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FOREWORD

This report presents data on various social and economic characteristics of individuals and families that received benefits through the federal or state food stamp programs in California. The data reflect general characteristics of this population and are based on information obtained from the County Performance Sample survey conducted by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2001—October 2000 through September 2001. This publication presents selected characteristics from the survey process.

On August 22, 1996, President Clinton signed into law the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) (Public Law 104-193). PRWORA, commonly called the Welfare Reform Act, overhauled the nation's welfare system and made significant changes to the federal Food Stamp Program. Among the changes were the reduction of food stamps for able-bodied adults without dependents and the elimination of benefits, except under certain conditions, for legal immigrants. This curtailment of benefits for legal immigrants, was somewhat offset by the California Food Assistance Program.

THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

The Food Stamp Program provides monthly benefits that assist low-income households in purchasing the food they need to maintain adequate nutritional levels.

National eligibility standards and benefit levels are established by Congress while national administration of the program is provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service, which funds 100% of the benefits. At the state level, the California Department of Social Services is responsible for program supervision, with county administration.

Eligibility determination includes an assessment of income level; resources, such as real and personal property; residency; employment status; and citizenship or legal immigrant status. Households in which all members receive federally funded public assistance benefits (CalWORKs) are considered categorically eligible for food stamps.

California's SSI/SSP recipients do not receive food stamps. Instead, they receive cash equivalent (cash-out) as part of their SSI/SSP benefits.

A Public Assistance Food Stamp Household (PAFS) is one in which all of its members also receive public assistance.

A Nonassistance Food Stamp Household (NAFS) is one in which none or less than all of its members also receive public assistance

Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDS) ages 18 through 49 are limited to three months of food stamps in three years, unless they work 20 or more hours per week, participate in a workfare assignment, or participate in an allowable work activity for at least 20 hours per week.

CALIFORNIA FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

To afford some level of benefit protection to certain legal noncitizens that were deemed ineligible under PRWORA, the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) was implemented. The program became effective September 1, 1997, and provides food stamp benefits to certain legal noncitizens that were deemed ineligible for federal food stamps benefits solely due to their immigration status. **CFAP recipients are included with the federal food stamp recipients presented in this publication.**

SURVEY DISPLAY

For comparison purposes, the tables in this publication display NAFS and PAFS data separately. Where appropriate, accompanying bullets make reference to comparable 2000 data. The two periods cover the federal fiscal year ending September 30 of 2000 and 2001, respectively. **Also, except where noted, no inflation adjustment has been made, but the California Department of Finance calculated a 3.9 per cent increase in the U.S. Consumer Price Index between 2000 and 2001.**

Pie charts and bar charts, where appropriate, have been included as a visual aid to assist the reader in the assimilation of the data. Moreover, the median and the mean (average) have been computed for many of the tables. (The median is the middle value of a data set; half the items in the set are larger and half are smaller. A normally distributed data set will find the mean and the median fairly close to one another. When the data set is not normally distributed, however, the median and mean can be very different because such a data set will lack a well-defined center point.)

SURVEY DOCUMENT

Prior to the passage of PRWORA, County Performance Sample staff conducted Quality Control (QC) reviews for the AFDC and Food Stamps Programs. While this is still the case, the tool used to accomplish this process, the Quality Control Information System (QCIS), has been modified and expanded to collect data elements and is currently known as Q5i. Since the passage of PRWORA, data are collected by County Performance Sample staff using Q5i for federal reporting requirements, policy development, program evaluation, participation rate calculations and characteristic surveys.

Data in this report reflect characteristics of families receiving food stamps at least one of the months during the time period of October 2000 through September 2001.

Information was derived from review of case records, third party verifications and recipient interviews, which were conducted as a means of verifying data in the files and to provide additional information that may not be found in the case records. The Employment Development Department (EDD) base wage file and the Medical Eligibility Data System (MEDS) file were used to supplement these data.

Also, Table 23 data were taken from the aggregate data report form DFA 296X (Food Stamp Program Expedited Service Quarterly Statistical Report) covering FFY 2001, and not the Q5i. Charts 31 and 32 were constructed with data from the DFA 256 (Food Stamp Program Participation and Coupon Issuance Report).

SAMPLING INFORMATION

The sample cases for the food stamp portion of this survey were drawn from a county Food Stamp Monthly Issuance File. This file consists of all certified eligible households issued food stamps in a particular month.

Each month, a random sample of open cases is drawn from the 19 largest counties (which represent approximately 90% of the statewide caseload) and an additional sample is drawn from the remaining 39 counties as a whole. The total sample for FFY 2001 consisted of 5,710 cases.

DATA PRESENTATION

The data represented by tables in this publication were developed using statistical methodology to expand the number of sample cases to the average of the actual number of food stamp cases that received food stamps during the twelve-month period. Since the sample was drawn from cases and not persons, the person data were also expanded using statistically derived case weights. Due to sample expansion, the frequencies may or may not be the same as those found in other reports. Also, because of rounding, the frequencies may or may not add to the totals vertically and/or horizontally. The differences are small, however, and not significant.

RELIABILITY OF THE DATA

Since the information presented in the tables was based on a sample, it may differ somewhat from figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken. Comparison of sample data with available actual data and with data from comparable prior studies shows the information to be quite reliable. **However, as with all sample data, care should be exercised in the interpretation of figures when based on a relatively small number of cases.**

The food stamp survey is based upon a random sample selection process that yields first level data with a confidence level of 95 percent and a precision of plus or minus two percent.

IMPACT OF PRWORA

As noted in the *Foreword*, PRWORA was written to restrict the numbers of able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDS) and legal immigrants. Since the law has now been in effect for five years, it may be instructive to compare the pre- and post-PRWORA periods to see what changes have taken place. In the 1993 survey, the final and most recent characteristics survey published prior to PRWORA, noncitizen food stamp households made up about 20% of the total; in FFY 2001, they comprised about 18%. As noted earlier, CFAP has apparently moderated what could have been a greater reduction among noncitizen households.

Such has not been the case for ABAWDS, however, which comprised nearly 68% of NAFS households in 1993. In 2001, single-person NAFS households made up only 45% of NAFS households. (Also see Chart 31, which plots pre- and post-PRWORA periods versus unemployment.)

RECIPIENT PROFILE

Like the population at large, the food stamp population has a wide range of social and economic characteristics. The following is a selection of some of the key characteristics of the households receiving food stamps. For comparison purposes, characteristics for 1993 (pre-PRWORA) are also presented.

	<u>2001</u>	<u>1993</u>
• Average age of head of household:	36.1 yrs.	34.6 yrs.
• Average age of child:	8.1 yrs.	7.7 yrs.
• Average number of persons per household:	2.7	2.7
• Percent of recipients that are U.S. citizens:	88.7%	86.2%
• H/H completing at least 12 years education:	50.1%	N/A
• Average F/S allotment per household:	\$197/mo.	\$160/mo.
• Percent of food stamp recipients that also received public assistance:	69.6%	70%
• Percent of food stamp households that also received public assistance:	58.8%	62%
• Ethnicity of the head of household:	34.1% Hispanic 30.6% White 25.0% Black 10.3% Other	30.4% 32.4% 24.4% 12.8%
• Ethnicity of the food stamp recipients	45.1% Hispanic 23.5% White 18.7% Black 12.7% Other	N/A N/A N/A N/A
• Percent of single-person NAFS households	45%	60.8%
• Roughly 28% percent of food stamp households have received food stamps for five years of more. Compared with all food stamp households, this subgroup:		N/A
- Has more earnings used to determine the food stamp allotment (\$596 versus \$500);		
- Has fewer people completing 12 or more years of education (43% versus 50.1%);		
- Has a larger average household size (3.2 members versus 2.7); and		
- Was more likely to be Hispanic and less likely to be Vietnamese.		

FOOD STAMP TABLES AND CHARTS

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- 4 Citizenship Status of the Food Stamp Recipients
- 5 Ethnicity of the Head of the Food Stamp Household
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- 7 Refugee Status of the Head of the Food Stamp Household
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Age/Household Size

- 9 Age of the Head of the Food Stamp Household
- 10 Age of Children of the Food Stamp Recipients
- 11 Elderly or Disabled Status of the Head of the Food Stamp Household
- 12 Number of Persons in the Food Stamp Household
- 13 Number of Persons in the Same Living Quarters not Included
In the Food Stamp Household

Income

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- 19c *Net Income Used to Determine the Food Stamp Allotment for Households that
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GENDER/ETHNICITY/CITIZENSHIP

Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 2001

TABLE 1
GENDER OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

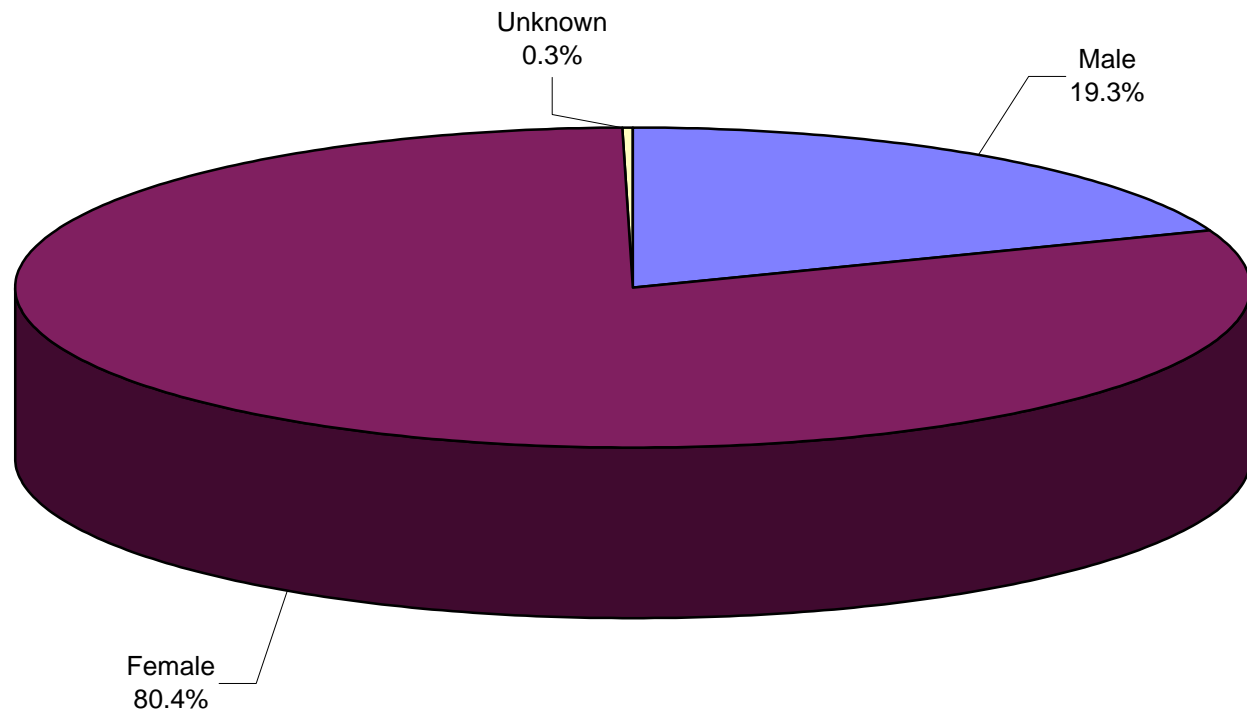
GENDER	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable 1/	181,108	27.8	134,126	34.9	46,982	17.5
Head of Household:	<u>471,281</u>	72.2	<u>249,865</u>	65.1	<u>221,416</u>	82.5
Male	90,914	19.3	19,952	8.0	70,962	32.0
Female	378,961	80.4	229,218	91.7	149,743	67.6
Unknown	1,406	0.3	695	0.3	711	0.3

1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household, or authorized representative, due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- The ratio of male to female heads of household has remained virtually unchanged since FFY 1999.

CHART 1

GENDER OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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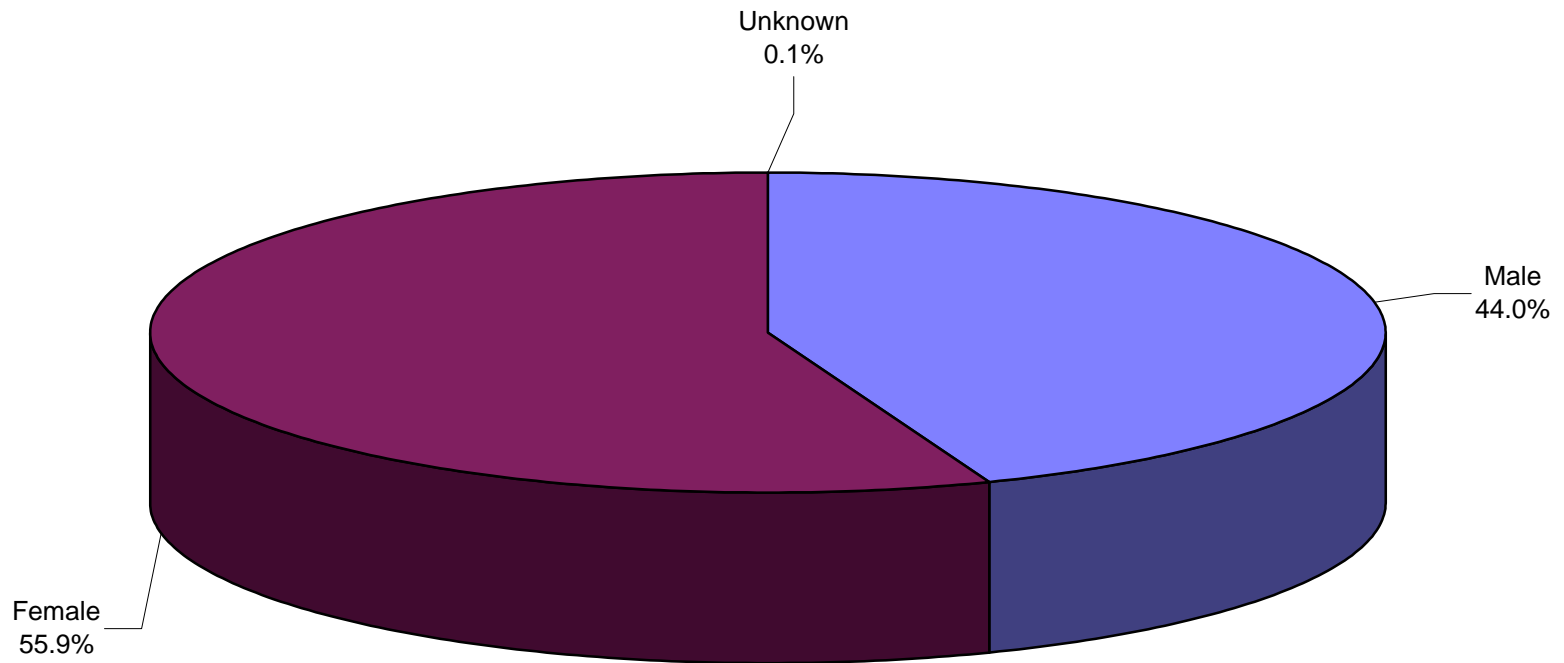
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GENDER OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS

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Total	<u>1,784,369</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,243,461</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>540,908</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Male	785,797	44.0	542,027	43.6	243,770	45.1
Female	997,098	55.9	700,687	56.3	296,411	54.8
Unknown	1,474	0.1	746	0.1	728	0.1

- The ratio of male to female food stamp recipients remains virtually the same as that for FFY 2000 when females made up 56.7% of recipients.

CHART 2

GENDER OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS



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TABLE 3
CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

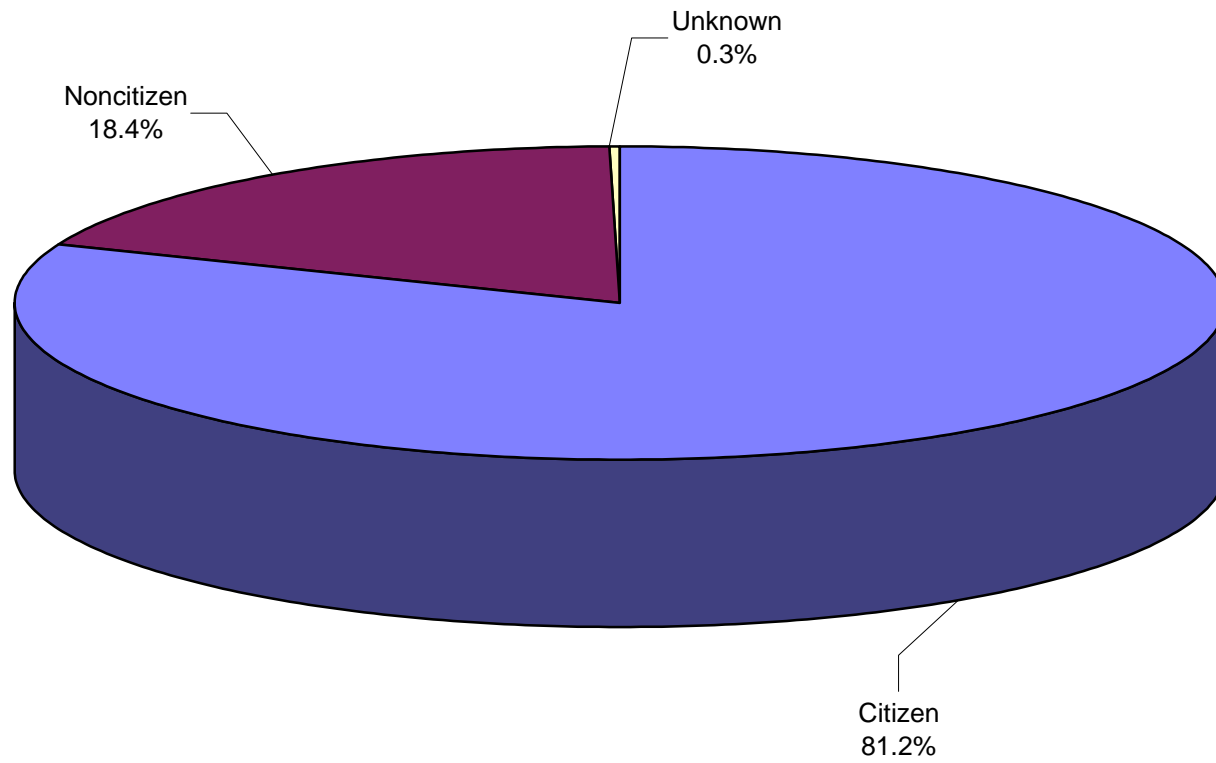
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Head of Household:	<u>471,281</u>	72.2	<u>249,865</u>	65.1	<u>221,416</u>	82.5
Citizen	382,887	81.2	207,446	83.0	175,441	79.2
Noncitizen	86,930	18.4	41,725	16.7	45,205	20.4
Unknown	1,464	0.3	694	0.3	770	0.3

1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- Noncitizen heads of household, comprising 18.4% of the total, has shown very little change since FFY 1999 when this segment made up 19.7% of heads of household.

CHART 3

CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 4

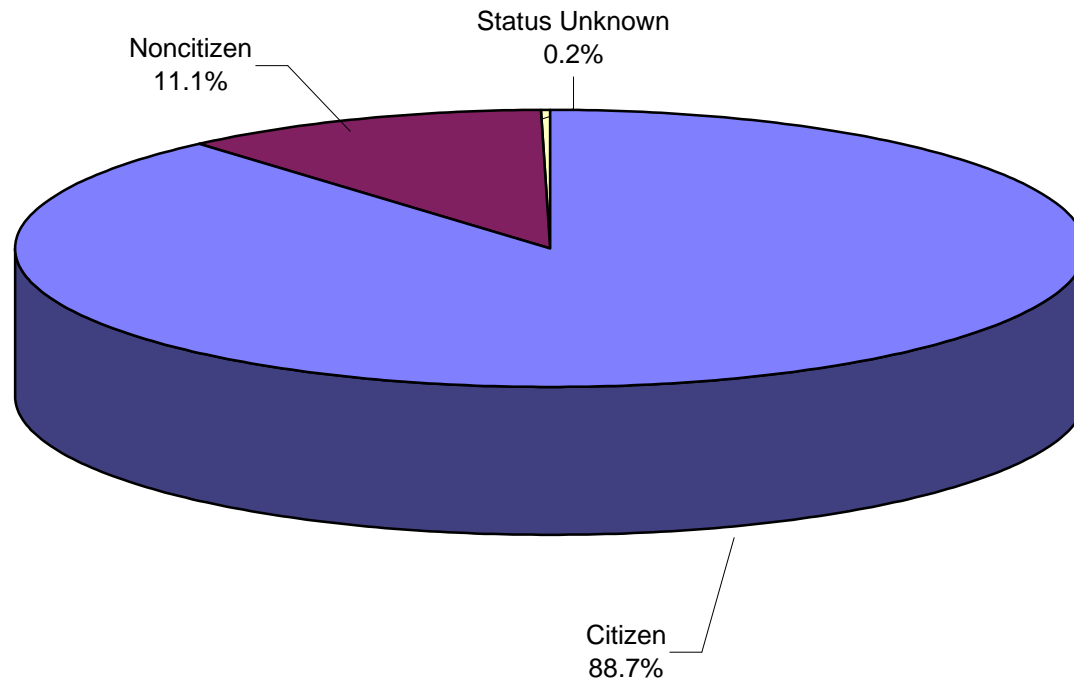
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Citizen	1,583,450	88.7	1,121,071	90.2	462,379	85.5
Noncitizen	197,896	11.1	120,908	9.7	76,988	14.2
Status Unknown	3,023	0.2	1,482	0.1	1,541	0.3

- Noncitizen recipients in the nonassistance category increased slightly from 12.7% in FFY 2000 to 14.2% in FFY 2001.

CHART 4

CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS



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TABLE 5

ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

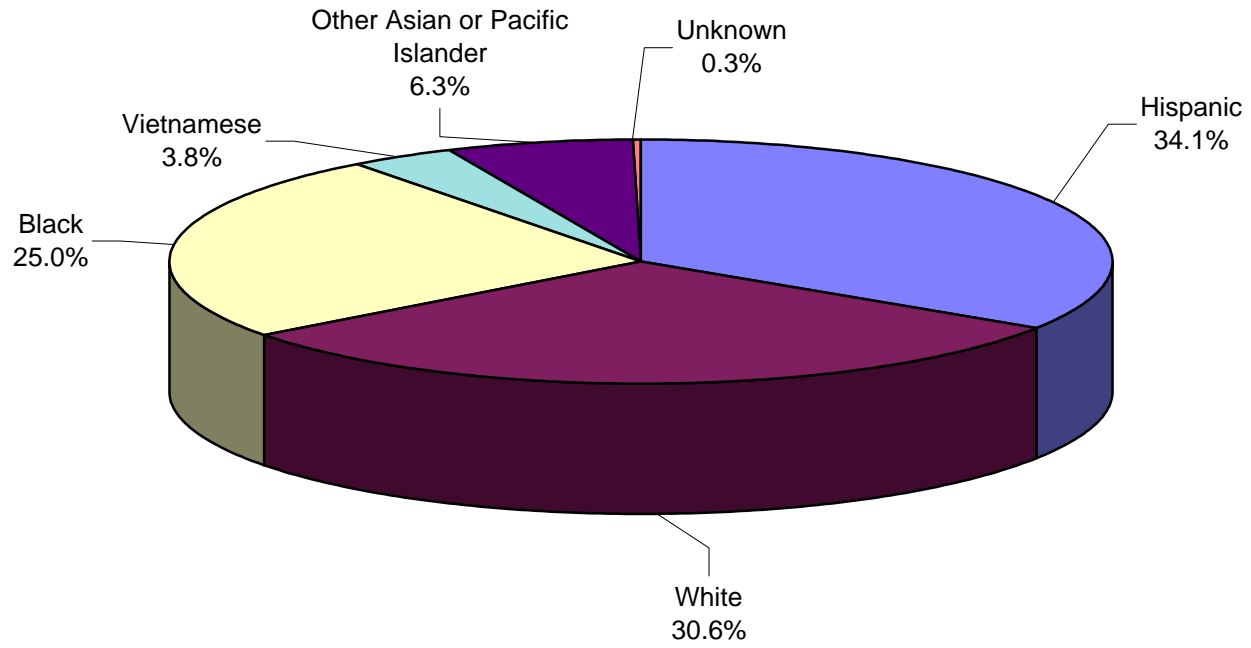
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Not Applicable 1/	181,108	27.8	134,126	34.9	46,982	17.5
Head of Household:	<u>471,281</u>	72.2	<u>249,865</u>	65.1	<u>220,705</u>	82.5
Hispanic	160,578	34.1	87,570	35.0	73,008	33.1
White	144,036	30.6	79,617	31.9	64,419	29.2
Black	117,684	25.0	56,028	22.4	61,656	27.9
Vietnamese	18,047	3.8	11,379	4.6	6,668	3.0
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	29,530	6.3	14,576	5.8	14,954	6.8
Unknown	1,406	0.3	695	0.3	711	0.3

1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- Although all ethnic categories decreased in number during FFY 2001, decreases were more pronounced among black and white heads of household, which gave rise to a percentage increase in Hispanic heads of household (32.2% for FFY 2000 versus 34.1% for FFY 2001). In FFY 1998, Hispanics made up 30.5% of total heads of household.

