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FORWARD

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 for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 1999—October 1998 through September 1999. 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 many participants and the elimination of them, except under certain conditions, for two groups—legal immigrants and able-bodied adults without dependents. For legal immigrants, these reductions in benefits were 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 (CDSS) 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.

Public Assistance Food Stamp recipients (PAFS) are subject to the Food Stamp rules for computing allotment amounts.

Non-Assistance Food Stamp recipients (NAFS), such as General Assistance recipients and other low income people, must undergo a complete eligibility process.

Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWDS) ages 18 to 50 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 non-citizens who 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 1998 data. Both periods cover the federal fiscal year ending September 30 of 1998 and 1999, respectively. **Also, no inflation adjustment has been made but the California Department of Finance forecast a 2.4 per cent increase in the U.S. Consumer Price Index between 1998 and 1999.**

Pie charts and bar charts, where appropriate, have been included as a visual aid to assist the reader in the assimilation of the data.

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 Q5. Since the passage of PRWORA, data are collected by County Performance Sample staff using Q5 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 1998 through September 1999.

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 27 data were taken from the aggregate data report form DFA 296X covering FFY 1999, and not the Q5.

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 1999 consisted of 5,622 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.

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.

- Average age of head of household: 37 years
- Average age of child: 8.2 years
- Average number of persons per household: 2.8
- Percent of recipients that are U.S. citizens: 88.4%
- Years of education for head of household: 49.8% have 12 or more years
- Average F/S allotment per household: \$192 per month
- Percent of food stamp *recipients* that also receive CalWORKs benefits: 65%
- Percent of food stamp *households* that also receive CalWORKs benefits: 59.1%
- Ethnicity of the head of household:
 - 32.5% White
 - 32.0% Hispanic
 - 24.0% Black
 - 11.5% Other
- Ethnicity of the food stamp recipients
 - 25.4% White
 - 43.1% Hispanic
 - 18.0% Black
 - 13.5% Other

A more detailed account of recipient data, plus additional characteristics, can be found in the pages that follow.

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GENDER/ETHNICITY/CITIZENSHIP

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TABLE 1
GENDER OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

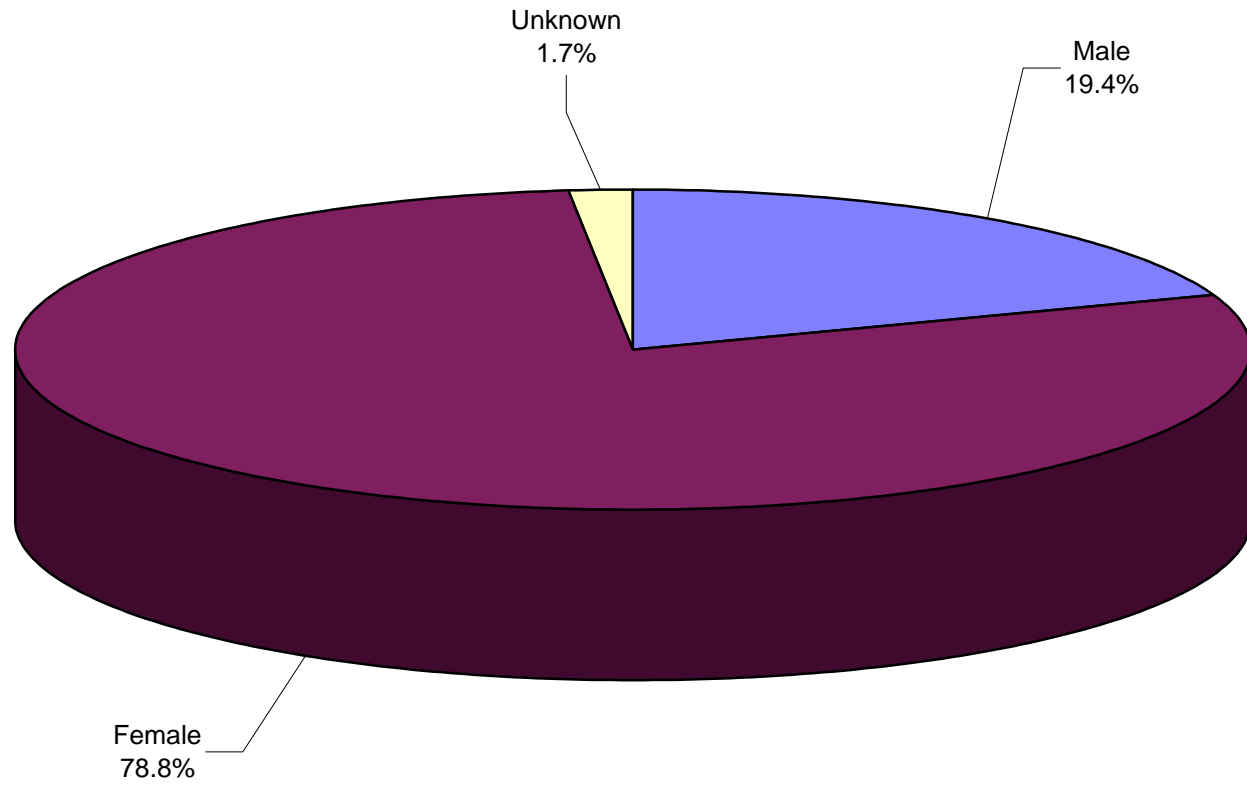
| GENDER | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | | CLASSIFICATION | | | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | | | |
| | Number | Percent | | Number | Percent | | Number | Percent | |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> | |
| Not Applicable 1/ | 176,275 | 22.8 | | 119,040 | 26.0 | | 57,235 | 18.1 | |
| Head of Household: | <u>597,652</u> | 77.2 | <u>100.0</u> | <u>338,766</u> | 74.0 | <u>100.0</u> | <u>258,886</u> | 81.9 | <u>100.0</u> |
| Male | 116,176 | 19.4 | | 38,840 | 11.5 | | 77,336 | 29.9 | |
| Female | 471,215 | 78.8 | | 292,637 | 86.4 | | 178,578 | 69.0 | |
| Unknown | 10,261 | 1.7 | | 7,289 | 2.2 | | 2,972 | 1.1 | |

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

- Females as head of the food stamp household have decreased from 84.0% in FFY 1998 to 78.8% for FFY 1999.

CHART 1

GENDER OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 2

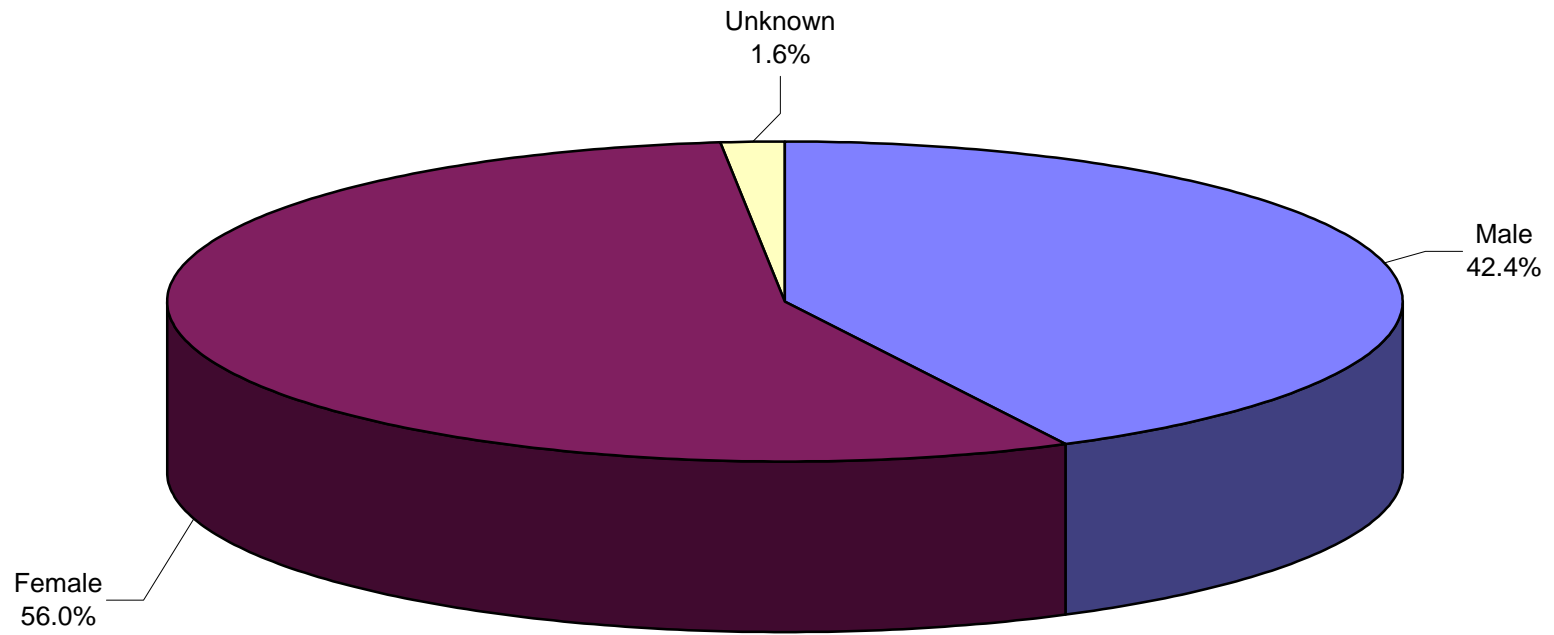
GENDER OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS

| GENDER | TOTAL RECIPIENTS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|---------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>2,189,345</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>1,423,526</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>765,819</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Male | 928,281 | 42.4 | 579,891 | 40.7 | 348,390 | 45.5 |
| Female | 1,226,379 | 56.0 | 817,357 | 57.4 | 409,022 | 53.4 |
| Unknown | 34,685 | 1.6 | 26,278 | 1.8 | 8,407 | 1.1 |

- The percentage of female food stamp recipients for FFY 1999 (56%) has remained virtually unchanged from FFY 1998, when it was 57.4%.

