,800	150,260	190,045	210,015	
	MAY	76,522	98,620	175,142	393,686	244,991	148,695	186,848	206,838	
	JUN	75,111	98,356	173,467	388,980	240,547	148,433	184,800	204,180	
	JUL	74,135	97,604	171,739	385,732	237,835	147,897	182,874	202,858	
	AUG	72,345	95,767	168,112	377,191	232,284	144,907	178,851	198,340	
	SEP	70,961	94,555	165,516	371,135	227,718	143,417	175,996	195,139	
	ОСТ	70,198	94,817	165,015	369,966	225,450	144,516	175,490	194,476	
	NOV	68,990	93,595	162,585	365,339	222,224	143,115	173,472	191,867	
	DEC	68,298	93,592	161,890	364,200	220,428	143,772	173,203	190,997	
1998 AVER	AGE	73,355	96,662	170,017	381,883	235,314	146,569	181,278	200,605	
1999	JAN	66,293	92,638	158,931	356,851	214,394	142,457	170,388	186,463	
	FEB	64,593	91,435	156,028	349,747	209,154	140,593	167,648	182,099	
	MAR	58,380	98,903	157,283	352,558	189,514	163,044	169,279	183,279	
	APR	54,142	101,116	155,258	347,743	175,132	172,611	166,963	180,780	
	MAY	50,338	103,502	153,840	344,474	162,815	181,659	165,467	179,007	
	JUN	47,870	104,699	152,569	342,088	154,833	187,255	164,107	177,981	
	JUL	45,990	104,582	150,572	337,845	149,205	188,640	162,033	175,812	
	AUG	44,697	104,597	149,294	334,324	144,418	189,906	160,464	173,860	
	SEP	43,448	104,543	147,991	330,897	140,290	190,607	158,996	171,901	
	ОСТ	42,582	102,757	145,339	326,063	137,669	188,394	156,214	169,849	
	NOV	41,677	101,728	143,405	322,601	135,098	187,503	154,392	168,209	
	DEC	41,444	100,609	142,053	320,341	134,288	186,053	152,961	167,380	
1999 AVERA	AGE	50,121	100,926	151,047	338,794	162,234	176,560	162,409	176,385	
2000	JAN	40,648	100,705	141,353	317,214	131,804	185,410	152,219	164,995	
	FEB	40,071	100,435	140,506	314,200	129,699	184,501	151,301	162,899	
	MAR	39,771	102,365	142,136	317,053	128,571	188,482	153,071	163,982	
2000 AVERA	AGE	40,163	101,168	141,332	316,156	130,025	186,131	152,197	163,959	



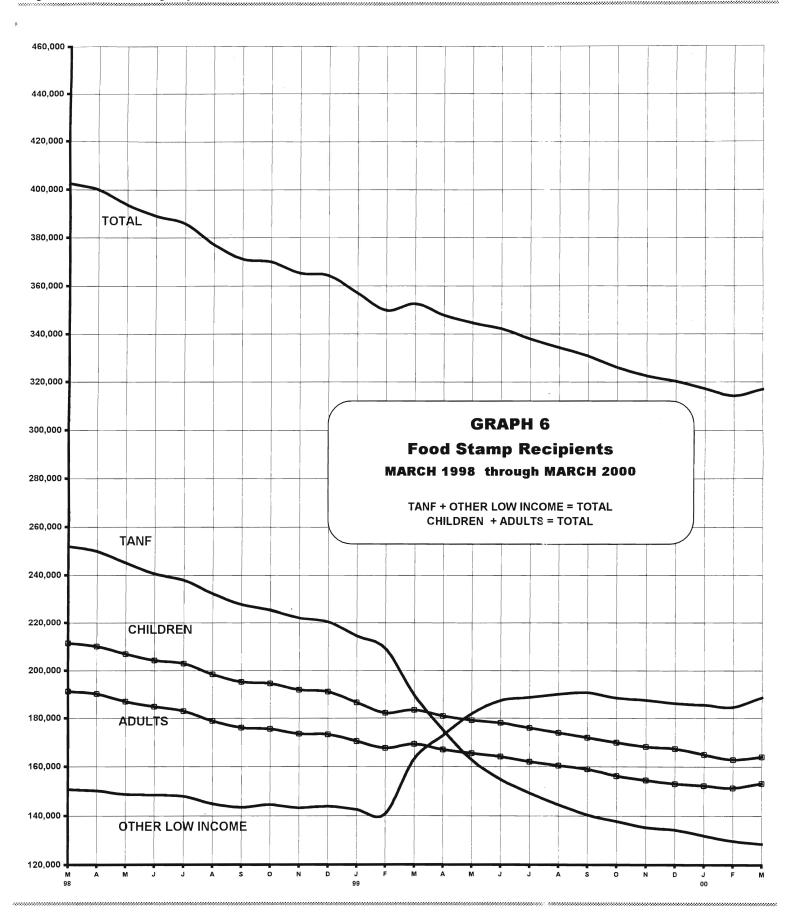
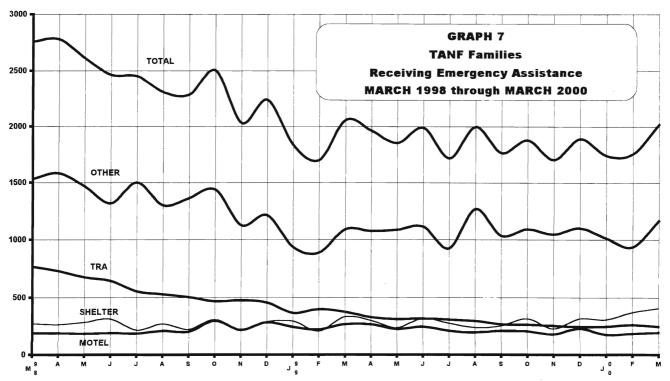