CHART 5

ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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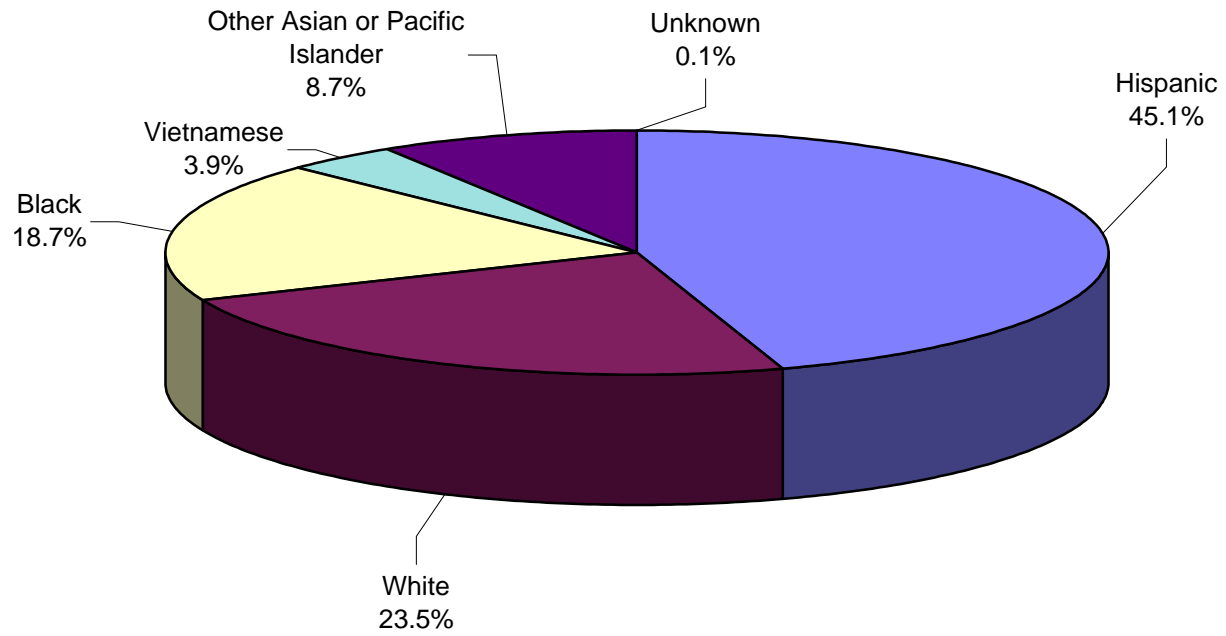
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Hispanic	804,387	45.1	528,647	42.5	275,740	51.0
White	419,915	23.5	306,351	24.6	113,564	21.0
Black	332,835	18.7	240,567	19.3	92,268	17.1
Vietnamese	70,108	3.9	55,157	4.4	14,951	2.8
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	154,926	8.7	111,993	9.0	42,933	7.9
Unknown	2,198	0.1	746	0.1	1,452	0.3

- Hispanics were the largest recipient group in FFY 2001, comprising 45.1% of the total. Their numbers exceeded the combined amounts for blacks and whites, which totaled 42.2% of food stamp recipients.

CHART 6

ETHNICITY OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS



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TABLE 7

REFUGEE STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

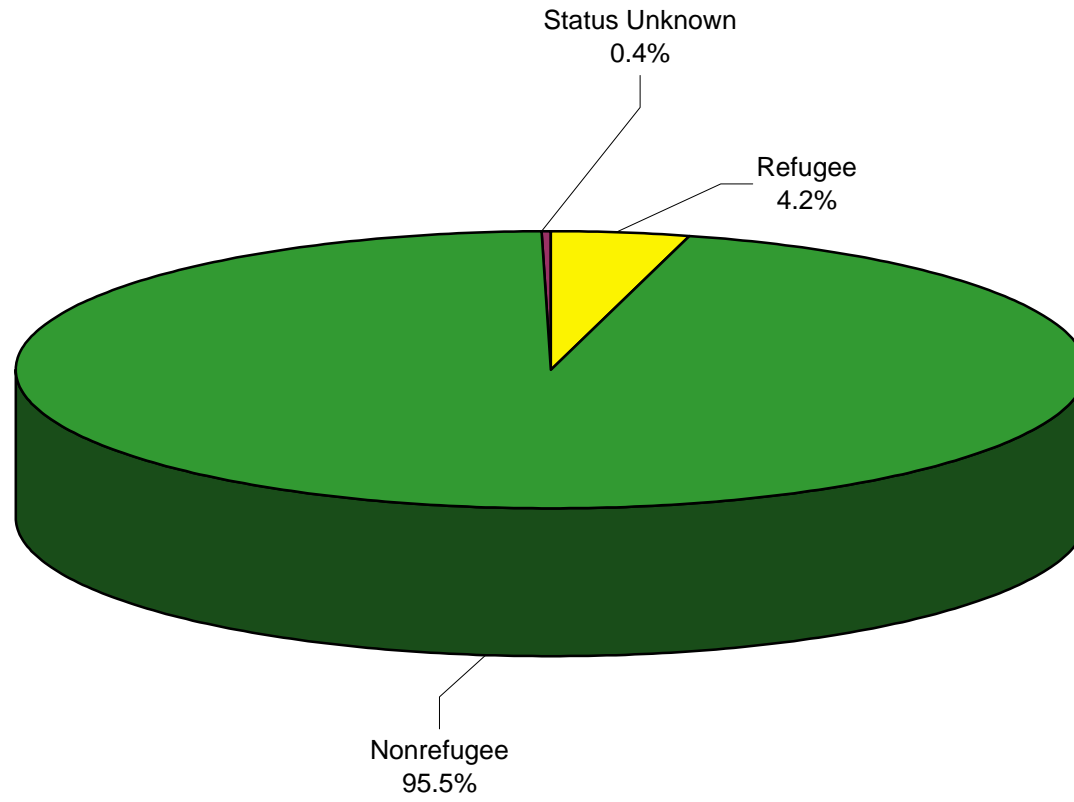
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Refugee	19,574	4.2	11,527	4.6	8,047	3.6
Nonrefugee	449,975	95.5	237,644	95.1	212,331	95.9
Status Unknown	1,732	0.4	695	0.3	1,037	0.5

1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- Heads of household with refugee status fell 25% from FFY 2000, when they numbered 26,182. The proportion of such households decreased slightly from 5.1% in FFY 2000 to 4.2% for FFY 2001.

CHART 7

REFUGEE STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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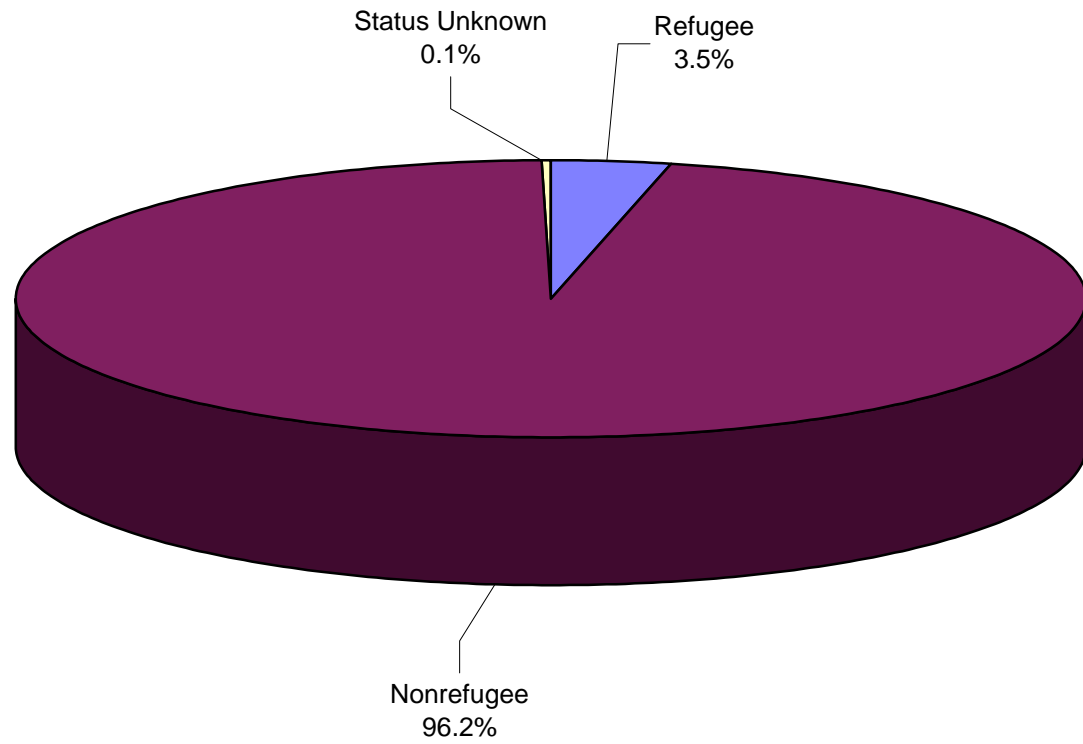
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Refugee	62,994	3.5	48,391	3.9	14,603	2.7
Nonrefugee	1,717,196	96.2	1,192,798	95.9	524,398	96.9
Status Unknown	4,179	0.1	2,272	0.2	1,907	0.4

- Although the proportion of heads of household with refugee status decreased slightly (Table 7), the proportion of recipients with refugee status has shown little variation since FFY 1999, when it was 3.2% of the total.

CHART 8

REFUGEE STATUS OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS



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AGE/HOUSEHOLD SIZE

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TABLE 9

AGE OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

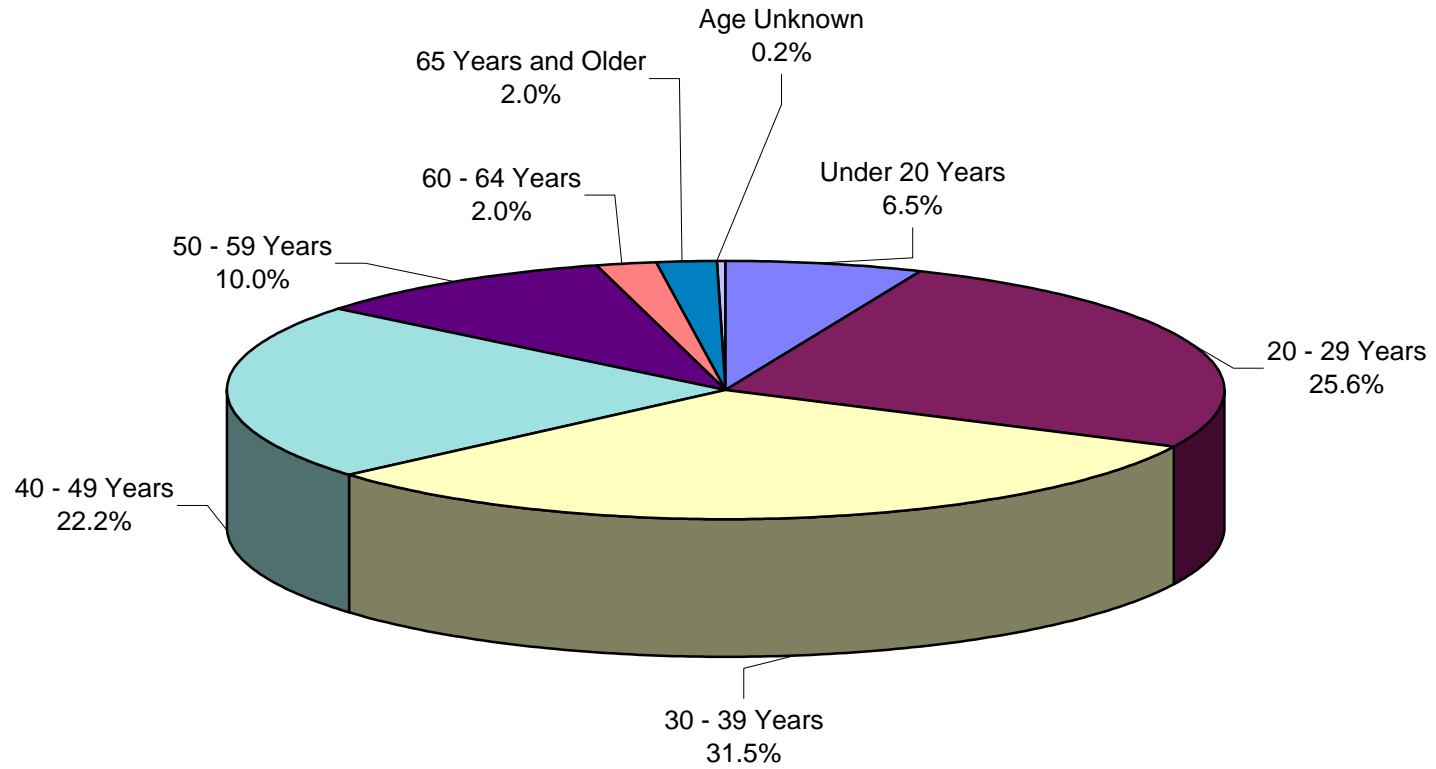
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Under 20 Years	30,710	6.5	22,045	8.8	8,665	3.9
20 - 29 Years	120,506	25.6	75,065	30.0	45,441	20.5
30 - 39 Years	148,534	31.5	88,830	35.6	59,704	27.0
40 - 49 Years	104,754	22.2	52,015	20.8	52,739	23.8
50 - 59 Years	47,356	10.0	10,600	4.2	36,756	16.6
60 - 64 Years	9,274	2.0	432	0.2	8,842	4.0
65 Years and Older	9,418	2.0	878	0.4	8,540	3.9
Age Unknown	728	0.2	0	0.0	728	0.3
Average Age of Head of HH (Years)	36.1		32.6		40.0	

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- The average age of the food stamp head of household showed a slight decrease from FFY 2000, when it was 37.2 years.
- Roughly 79% of heads of household were between the ages of 20 - 49 years old during FFY 2001.

CHART 9

AGE OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 10

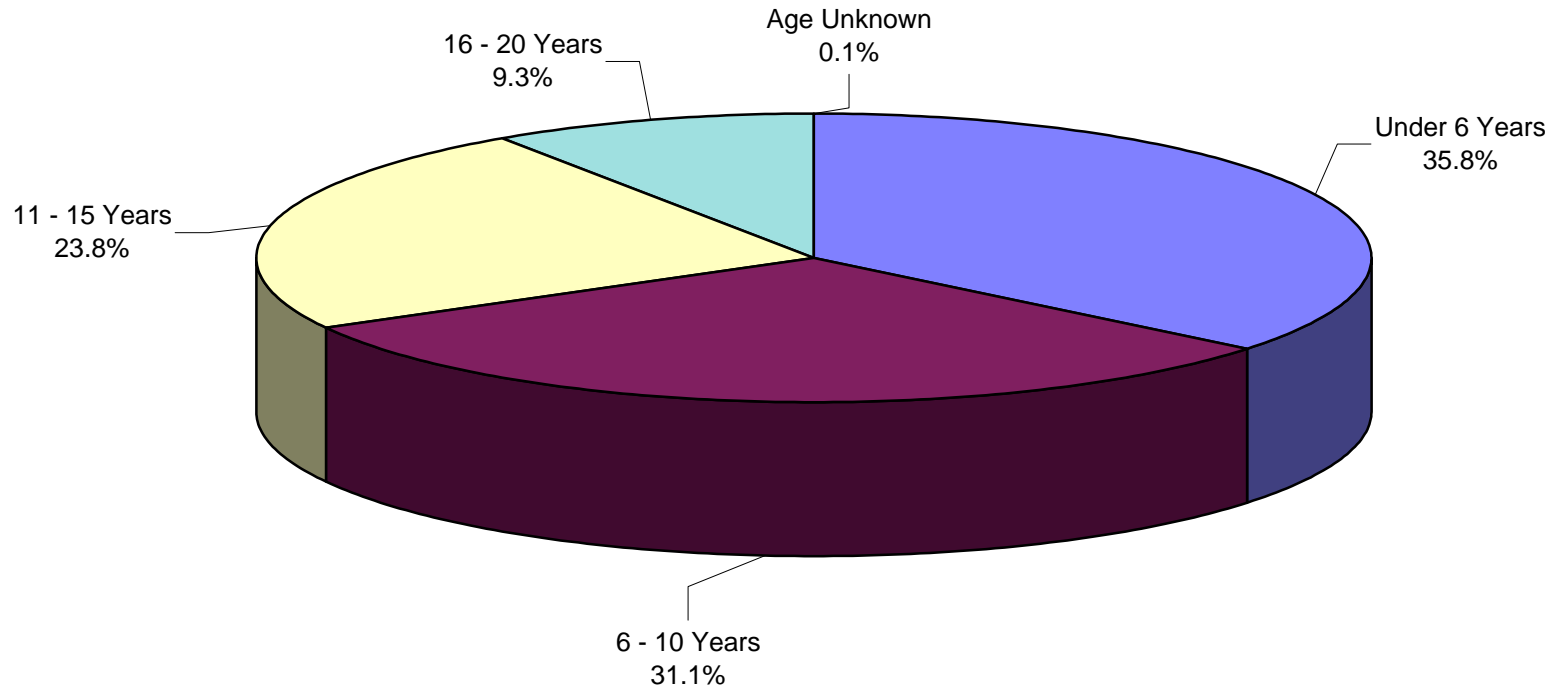
AGE OF CHILDREN OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS

AGE	TOTAL RECIPIENTS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>1,784,369</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,243,461</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>540,908</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Adults in the F/S Household	567,287	31.8	326,704	26.3	240,583	44.5
Children in the F/S Household:	<u>1,217,082</u>	68.2	<u>916,757</u>	73.7	<u>300,325</u>	55.5
Under 6 Years	435,193	35.8	300,953	32.8	134,240	44.7
6 - 10 Years	378,578	31.1	312,356	34.1	66,222	22.1
11 - 15 Years	289,725	23.8	229,534	25.0	60,191	20.0
16 - 20 Years	112,740	9.3	73,829	8.1	38,911	13.0
Age Unknown	846	0.1	85	0.0	761	0.3
Average Age of Child (Years)	8.1		8.2		7.6	

- The average age of 8.1 years for recipient children has remained virtually unchanged since FFY 1999. In FFY 1998, it was 7.6 years.
- Nearly 36% of all recipient children were under six years old during FFY 2001.

CHART 10

AGE OF CHILDREN OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS



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TABLE 11

ELDERLY OR DISABLED STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

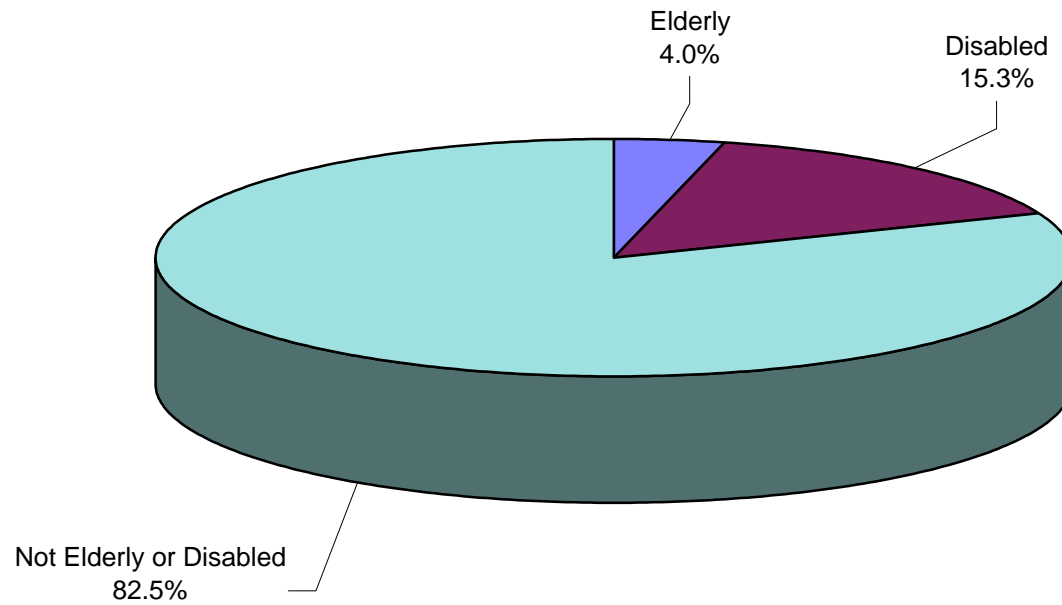
ELDERLY OR DISABLED STATUS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable 1/	181,108	27.8	134,126	34.9	46,982	17.5
Head of Household: 2/	<u>471,281</u>	72.2	<u>249,865</u>	65.1	<u>221,416</u>	82.5
Elderly 3/	18,693	4.0	1,310	0.5	17,383	7.9
Disabled 4/	72,061	15.3	17,154	6.9	54,907	24.8
Not Elderly or Disabled	388,871	82.5	231,445	92.6	157,426	71.1

- 1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.
- 2/ Because a case may have more than one of the listed characteristics, the sum of the corresponding numbers exceeds the total number of heads of household. The corresponding percentages are calculated to that subtotal.
- 3/ Those aged 60 and over are considered elderly for food stamp purposes.
- 4/ The "Disabled" category includes those who are deemed physically/mentally unfit for employment.

- The nonassistance "Elderly" category decreased from 11% in FFY 2000 to 7.9% for FFY 2001.

CHART 11

ELDERLY OR DISABLED STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



Note: See footnote 2/, Table 11.