CHART 2

GENDER OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS



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

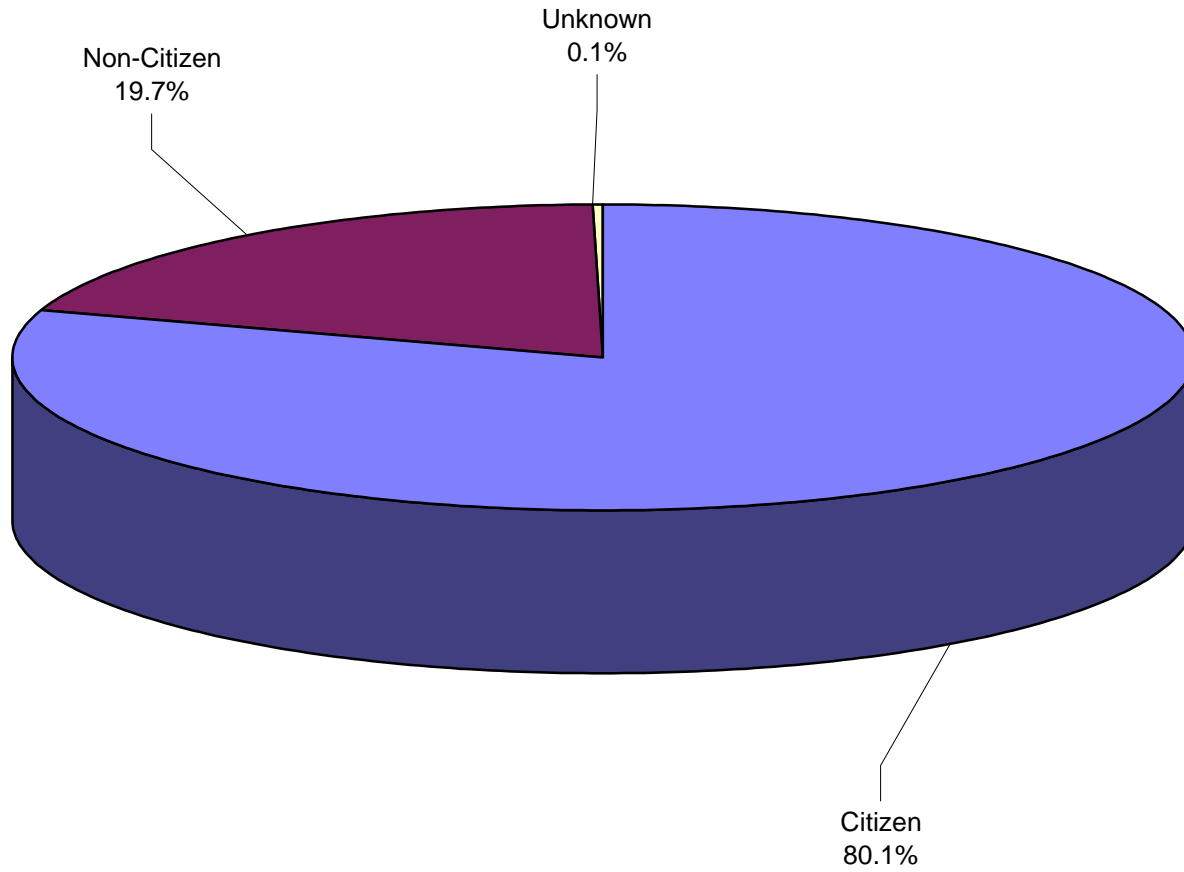
| CITIZENSHIP STATUS | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
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| Head of Household: | <u>597,652</u> | 77.2 | <u>338,766</u> | 74.0 | <u>258,886</u> | 81.9 |
| Citizen | 478,752 | 80.1 | 263,492 | 77.8 | 215,260 | 83.1 |
| Non-Citizen | 118,005 | 19.7 | 74,379 | 22.0 | 43,626 | 16.9 |
| Unknown | 895 | 0.1 | 895 | 0.3 | 0 | 0.0 |

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

- Households headed by non-citizens increased from 12.1% in 1998 to 19.7% for FFY 1999. The most likely reason for this is the 1999 implementation of AB 1111, which made many previously ineligible non-citizens eligible for CFAP.

CHART 3

CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 4

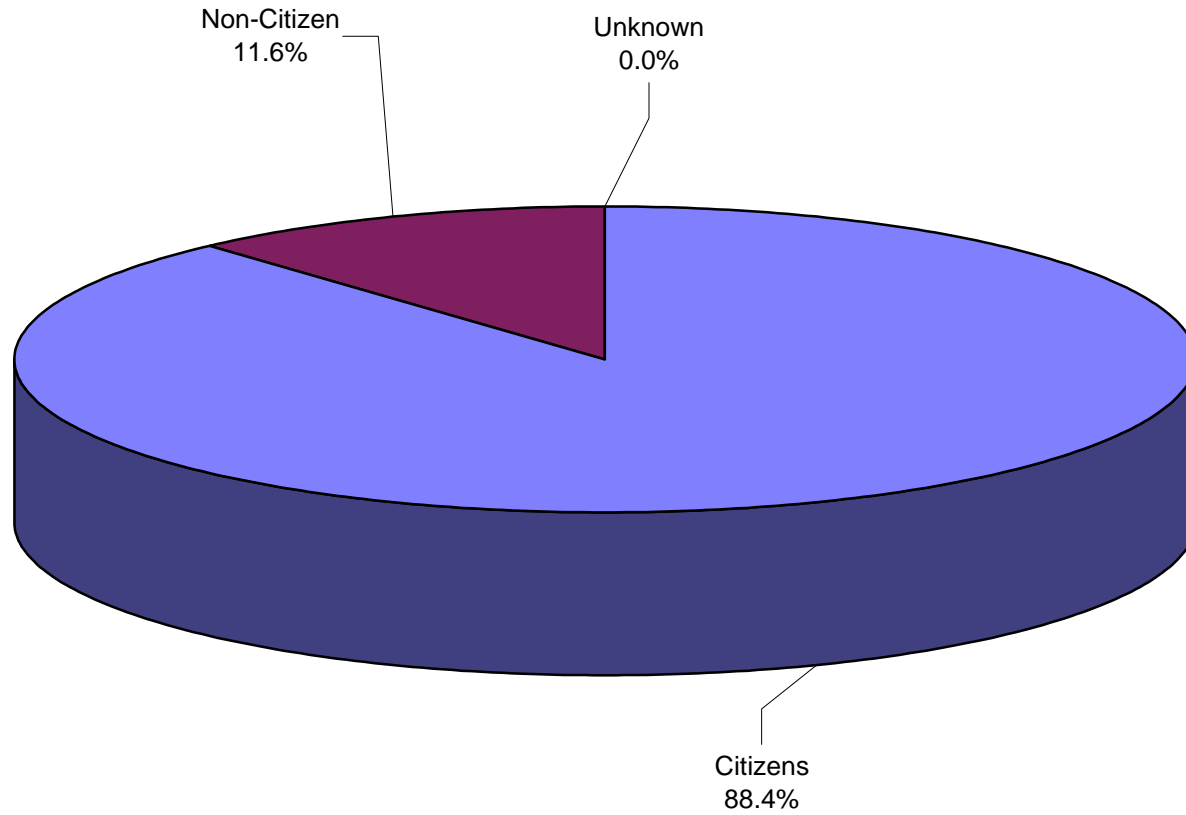
CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS

| CITIZENSHIP STATUS | TOTAL RECIPIENTS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
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| Citizens | 1,935,109 | 88.4 | 1,257,274 | 88.3 | 677,835 | 88.5 |
| Non-Citizen | 253,250 | 11.6 | 165,357 | 11.6 | 87,893 | 11.5 |
| Unknown | 986 | 0.0 | 895 | 0.1 | 91 | 0.0 |

- The proportion of the food stamp population comprising non-citizens, 11.6%, has increased slightly from FFY 1998 when it was 10.1% even while the total food stamp population has been decreasing.

CHART 4

CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS



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TABLE 5

ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

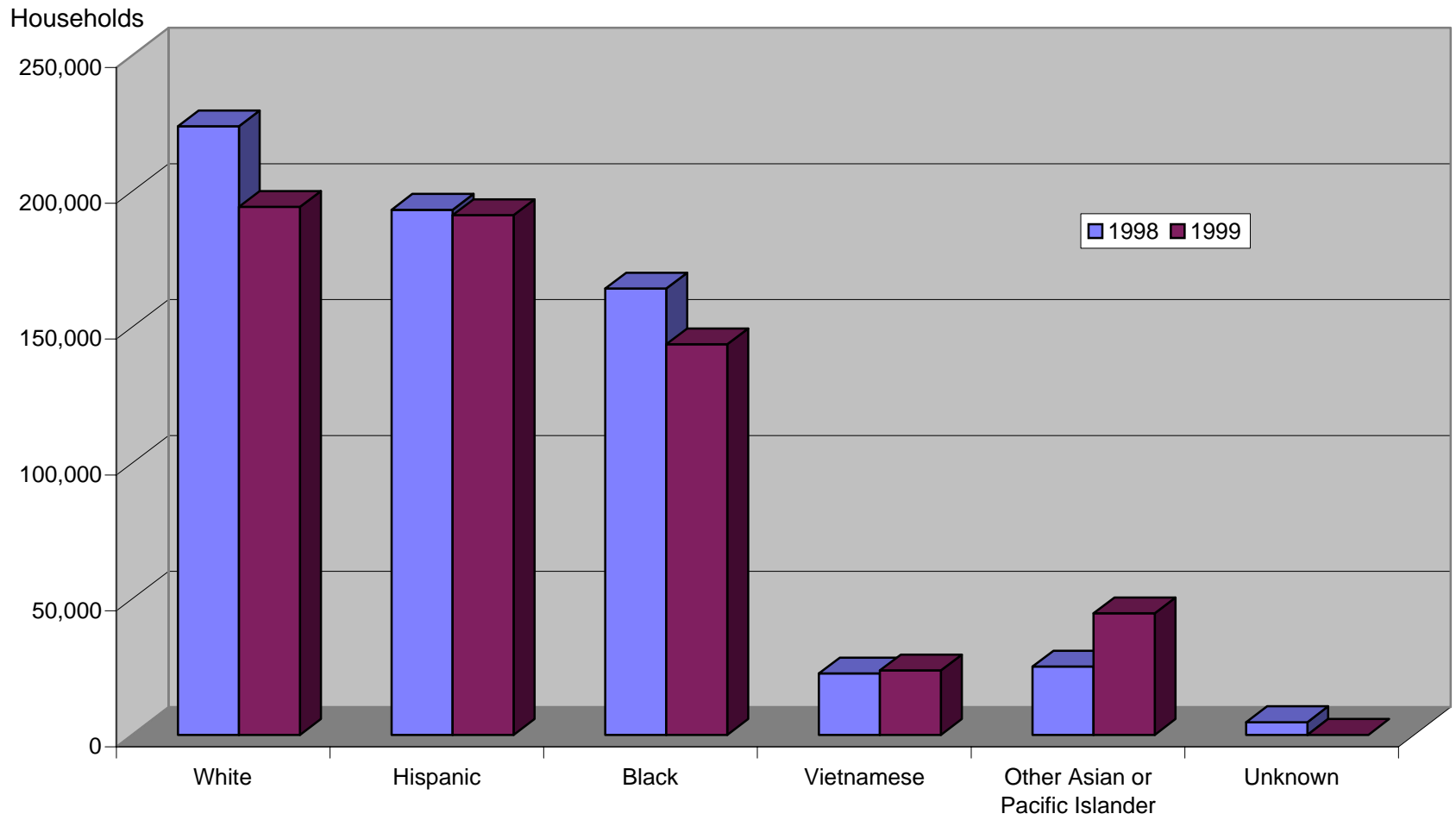
| ETHNICITY | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
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| Head of Household: | <u>597,652</u> | 77.2 | <u>338,766</u> | 74.0 | <u>258,886</u> | 81.9 |
| White | 194,277 | 32.5 | 99,836 | 29.5 | 94,441 | 36.5 |
| Hispanic | 191,235 | 32.0 | 117,441 | 34.7 | 73,794 | 28.5 |
| Black | 143,707 | 24.0 | 77,050 | 22.7 | 66,657 | 25.7 |
| Vietnamese | 23,681 | 4.0 | 17,263 | 5.1 | 6,418 | 2.5 |
| Other Asian or Pacific Islander | 44,752 | 7.5 | 27,176 | 8.0 | 17,576 | 6.8 |