Table 7
TANF

NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE FAMILIES RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS (UNDUPLICATED CASES)

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MERGENCY		MARC	H 1998 THROU	GH MARCH 2000				
ASSISTANCE	Total Families	Temporary	Motel	Emergency	Other			
	Receiving EA	Rental Assistance	Housing	Shelter	TANF-EA			
1998 MAR	2,758	765	191	271	1,531			
APR	2,779	730	203	265	1,581			
MAY	2,611	676	184	284	1,467			
JUN	2,464	644	191	313	1,316			
/////////////JUL	2,452	554	183	215	1,500			
////AUG	2,305	528	209	268	1,300			
SEP	2,283	502	201	220	1,360			
OCT	2,505	466	295	306	1,438			
NOV	2,030	473	216	216	1,125			
//////////////////DEC	2,237	454	281	287	1,215			
1998 AVERAGE	2,442	579	215	265	1,383			
#999 JAN	1,834	363	241	293	937			
FEB	1,699	394	217	203	885			
MAR	2,055	372	265	329	1,089			
APR	1,963	327	263	299	1,074			
MAY	1,853	309	224	235	1,085			
JUN	1,989	314	245	315	1,115			
///////////////JUL	1,716	306	210	276	924			
/////////AUG	1,995	294	195	239	1,267			
SEP	1,765	267	210	252	1,036			
OCT	1,876	263	207	315	1,091			
NOV	1,702	251	180	226	1,045			
DEC	1,888	245	230	314	1,099			
1999 AVERAGE	1,861	309	224	275	1,054			
2000 JAN	1,739	247	175	306	1,011			
FEB	1,753	261	185	370	937			
///////////////MAR	2,015	248	197	406	1,164			
2000 AVERAGE	1,836	252	186	361	1,037			



Data derived from NJ Division of Family Development FAMIS Report #FM457 and #FM430-03a.