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TABLE 12
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

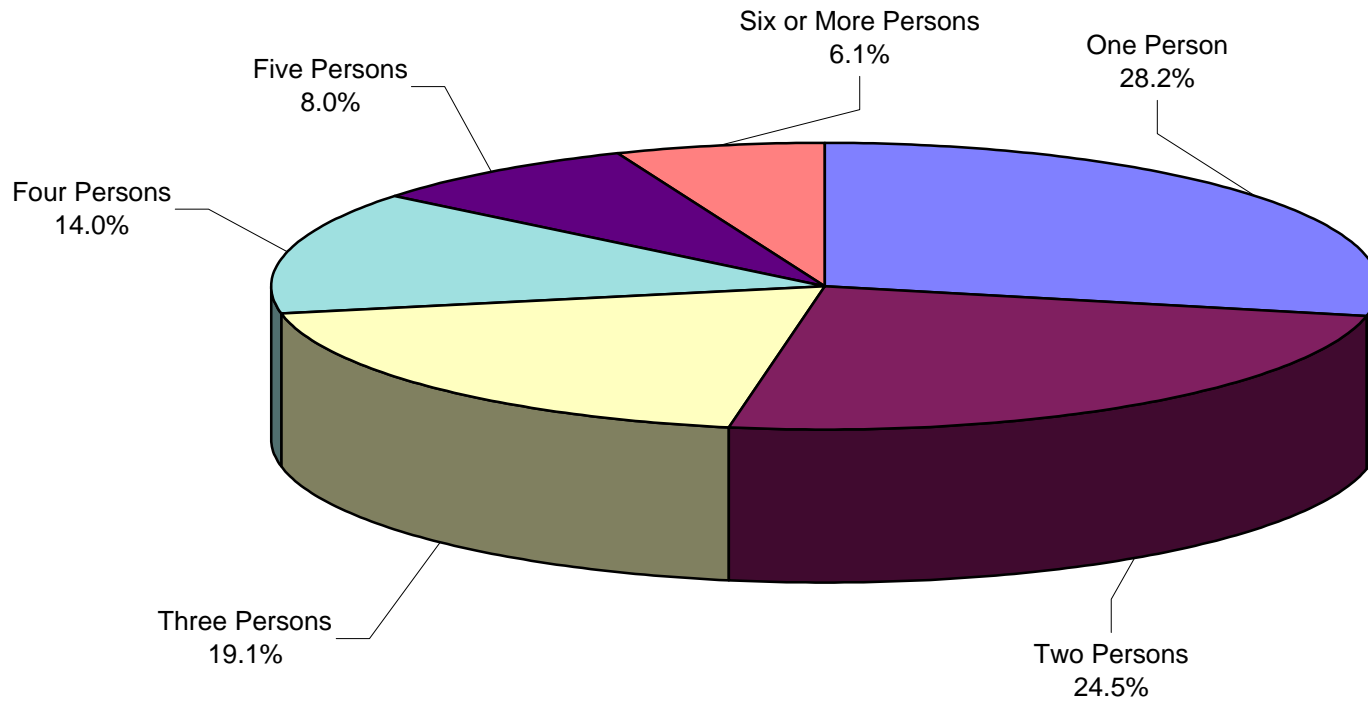
PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>
One Person	183,945	28.2	63,222	16.5	120,723	45.0
Two Persons	159,866	24.5	120,767	31.5	39,099	14.6
Three Persons	124,886	19.1	89,955	23.4	34,931	13.0
Four Persons	91,269	14.0	59,239	15.4	32,030	11.9
Five Persons	52,352	8.0	29,735	7.7	22,617	8.4
Six or More Persons	40,071	6.1	21,073	5.5	18,998	7.1
Avg./Median Number of Persons	2.7 / 2.0		2.9 / 3.0		2.5 / 2.0	

- The number of persons in the food stamp household has remained virtually the same since FFY 1998, averaging between 2.7 - 2.8 persons.
- Single-person households were the largest group of nonassistance households, while two-person households were the largest group of public assistance households.

Note: The food stamp household size may differ from the actual family size.

CHART 12

NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 13

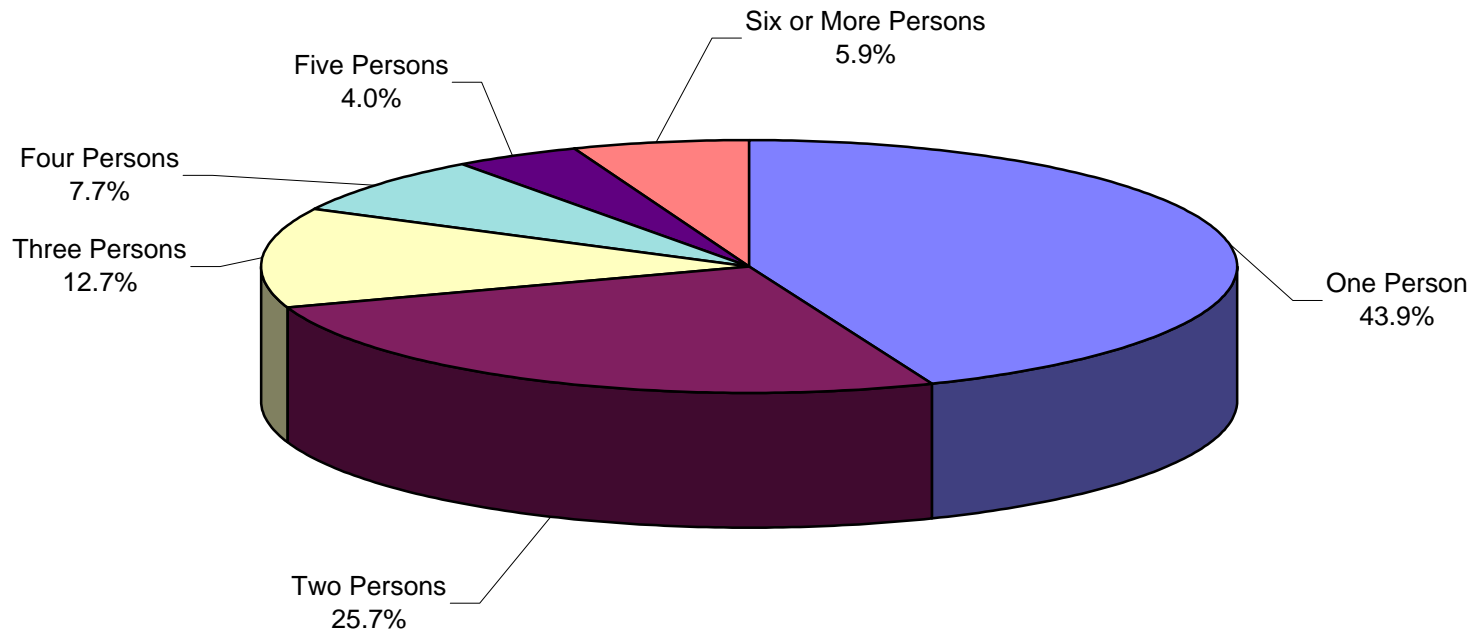
**NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE SAME LIVING QUARTERS
NOT INCLUDED IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD**

HOUSEHOLDS WITH OTHER PERSONS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Households With No Other Persons	298,683	45.8	155,076	40.4	143,607	53.5
Households With Other Persons:	<u>353,706</u>	54.2	<u>228,915</u>	59.6	<u>124,791</u>	46.5
One Person	155,289	43.9	99,362	43.4	55,927	44.8
Two Persons	90,996	25.7	55,989	24.5	35,007	28.1
Three Persons	45,097	12.7	31,158	13.6	13,939	11.2
Four Persons	27,390	7.7	19,275	8.4	8,115	6.5
Five Persons	13,986	4.0	8,427	3.7	5,559	4.5
Six or More Persons	20,948	5.9	14,704	6.4	6,244	5.0
Average Number of Other Persons	2.3		2.3		2.2	

- The 2.3 average number of persons in the same living quarters (not included in the food stamp household) was virtually the same as the 2.2 reported for FFY 2000. The 54.2% of households with other persons mirrors the 54.1% reported for FFY 2000.

CHART 13

NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE SAME LIVING QUARTERS NOT INCLUDED IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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INCOME

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TABLE 14
SOURCE OF UNEARNED INCOME

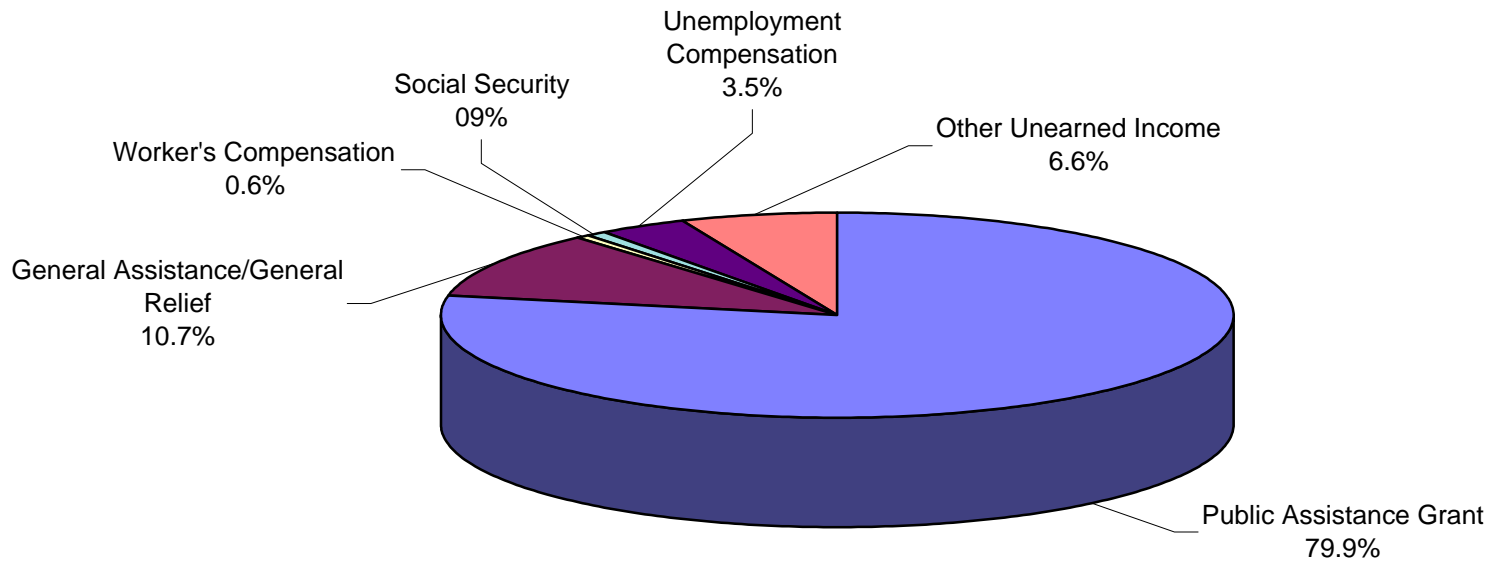
INCOME SOURCE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS			CLASSIFICATION					
				PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			NONASSISTANCE		
	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>		<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>		<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>	
No Unearned Income	107,573	16.5		9,121	2.4		98,452	36.7	
Unearned Income: 1/	<u>544,815</u>	83.5	<u>100.0</u> <u>\$491 / \$505</u>	<u>374,870</u>	97.6	<u>100.0</u> <u>\$503 / \$520</u>	<u>169,946</u>	63.3	<u>100.0</u> <u>\$465 / \$387</u>
Public Assistance Grant	435,099	79.9	\$524 / \$520	358,204	95.6	\$515 / \$520	76,895	45.2	\$562 / \$555
General Assistance/General Relief	58,431	10.7	\$229 / \$221	0	0.0	\$0	58,431	34.4	\$229 / \$221
Worker's Compensation	3,453	0.6	\$492 / \$445	514	0.1	\$615 / \$628	2,939	1.7	\$470 / \$340
Social Security	4,975	0.9	\$577 / \$613	1,050	0.3	\$573 / \$540	3,925	2.3	\$578 / \$712
Unemployment Compensation	19,185	3.5	\$470 / \$376	7,535	2.0	\$426 / \$342	11,650	6.9	\$499 / \$456
Other Unearned Income 2/	35,735	6.6	\$454 / \$378	13,124	3.5	\$232 / \$179	22,611	13.3	\$583 / \$575

1/ Because a case may fall into more than one of the listed categories, the sum of the corresponding numbers exceeds the Unearned Income subtotal. The corresponding percentages are calculated to that subtotal.

2/ Includes government and nongovernment disability, pensions, alimony, deemed income, and veterans benefits.

- The average amount of the public assistance grant, \$524, is down somewhat from the \$548 reported for FFY 2000. It remains, however, the primary source of unearned income for food stamp recipients.
- A five percentage point reduction in nonassistance households collecting unemployment insurance and an eight percentage point reduction in those reporting unearned income resulted in a 13 percentage point increase in nonassistance food stamp households receiving a public assistance grant.

CHART 14
SOURCE OF UNEARNED INCOME



Note: See footnote 1/, Table 14.

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TABLE 15
SOURCE OF EARNED INCOME

INCOME SOURCE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS			CLASSIFICATION					
				PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			NONASSISTANCE		
	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>		<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>		<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>	
No Earned Income	398,858	61.1		236,299	61.5		162,559	60.6	
Earned Income: 1/	<u>253,531</u>	38.9	<u>100.0</u> <u>\$775 / \$749</u>	<u>147,692</u>	38.5	<u>100.0</u> <u>\$735 / \$731</u>	<u>105,839</u>	39.4	<u>100.0</u> <u>\$830 / \$785</u>
Salary/Wages	248,281	97.9	\$770 / \$756	144,488	97.8	\$729 / \$731	103,793	98.1	\$828 / \$785
Self-Employment	10,220	4.0	\$478 / \$422	6,162	4.2	\$503 / \$552	4,058	3.8	\$440 / \$384
Other Earned Income	964	0.4	\$402 / \$400	455	0.3	\$433 / \$494	509	0.5	\$374 / \$250

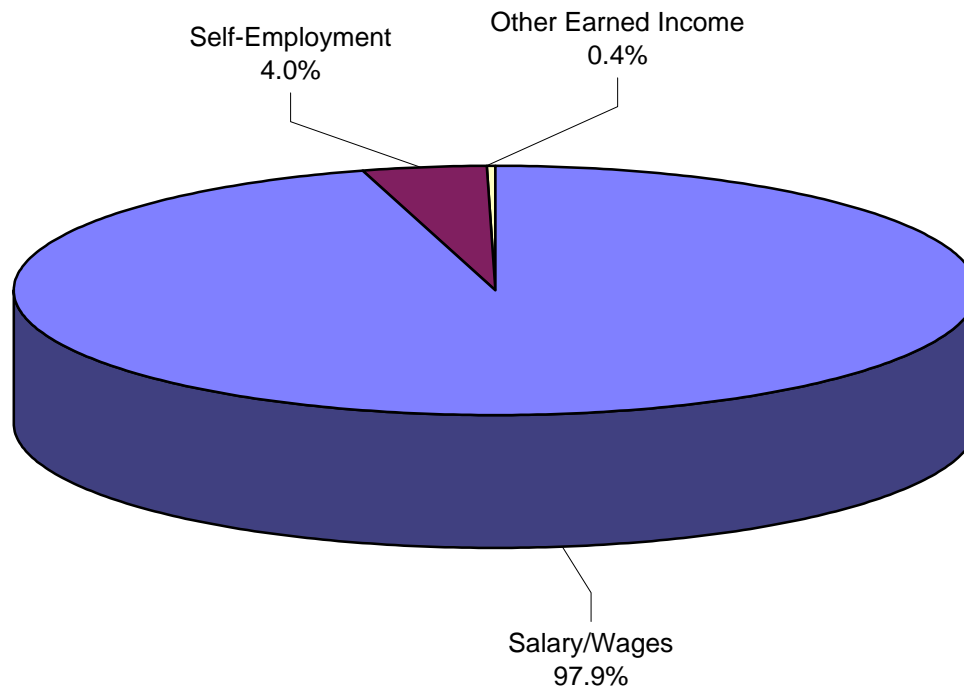
1/ Because a case may have more than one of the listed characteristics, the sum of the corresponding numbers exceed the subtotal. The corresponding percentages are calculated to that subtotal.

- Total earned income for FFY 2001 averaged \$775 per month. While this was \$27 more than the \$748 average reported for FFY 2000, it actually represented a \$2.53 inflation-adjusted decrease in real purchasing power.
- Roughly 98% of earned income came from salaries and wages, the same as FFY 2000.

Note: Earned income data were supplemented with data from the Employment Development Department wage file.

CHART 15

SOURCE OF EARNED INCOME



Note: See footnote 1/, Table 15.

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TABLE 16

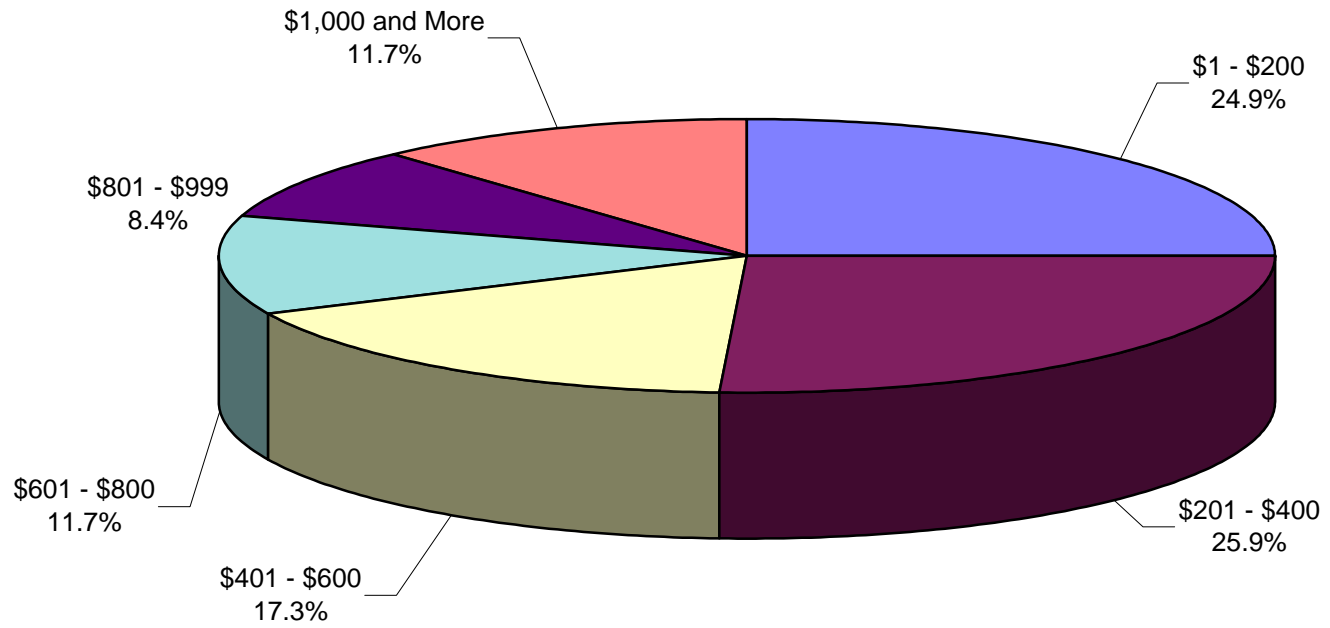
NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT

NET INCOME	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Net Income	123,096	18.9	26,407	6.9	96,689	36.0
Net Income:	<u>529,293</u>	81.1	<u>357,585</u>	93.1	<u>171,708</u>	64.0
\$1 - \$200	132,003	24.9	83,576	23.4	48,427	28.2
\$201 - \$400	137,205	25.9	98,389	27.5	38,816	22.6
\$401 - \$600	91,498	17.3	64,288	18.0	27,210	15.8
\$601 - \$800	61,976	11.7	43,422	12.1	18,554	10.8
\$801 - \$999	44,564	8.4	32,053	9.0	12,511	7.3
\$1,000 and More	62,047	11.7	35,857	10.0	26,190	15.3
Avg./Median Amount of Net Income	\$500 / \$396		\$493 / \$393		\$516 / \$397	

- For total households, the average amount of net income used to determine the food stamp allotment increased from \$492 in FFY 2000 to \$500 for FFY 2001. Adjusted for inflation, however, this amounted to a reduction in purchasing power of \$11, and follows a \$14 reduction noted in FFY 2000. Public assistance households experienced a \$6 reduction in purchasing power while nonassistance households experienced a \$23 reduction.

CHART 16

NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT



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EDUCATION

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TABLE 17

STUDENT STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

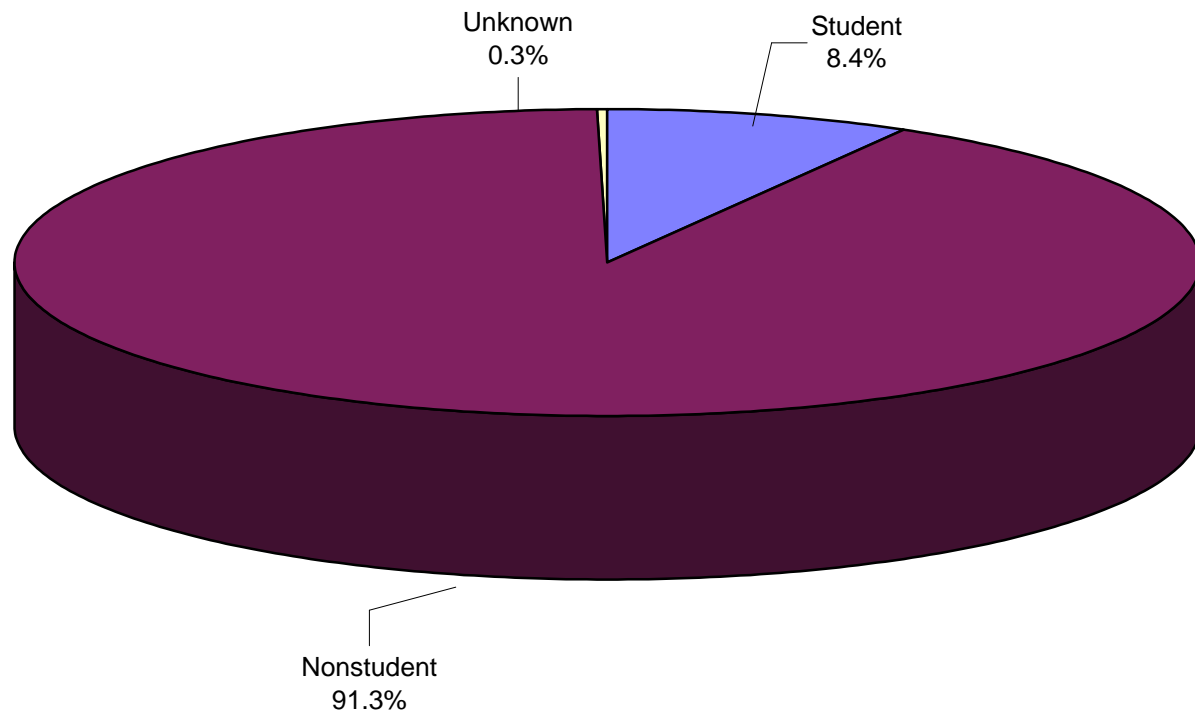
STUDENT STATUS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable 1/	181,108	27.8	134,126	34.9	46,982	17.5
Head of Household:	<u>471,281</u>	72.2	<u>249,865</u>	65.1	<u>221,416</u>	82.5
Student	39,749	8.4	27,307	10.9	12,442	5.6
Nonstudent	430,125	91.3	221,863	88.8	208,262	94.1
Unknown	1,406	0.3	695	0.3	711	0.3

1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorize representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- The percentage of heads of household who were students increased slightly, from 7.8% in FFY 2000 to 8.4% for FFY 2001.