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

- Consistent with the overall reduction in the number of cases from FFY 1998 to FFY 1999, Black and White households showed substantial numeric reductions from FFY 1998. The reduction in the number of Hispanic households was somewhat more modest, however, giving rise to a percentage increase in Hispanic households for 1999 (32.0% for FFY 1999, 30.5% for FFY 1998). Vietnamese and Other Asian or Pacific Islander categories showed household gains for FFY 1999.

CHART 5

ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD
1998 vs. 1999



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Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 6

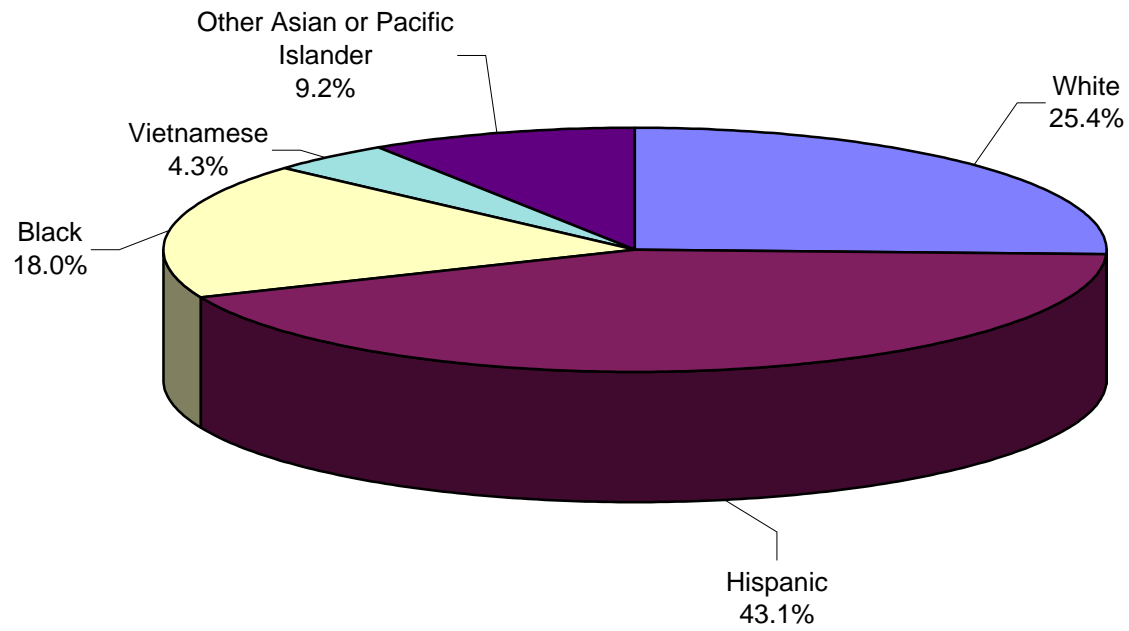
ETHNICITY OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS

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| White | 556,769 | 25.4 | 326,228 | 22.9 | 230,541 | 30.1 |
| Hispanic | 944,377 | 43.1 | 602,322 | 42.3 | 342,055 | 44.7 |
| Black | 393,353 | 18.0 | 273,201 | 19.2 | 120,152 | 15.7 |
| Vietnamese | 94,101 | 4.3 | 77,731 | 5.5 | 16,370 | 2.1 |
| Other Asian or Pacific Islander | 200,745 | 9.2 | 144,044 | 10.1 | 56,701 | 7.4 |

- Although White, Hispanic and Black recipients experienced numeric reductions from FFY 1998, the respective ratio to the whole for each of these groups remained virtually unchanged.

CHART 6

ETHNICITY OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS



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TABLE 7

SPONSORED ALIEN STATUS OF THE NON-CITIZEN HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

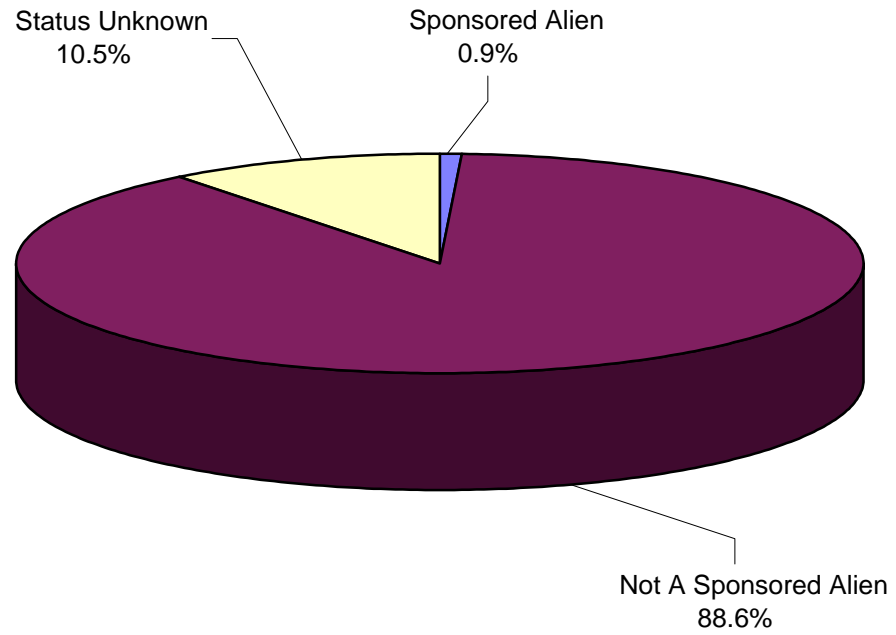
| SPONSORED ALIEN STATUS | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
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| Non-Citizen | <u>118,005</u> | 19.7 | <u>74,379</u> | 22.0 | <u>43,626</u> | 16.9 |
| Sponsored Alien | 1,094 | 0.9 | 66 | 0.1 | 1,028 | 2.4 |
| Not A Sponsored Alien | 104,504 | 88.6 | 66,806 | 89.8 | 37,698 | 86.4 |
| Status Unknown | 12,407 | 10.5 | 7,507 | 10.1 | 4,900 | 11.2 |

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

- Slightly less than 1% of non-citizen heads of household had alien sponsors.

CHART 7

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TABLE 8

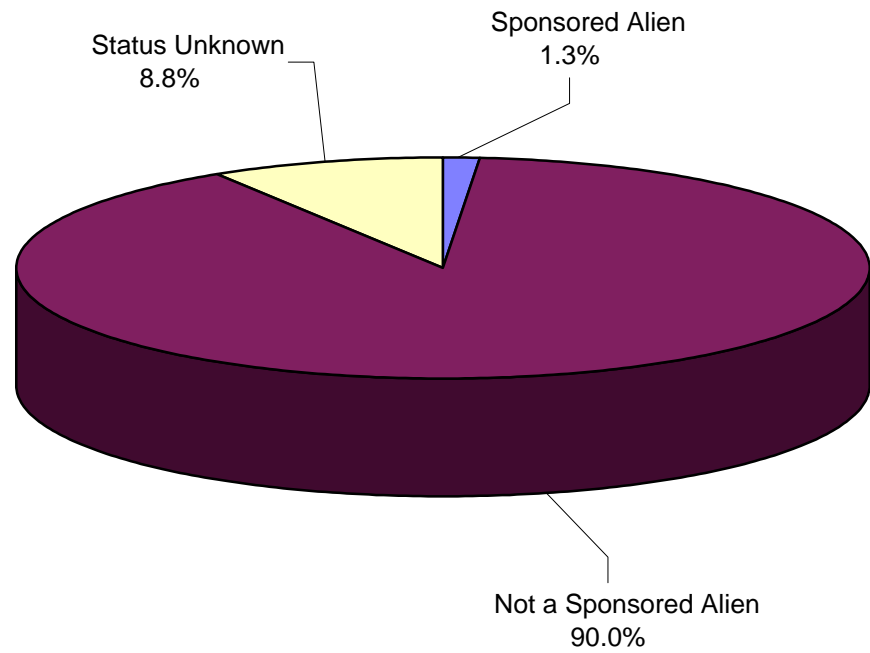
SPONSORED ALIEN STATUS OF THE NON-CITIZEN MEMBERS OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

| SPONSORED ALIEN STATUS | TOTAL RECIPIENTS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
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| Non-Citizen | <u>253,250</u> | 11.6 | <u>165,357</u> | 11.6 | <u>87,893</u> | 11.5 |
| Sponsored Alien | 3,239 | 1.3 | 485 | 0.3 | 2,754 | 3.1 |
| Not a Sponsored Alien | 227,810 | 90.0 | 151,045 | 91.3 | 76,765 | 87.3 |
| Status Unknown | 22,201 | 8.8 | 13,827 | 8.4 | 8,374 | 9.5 |

- Roughly 1% of non-citizen recipients had alien sponsors.