Table 8

TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

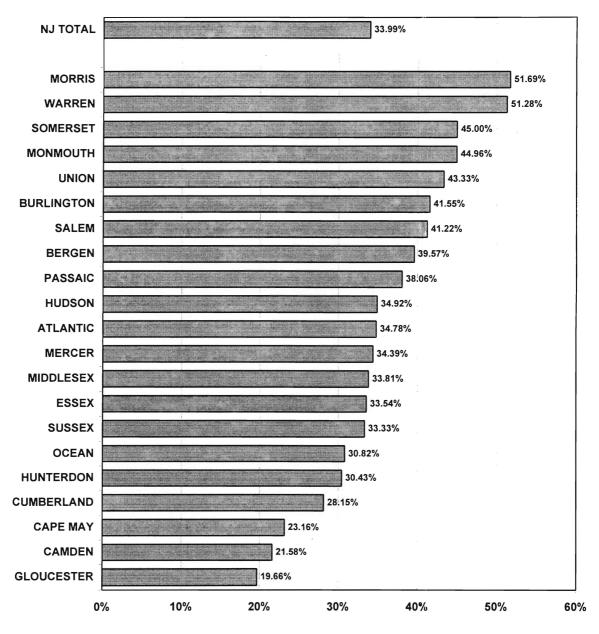
January - March 2000							
County	January	February	March				
ATLANTIC	28.21%	32.40%	34.78%				
BERGEN	39.24%	39.86%	39.57%				
BURLINGTON	38.75%	38.30%	41.55%				
CAMDEN	25.57%	24.85%	21.58%				
CAPE MAY	27.02%	25.22%	23.16%				
CUMBERLAND	24.82%	30.79%	28.15%				
ESSEX	25.74%	30.94%	33.54%				
GLOUCESTER	19.02%	20.59%	19.66%				
HUDSON	31.88%	34.93%	34.92%				
HUNTERDON	31.81%	39.13%	30.43%				
MERCER	32.67%	33.53%	34.39%				
MIDDLESEX	33.62%	32.91%	33.81%				
MONMOUTH	41.08%	43.93%	44.96%				
MORRIS	42.72%	57.57%	51.69%				
OCEAN	26.08%	31.37%	30.82%				
PASSAIC	36.34%	38.57%	38.06%				
SALEM	36.52%	40.19%	41.22%				
SOMERSET	36.90%	41.56%	45.00%				
SUSSEX	49.01%	55.81%	33.33%				
UNION	42.28%	45.81%	43.33%				
WARREN	42.45%	45.21%	51.28%				
NJ TOTAL	30.09%	33.40%	33.99%				

The Work First New Jersey participation rate (mandated by PRWORA, 1996 federal welfare reform legislation establishing TANF) has been revised based on new Federal clarification of the formula

Graph 8

TANF PARTICIPATION RATES

MARCH 2000



The Work First New Jersey participation rate (mandated by PRWORA, 1996 federal welfare reform legislation establishing TANF) has been revised based on new Federal clarification of the formula

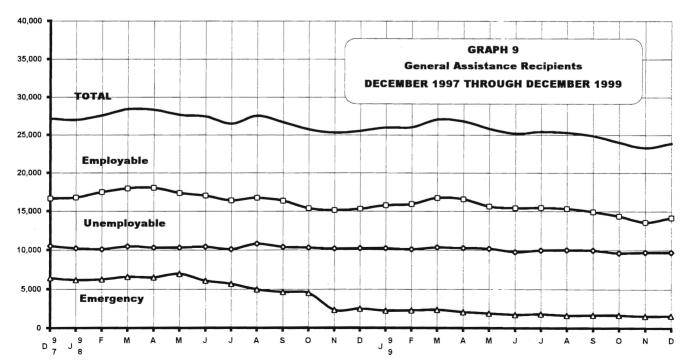
TABLE 9
GENERAL

NUMBER OF EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS DURING REPORT MONTH

ASSISTANCE

DECEMBER 1997 THROUGH DECEMBER 1999

PROGRAM		All Persons Aided		<u>Emergen</u>	cy Assistance Pay	ments
				Temporary	Other	
	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Rental Assistance	GA-EA	Total
1997 DEC	16,627	10,517	27,144	4,046	2,362	6,408
1998 JAN	16,749	10,226	26,975	3,951	2,219	6,170
FEB	17,460	10,102	27,562	3,936	2,295	6,231
MAR	17,914	10,492	28,406	4,009	2,581	6,590
APR	17,990	10,322	28,312	3,925	2,583	6,508
MAY	17,346	10,306	27,652	3,942	3,003	6,945
JUN	17,010	10,436	27,446	3,755	2,310	6,065
JUL	16,369	10,103	26,472	3,185	2,460	5,645
AUG	16,714	10,821	27,535	2,758	2,194	4,952
SEP	16,321	10,367	26,688	2,572	2,027	4,599
OCT	15,390	10,315	25,705	2,558	1,908	4,466
NOV	15,131	10,184	25,315	2,298	1,787	4,085
DEC	15,297	10,231	25,528	2,463	1,930	4,393
1998 AVERAGE	16,641	10,325	26,966	3,279	2,275	5,554
1999 JAN	15,764	10,222	25,986	2,237	1,846	4,083
FEB	15,935	10,081	26,016	2,274	1,782	4,056
MAR	16,705	10,344	27,049	2,326	1,817	4,143
APR	16,542	10,246	26,788	2,051	1,845	3,896
MAY	15,623	10,182	25,805	1,891	2,178	4,069
JUN	15,419	9,757	25,176	1,723	1,591	3,314
JUL	15,451	9,972	25,423	1,814	1,665	3,479
AUG	15,317	9,992	25,309	1,648	1,629	3,277
SEP	14,912	9,966	24,878	1,668	1,579	3,247
OCT	14,361	9,650	24,011	1,676	1,612	3,288
NOV	13,566	9,708	23,274	1,543	1,227	2,770
DEC	14,165	9,730	23,895	1,607	1,307	2,914
1999 AVERAGE	15,313	9,988	25,301	1,872	1,673	3,545