CHART 17

STUDENT STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 18

EDUCATION LEVEL OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

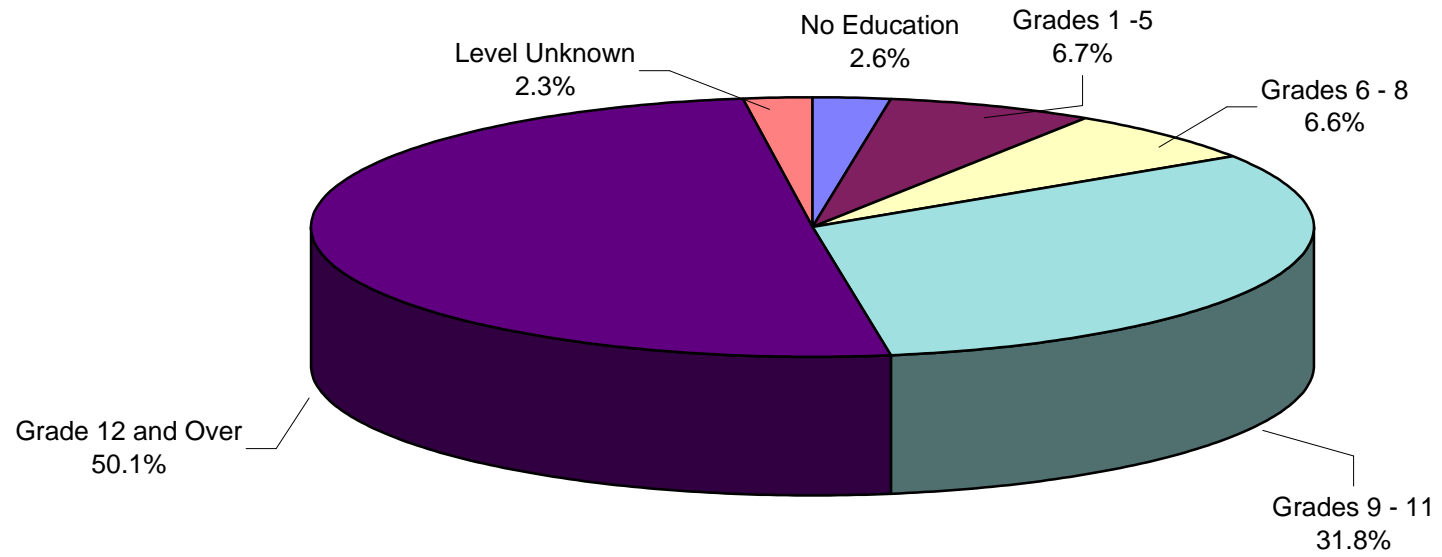
EDUCATION LEVEL	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable 1/	181,108	27.8	134,126	34.9	46,982	17.5
Head of Household:	<u>471,281</u>	72.2	<u>249,865</u>	65.1	<u>221,416</u>	82.5
No Education	12,409	2.6	6,256	2.5	6,153	2.8
Grades 1 -5	31,414	6.7	14,680	5.9	16,734	7.6
Grades 6 - 8	30,871	6.6	16,222	6.5	14,649	6.6
Grades 9 - 11	149,720	31.8	90,064	36.0	59,656	26.9
Grade 12 and Over	236,067	50.1	120,248	48.1	115,819	52.3
Level Unknown	10,800	2.3	2,396	1.0	8,404	3.8

1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- Nonassistance heads of household finishing 12 or more years of education fell from 58.8% in FFY 2000 to 52.3% for FFY 2001. Overall, those completing 12 or more years of education declined 3.5 percentage points, to 50.1%.

CHART 18

EDUCATION LEVEL OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 18a

**ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD WITH
LESS THAN 12 YEARS OF EDUCATION**

EDUCATION BY ETHNICITY	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable 1/	181,108	27.8	134,126	34.9	46,982	17.5
Head of Household:	<u>471,281</u>	72.2	<u>249,865</u>	65.1	<u>221,416</u>	82.5
Grade 12 and Over	236,067	50.1	120,248	48.1	115,819	52.3
Education Unknown	10,800	2.3	2,396	1.0	8,404	3.8
Less than 12 Years: 2/	<u>224,414</u>	47.6	<u>127,222</u>	50.9	<u>97,192</u>	43.9
Hispanic	101,830	45.4	56,229	44.2	45,601	46.9
White	52,708	23.5	32,434	25.5	20,274	20.9
Black	39,012	17.4	21,845	17.2	17,167	17.7
Vietnamese	11,480	5.1	7,622	6.0	3,858	4.0
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	19,384	8.6	9,092	7.1	10,292	10.6

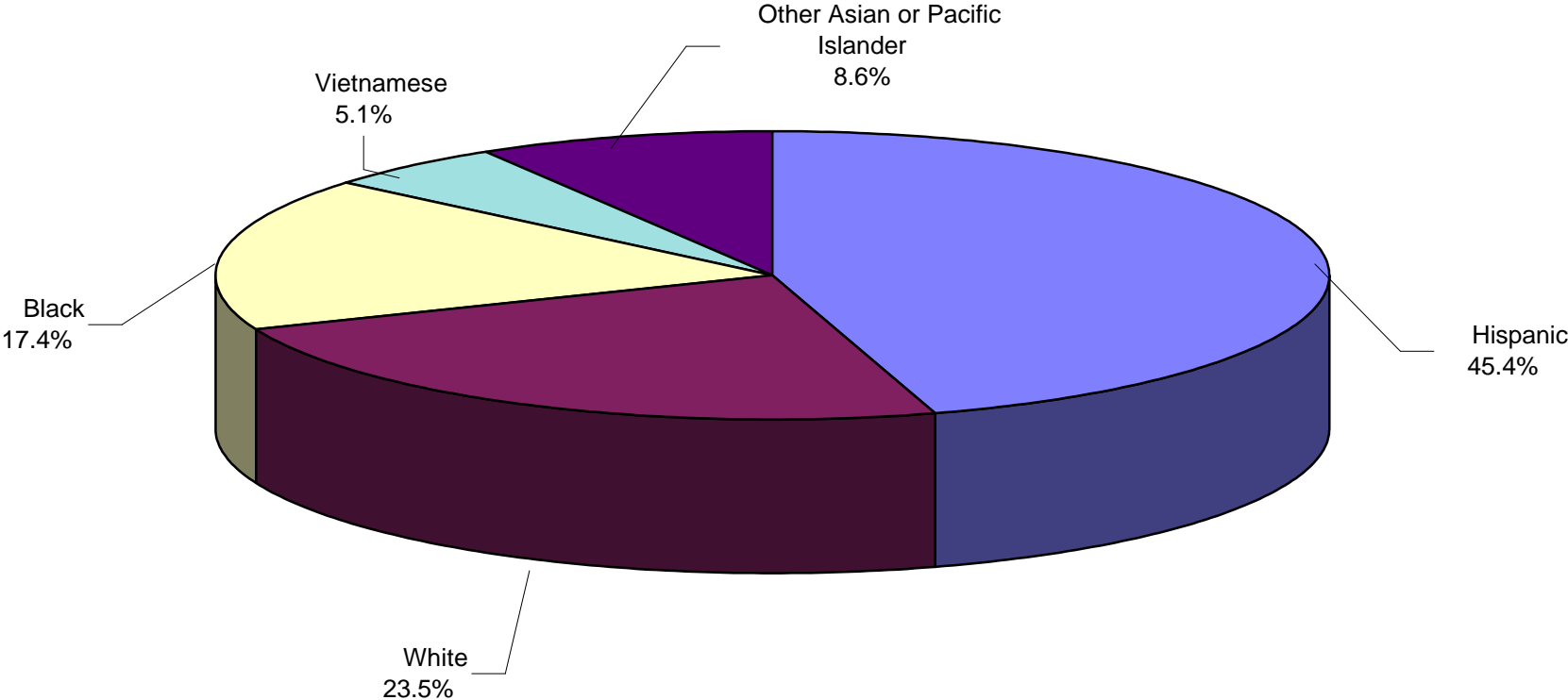
1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

2/ From Table 18: (12,409 + 31,414 + 30,871 + 149,720 = 224,414)

- Although comprising 34.1% of total heads of household (Table 5), Hispanics made up 45.4% of heads of household with less than 12 years of education. This is nearly double the amount of the next largest ethnic category, "White", which totaled 23.5% of this subgroup.

CHART 18a

ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD WITH LESS THAN 12 YEARS OF EDUCATION



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TABLE 18b

AVERAGE/MEDIAN SIZE OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD IN WHICH THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD HAS LESS THAN 12 YEARS OF EDUCATION--BY ETHNICITY

F/S HOUSEHOLD SIZE/ETHNICITY	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS			CLASSIFICATION					
				PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			NONASSISTANCE		
	Number	Percent	HH Size	Number	Percent	HH Size	Number	Percent	HH Size
Head of Household: 1/	<u>224,414</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>Avg./Median</u> <u>2.7 / 2.0</u>	<u>127,222</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>Avg./Median</u> <u>2.7 / 2.0</u>	<u>97,192</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>Avg./Median</u> <u>2.7 / 2.0</u>
Hispanic	101,830	45.4	2.7 / 2.0	56,229	44.2	2.7 / 2.0	45,601	46.9	2.8 / 2.0
White	52,708	23.5	2.5 / 2.0	32,434	25.5	2.6 / 3.0	20,274	20.9	2.2 / 2.0
Black	39,012	17.4	2.4 / 2.0	21,845	17.2	2.4 / 2.0	17,167	17.7	2.3 / 2.0
Vietnamese	11,480	5.1	3.3 / 3.0	7,622	6.0	3.3 / 3.0	3,858	4.0	3.2 / 3.0
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	19,384	8.6	3.6 / 3.0	9,092	7.1	3.6 / 3.0	10,292	10.6	3.6 / 2.0

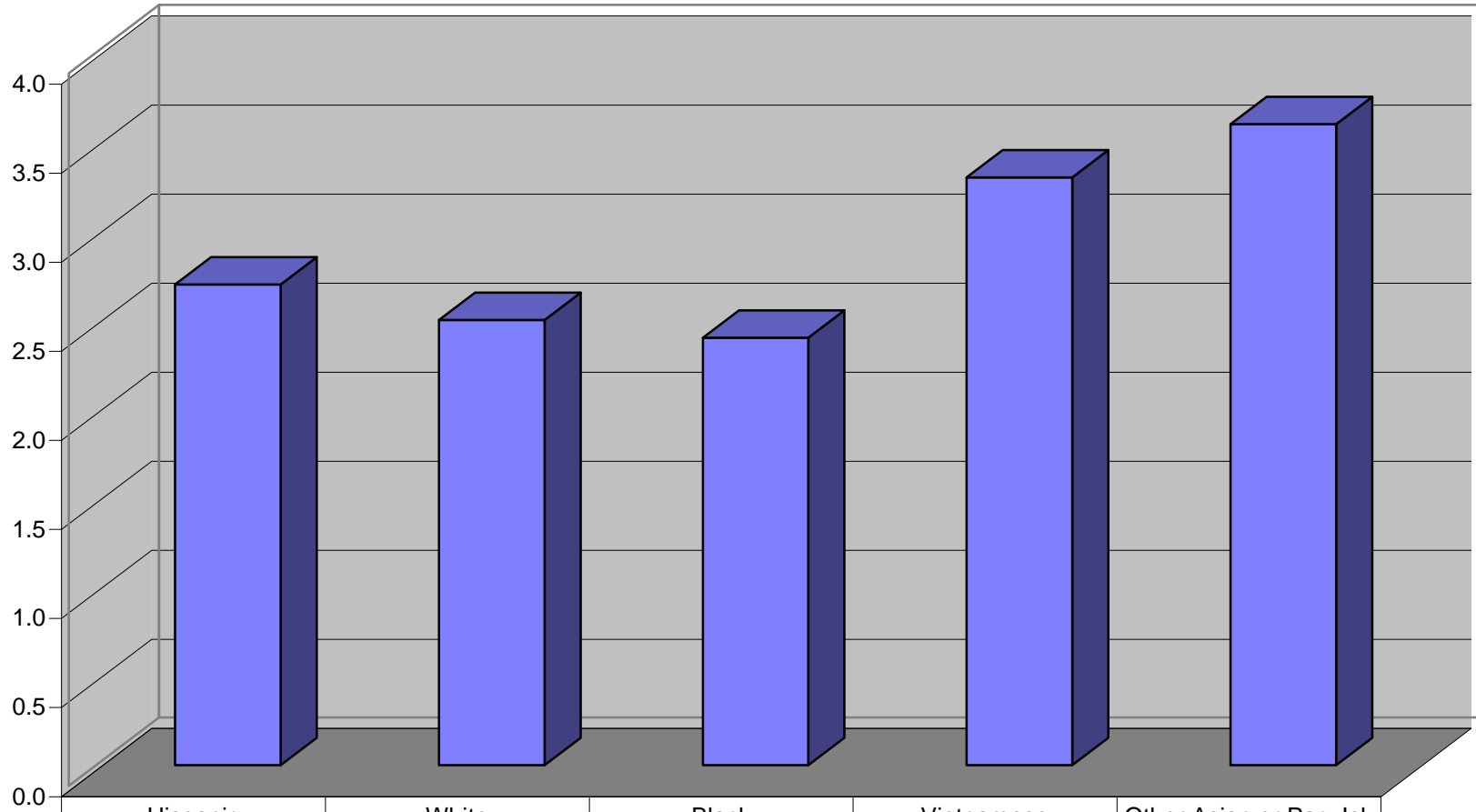
1/ From Table 18A.

- Blacks had the fewest persons in the food stamp household in FFY 2001 for this subgroup--2.4 persons--while "Other Asian or Pacific Islander", composed of several ethnic groups and averaging 3.6 persons per household, had the most.

Note: The food stamp household size may differ from the actual family size.

CHART 18b

AVERAGE SIZE OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD IN WHICH THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD HAS LESS THAN 12 YEARS OF EDUCATION--BY ETHNICITY



	Hispanic	White	Black	Vietnamese	Other Asian or Pac. Isl.
Household Size	2.7	2.5	2.4	3.3	3.6

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TABLE 18c

**NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT FOR
HOUSEHOLDS IN WHICH THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD HAS LESS THAN 12 YEARS OF EDUCATION**

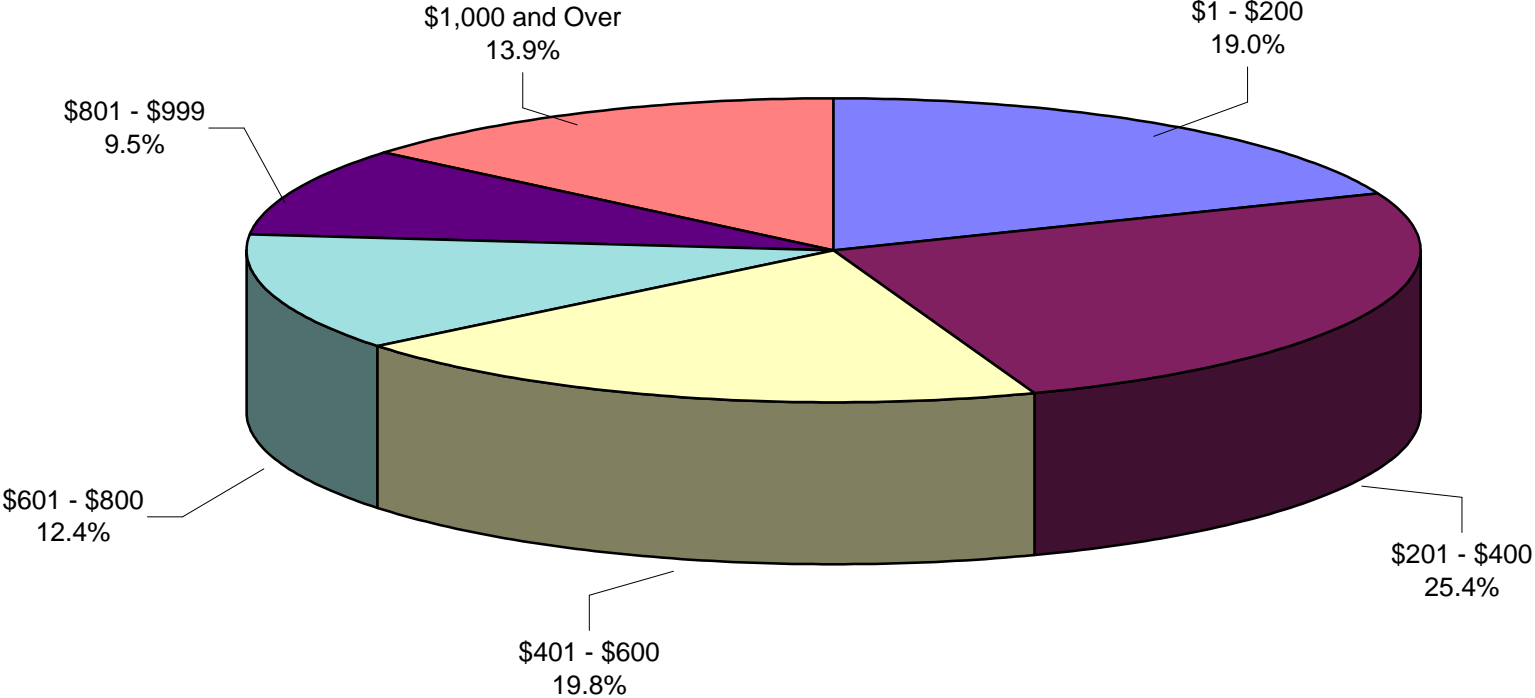
NET INCOME	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Head of Household 1/	<u>224,414</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>127,222</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>97,192</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Net Income	42,422	18.9	8,162	6.4	34,260	35.2
Net Income:	<u>181,992</u>	81.1	<u>119,060</u>	93.6	<u>62,932</u>	64.8
\$1 - \$200	34,545	19.0	21,519	18.1	13,026	20.7
\$201 - \$400	46,245	25.4	32,753	27.5	13,492	21.4
\$401 - \$600	36,037	19.8	23,801	20.0	12,236	19.4
\$601 - \$800	22,548	12.4	14,217	11.9	8,331	13.2
\$801 - \$999	17,358	9.5	12,750	10.7	4,608	7.3
\$1,000 and Over	25,259	13.9	14,020	11.8	11,239	17.9
Avg./Median Amount of Net Income	\$567 / \$479		\$554 / \$470		\$594 / \$480	

1/ From Table18A.

- The average net income used to determine the food stamp allotment for households in which the head of the household had less than 12 years of education (\$567) exceeded the average for all households (\$500--Table 16). Even so, those with no income in this subgroup rose from 12.5% in FFY 2000 to 18.9% for FFY 2001. This may be due, in part at least, to the effect of a stalled economy on the employment opportunities of those with less education.

CHART 18c

NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS IN WHICH THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD HAS LESS THAN 12 YEARS OF EDUCATION



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BENEFITS

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TABLE 19

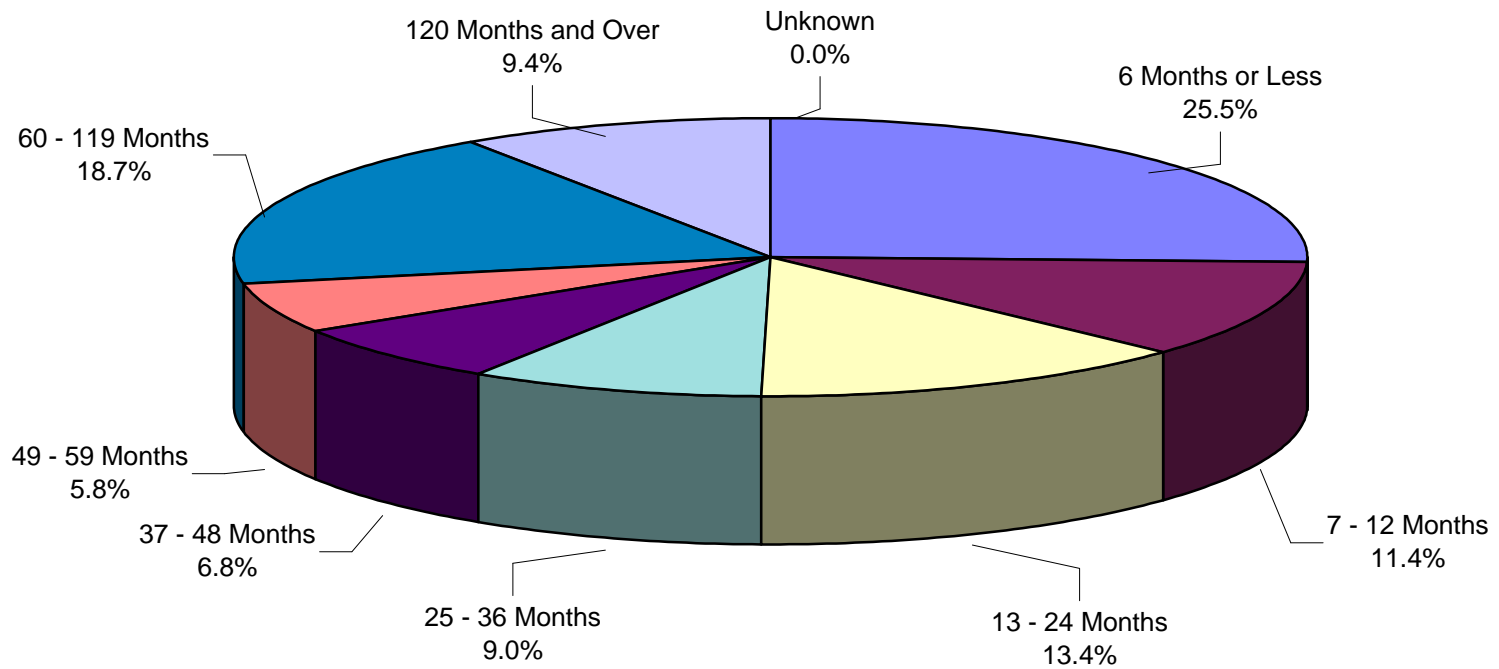
NUMBER OF UNINTERRUPTED MONTHS SINCE THE INITIAL FOOD STAMP APPLICATION

MONTHS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>
6 Months or Less	166,407	25.5	72,950	19.0	93,457	34.8
7 - 12 Months	74,464	11.4	40,454	10.5	34,010	12.7
13 - 24 Months	87,282	13.4	49,067	12.8	38,215	14.2
25 - 36 Months	58,493	9.0	35,102	9.1	23,391	8.7
37 - 48 Months	44,114	6.8	28,558	7.4	15,556	5.8
49 - 59 Months	38,079	5.8	24,882	6.5	13,197	4.9
60 - 119 Months	122,013	18.7	84,718	22.1	37,295	13.9
120 Months and Over	61,241	9.4	48,130	12.5	13,111	4.9
Unknown	296	0.0	130	0.0	166	0.1
Avg./Median Uninterrupted Months	44.3 / 24.0		53.0 / 35.0		32.0 / 14.1	

- The average length of time all food stamp households had continuously received food stamps during FFY 2001 was 44.3 months, this compares to 47.1 months for FFY 2000.
- Roughly 28% of food stamp households received food stamps for 60 months or more during FFY 2001, including 9.4% that received such stamps for 10 years (120 months) or more.