CHART 8

SPONSORED ALIEN STAUS OF THE NON-CITIZEN MEMBERS OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 9

REFUGEE STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

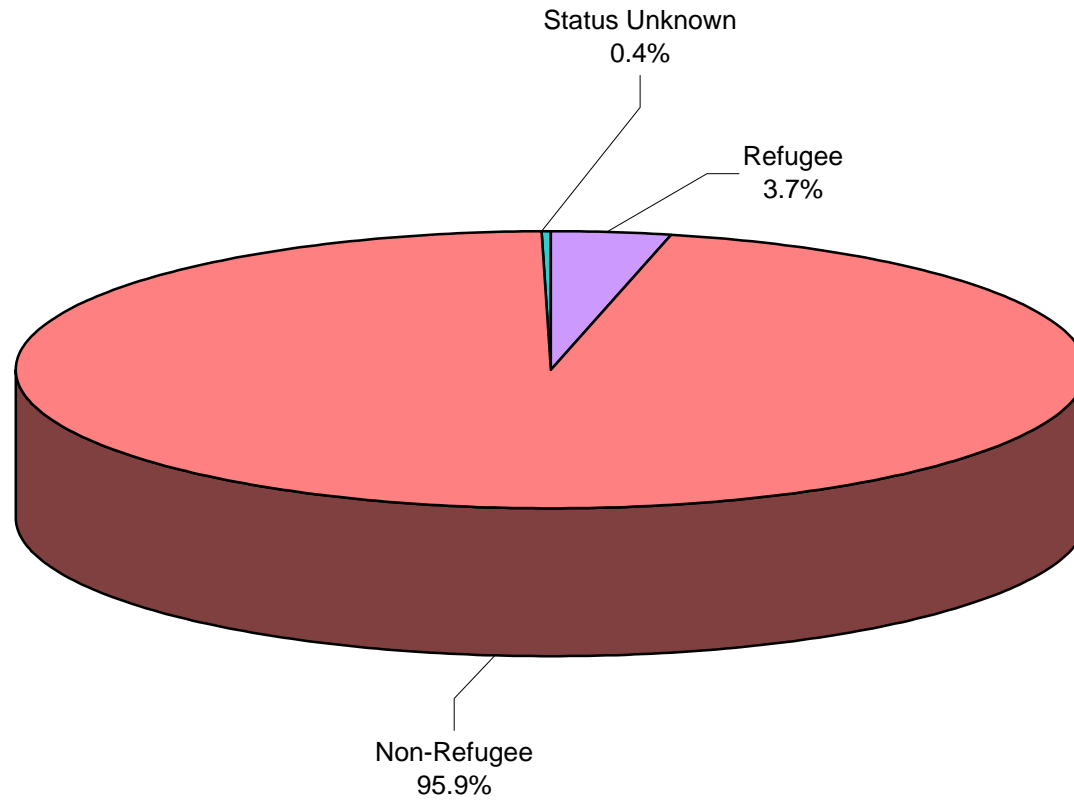
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| Head of Household: | <u>597,652</u> | 77.2 | <u>338,766</u> | 74.0 | <u>258,886</u> | 81.9 |
| Refugee | 22,175 | 3.7 | 13,176 | 3.9 | 8,999 | 3.5 |
| Non-Refugee | 573,291 | 95.9 | 323,947 | 95.6 | 249,344 | 96.3 |
| Status Unknown | 2,186 | 0.4 | 1,643 | 0.5 | 543 | 0.2 |

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- Counter to the trend of decreasing food stamp households as a whole (there has been a reduction of over 100,000 cases since FFY 1998), households headed by refugees reflect a slight increase--from 2.5% in FFY 1998 to 3.7% for FFY 1999. As noted in Table 3, this could be the effect of AB 1111.

CHART 9

REFUGEE STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 10

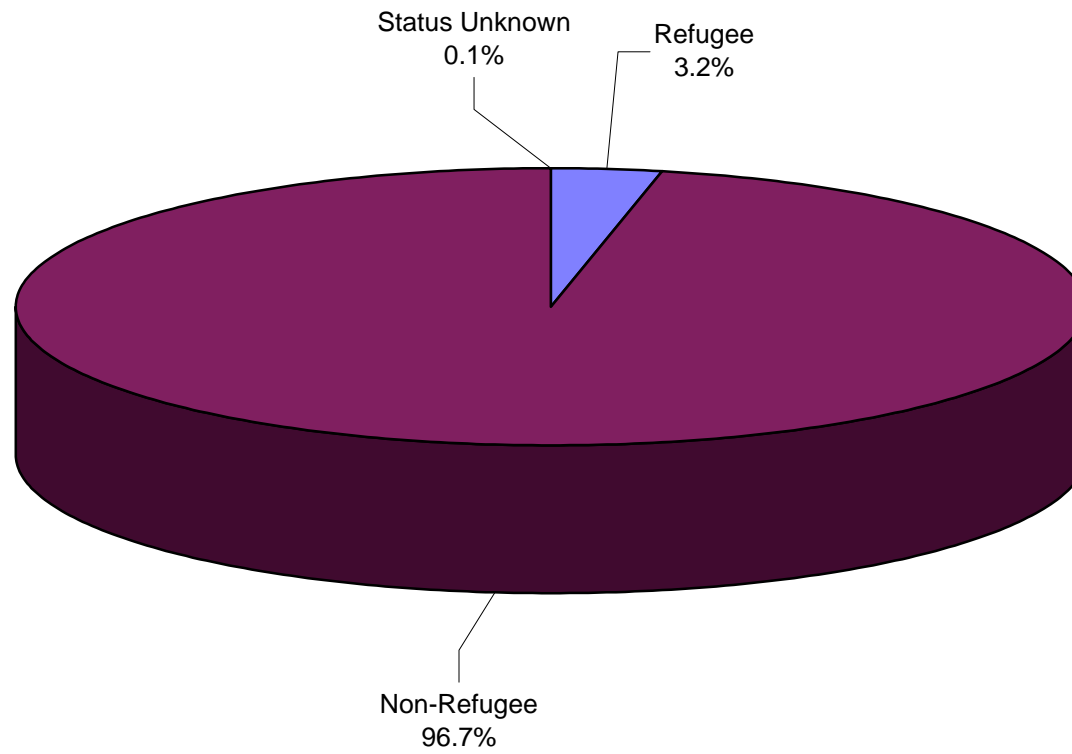
REFUGEE STATUS OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS

| REFUGEE STATUS | TOTAL RECIPIENTS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|----------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>2,189,345</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>1,423,526</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>765,819</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Refugee | 70,340 | 3.2 | 51,626 | 3.6 | 18,714 | 2.4 |
| Non-Refugee | 2,116,194 | 96.7 | 1,369,917 | 96.2 | 746,277 | 97.4 |
| Status Unknown | 2,811 | 0.1 | 1,983 | 0.1 | 828 | 0.1 |

- Not unlike the increase in refugee heads of household (Table 9), the number of food stamp recipients with refugee status increased by over 3,000 for FFY 1999 from FFY 1998 even while--as noted in Table 9--the total food stamp population was decreasing

CHART 10

REFUGEE STATUS OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS



AGE/HOUSEHOLD SIZE

Food Stamp Household characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 11