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CHILD SUPPORT	CHILD SUPPORT	AND PATERNITY COL	LECTIONS
AND PATERNITY	Š	State Summary	
	<u>Comparis</u>	00	
COLLECTION SOURCE	10/98-6/99	10/99-6/00	% change
Federal Tax	\$25,154,386	\$28,882,624	14.82%
State Tax	1,604,811	2,462,892	53.47%
Unempl. Ins. Ben.	15,156,918	15,941,501	5.18%
Income Withholding	326,925,316	365,059,965	11.66%
Other/Own Behalf	27,797,032	29,383,192	5.71%
From Other States	126,030,775	126,793,476	0.61%
For Other States			
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$522,669,238	\$568,523,650	8.77%
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION*	\$502,060,927	\$540,434,045	7.64%

^{*} Includes money sent to other states

Distributed amount represents collections reported and recognized by the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement for calculating incentives and annual report to Congress Source: DFD Office of Child Support and Paternity Programs

Explanatory Notes

The Department of Human Services Division of Family Development provides basic income and an opportunity to achieve self-sufficiency for individuals and families served by the Division's programs. The Division provides leadership, direction and supervision to those public agencies responsible for administering those programs and plans for and develops policies to promote self-sufficiency.

WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY (WFNJ) - Fully implemented July 1, 1997, this is New Jersey's welfare reform program which responds to the requirements of the Federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996. PRWORA establishes Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) as the replacement for AFDC cash assistance. WFNJ includes two segments, WFNJ/TANF for families with children, and WFNJ/GA (General Assistance) for single adults and couples without dependent children. The emphasis is on achieving self-sufficiency and limits lifetime receipt of financial assistance to a total of five years.

WFNJ Statistical Summary (Table 4)

Recipients Required to Participate - Calculation of the number of mandatory individuals

Employment Directed Activities (EDA) - From Activities Summary Report (OMEGA report # RM064). Unduplicated count of persons participating in Community Work Experience Program (CWEP), All Other Training, or Job Search.

Number of Persons Employed This Month, Still Receiving TANF – Individuals with open "empl" activity on OMEGA. Ad hoc report.

Participants Receiving Child Care Services - From Issuance Disbursement Summary (OMEGA report # RM703). Total number of active participants who show receipt of **Child Care**.

Number of Persons Closed on FAMIS Due to Employment- From FAMIS report # FM463.

Post TANF and Receiving Child Care - Persons no longer in receipt of TANF but still receiving child care. From Issuance Disbursement Summary (OMEGA report # RM703).

MEDICAID ONLY FAMILIES no longer receive TANF financial assistance but remain eligible for Medicaid under applicable provisions which extend coverage beyond the period of assistance. These are shown separately in these tables because cash assistance and Medicaid have been de-linked.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM (FS) - Authorized by Congress as a nutritional supplement program to provide low income households with more food of greater variety and better nutrition. Program eligibility is based on household income, resources, and expenses for medical, shelter, and dependent care. CWA staff refer certain recipients to the New Jersey Department of Labor for participation in the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (EA) - Payments to those eligible for WFNJ/TANF or WFNJ/GA, authorized during the 30 consecutive days immediately following the emergency (defined as a substantial loss of shelter, food, clothing, or household furnishings by fire, flood or other similar disaster) or if the eligible individual or family is in an imminent or actual state of homelessness.