CHART 19

NUMBER OF UNINTERRUPTED MONTHS SINCE THE INITIAL FOOD STAMP APPLICATION



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TABLE 19a

**ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD THAT
RECEIVED FOOD STAMPS CONTINUOUSLY FOR FIVE YEARS OR MORE**

ETHNICITY	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total 1/	<u>183,254</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>132,848</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>50,406</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable 2/	62,204	33.9	49,930	37.6	12,274	24.4
Head of Household:	<u>121,050</u>	66.1 <u>100.0</u>	<u>82,918</u>	62.4 <u>100.0</u>	<u>38,132</u>	75.6 <u>100.0</u>
Hispanic	43,490	35.9	27,914	33.7	15,576	40.8
White	27,331	22.6	18,659	22.5	8,672	22.7
Black	28,537	23.6	20,602	24.8	7,935	20.8
Vietnamese	10,265	8.5	7,968	9.6	2,297	6.0
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	10,732	8.9	7,775	9.4	2,957	7.8
Unknown	695	0.6	0	0.0	695	1.8

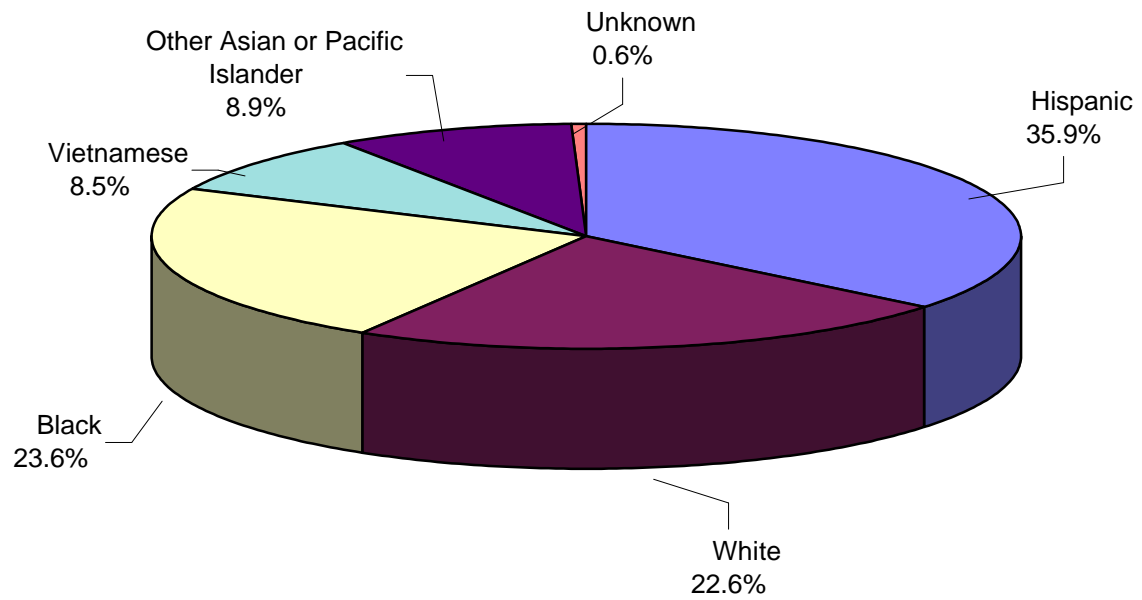
1/ From Table 19: (122,013 + 61,241 = 183,254)

2/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or designated representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- Blacks showed the greatest reduction among heads of household that had received food stamps for five years or more, dropping from 29.1% in FFY 2000 to 23.6% for FFY 2001.

CHART 19a

ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD THAT RECEIVED FOOD STAMPS CONTINUOUSLY FOR FIVE YEARS OR MORE



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TABLE 19b

**NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD
THAT RECEIVED FOOD STAMPS CONTINUOUSLY FOR FIVE YEARS OR MORE**

PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total 1/	<u>183,254</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>132,848</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>50,406</u>	<u>100.0</u>
One Person	32,133	17.5	21,401	16.1	10,732	21.3
Two Persons	44,309	24.2	37,400	28.2	6,909	13.7
Three Persons	36,819	20.1	27,941	21.0	8,878	17.6
Four Persons	29,286	16.0	21,417	16.1	7,869	15.6
Five Persons	21,423	11.7	13,244	10.0	8,179	16.2
Six or More Persons	19,284	10.5	11,445	8.6	7,839	15.6
Avg./Median Number of Persons	3.2 / 3.0		3.1 / 3.0		3.6 / 3.0	

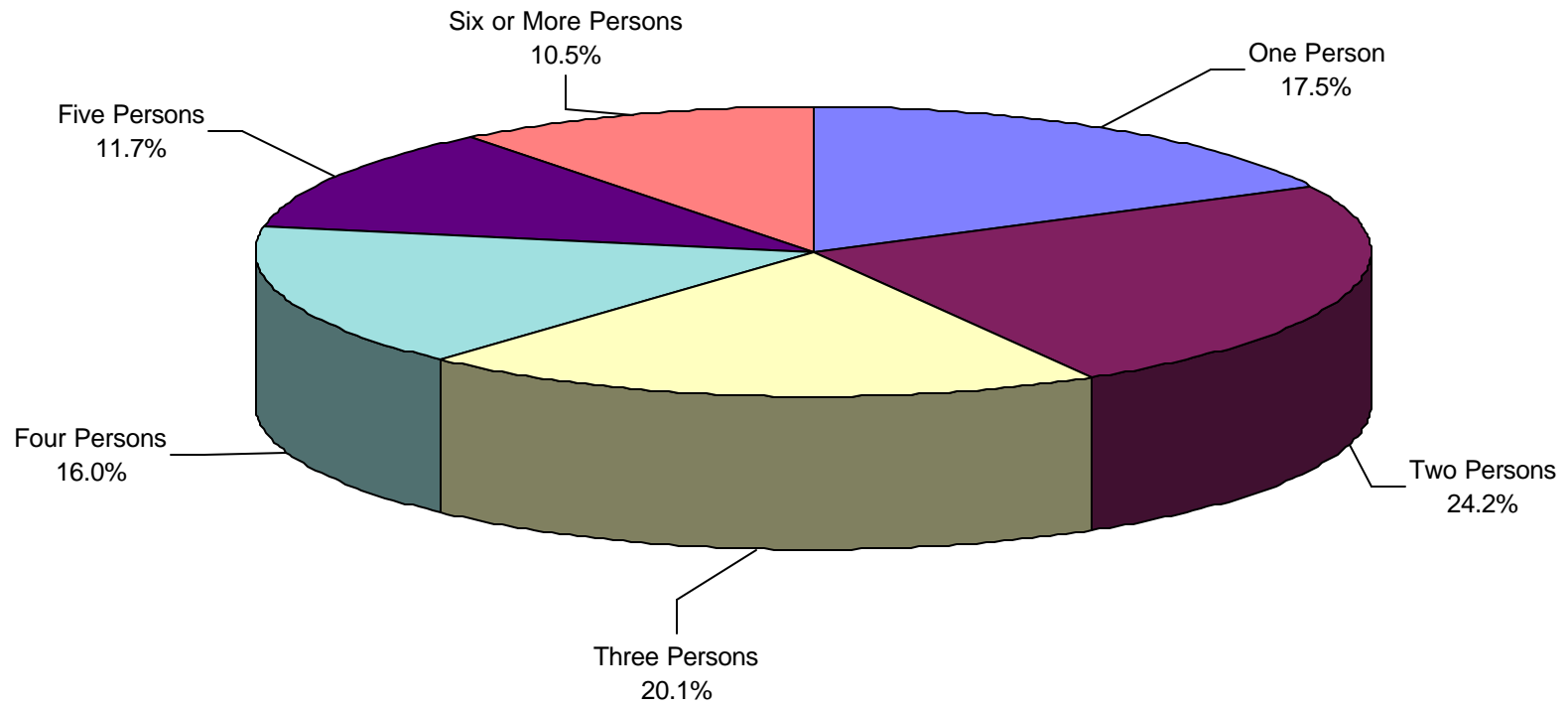
1/ From Table 19a

- The average household size for households that received food stamps continuously for five years or more was 3.2 persons, this compares to 2.7 persons for all food stamp households (Table 12).

Note: The food stamp household size may differ from the actual family size.

CHART 19b

NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD
THAT RECEIVED FOOD STAMPS CONTINUOUSLY FOR FIVE YEARS OR MORE



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TABLE 19c

**NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT FOR
HOUSEHOLDS THAT RECEIVED FOOD STAMPS CONTINUOUSLY FOR FIVE YEARS OR MORE**

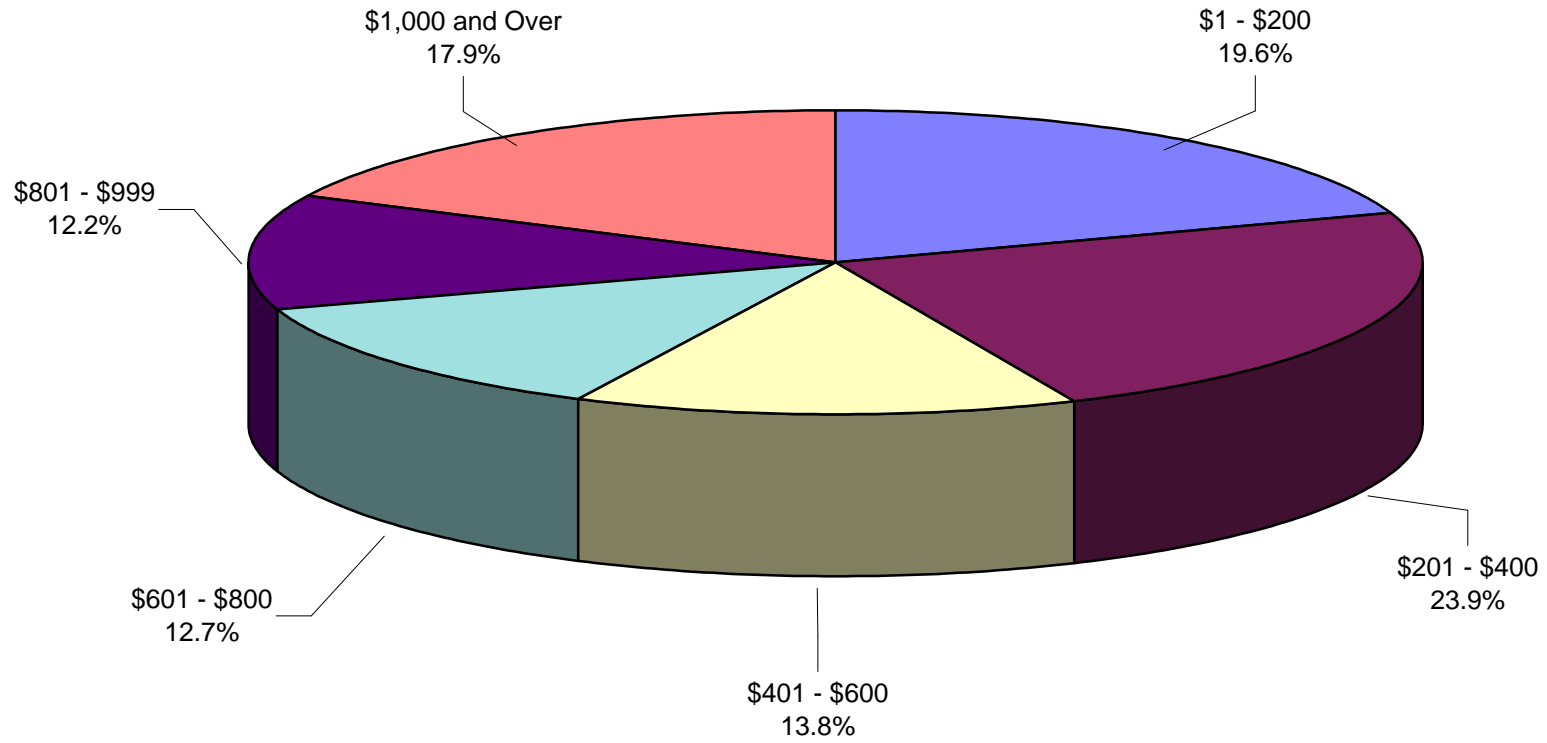
NET INCOME	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total 1/	<u>183,254</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>132,848</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>50,406</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Net Income	17,954	9.8	6,011	4.5	11,943	23.7
Net Income:	<u>165,300</u>	90.2	<u>126,837</u>	95.5	<u>38,463</u>	76.3
\$1 - \$200	32,390	19.6	28,336	22.3	4,054	10.5
\$201 - \$400	39,433	23.9	31,432	24.8	8,001	20.8
\$401 - \$600	22,823	13.8	18,217	14.4	4,606	12.0
\$601 - \$800	20,952	12.7	15,098	11.9	5,854	15.2
\$801 - \$999	20,098	12.2	15,480	12.2	4,618	12.0
\$1,000 and Over	29,604	17.9	18,274	14.4	11,330	29.5
Avg./Median Amount of Net Income	\$596 / \$503		\$556 / \$435		\$677 / \$597	

1/ From Table 19a

- The average net income used to determine the food stamp allotment for households that received food stamps continuously for five or more years (\$596) exceeded that for all households (\$500--Table 16). It was also greater than the average for households in which the head of the household had less than 12 years of education (\$567--Table 18c).

CHART 19c

NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS THAT RECEIVED FOOD STAMPS CONTINUOUSLY FOR FIVE YEARS OR MORE



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TABLE 19d

**EDUCATION LEVEL OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD
THAT RECEIVED FOOD STAMPS CONTINUOUSLY FOR FIVE YEARS OR MORE**

EDUCATION LEVEL	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total 1/	<u>183,254</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>132,848</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>50,406</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable 2/	62,204	33.9	49,930	37.6	12,274	24.4
Head of Household:	<u>121,050</u>	66.1	<u>82,918</u>	62.4	<u>38,132</u>	75.6
No Education	5,269	4.4	3,768	4.5	1,501	3.9
Grades 1 - 5	13,287	11.0	8,668	10.5	4,619	12.1
Grades 6 - 8	10,332	8.5	6,424	7.7	3,908	10.2
Grades 9 - 11	38,130	31.5	26,757	32.3	11,373	29.8
Grade 12 and Over	52,289	43.2	36,424	43.9	15,865	41.6
Level Unknown	1,743	1.4	877	1.1	866	2.3

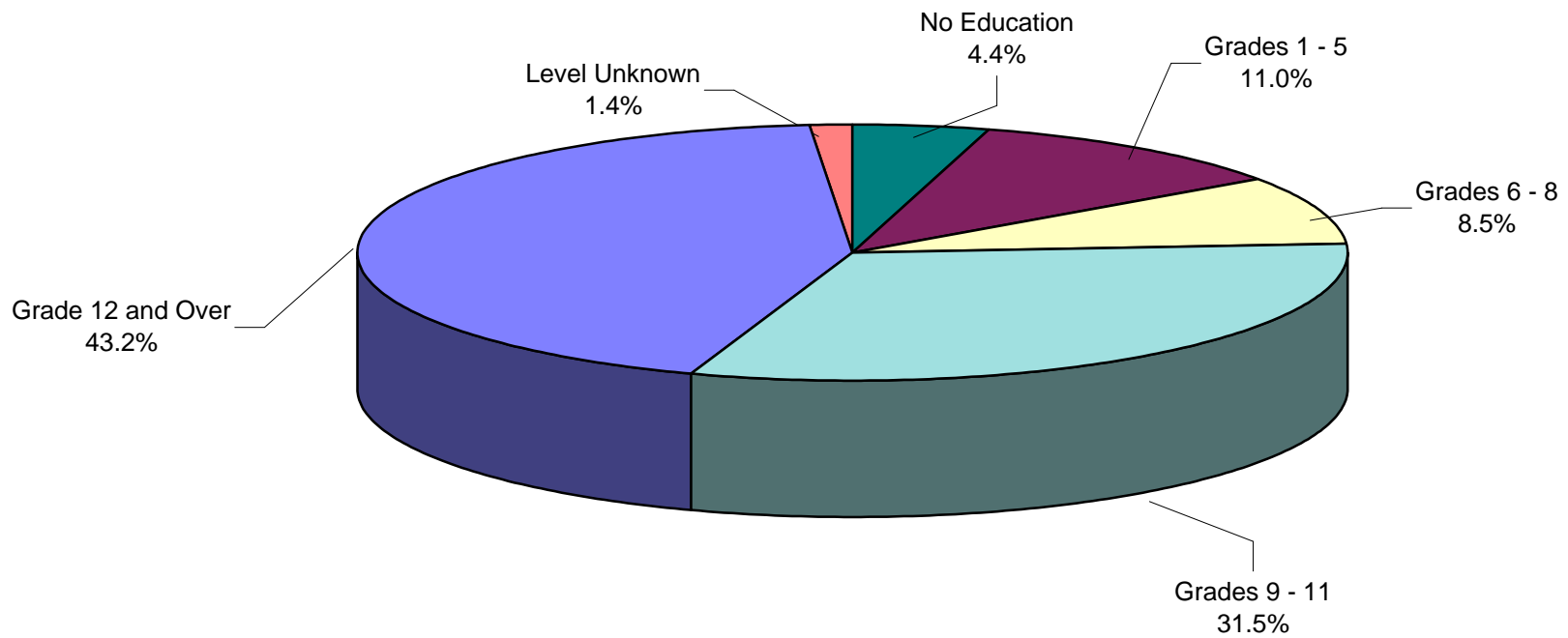
1/ From Table 19a

2/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- While roughly 43% of heads of household receiving food stamps continuously for five years or more had completed 12 or more years of education, fully 50% of all heads of household had done so (Table 18).

CHART 19d

EDUCATION LEVEL OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD
THAT RECEIVED FOOD STAMPS CONTINUOUSLY FOR FIVE YEARS OR MORE



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TABLE 20

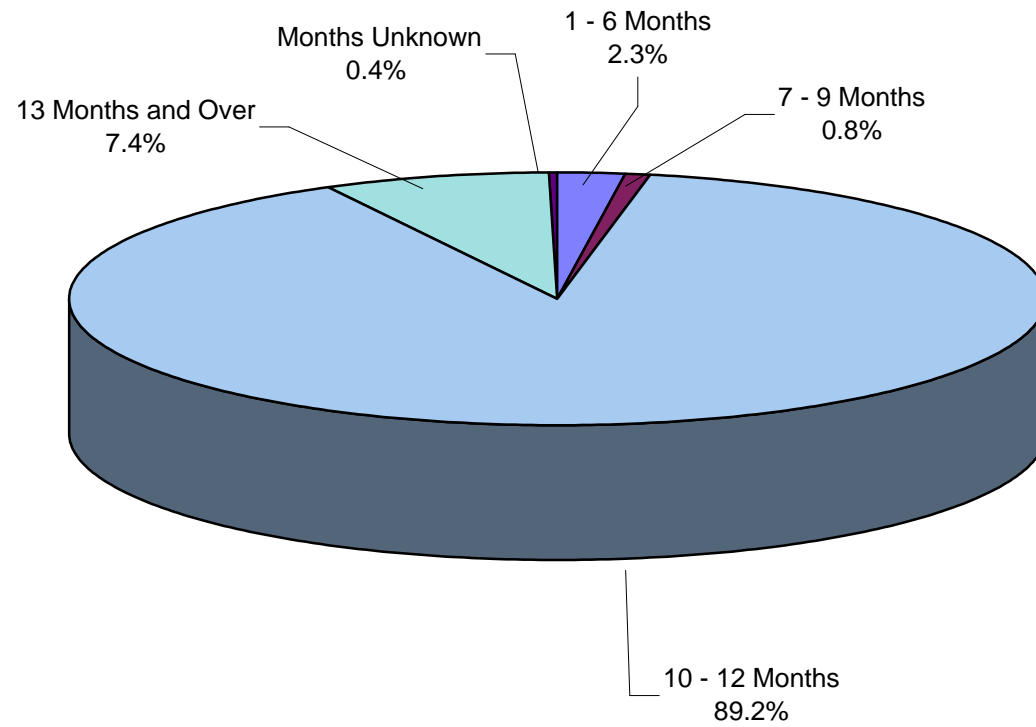
LENGTH OF CERTIFICATION PERIOD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

CERTIFICATION PERIOD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>
1 - 6 Months	14,888	2.3	5,355	1.4	9,533	3.6
7 - 9 Months	4,893	0.8	2,614	0.7	2,279	0.8
10 - 12 Months	582,108	89.2	344,029	89.6	238,079	88.7
13 Months and Over	48,084	7.4	30,533	8.0	17,551	6.5
Months Unknown	2,416	0.4	1,460	0.4	956	0.4
Avg. No. Months of Cert. Period	12.3		12.4		12.2	

- The average number of months of the certification period remained unchanged from FFY 2000.
- Certification periods in excess of 12 months mainly comprise elderly and/or disabled households. Certification is normally done within 12 months.

CHART 20

LENGTH OF CERTIFICATION PERIOD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 21

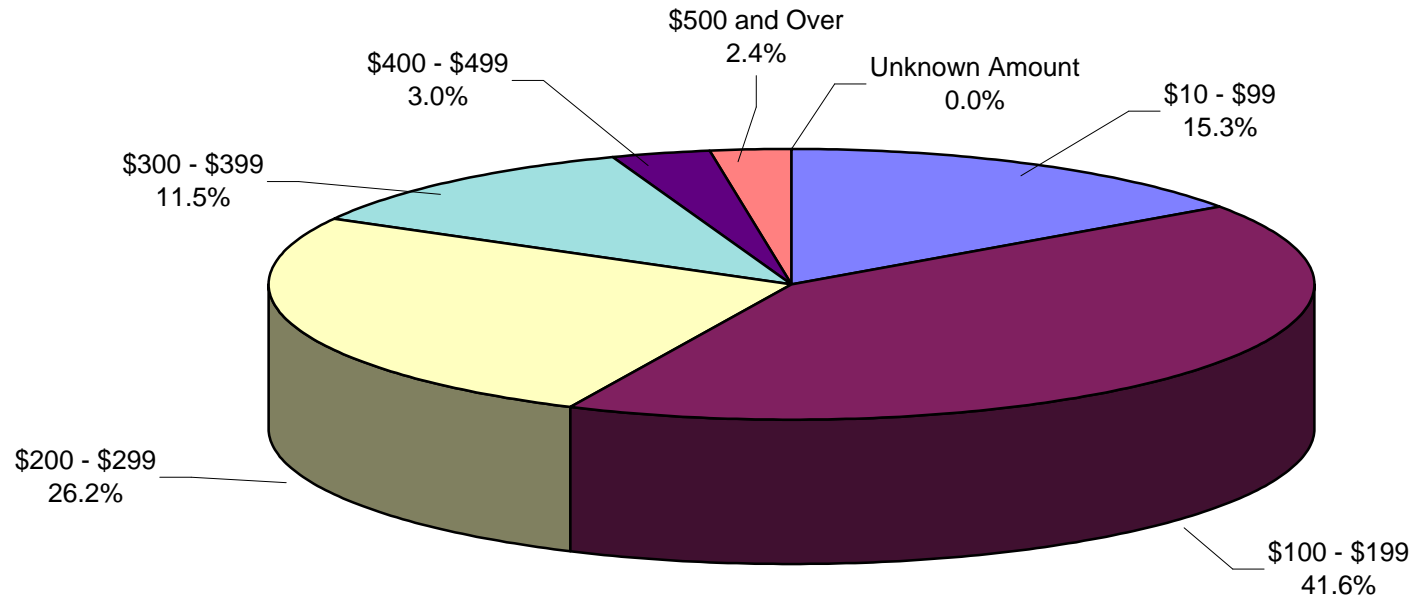
AMOUNT OF FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT PER HOUSEHOLD

ALLOTMENT	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>
\$10 - \$99	99,771	15.3	63,882	16.6	35,889	13.4
\$100 - \$199	271,397	41.6	145,039	37.8	126,358	47.1
\$200 - \$299	170,826	26.2	116,933	30.5	53,893	20.1
\$300 - \$399	75,006	11.5	42,798	11.1	32,208	12.0
\$400 - \$499	19,583	3.0	9,680	2.5	9,903	3.7
\$500 and Over	15,714	2.4	5,567	1.4	10,147	3.8
Unknown Amount	92	0.0	92	0.0	0	0.0
Avg./Median Food Stamp Allotment	\$197 / \$171		\$197 / \$190		\$197 / \$130	

- The average food stamp allotment increased from \$191 in FFY 2000 to \$197 in FFY 2001.
- The food stamp allotment category comprising the greatest number of households for FFY 2001 was "\$100 - \$199".