AGE OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

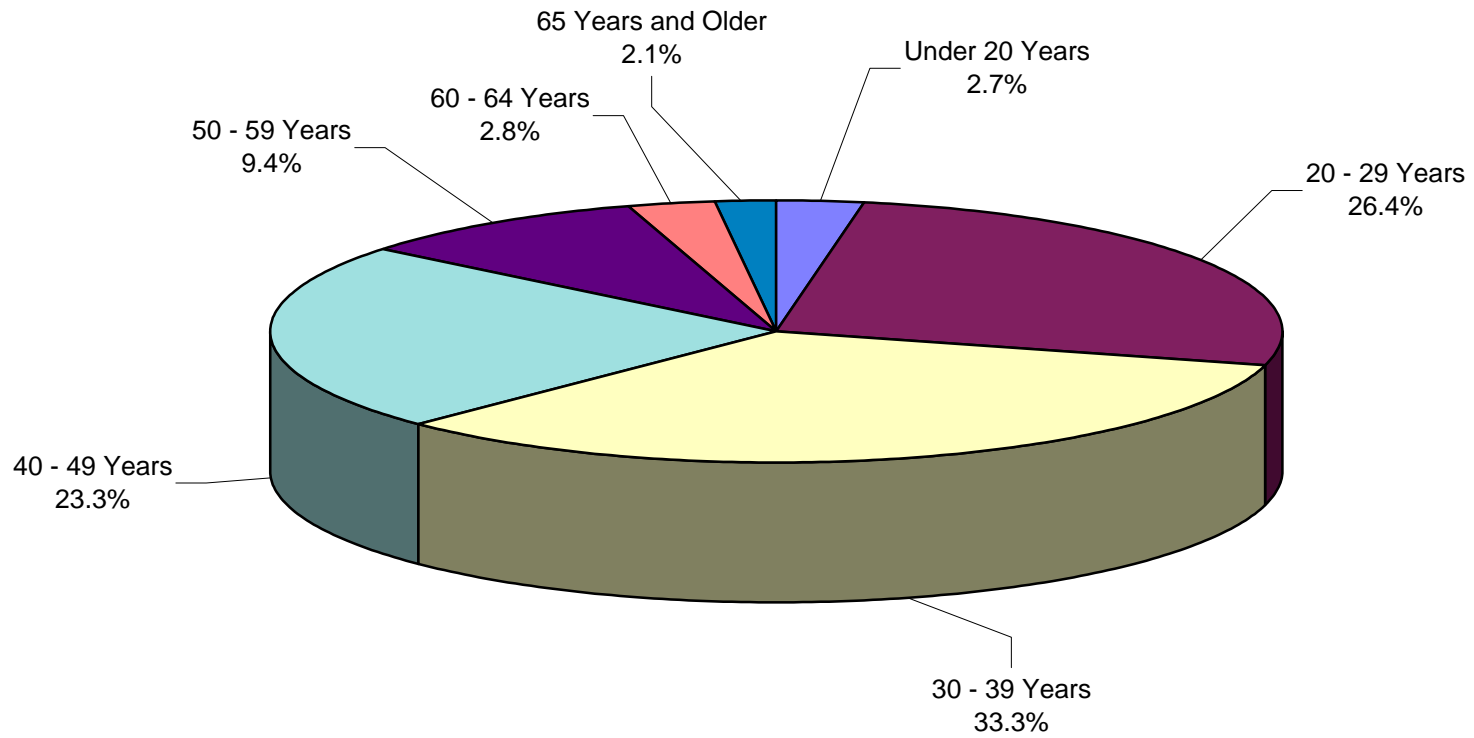
| AGE | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Not Applicable 1/ | 176,275 | 22.8 | 119,040 | 26.0 | 57,235 | 18.1 |
| Head of Household: | <u>597,652</u> | 77.2 | <u>338,766</u> | 74.0 | <u>258,886</u> | 81.9 |
| Under 20 Years | 16,380 | 2.7 | 9,691 | 2.9 | 6,689 | 2.6 |
| 20 - 29 Years | 157,602 | 26.4 | 104,560 | 30.9 | 53,042 | 20.5 |
| 30 - 39 Years | 199,119 | 33.3 | 122,925 | 36.3 | 76,194 | 29.4 |
| 40 - 49 Years | 139,238 | 23.3 | 81,936 | 24.2 | 57,302 | 22.1 |
| 50 - 59 Years | 56,320 | 9.4 | 16,862 | 5.0 | 39,458 | 15.2 |
| 60 - 64 Years | 16,741 | 2.8 | 2,703 | 0.8 | 14,038 | 5.4 |
| 65 Years and Older | 12,252 | 2.1 | 89 | 0.0 | 12,163 | 4.7 |
| Average Age of Head of HH, in Years | 37.0 | | 34.3 | | 40.6 | |

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

- The average age of the head of the food stamp household was 35.1 years in FFY 1998.

CHART 11

AGE OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 12

AGE OF CHILDREN OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS

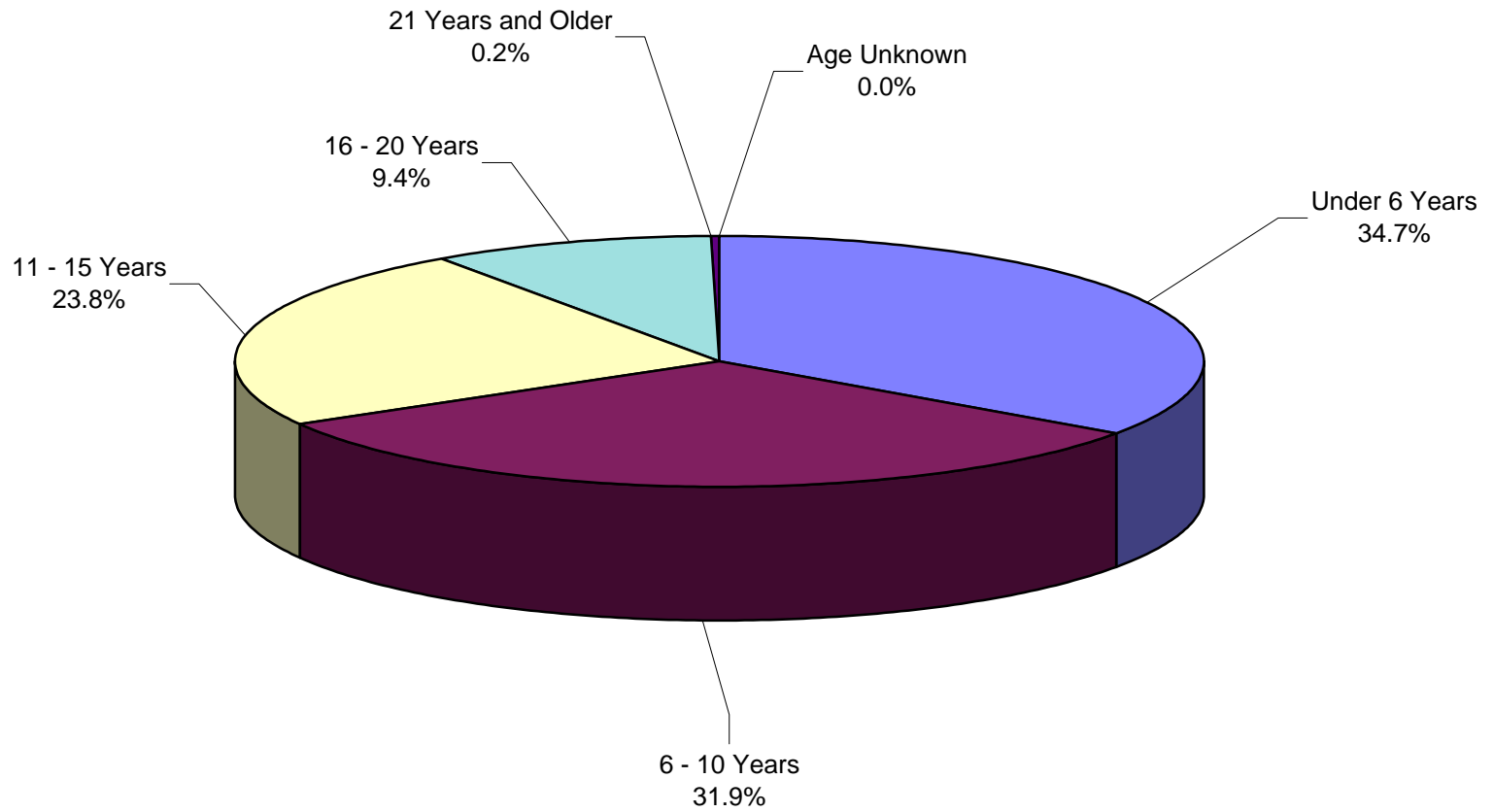
| AGE | TOTAL RECIPIENTS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>2,189,345</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>1,423,526</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>765,819</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Adults in the F/S Household | 749,771 | 34.2 | 428,771 | 30.1 | 321,000 | 41.9 |
| Children in the F/S Household: | <u>1,439,574</u> | 65.8 | <u>994,755</u> | 69.9 | <u>444,819</u> | 58.1 |
| Under 6 Years | 499,167 | 34.7 | 336,860 | 33.9 | 162,307 | 36.5 |
| 6 - 10 Years | 459,273 | 31.9 | 322,600 | 32.4 | 136,673 | 30.7 |
| 11 - 15 Years | 342,878 | 23.8 | 241,156 | 24.2 | 101,722 | 22.9 |
| 16 - 20 Years | 135,121 | 9.4 | 93,134 | 9.4 | 41,987 | 9.4 |
| 21 Years and Older 1/ | 3,114 | 0.2 | 1,005 | 0.1 | 2,109 | 0.5 |
| Age Unknown | 21 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 21 | 0.0 |
| Average Age of Child, in Years | 8.2 | | 8.2 | | 8.1 | |

1/ Adult children fit this category when they are part of the household and the parents are receiving food stamps.

- The average age of children in the food stamp household has increased only slightly since FFY 1998, when it was 7.6 years.

CHART 12

AGE OF CHILDREN OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 13

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

| ELDERLY OR DISABLED STATUS | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Not Applicable 1/ | 176,275 | 22.8 | 119,040 | 26.0 | 57,235 | 18.1 |
| Head of Household: 2/ | <u>597,652</u> | 72.1 | <u>338,766</u> | 74.0 | <u>258,886</u> | 81.9 |
| Elderly 3/ | 28,993 | 4.9 | 2,793 | 0.8 | 26,200 | 10.1 |
| Disabled 3/ | 68,129 | 11.4 | 22,807 | 6.7 | 45,322 | 17.5 |
| Not Elderly or Disabled | 509,099 | 85.2 | 313,166 | 92.4 | 195,933 | 75.7 |

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

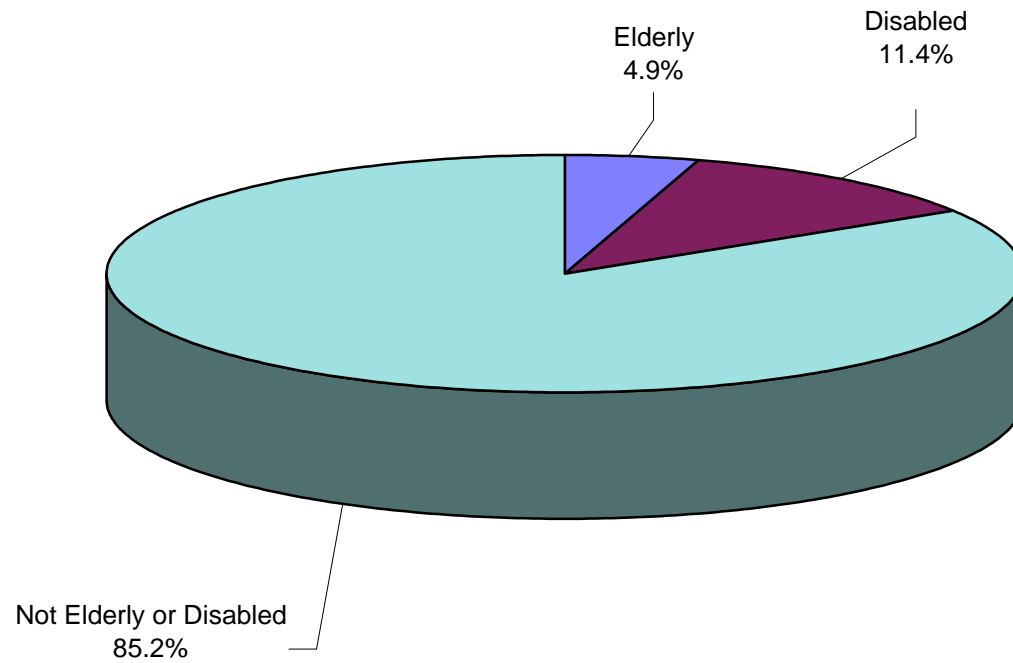
2/ Because a case may have more than one of the listed characteristics, the sum of the corresponding numbers exceeds the total number of heads of household. The corresponding percentages are calculated to that subtotal.