TABLE 11

PROGRAM

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

EMPLOYABLE AND UNEMPLOYABLE RECIPIENTS AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE RECIPIENTS

DECEMBER 1999

PROGRAM	DECEMBER 1999									
		Total Persons Aided		Emergency Assistance Payments						
County	Employable	Unemployable	Total	Temporary	Other	Total				
				Rental Assist.	GA-EA					
ATLANTIC	794	468	1,262	52	35	87				
BERGEN	241	458	699	109	44	153				
BURLINGTON	243	263	506	40	70	110				
CAMDEN	1,760	1,344	3,104	149	83	232				
CAPE MAY	168	104	272	25	29	54				
CUMBERLAND	654	187	841	2	10	12				
ESSEX	3,954	1,681	5,635	302	628	930				
GLOUCESTER	168	169	337	5	11	16				
HUDSON	1,219	886	2,105	129	18	147				
HUNTERDON	39	41	80	10	10	20				
MERCER	1,044	765	1,809	47	3	50				
MIDDLESEX	238	482	720	55	68	123				
MONMOUTH	311	442	753	124	45	169				
MORRIS	81	120	201	3	10	13				
OCEAN	313	341	654	13	46	59				
PASSAIC	1,441	1,058	2,499	304	90	394				
SALEM	56	55	111	2	17	19				
SOMERSET	59	84	143	11	26	37				
SUSSEX	36	38	74	24	2	26				
UNION	1,277	683	1,960	183	62	245				
WARREN	69	61	130	18	0	18				
TOTAL NJ	14,165	9,730	23,895	1,607	1,307	2,914				

Source: NJ Division of Family Development, GA Fiscal Unit

TABLE 12

CHILD SUPPORT		NUMBER OF CASES REMAINING OPEN								
AND PATE	RNITY	QUARTER ENDING JUNE 2000								
CA		ASES WITH ORDERS		OTHER CASES (1)		TOTAL TANF AND	TOTAL NON-	TOTAL ALL		
	TANF AND FOSTER CARE	TANF AND FOSTER CARE ARREARS (2)	NON- TANF	TANF AND FOSTER CARE	NON- TANF	FOSTER CARE	TANF	CASES		
Atlantic	979	4,127	8,143	1,396	3,042	6,502	11,185	17,687		
Bergen	655	1,989	9,315	828	1,444	3,472	10,759	14,231		
Burlington	920	3,698	10,502	1,039	2,270	5,657	12,772	18,429		
Camden	4,658	12,866	18,693	3,950	4,997	21,474	23,690	45,164		
Cape May	330	1,199	3,079	289	266	1,818	3,345	5,163		
Cumberland	1,620	5,825	8,583	343	372	7,788	8,955	16,743		
Essex	9,393	17,104	30,073	14,154	10,399	40,651	40,472	81,123		
Gloucester	702	2,704	6,685	506	1,095	3,912	7,780	11,692		
Hudson	4,427	8,705	18,775	6,101	4,911	19,233	23,686	42,919		
Hunterdon	73	256	1,503	61	60	390	1,563	1,953		
Mercer	2,429	6,545	10,670	1,951	2,013	10,925	12,683	23,608		
Middlesex	1,242	5,694	14,427	1,614	2,484	8,550	16,911	25,461		
Monmouth	1,888	5,069	10,666	1,609	2,029	8,566	12,695	21,261		
Morris	270	672	4,103	267	330	1,209	4,433	5,642		
Ocean	1,032	3,760	10,065	1,166	1,597	5,958	11,662	17,620		
Passaic	3,152	6,388	14,573	3,723	3,983	13,263	18,556	31,819		
Salem	507	1,839	3,243	169	179	2,515	3,422	5,937		
Somerset	302	829	3,470	300	423	1,431	3,893	5,324		
Sussex	158	451	1,765	98	142	707	1,907	2,614		
Union	1,802	6,293	14,211	2,917	6,320	11,012	20,531	31,543		
Warren	283	1,024	2,130	95	104	1,402	2,234	3,636		
NJ TOTAL	36,822	97,037	204,674	42,576	48,460	176,435	253,134	429,569		

Data Sources: Automated Child Support Enforcement System #CS199-3

^{(1) -} Needing location, paternity, or other services to establish an obligation

^{(2) -} Cases with arrears only