CHART 21

AMOUNT OF FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT PER HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 22

**LONGEST PERIOD FOR WHICH AT LEAST ONE MEMBER
OF A FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD RECEIVED AFDC/CalWORKs**

MONTHS RECEIVED AFDC/CALWORKS SINCE 1987 1/	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Months	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>
0 Months 2/	108,686	16.7	4,365	1.1	104,321	38.9
1 to 12 Months	37,838	5.8	22,664	5.9	15,174	5.7
13 to 24 Months	29,089	4.5	18,954	4.9	10,135	3.8
25 to 60 Months	98,274	15.1	65,729	17.1	32,545	12.1
61 Months or Longer	378,502	58.0	272,280	70.9	106,222	39.6

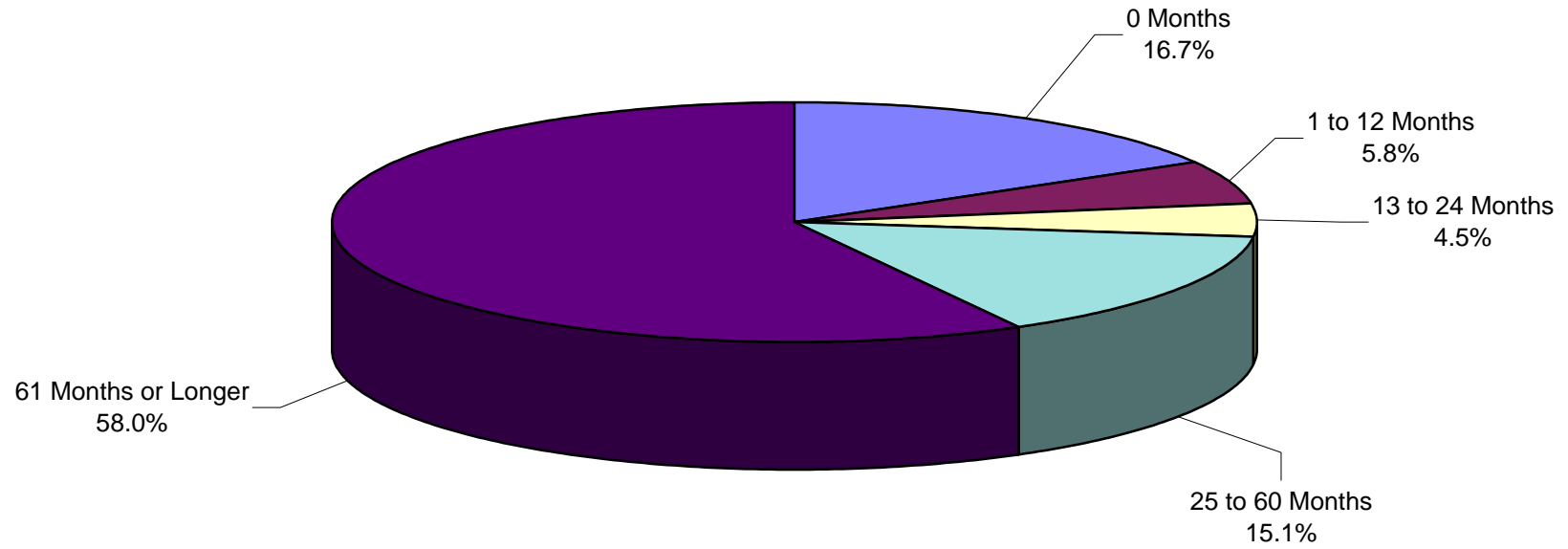
1/ Information for this table was obtained by matching the Social Security Numbers of the food stamp recipients with those contained in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS).

2/ Either no SSN was available for this category of food stamp recipients or there was no history of their receiving AFDC/CalWORKs since 1/1/87, the earliest entries in the file.

- PAFS households receiving AFDC/CalWORKs for 61 months or longer decreased from nearly 328,000 in FFY 2000 to 272,280 for FFY 2001 (17%), even though the overall average caseload decreased only 7.6%.

CHART 22

LONGEST PERIOD FOR WHICH AT LEAST ONE MEMBER OF A FOOD STAMP
HOUSEHOLD RECEIVED AFDC/CalWORKs



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TABLE 23

FOOD STAMP APPLICATION FOR EXPEDITED SERVICES (E.S.)

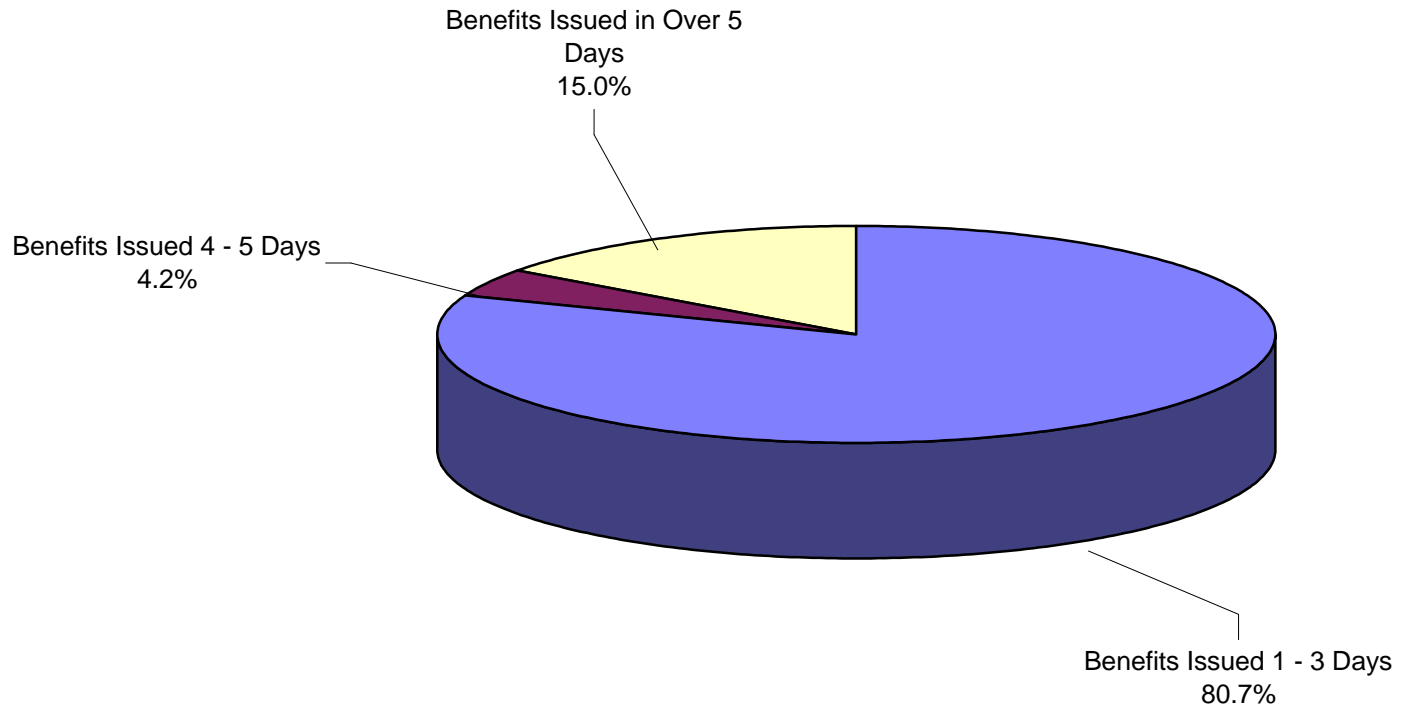
EXPEDITED SERVICES	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Did Not Receive Expedited Services	407,598	62.5	309,207	80.5	98,391	36.7
Received Expedited Services:	<u>244,791</u>	37.5	<u>74,784</u>	19.5	<u>170,007</u>	63.3
Benefits Issued 1 - 3 Days	197,642	80.7	51,543	68.9	146,099	85.9
Benefits Issued 4 - 5 Days	10,321	4.2	3,208	4.3	7,113	4.2
Benefits Issued in Over 5 Days	36,828	15.0	20,033	26.8	16,795	9.9

- The proportion of food stamp households receiving expedited services in FFY 2001, 37.5%, represents a 10.7 percentage point increase over FFY 2000, when 26.8% of food stamp households received such services.

Note: Data for this table were taken from the DFA 296X.

CHART 23

FOOD STAMP APPLICATION FOR EXPEDITED SERVICES



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RESOURCES

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TABLE 24

RESOURCES OWNED BY THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

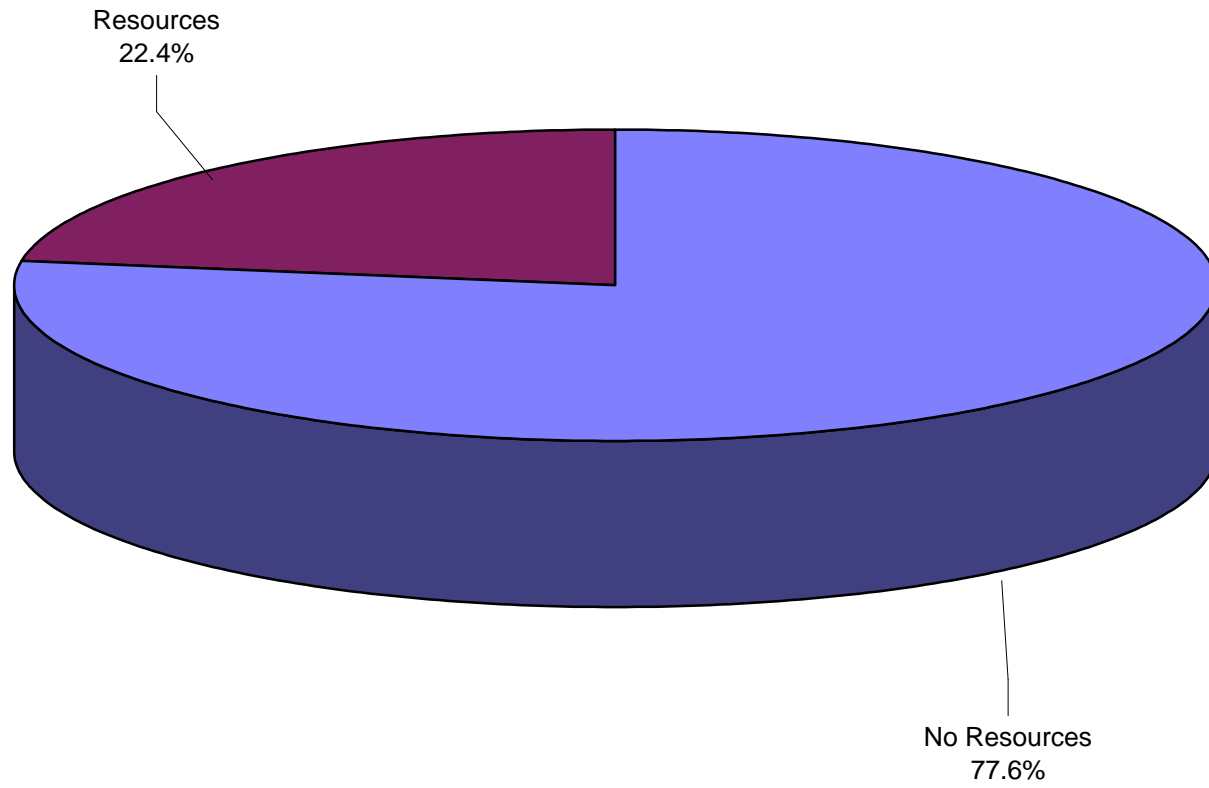
RESOURCES	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS			CLASSIFICATION					
				PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			NONASSISTANCE		
	Number	Percent	Avg./Med. Amt.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med. Amt.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med. Amt.
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>		<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>		<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>	
No Resources	506,485	77.6		308,172	80.3		198,313	73.9	
Resources 1/	145,903	22.4	\$502 / \$300	75,819	19.7	\$446 / \$211	70,084	26.1	\$564 / \$390

1/ Excludes tangible resources, such as vehicles.

- Average resources of the food stamp household, consisting primarily of checking and savings accounts, decreased from \$512 in FFY 2000 to \$502 for FFY 2001. This is the third consecutive year of a decline in resources, which stood at \$611 in FFY 1998.
- Households with no reported resources, 77.6%, showed little change from the 78.7% reported for FFY 2000.

CHART 24

RESOURCES OWNED BY THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 25

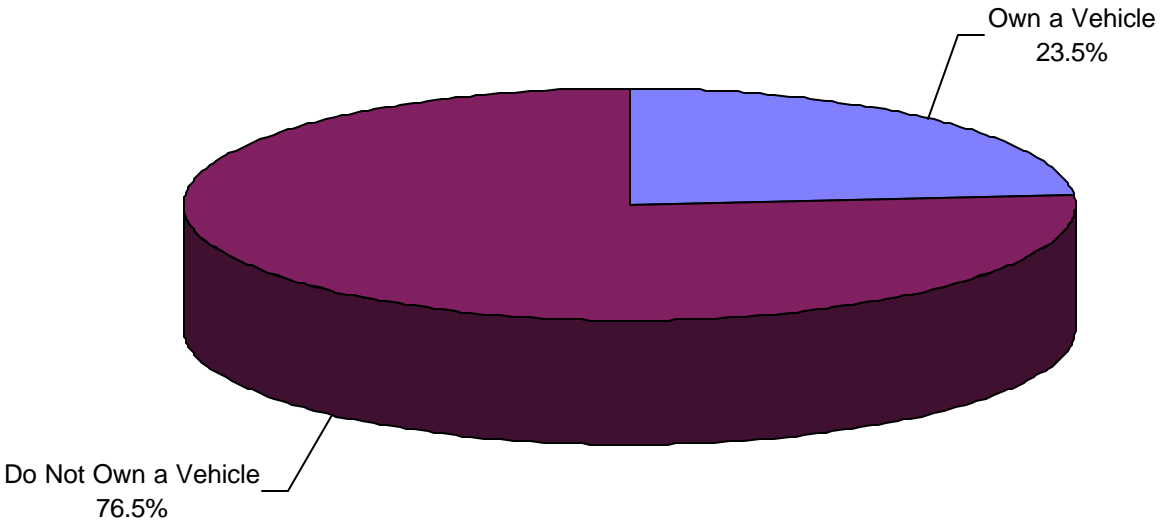
VEHICLES OWNED BY THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

VEHICLE OWNERSHIP	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Own a Vehicle	153,372	23.5	92,479	24.1	60,893	22.7
Do Not Own a Vehicle	499,017	76.5	291,512	75.9	207,505	77.3

- The proportion of households with vehicle ownership declined slightly from 26% in FFY 2000 to 23.5% for FFY 2001.

CHART 25

VEHICLES OWNED BY THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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EXPENSES/DEDUCTIONS/REPORTING

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TABLE 26

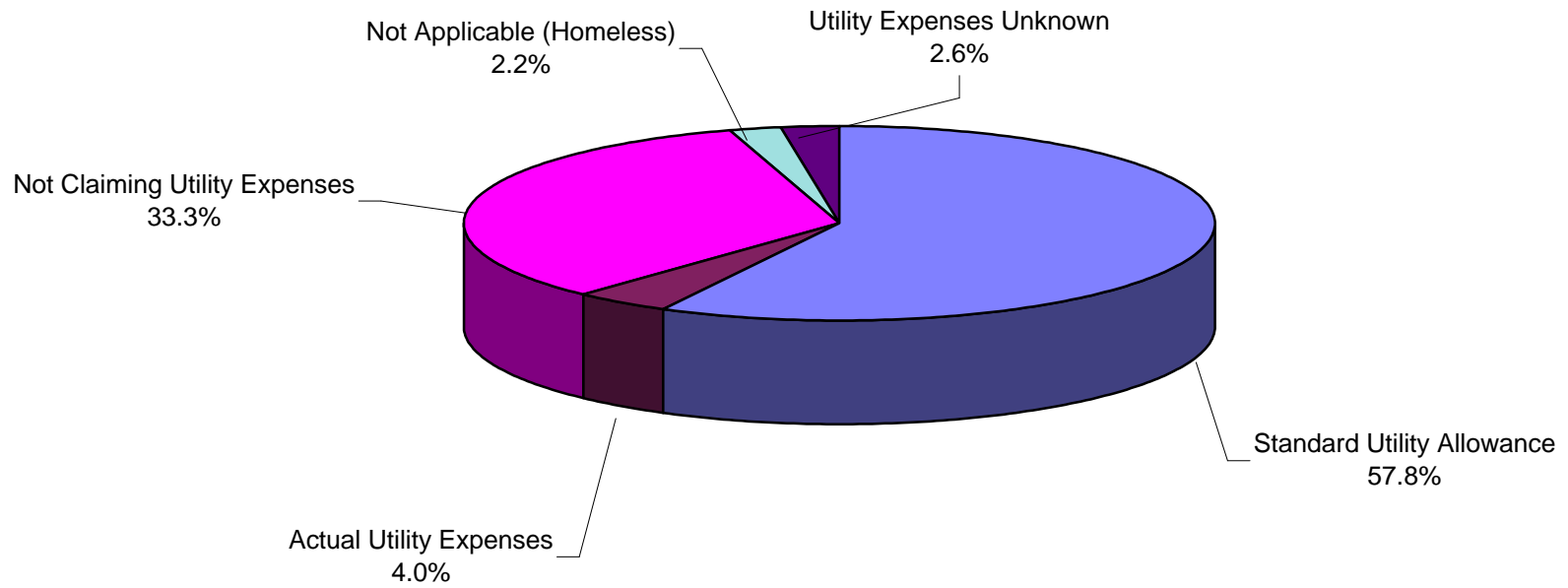
FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS CLAIMING UTILITY EXPENSES

UTILITY EXPENSES	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Standard Utility Allowance	377,312	57.8	246,750	64.3	130,562	48.6
Actual Utility Expenses	26,203	4.0	15,442	4.0	10,761	4.0
Not Claiming Utility Expenses	217,435	33.3	110,381	28.7	107,054	39.9
Not Applicable (Homeless)	14,623	2.2	6,449	1.7	8,174	3.0
Utility Expenses Unknown	16,816	2.6	4,969	1.3	11,847	4.4

- The "Not Applicable" category comprises the homeless. This category decreased from 4.1% in FFY 2000 to 2.2% for FFY 2001. It was 9.5% in FFY 1999 and 12.4% in FFY 1998.
- The proportion of households claiming the standard utility allowance was identical to that reported for FFY 2000.

CHART 26

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS CLAIMING UTILITY EXPENSES



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TABLE 27

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED EXCESS SHELTER DEDUCTION

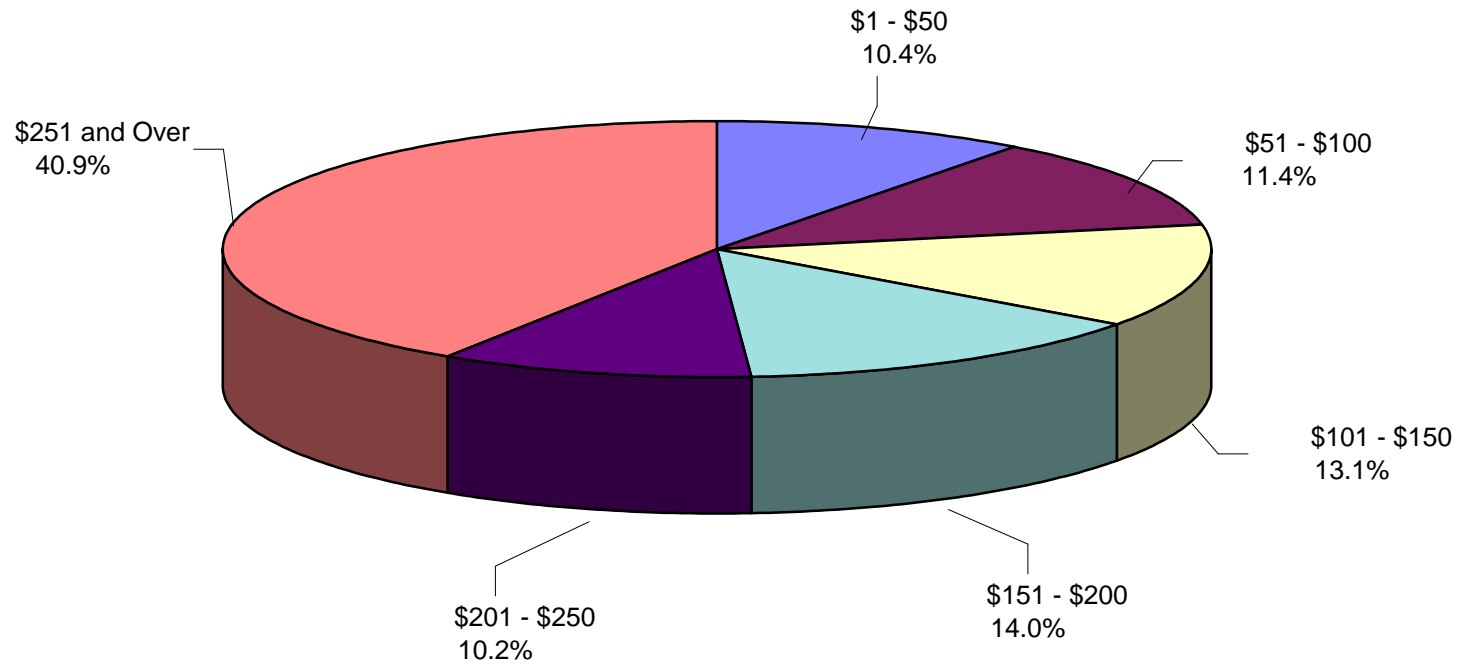
EXCESS SHELTER	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Households Not Reporting Shelter Cost	64,161	9.8	12,323	3.2	51,838	19.3
Households Reporting Shelter Cost;	<u>588,227</u>	<u>90.2</u>	<u>371,668</u>	<u>96.8</u>	<u>216,559</u>	<u>80.7</u>
No Allowable Excess Shelter Cost	204,423	34.8	136,566	36.7	67,857	31.3
Allowable Excess Shelter Cost:	<u>383,804</u>	<u>65.2</u>	<u>235,102</u>	<u>63.3</u>	<u>148,702</u>	<u>68.7</u>
\$1 - \$50	39,825	10.4	26,043	11.1	13,782	9.3
\$51 - \$100	43,874	11.4	31,430	13.4	12,444	8.4
\$101 - \$150	50,230	13.1	26,759	11.4	23,471	15.8
\$151 - \$200	53,614	14.0	31,448	13.4	22,166	14.9
\$201 - \$250	39,278	10.2	24,009	10.2	15,269	10.3
\$251 and Over	156,983	40.9	95,413	40.6	61,570	41.4
Avg./Median Amt. of Allow. Ex. Shelter Cost	\$220 / \$206		\$215 / \$203		\$228 / \$211	

- The average allowed excess shelter deduction increased from \$193 in FFY 2000 to \$220 for FFY 2001 (see footnote).

Note: A change in federal law established a new maximum excess shelter deduction cap of \$340 for households whose certification/recertification periods began on or after 3/1/01. Since the \$300 maximum excess shelter deduction cap remains in effect for all other households, the new law effectively establishes two concurrent maximum excess shelter deduction cap amounts.