3/ Those aged 60 and over are considered Elderly for food stamp purposes. The Disabled category includes those who are physically/mentally unfit for employment.

- The percentage for each category under "Head of Household" remained virtually unchanged from that reported for FFY 1998.

CHART 13

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



Note: See footnote 2/ Table 10.

Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 14

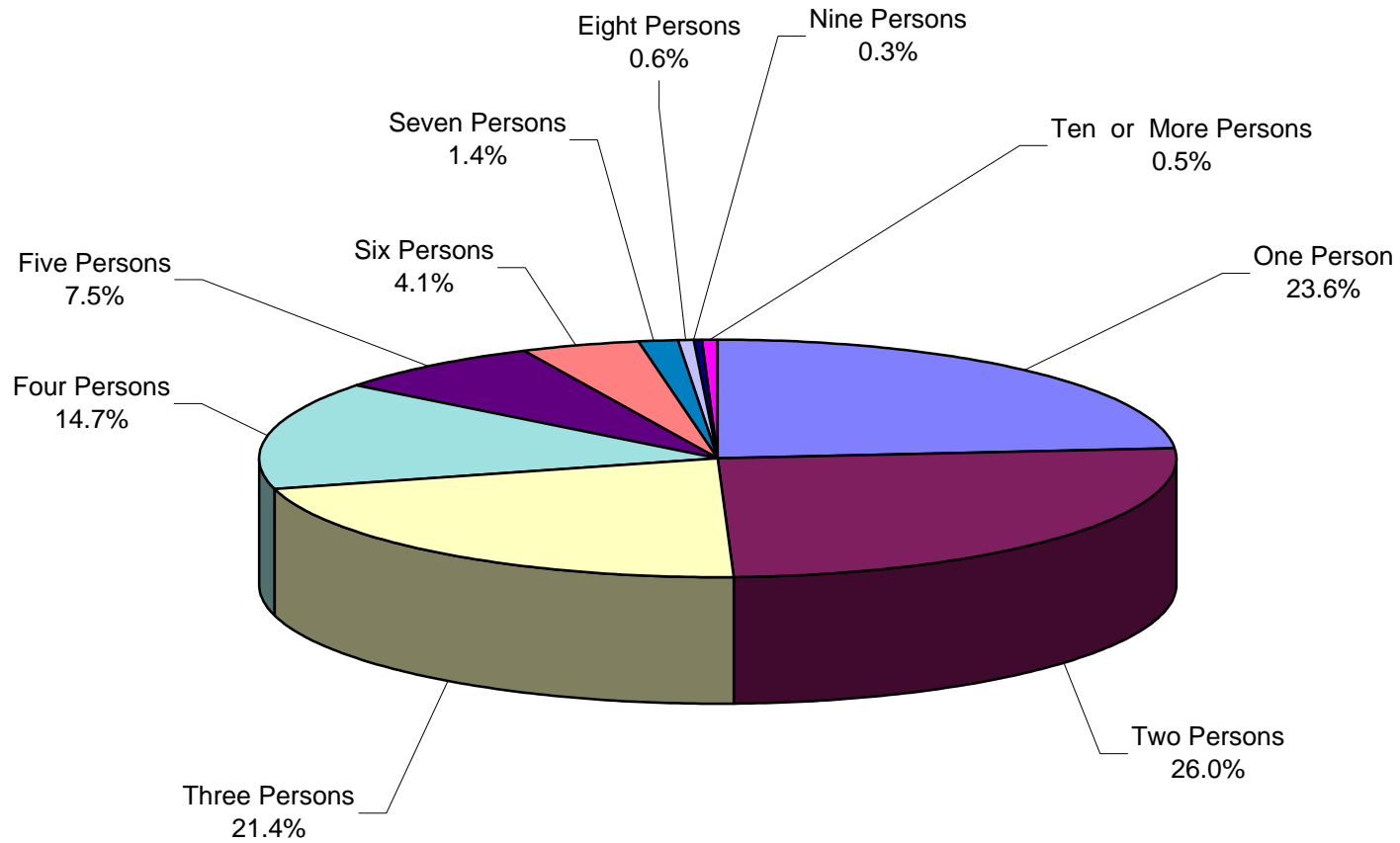
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

| PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| One Person | 182,581 | 23.6 | 45,281 | 9.9 | 137,300 | 43.4 |
| Two Persons | 200,839 | 26.0 | 145,818 | 31.9 | 55,021 | 17.4 |
| Three Persons | 165,761 | 21.4 | 118,845 | 26.0 | 46,916 | 14.8 |
| Four Persons | 113,728 | 14.7 | 75,580 | 16.5 | 38,148 | 12.1 |
| Five Persons | 58,128 | 7.5 | 39,777 | 8.7 | 18,351 | 5.8 |
| Six Persons | 31,604 | 4.1 | 17,498 | 3.8 | 14,106 | 4.5 |
| Seven Persons | 10,631 | 1.4 | 7,322 | 1.6 | 3,309 | 1.0 |
| Eight Persons | 4,449 | 0.6 | 2,161 | 0.5 | 2,288 | 0.7 |
| Nine Persons | 2,417 | 0.3 | 2,227 | 0.5 | 190 | 0.1 |
| Ten or More Persons | 3,789 | 0.5 | 3,297 | 0.7 | 492 | 0.2 |
| Average Number of Persons | 2.8 | | 3.1 | | 2.4 | |

- The average number of persons in the food stamp household is 2.8, essentially the same as the 2.7 reported for FFY 1998.

CHART 14

NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 15

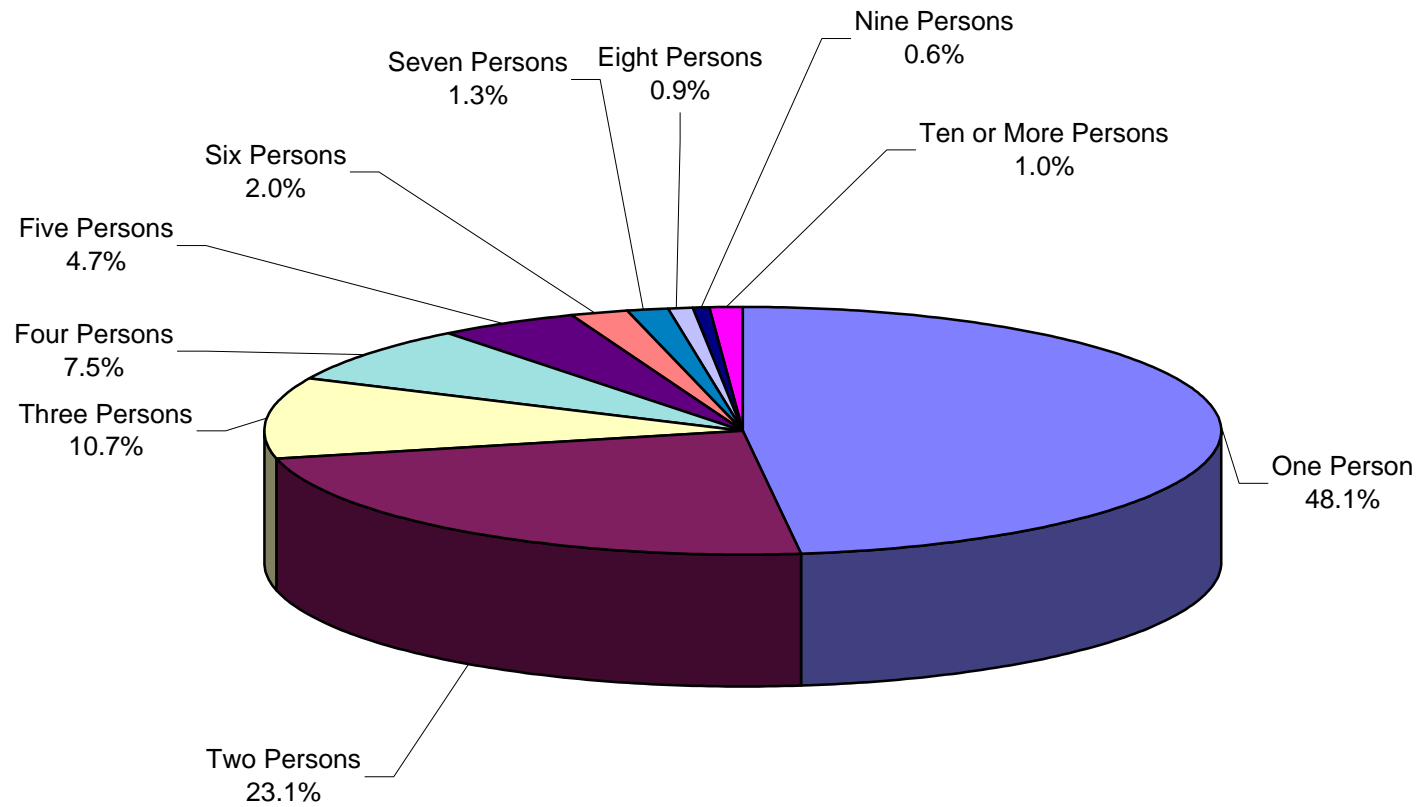
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE SAME LIVING QUARTERS
NOT INCLUDED IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

| HOUSEHOLDS WITH OTHER PERSONS | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Households With No Other Persons | 406,196 | 52.5 | 233,091 | 50.9 | 173,105 | 54.8 |
| Households With Other Persons: | <u>367,731</u> | 47.5 | <u>224,715</u> | 49.1 | <u>143,016</u> | 45.2 |
| One Person | 176,985 | 48.1 | 111,409 | 49.6 | 65,576 | 45.9 |
| Two Persons | 85,129 | 23.1 | 53,558 | 23.8 | 31,571 | 22.1 |
| Three Persons | 39,362 | 10.7 | 22,787 | 10.1 | 16,575 | 11.6 |
| Four Persons | 27,445 | 7.5 | 16,719 | 7.4 | 10,726 | 7.5 |
| Five Persons | 17,180 | 4.7 | 9,150 | 4.1 | 8,030 | 5.6 |
| Six Persons | 7,466 | 2.0 | 5,291 | 2.4 | 2,175 | 1.5 |
| Seven Persons | 4,893 | 1.3 | 2,358 | 1.0 | 2,535 | 1.8 |
| Eight Persons | 3,439 | 0.9 | 1,711 | 0.8 | 1,728 | 1.2 |
| Nine Persons | 2,125 | 0.6 | 632 | 0.3 | 1,493 | 1.0 |
| Ten or More Persons | 3,707 | 1.0 | 1,100 | 0.5 | 2,607 | 1.8 |
| Average Number of Other Persons | 2.2 | | 2.1 | | 2.4 | |

- The 2.2 average number of other persons in the same living quarters not included in the food stamp household is virtually the same as the 2.1 reported for FFY 1998.