CHART 27

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED EXCESS SHELTER DEDUCTION
(AMOUNT)



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TABLE 28

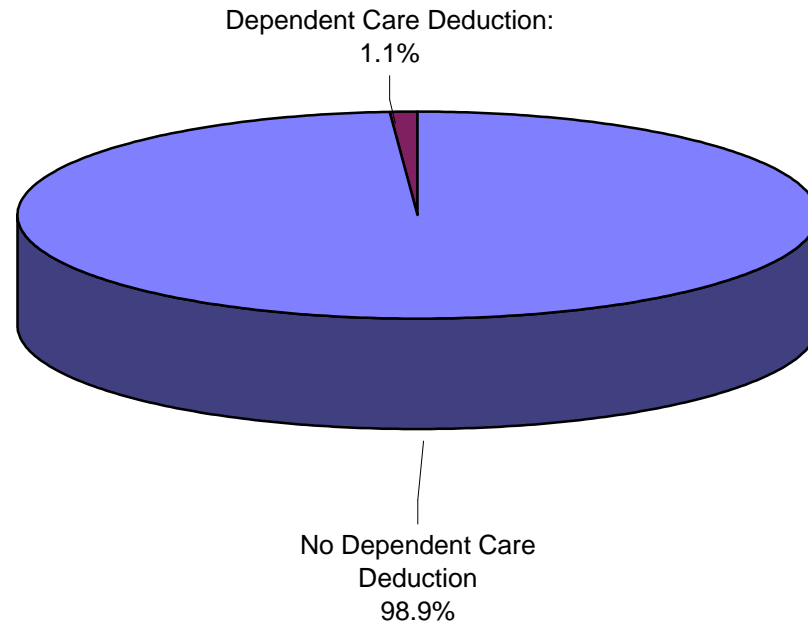
FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED A DEPENDENT CARE DEDUCTION

DEPENDENT CARE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Dependent Care Deduction	645,260	98.9	380,267	99.0	264,993	98.7
Dependent Care Deduction:	7,129	1.1	3,724	1.0	3,405	1.3
Avg./Median Amt. of Dep. Care Deduction	\$212 / \$160		\$249 / \$180		\$170 / \$160	

- The proportion of households allowed a dependent care deduction remained virtually the same as the 1.0% allowed in FFY 2000.
- The average amount of the deduction decreased from \$225 in FFY 2000 to \$212 in FFY 2001.

CHART 28

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED A DEPENDENT CARE DEDUCTION



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TABLE 29

REPORTING STATUS OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

REPORTING STATUS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Monthly Reporting	620,777	95.2	380,575	99.1	240,202	89.5
Change Reporting	30,945	4.7	3,416	0.9	27,529	10.3
Time Frame Reporting	667	0.1	0	0.0	667	0.2

- Households on monthly reporting status increased from 90.8% in FFY 2000 to 95.2% in FFY 2001.

Reporting Status Definitions:

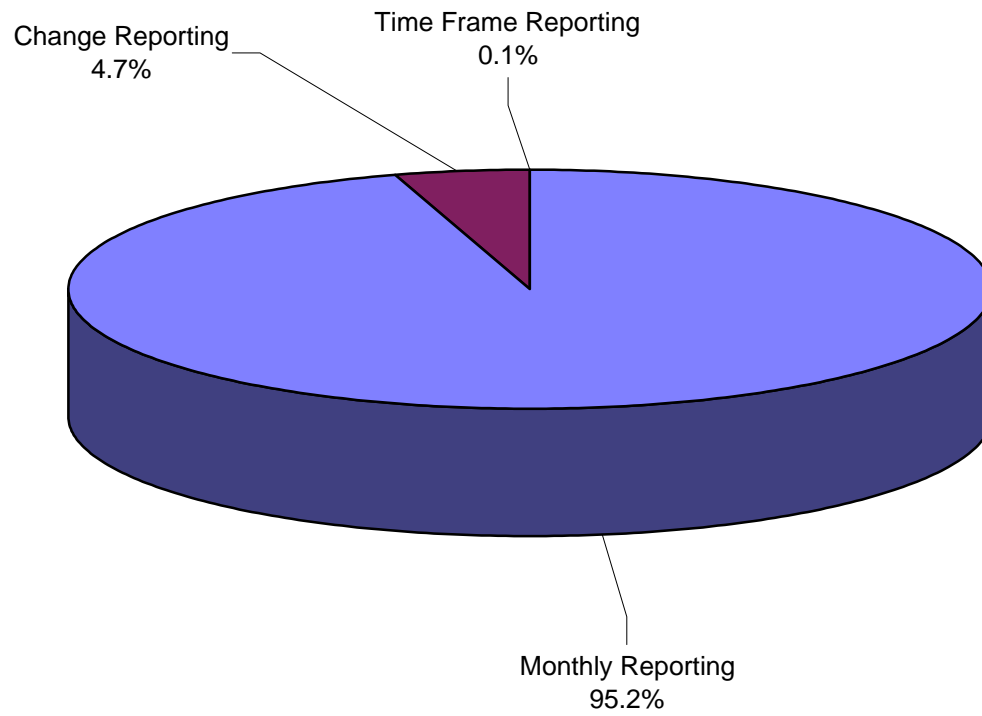
Monthly Reporting - Households subject to the monthly reporting requirements must submit complete reports on a monthly basis.

Change Reporting - Households subject to the change reporting requirements must report certain changes in circumstances within ten days of becoming aware of change

Time Frame Reporting - Established as part of Assembly Bill 1741, Youth Pilot Project, and specific to Contra Costa County, this reporting is designed to provide, in general terms, flexibility in the administering of community social services in connection with the RISE (Reinvesting in Self-Sufficiency and Employment) initiative.

CHART 29

REPORTING STATUS OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 2001

TABLE 30

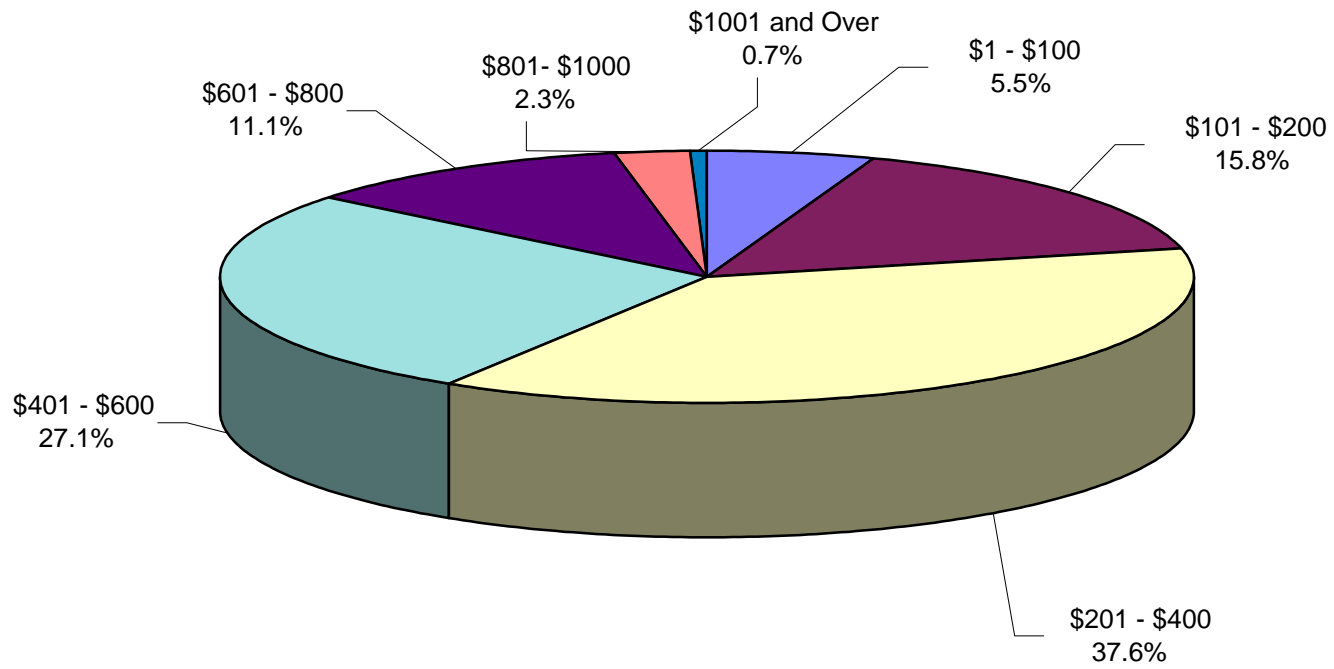
FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD REPORTED BUDGET MONTH SHELTER COST

SHELTER COST	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>652,389</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>383,991</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>268,398</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Households Not Reporting Shelter Cost	64,161	9.8	12,323	3.2	51,838	19.3
Households Reporting Shelter Cost;	<u>588,227</u>	<u>90.2</u>	<u>371,668</u>	<u>96.8</u>	<u>216,559</u>	<u>100.0</u>
\$1 - \$100	32,183	5.5	17,809	4.8	14,374	6.6
\$101 - \$200	92,871	15.8	51,081	13.7	41,790	19.3
\$201 - \$400	221,052	37.6	146,693	39.5	74,359	34.3
\$401 - \$600	159,574	27.1	105,342	28.3	54,232	25.0
\$601 - \$800	65,126	11.1	40,065	10.8	25,061	11.6
\$801 - \$1000	13,464	2.3	8,648	2.3	4,816	2.2
\$1001 and Over	3957	0.7	2030	0.5	1,927	0.9
Avg./Median Amt. of Shelter Cost	\$388 / \$359		\$394 / \$375		\$379 / \$350	

- The average amount of shelter cost for food stamp households in FFY 2001 was \$388 per month, up \$13 from the average amount reported in FFY 2000.
- Nearly 38% of food stamp households paid between \$201 - \$400 per month for shelter.

CHART 30

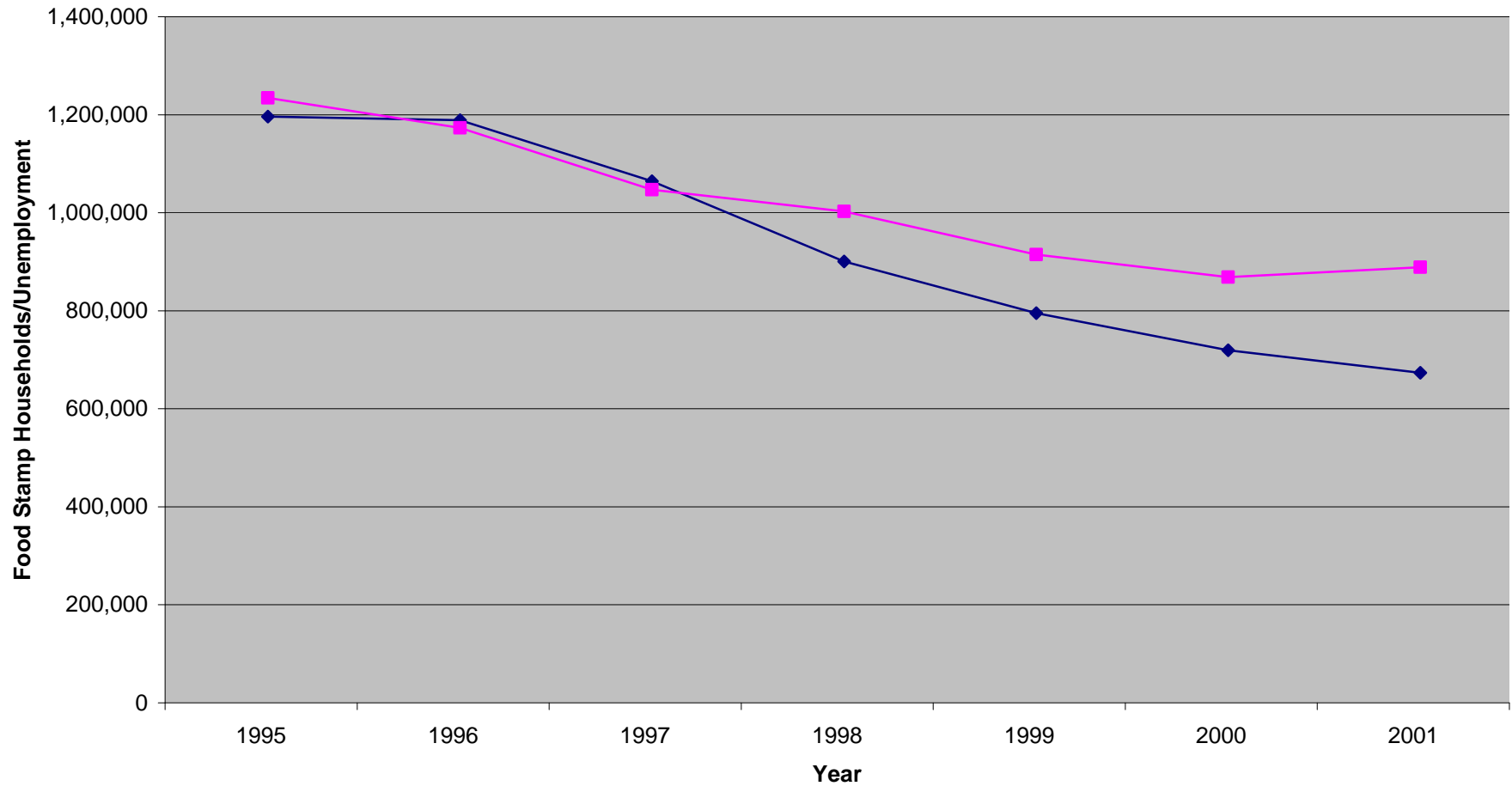
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**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM
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CHART 31
FOOD STAMP PROGRAM
Food Stamp Households vs. Unemployment
October 1995 - October 2001



Note: Household data are from the DFA 256.
Unemployment data are from the EDD website.

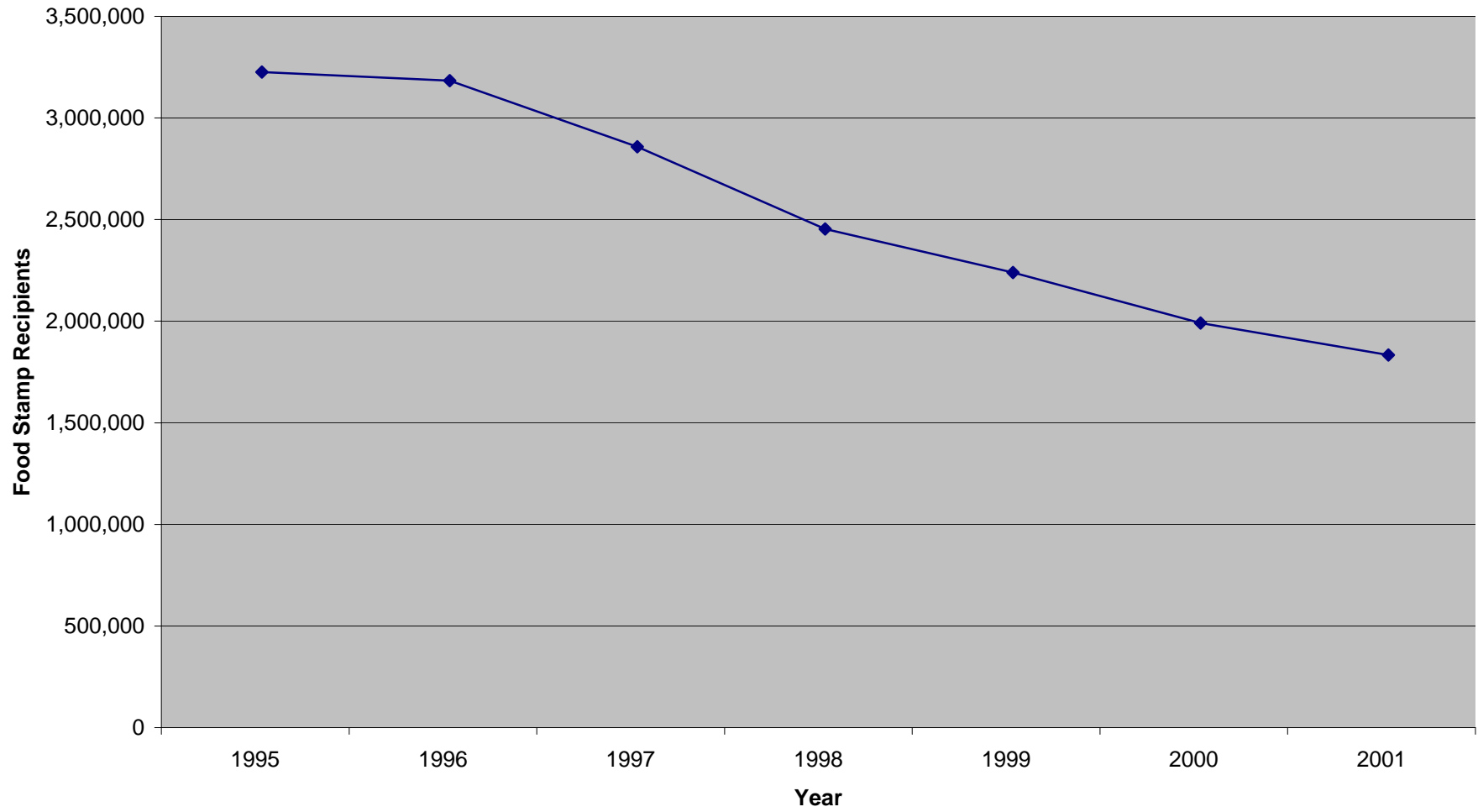
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ABOUT CHART 31...

The number of food stamp cases and the number of unemployed people in California have typically been very close. This relationship has existed for several years and can be seen in Chart 31 for the years 1995 through 1997. In 1998, however, the drop in food stamp cases exceeded the drop in the ranks of the unemployed by roughly 110,600 cases, creating the divergence in the trend lines seen for that year.

The precipitous drop in food stamp cases can be attributed, in part at least, to the Welfare Reform Act, which made most legal immigrants ineligible for food stamps effective August 22, 1997. The act also eliminated benefits to able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDS) unless they met certain work or training requirements. Although the September 1, 1997 enactment of the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) picked up some of the eliminated ineligible immigrants—those under 18 and those 65 and older—the vast majority remained ineligible. On September 1, 1998, CFAP eligibility was expanded to include this excluded group.

CHART 32
FOOD STAMP PROGRAM
Food Stamp Recipients
October 1995 - October 2001



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¹ All data contained in Appendices A through F are from U.S Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service website: www.fns.usda.gov/pd/fspmain.htm. The % *Change* column in Appendices C through E has been added.

Appendix A

Participation, Benefits, and Costs by Federal Fiscal Year 1969 - 2001

Food Stamp Program Participation and Costs					
(Data as of September 25, 2002)					
		Average		All	
Federal Fiscal	Average	Benefit Per	Total	Other	Total
Year	Participation	Person 1]	Benefits	Costs 2]	Costs
	--Thousands--	--Dollars--	-----Millions of Dollars-----		
1969	2,878	6.63	228.80	21.70	250.50
1970	4,340	10.55	549.70	27.20	576.90
1971	9,368	13.55	1,522.70	53.2	1,575.90
1972	11,109	13.48	1,797.30	69.4	1,866.70
1973	12,166	14.6	2,131.40	76	2,207.40
1974	12,862	17.61	2,718.30	119.2	2,837.50
1975	17,064	21.4	4,385.50	233.2	4,618.70
1976	18,549	23.93	5,326.50	359	5,685.50
1977	17,077	24.71	5,067.00	394	5,461.00
1978	16,001	26.77	5,139.20	380.5	5,519.70
1979	17,653	30.59	6,480.20	459.6	6,939.80
1980	21,082	34.47	8,720.90	485.6	9,206.50
1981	22,430	39.49	10,629.90	595.4	11,225.20
1982 3]	21,717	39.17	10,208.30	628.4	10,836.70
1983	21,625	42.98	11,152.30	694.8	11,847.10
1984	20,854	42.74	10,696.10	882.6	11,578.80
1985	19,899	44.99	10,743.60	959.6	11,703.20
1986	19,429	45.49	10,605.20	1,033.20	11,638.40
1987	19,113	45.78	10,500.30	1,103.90	11,604.20
1988	18,645	49.83	11,149.10	1,167.70	12,316.80
1989	18,806	51.85	11,700.50	1,231.80	12,932.30
1990	20,049	58.97	14,186.70	1,304.50	15,491.20
1991	22,624	63.86	17,338.70	1,430.40	18,769.10
1992	25,406	68.57	20,905.70	1,556.60	22,462.30
1993	26,982	67.96	22,006.00	1,647.00	23,653.00
1994	27,468	69.01	22,748.60	1,744.10	24,492.70
1995	26,619	71.26	22,764.10	1,855.50	24,619.60
1996	25,542	73.21	22,441.50	1,885.50	24,327.00
1997	22,858	71.27	19,550.20	1,936.70	21,486.90
1998	19,788	71.12	16,889.10	2,003.50	18,892.60
1999	18,183	72.21	15,755.40	1,942.90	17,698.30
2000	17,158	72.78	14,984.80	2,073.30	17,058.10
2001	17,313	84.93	15,547.10	2,249.70	17,796.80

Data are subject to revision.

1] Represents average monthly benefits per person.

2] Includes the Federal share of State administrative expenses and Employment and Training programs. Also includes other Federal costs (e.g., printing and processing of stamps; anti-fraud funding; program evaluation).

3] Puerto Rico initiated Food Stamp operations during FY 1975 and participated through June of FY 1982. A separate Nutrition Assistance Grant was begun in July 1982.

Appendix B

**National Participation and Benefits
Federal Fiscal Year 1999 - 2001
and October 1998 - July 2002**

(Data as of September 25, 2002)					
Fiscal Year	PARTICIPATION		BENEFIT	AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT	
	Persons	Households	COSTS	Per Person	Per Household
ANNUAL SUMMARY					
FY 2001	17,312,974	7,446,836	15,547,051,945	74.83	173.98
FY 2000	17,158,184	7,333,580	14,984,802,892	72.78	170.28
FY 1999	18,182,595	7,668,372	15,755,368,366	72.21	171.22
MONTHLY DATA					
FY 1999					
Oct 1998	18,781,505	7,858,938	1,378,910,572	73.42	175.46
Nov 1998	18,647,789	7,837,813	1,343,824,577	72.06	171.45
Dec 1998	18,617,677	7,832,358	1,346,844,137	72.34	171.96
Jan 1999	18,483,171	7,778,282	1,321,692,272	71.51	169.92
Feb 1999	18,277,915	7,702,230	1,327,332,446	72.62	172.33
Mar 1999	18,354,551	7,740,594	1,344,356,705	73.24	173.68
Apr 1999	18,100,864	7,641,232	1,310,041,656	72.37	171.44
May 1999	17,947,007	7,573,340	1,291,185,901	71.94	170.49
Jun 1999	17,835,831	7,542,885	1,273,622,266	71.41	168.85
Jul 1999	17,723,939	7,503,175	1,266,611,913	71.46	168.81
Aug 1999	17,695,611	7,494,120	1,261,878,582	71.31	168.38
Sep 1999	17,725,280	7,515,493	1,289,067,339	72.72	171.52
FY 2000					
Oct 1999	17,530,630	7,440,073	1,288,075,264	73.48	173.13
Nov 1999	17,538,150	7,440,896	1,277,965,373	72.87	171.75
Dec 1999	17,217,554	7,345,770	1,283,079,391	74.52	174.67
Jan 2000	17,126,556	7,301,041	1,240,940,739	72.46	169.97
Feb 2000	17,191,017	7,359,949	1,248,825,541	72.64	169.68
Mar 2000	17,285,171	7,393,958	1,263,856,245	73.12	170.93
Apr 2000	17,040,733	7,310,720	1,241,064,486	72.83	169.76
May 2000	17,018,465	7,294,217	1,228,841,322	72.21	168.47
Jun 2000	17,045,793	7,303,373	1,230,393,562	72.18	168.47
Jul 2000	16,886,175	7,240,643	1,216,913,166	72.07	168.07
Aug 2000	17,004,637	7,281,653	1,232,646,993	72.49	169.28
Sep 2000	17,013,325	7,290,672	1,232,200,810	72.43	169.01
FY 2001					
Oct 2000	17,061,813	7,315,526	1,263,707,406	74.07	172.74
Nov 2000	17,092,424	7,339,091	1,259,629,622	73.70	171.63
Dec 2000	17,175,724	7,382,771	1,273,651,826	74.15	172.52
Jan 2001	17,254,487	7,415,755	1,278,151,158	74.08	172.36
Feb 2001	16,954,558	7,300,348	1,255,686,040	74.06	172.00
Mar 2001	17,249,899	7,429,444	1,304,179,832	75.61	175.54
Apr 2001	17,139,964	7,389,934	1,284,985,343	74.97	173.88
May 2001	17,243,514	7,435,392	1,300,390,999	75.41	174.89

National Participation and Benefits
Federal Fiscal Year 1999 - 2001
and October 1998 - July 2002

(Data as of September 25, 2002)					
Fiscal	PARTICIPATION		BENEFIT	AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT	
Year	Persons	Households	COSTS	Per Person	Per Household
Jun 2001	17,457,195	7,510,639	1,312,936,823	75.21	174.81
Jul 2001	17,509,440	7,537,654	1,322,167,499	75.51	175.41
Aug 2001	17,758,492	7,639,031	1,341,676,078	75.55	175.63
Sep 2001	17,858,172	7,666,441	1,349,889,319	75.59	176.08
FY 2002					
Oct 2001	18,294,417	7,875,901	1,459,003,619	79.75	185.25
Nov 2001	18,499,919	7,937,196	1,479,042,564	79.95	186.34
Dec 2001	18,745,919	8,030,995	1,500,156,224	80.03	186.80
Jan 2002	18,909,798	8,117,861	1,508,608,566	79.78	185.84
Feb 2002	19,023,992	8,167,366	1,517,786,204	79.78	185.84
Mar 2002	19,223,042	8,256,082	1,540,577,165	80.14	186.60
Apr 2002	19,172,441	8,244,660	1,529,171,238	79.76	185.47
May 2002	19,325,920	8,271,851	1,521,761,824	78.74	183.97
Jun 2002	19,320,084	8,287,456	1,522,839,038	78.82	183.75
Jul 2002	19,344,019	8,301,890	1,528,177,025	79.00	184.08
FY 2002 data are preliminary; all data are subject to revision.					

Appendix C

Average Monthly Participation (Persons) by State and by Federal Fiscal Year 1997 - 2001

(Data as of September 25, 2002)						
State/Territory	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	% Change
Alabama	469,268	426,819	405,273	396,057	411,292	3.8%
Alaska	45,234	42,451	41,262	37,524	37,897	1.0%
Arizona	363,779	295,703	257,362	259,006	291,372	12.5%
Arkansas	265,654	255,710	252,957	246,572	256,441	4.0%
California	2,814,761	2,259,069	2,027,089	1,831,697	1,668,351	-8.9%
Colorado	216,748	191,015	173,497	155,948	153,952	-1.3%
Connecticut	209,529	195,866	178,168	165,059	157,031	-4.9%
Delaware	53,655	45,581	38,571	32,218	31,886	-1.0%
District of Columbia	90,391	85,396	84,082	80,803	73,494	-9.0%
Florida	1,191,664	990,571	933,435	882,341	887,256	0.6%
Georgia	698,323	631,720	616,600	559,468	573,537	2.5%
Guam	17,783	25,249	19,758	22,234	22,723	2.2%
Hawaii	126,901	122,027	125,155	118,041	108,313	-8.2%
Idaho	70,413	62,393	57,201	58,191	59,667	2.5%
Illinois	1,019,600	922,927	820,034	779,420	825,295	5.9%
Indiana	347,772	313,116	298,213	300,314	346,551	15.4%
Iowa	161,184	141,067	128,790	123,322	126,494	2.6%
Kansas	148,734	119,218	114,875	116,511	124,285	6.7%
Kentucky	444,422	412,028	396,440	403,479	412,680	2.3%
Louisiana	575,411	536,834	516,285	499,851	518,384	3.7%
Maine	123,767	115,099	108,749	101,598	104,383	2.7%
Maryland	354,436	322,653	264,393	219,180	208,426	-4.9%
Massachusetts	339,505	292,997	261,021	231,829	219,223	-5.4%
Michigan	838,917	771,580	682,680	602,857	641,269	6.4%
Minnesota	260,476	219,744	208,062	196,050	197,727	0.9%
Mississippi	399,062	329,058	288,057	275,856	297,805	8.0%
Missouri	477,703	410,966	408,331	423,320	454,427	7.3%
Montana	66,605	62,328	60,898	59,466	61,957	4.2%
Nebraska	97,176	94,944	92,404	82,414	80,652	-2.1%
Nevada	82,419	71,531	61,673	60,905	69,396	13.9%
New Hampshire	46,000	39,578	37,438	36,266	35,554	-2.0%
New Jersey	491,337	424,738	384,888	344,677	317,579	-7.9%
New Mexico	204,644	174,699	178,439	169,354	163,245	-3.6%
New York	1,913,548	1,627,170	1,540,784	1,438,568	1,353,542	-5.9%
North Carolina	586,415	527,790	505,410	488,247	493,672	1.1%
North Dakota	37,688	33,801	33,442	31,824	37,755	18.6%
Ohio	873,562	733,565	639,786	609,717	640,503	5.0%
Oklahoma	321,894	287,577	271,351	253,287	271,001	7.0%
Oregon	258,615	238,446	223,978	234,387	283,705	21.0%
Pennsylvania	1,008,864	906,735	834,898	777,112	748,074	-3.7%
Rhode Island	84,627	72,301	76,394	74,256	71,272	-4.0%
South Carolina	349,137	333,017	308,570	295,335	315,718	6.9%

Average Monthly Participation (Persons)
by State and by Federal Fiscal Year
1997 - 2001

(Data as of September 25, 2002)						
State/Territory	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	% Change
South Dakota	46,901	45,173	44,065	42,887	44,594	4.0%
Tennessee	585,889	538,467	510,828	496,031	521,510	5.1%
Texas	2,033,750	1,636,175	1,400,526	1,332,785	1,360,642	2.1%
Utah	98,338	91,764	88,163	81,917	79,716	-2.7%
Vermont	53,005	45,702	44,287	40,831	38,874	-4.8%
Virgin Islands	20,164	17,283	16,866	15,668	13,266	-15.3%
Virginia	476,088	396,581	361,581	336,080	332,312	-1.1%
Washington	448,663	364,418	306,654	295,061	308,589	4.6%
West Virginia	287,035	269,140	247,249	226,897	221,361	-2.4%
Wisconsin	232,103	192,887	182,206	193,021	215,786	11.8%
Wyoming	28,584	25,452	23,477	22,447	22,539	0.4%
TOTAL	22,858,137	19,788,115	18,182,595	17,158,184	17,312,974	0.9%
<p>The following outlying areas receive Nutrition Assistance Grants which provide benefits analogous to the Food Stamp Program: Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Northern Marianas. The number of persons participating is reported monthly. Annual averages are the sums divided by twelve. Data are subject to revision.</p>						

Appendix D

Average Monthly Participation (Households)
by State and by Federal Fiscal Year
1997 - 2001

(Data as of September 25, 2002)						
State/Territory	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	% Change
Alabama	185,946	166,822	159,241	156,105	161,372	3.4%
Alaska	15,351	14,250	13,909	13,208	13,184	-0.2%
Arizona	133,350	106,943	94,906	95,569	107,799	12.8%
Arkansas	105,435	100,776	100,305	98,764	102,633	3.9%
California	1,045,260	865,312	745,994	672,198	622,602	-7.4%
Colorado	90,929	81,935	75,981	69,951	69,408	-0.8%
Connecticut	94,161	92,813	87,946	84,016	81,857	-2.6%
Delaware	19,872	16,882	14,286	13,463	13,602	1.0%
District of Columbia	40,406	37,792	37,349	36,194	33,344	-7.9%
Florida	513,784	431,750	426,593	415,788	425,955	2.4%
Georgia	284,142	256,429	251,256	229,500	235,633	2.7%
Guam	5,609	7,030	5,965	6,718	6,876	2.4%
Hawaii	56,680	54,248	56,365	54,212	50,983	-6.0%
Idaho	26,711	23,636	22,536	23,174	24,034	3.7%
Illinois	433,933	392,747	352,018	338,230	363,570	7.5%
Indiana	140,331	129,644	125,593	127,875	146,509	14.6%
Iowa	66,924	58,852	54,254	52,548	54,437	3.6%
Kansas	63,607	52,957	52,008	53,346	56,500	5.9%
Kentucky	173,516	162,697	159,347	167,971	173,102	3.1%
Louisiana	219,547	202,047	197,520	191,891	198,152	3.3%
Maine	58,449	55,599	53,719	51,711	53,151	2.8%
Maryland	151,910	137,369	117,311	101,048	97,026	-4.0%
Massachusetts	149,114	133,522	121,767	110,234	104,838	-4.9%
Michigan	366,414	329,941	297,465	269,430	285,277	5.9%
Minnesota	110,395	97,149	94,437	91,099	93,086	2.2%
Mississippi	155,466	129,979	115,176	108,993	115,994	6.4%
Missouri	199,413	173,954	172,499	182,254	195,480	7.3%
Montana	26,750	25,418	25,334	25,280	26,481	4.8%
Nebraska	40,602	38,755	37,969	35,130	34,729	-1.1%
Nevada	38,466	32,653	28,736	28,291	31,957	13.0%
New Hampshire	20,775	18,240	17,927	18,095	17,951	-0.8%
New Jersey	212,474	185,598	169,941	152,358	144,067	-5.4%
New Mexico	74,970	64,530	65,520	63,537	62,484	-1.7%
New York	899,035	759,177	747,975	720,035	683,969	-5.0%
North Carolina	249,829	224,235	214,501	209,232	213,420	2.0%
North Dakota	15,559	14,025	13,936	13,604	15,921	17.0%
Ohio	388,708	331,614	293,372	279,174	292,221	4.7%
Oklahoma	130,890	119,168	113,313	107,098	113,374	5.9%
Oregon	121,019	110,933	107,458	114,368	137,199	20.0%
Pennsylvania	440,167	400,170	373,202	352,491	342,814	-2.7%
Rhode Island	36,976	32,399	34,282	33,422	32,632	-2.4%

Average Monthly Participation (Households)
by State and by Federal Fiscal Year
1997 - 2001

(Data as of September 25, 2002)						
State/Territory	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	% Change
South Carolina	139,762	135,539	126,539	121,945	130,055	6.7%
South Dakota	17,767	16,896	16,448	16,425	17,160	4.5%
Tennessee	252,698	231,724	219,910	215,336	226,224	5.1%
Texas	751,094	601,968	514,786	489,303	500,129	2.2%
Utah	37,625	35,124	35,206	32,616	32,647	0.1%
Vermont	24,746	21,479	20,826	19,649	19,090	-2.8%
Virgin Islands	6,312	5,515	5,429	5,087	4,417	-13.2%
Virginia	205,926	170,711	158,842	150,452	149,595	-0.6%
Washington	200,305	164,232	137,341	133,481	141,387	5.9%
West Virginia	117,129	110,318	102,925	96,097	94,794	-1.4%
Wisconsin	87,361	75,321	71,662	76,633	86,588	13.0%
Wyoming	11,109	9,928	9,248	8,952	9,129	2.0%
TOTAL	9,454,705	8,248,741	7,668,372	7,333,580	7,446,836	1.5%
<p>The following outlying areas receive Nutrition Assistance Grants which provide benefits analogous to the Food Stamp Program: Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Northern Marianas. The number of households participating is reported monthly. Annual averages are the sums divided by twelve. Data are subject to revision.</p>						

Appendix E

**Average Annual Benefits
by State and by Federal Fiscal Year
1997 - 2001**

Food Stamp Program Benefits						
(Data as of September 25, 2002)						
State/Territory	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	% Change
Alabama	392,822,110	357,317,903	346,450,437	343,735,258	364,735,790	6.1%
Alaska	52,222,298	49,746,822	48,889,936	45,834,562	46,477,327	1.4%
Arizona	315,872,252	253,455,437	232,826,572	240,245,624	280,402,760	16.7%
Arkansas	213,706,577	205,780,188	209,874,168	206,236,378	223,351,249	8.3%
California	2,371,678,336	2,019,720,937	1,796,136,121	1,639,332,967	1,583,142,951	-3.4%
Colorado	182,025,963	156,916,678	144,720,537	126,585,265	130,771,493	3.3%
Connecticut	169,942,403	161,193,698	149,595,858	138,008,106	135,682,522	-1.7%
Delaware	41,325,223	33,608,741	32,362,999	31,126,762	31,926,772	2.6%
Dist. of Columbia	91,057,372	84,857,116	82,496,954	76,672,014	70,340,763	-8.3%
Florida	1,061,176,745	845,349,552	813,042,471	772,888,149	770,726,070	-0.3%
Georgia	597,073,335	538,294,023	513,637,274	488,888,524	515,153,023	5.4%
Guam	27,183,661	34,412,794	31,221,187	35,880,315	37,172,243	3.6%
Hawaii	188,852,921	178,216,072	179,884,736	166,259,882	149,759,152	-9.9%
Idaho	53,339,087	46,693,275	45,307,846	46,163,882	47,224,586	2.3%
Illinois	933,346,461	844,102,292	767,080,093	777,031,218	810,104,429	4.3%
Indiana	292,964,477	263,188,554	255,421,097	268,121,224	317,040,579	18.2%
Iowa	124,851,060	109,448,465	103,388,504	100,182,582	107,294,570	7.1%
Kansas	111,575,951	82,783,169	80,360,213	82,700,978	91,979,416	11.2%
Kentucky	371,632,575	344,940,784	336,771,715	336,743,372	350,489,629	4.1%
Louisiana	512,269,336	466,980,753	462,680,491	448,096,963	482,656,653	7.7%
Maine	103,266,050	100,232,859	89,127,326	81,408,200	86,333,390	6.0%
Maryland	319,484,417	281,736,952	237,310,627	199,458,863	190,820,637	-4.3%
Massachusetts	262,265,352	221,815,998	205,051,564	181,517,603	172,989,318	-4.7%
Michigan	677,635,885	588,474,335	514,831,200	456,597,027	504,149,597	10.4%
Minnesota	193,074,373	180,842,412	172,063,522	164,695,571	172,484,759	4.7%
Mississippi	313,249,815	254,346,378	231,739,620	226,107,873	254,370,944	12.5%
Missouri	400,711,955	345,484,217	348,113,305	358,044,751	394,611,312	10.2%
Montana	55,413,823	52,373,946	52,398,197	51,194,113	53,846,673	5.2%
Nebraska	71,973,914	67,738,363	66,150,346	60,888,562	62,711,292	3.0%
Nevada	73,918,975	63,224,574	56,059,506	56,642,985	65,330,055	15.3%
New Hampshire	35,011,951	30,212,014	30,955,561	28,129,262	28,051,307	-0.3%
New Jersey	448,854,530	383,557,420	345,639,729	303,820,932	292,111,168	-3.9%
New Mexico	168,046,295	144,404,618	144,187,966	139,569,533	136,264,416	-2.4%
New York	1,777,553,900	1,505,332,697	1,464,473,573	1,361,453,901	1,365,352,668	0.3%
North Carolina	478,122,159	421,099,231	434,764,911	403,129,126	424,834,876	5.4%
North Dakota	29,119,279	25,123,251	25,689,624	25,295,459	27,125,809	7.2%
Ohio	743,914,105	612,750,217	535,415,498	520,258,638	572,859,721	10.1%
Oklahoma	255,512,760	230,899,828	221,447,724	208,396,356	236,136,288	13.3%
Oregon	215,761,637	197,719,414	190,450,933	197,738,872	239,553,778	21.1%
Pennsylvania	864,946,388	764,085,110	704,175,016	655,726,257	639,175,011	-2.5%
Rhode Island	69,720,627	56,712,236	61,300,107	59,272,157	59,063,899	-0.4%
South Carolina	280,830,926	263,759,224	251,171,238	249,259,466	269,270,452	8.0%
South Dakota	38,547,970	36,922,622	36,973,956	36,786,857	39,348,630	7.0%

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Food Stamp Program Benefits						
(Data as of September 25, 2002)						
State/Territory	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	% Change
Tennessee	474,606,404	437,307,628	424,613,484	415,088,876	454,423,658	9.5%
Texas	1,764,540,070	1,424,902,631	1,255,473,491	1,215,160,306	1,269,894,097	4.5%
Utah	78,292,517	75,252,157	73,202,676	68,263,054	66,826,668	-2.1%
Vermont	40,090,117	33,758,213	34,293,144	31,996,215	31,103,256	-2.8%
Virgin Islands	24,859,013	21,851,455	22,193,300	20,936,251	17,631,417	-15.8%
Virginia	379,314,304	306,862,153	282,346,203	262,836,759	262,923,318	0.0%
Washington	385,666,489	308,047,902	260,239,784	241,495,700	260,877,515	8.0%
West Virginia	239,064,086	224,256,623	208,102,865	185,496,453	178,432,049	-3.8%
Wisconsin	158,436,712	130,103,649	123,795,156	128,811,293	152,453,480	18.4%
Wyoming	23,452,624	20,871,282	19,468,005	18,591,596	19,258,510	3.6%
TOTAL	19,550,177,565	16,889,068,862	15,755,368,366	14,984,802,892	15,547,051,945	3.8%
The following outlying areas receive Nutrition Assistance Grants which provide benefits analogous to the Food Stamp Program: Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Northern Marianas. Data are subject to revision.						

Appendix F

Average Monthly Benefit Per Person by State and by Federal Fiscal Year 1997 - 2001

(Data as of September 25, 2002)						
State / Territory	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	% Change
Alabama	69.76	69.76	71.24	72.32	73.9	2.2%
Alaska	96.21	97.65	98.74	101.79	102.2	0.4%
Arizona	72.36	71.43	75.39	77.3	80.2	3.8%
Arkansas	67.04	67.06	69.14	69.7	72.58	4.1%
California	70.22	74.5	73.84	74.58	79.08	6.0%
Colorado	69.98	68.46	69.51	67.64	70.79	4.7%
Connecticut	67.59	68.58	69.97	69.68	72	3.3%
Delaware	64.18	61.45	69.92	80.51	83.44	3.6%
District of Columbia	83.95	82.81	81.76	79.07	79.76	0.9%
Florida	74.21	71.12	72.59	73	72.39	-0.8%
Georgia	71.25	71.01	69.42	72.82	74.85	2.8%
Guam	127.38	113.58	131.68	134.48	136.32	1.4%
Hawaii	124.02	121.71	119.77	117.37	115.22	-1.8%
Idaho	63.13	62.36	66.01	66.11	65.96	-0.2%
Illinois	76.28	76.22	77.95	83.08	81.8	-1.5%
Indiana	70.2	70.05	71.38	74.4	76.24	2.5%
Iowa	64.55	64.66	66.9	67.7	70.69	4.4%
Kansas	62.51	57.87	58.3	59.15	61.67	4.3%
Kentucky	69.68	69.76	70.79	69.55	70.78	1.8%
Louisiana	74.19	72.49	74.68	74.71	77.59	3.9%
Maine	69.53	72.57	68.3	66.77	68.92	3.2%
Maryland	75.12	72.77	74.8	75.84	76.29	0.6%
Massachusetts	64.37	63.09	65.46	65.25	65.76	0.8%
Michigan	67.31	63.56	62.84	63.12	65.51	3.8%
Minnesota	61.77	68.58	68.92	70.01	72.69	3.8%
Mississippi	65.41	64.41	67.04	68.3	71.18	4.2%
Missouri	69.9	70.06	71.04	70.48	72.36	2.7%
Montana	69.33	70.02	71.7	71.74	72.42	0.9%
Nebraska	61.72	59.45	59.66	61.57	64.8	5.2%
Nevada	74.74	73.66	75.75	77.5	78.45	1.2%
New Hampshire	63.43	63.61	68.9	64.64	65.75	1.7%
New Jersey	76.13	75.25	74.84	73.46	76.65	4.3%
New Mexico	68.43	68.88	67.34	68.68	69.56	1.3%
New York	77.41	77.09	79.21	78.87	84.06	6.6%
North Carolina	67.94	66.49	71.69	68.81	71.71	4.2%
North Dakota	64.39	61.94	64.02	66.24	59.87	-9.6%
Ohio	70.97	69.61	69.74	71.11	74.53	4.8%
Oklahoma	66.15	66.91	68.01	68.56	72.61	5.9%
Oregon	69.52	69.1	70.86	70.3	70.36	0.1%
Pennsylvania	71.45	70.22	70.29	70.32	71.2	1.3%
Rhode Island	68.65	65.37	66.87	66.52	69.06	3.8%
South Carolina	67.03	66	67.83	70.33	71.07	1.1%
South Dakota	68.49	68.11	69.92	71.48	73.53	2.9%

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(Data as of September 25, 2002)						
State / Territory	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	% Change
Tennessee	67.51	67.68	69.27	69.73	72.61	4.1%
Texas	72.3	72.57	74.7	75.98	77.78	2.4%
Utah	66.35	68.34	69.19	69.44	69.86	0.6%
Vermont	63.03	61.56	64.53	65.3	66.68	2.1%
Virgin Islands	102.74	105.36	109.65	111.35	110.76	-0.5%
Virginia	66.39	64.48	65.07	65.17	65.93	1.2%
Washington	71.63	70.44	70.72	68.21	70.45	3.3%
West Virginia	69.41	69.44	70.14	68.13	67.17	-1.4%
Wisconsin	56.88	56.21	56.62	55.61	58.88	5.9%
Wyoming	68.37	68.33	69.1	69.02	71.21	3.2%
TOTAL	71.27	71.12	72.21	72.78	74.83	2.8%
<p>The following outlying areas receive Nutrition Assistance Grants which provide benefits analogous to the Food Stamp Program: Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Northern Marianas. Annual averages are total benefits divided by total annual participation. Data are subject to revision.</p>						

Appendix G

Reliability Estimates for Selected Sample Sizes¹

Selected Sample Size	Characteristic Percent				
	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%
	Estimated reliability at 95% confidence (+ or -):				
5,710	0.78%	1.04%	1.19%	1.27%	1.29%
5,600	0.80%	1.07%	1.22%	1.31%	1.34%
4,300	0.91%	1.22%	1.40%	1.49%	1.52%
4,000	0.95%	1.26%	1.45%	1.55%	1.58%
3,300	1.04%	1.39%	1.60%	1.71%	1.74%
3,000	1.10%	1.46%	1.67%	1.79%	1.83%
2,700	1.15%	1.54%	1.78%	1.89%	1.92%
2,300	1.25%	1.67%	1.91%	2.04%	2.09%
1,500	1.55%	2.07%	2.37%	2.53%	2.58%
1,000	1.90%	2.53%	2.90%	3.10%	3.16%
500	2.68%	3.68%	4.10%	4.38%	4.47%
400	3.00%	4.00%	4.58%	4.90%	5.00%
300	3.46%	4.62%	5.29%	5.66%	5.77%
200	4.24%	5.66%	6.48%	6.93%	7.07%

Example: Table 12 shows that nearly 20% (19.1%) of total food stamp households were three-person households. The reliability chart shows a reliability of + or - 1.04% for a sample size of 5710. This means we are 95% confident that the true value lies between 18.06% and 20.14% (19.1% +/- 1.04%). That is, there is 1 chance in 20 (5%) that the true value falls outside this range.

¹ Reliability is based on an unrestricted random sample of **cases** and, as a result, the actual reliability of the data may be better than reflected in the table. Reliability does not apply to **persons** (recipient) data.

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