CHART 15

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



INCOME

Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 16

SOURCE OF UNEARNED INCOME

| INCOME SOURCE | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | | CLASSIFICATION | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|----------------|--------------|----------------|------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | | NON-ASSISTANCE | | | | | |
| | Number | Percent | Avg. | Number | Percent | Avg. | Number | Percent | Avg. | | | |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> | | | | |
| No Unearned Income | 122,879 | 15.9 | | 2,590 | 0.6 | | 120,289 | 38.1 | | | | |
| Unearned Income: 1/ | <u>651,048</u> | 84.1 | <u>100.0</u> | <u>\$493</u> | <u>455,216</u> | 99.4 | <u>100.0</u> | <u>\$498</u> | <u>195,832</u> | 61.9 | <u>100.0</u> | <u>\$482</u> |
| Public Assistance Grant | 564,278 | 86.7 | \$548 | 454,082 | 99.8 | \$553 | 110,196 | 56.3 | \$523 | | | |
| General Assistance/General Relief | 48,397 | 7.4 | \$230 | 0 | 0.0 | \$300 | 48,397 | 24.7 | \$227 | | | |
| Worker's Compensation | 5,735 | 0.9 | \$624 | 1,283 | 0.3 | \$652 | 4,452 | 2.3 | \$616 | | | |
| Social Security | 4,260 | 0.7 | \$467 | 1,510 | 0.3 | \$355 | 2,750 | 1.4 | \$529 | | | |
| Deemed Income (Sponsored Alien) | 322 | 0.0 | * | 66 | 0.0 | * | 256 | 0.1 | * | | | |
| Unemployment Compensation | 21,113 | 3.2 | \$417 | 6,759 | 1.5 | \$365 | 14,354 | 7.3 | \$442 | | | |
| Other Unearned Income 2/ | 56,549 | 8.7 | \$431 | 22,223 | 4.9 | \$284 | 34,326 | 17.5 | \$526 | | | |

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.

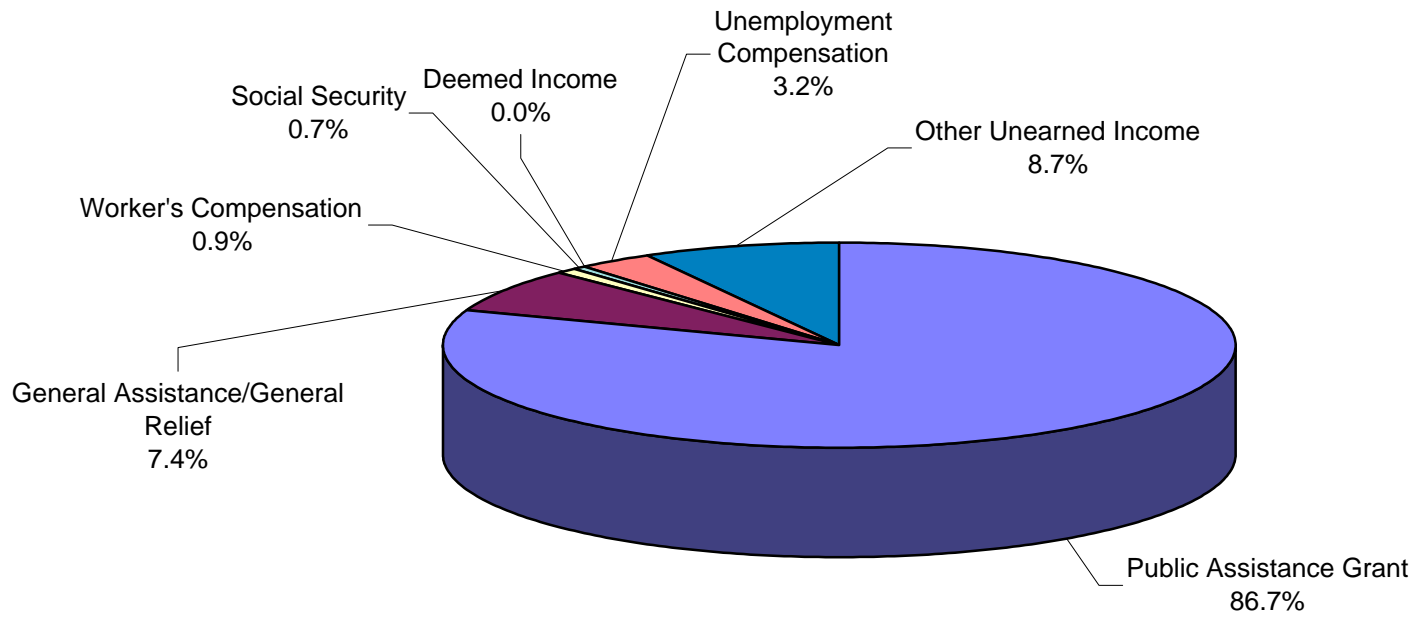
2/ Includes government and nongovernment disability, pensions, alimony and veterans benefits.

- Each category of unearned income remained virtually unchanged from FFY 1998, falling within plus or minus two percentage points.

*The sample size in this category was too small to generate numbers of a reliable confidence level.

CHART 16

SOURCE OF UNEARNED INCOME



FOOD STAMP CERTIFIED ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 1999

TABLE 17
SOURCE OF EARNED INCOME

| INCOME SOURCE | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | | CLASSIFICATION | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| | Number | Percent | Avg. | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | | NON-ASSISTANCE | | | | |
| | | | | Number | Percent | Avg. | Number | Percent | Avg. | | |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> | | | |
| No Income | 364,805 | 47.1 | | 204,573 | 44.7 | | 160,232 | 50.7 | | | |
| Earned Income: 1/ | <u>409,122</u> | 52.9 | <u>100.0</u> <u>\$678</u> | <u>253,233</u> | 55.3 | <u>100.0</u> <u>\$654</u> | <u>155,889</u> | 49.3 | <u>100.0</u> <u>\$718</u> | | |
| Salary/Wages | 398,520 | 97.4 | \$675 | 245,669 | 97.0 | \$646 | 152,851 | 98.1 | \$721 | | |
| Self-Employment | 19,086 | 4.7 | \$382 | 13,446 | 5.3 | \$413 | 5,640 | 3.6 | \$308 | | |
| Other Earned Income | 2,849 | 0.7 | \$490 | 2,715 | 1.1 | \$506 | 134 | 0.1 | \$164 | | |

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.

- Households reporting earned income increased from 46.5% in FFY 1998 to 52.9% for FFY 1999.
- The average wage of \$675 for FFY 1999 for households with earned income is \$32 more per household than that reported for 1998, representing a 4.7% increase.

Note: Earned Income data were supplemented by data from the Employment Development Department wage file.

CHART 17

SOURCE OF EARNED INCOME



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 18

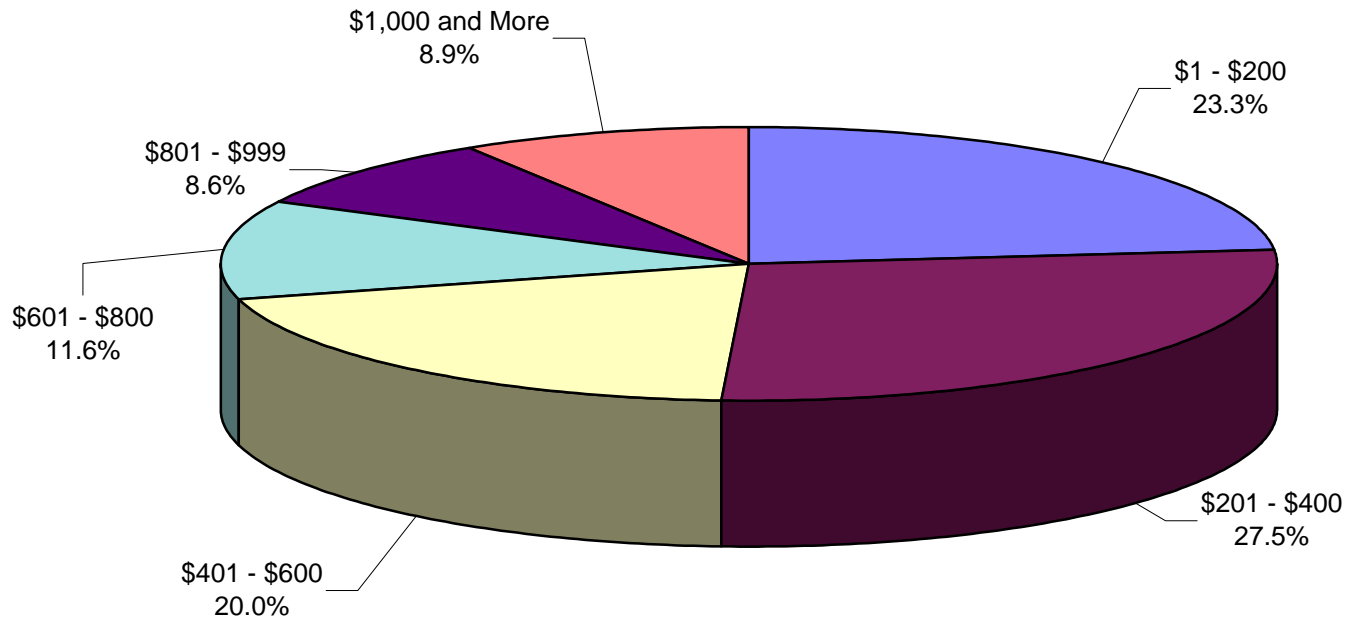
NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT

| NET INCOME | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| No Net Income | 136,668 | 17.7 | 32,553 | 7.1 | 104,115 | 32.9 |
| Net Income: | <u>637,259</u> | 82.3 | <u>425,253</u> | 92.9 | <u>212,006</u> | 67.1 |
| \$1 - \$200 | 148,603 | 23.3 | 86,010 | 20.2 | 62,593 | 29.5 |
| \$201 - \$400 | 175,493 | 27.5 | 132,028 | 31.0 | 43,465 | 20.5 |
| \$401 - \$600 | 127,677 | 20.0 | 88,018 | 20.7 | 39,659 | 18.7 |
| \$601 - \$800 | 74,124 | 11.6 | 51,045 | 12.0 | 23,079 | 10.9 |
| \$801 - \$999 | 54,764 | 8.6 | 34,278 | 8.1 | 20,486 | 9.7 |
| \$1,000 and More | 56,598 | 8.9 | 33,874 | 8.0 | 22,724 | 10.7 |
| Average Amount of Net Income | \$481 | | \$476 | | \$490 | |

- The average amount of net income used to determine the food stamp allotment increased from \$409 in FFY 1998 to \$481 for FFY 1999.

CHART 18

NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT



EDUCATION

Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 19

STUDENT STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

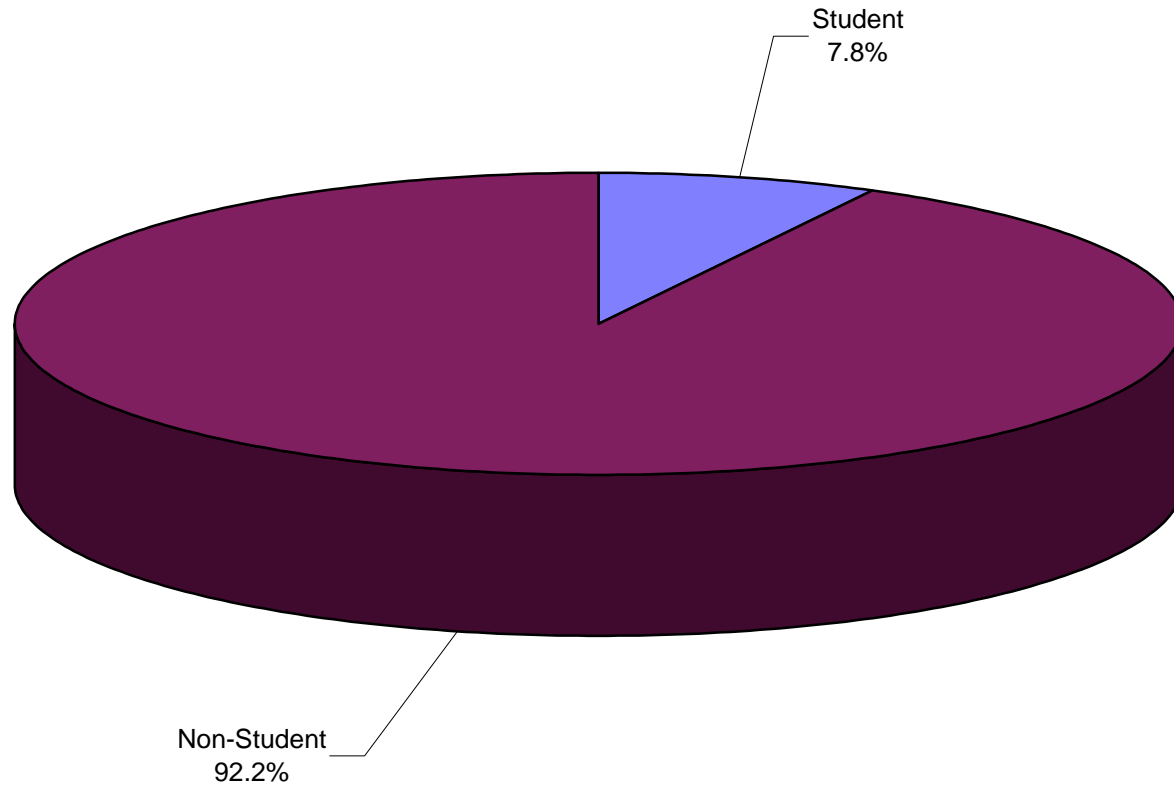
| STUDENT STATUS | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Not Applicable 1/ | 176,275 | 22.8 | <u>119,040</u> | 26.0 | <u>57,235</u> | 18.1 |
| Head of Household: | <u>597,652</u> | 77.2 | <u>338,766</u> | 74.0 | <u>258,886</u> | 81.9 |
| Student | 46,543 | 7.8 | 30,437 | 9.0 | 16,106 | 6.2 |
| Non-Student | 551,109 | 92.2 | 308,329 | 91.0 | 242,780 | 93.8 |

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

- Student head of household recipients decreased slightly from 9.8% in FFY 1998 to 7.8% in FFY 1999.

CHART 19

STUDENT STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 20

EDUCATION LEVEL OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

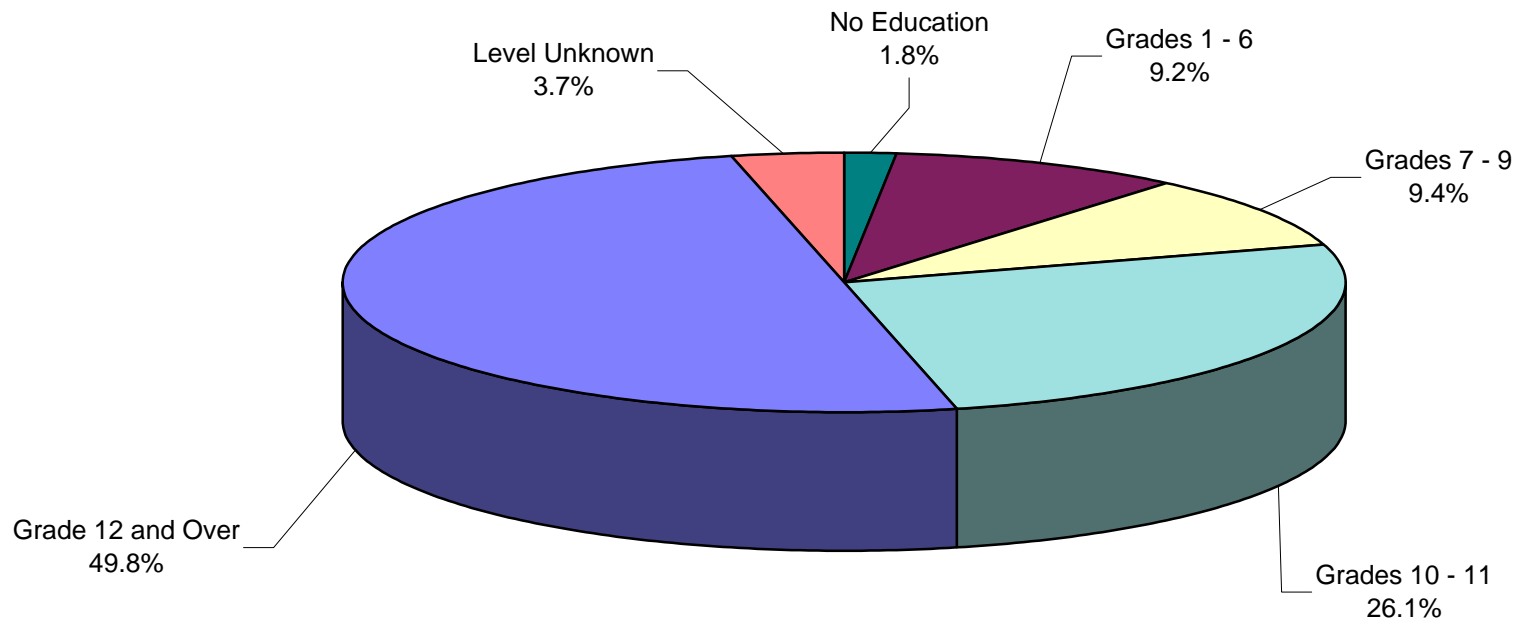
| EDUCATION LEVEL | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
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| Head of Household: | <u>597,652</u> | <u>77.2</u> | <u>338,766</u> | <u>74.0</u> | <u>258,886</u> | <u>81.9</u> |
| No Education | 10,524 | 1.8 | 6,807 | 2.0 | 3,717 | 1.4 |
| Grades 1 - 6 | 55,084 | 9.2 | 31,306 | 9.2 | 23,778 | 9.2 |
| Grades 7 - 9 | 56,280 | 9.4 | 31,477 | 9.3 | 24,803 | 9.6 |
| Grades 10 - 11 | 156,150 | 26.1 | 96,365 | 28.4 | 59,785 | 23.1 |
| Grade 12 and Over | 297,694 | 49.8 | 159,907 | 47.2 | 137,787 | 53.2 |
| Level Unknown | 21,920 | 3.7 | 12,904 | 3.8 | 9,016 | 3.5 |

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

- Heads of household finishing 12 or more years of education decreased from 56.7% in FFY 1998 to 49.8% for FFY 1999. Enhanced employment opportunities for those in this category may be the cause of this reduction.

CHART 20

EDUCATION LEVEL OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 20a

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

| EDUCATION BY ETHNICITY | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Not Applicable 1/ | 176,275 | 22.8 | 119,040 | 26.0 | 57,235 | 18.1 |
| Head of Household: | <u>597,652</u> | 77.2 <u>100.0</u> | <u>338,766</u> | 74.0 <u>100.0</u> | <u>258,886</u> | 81.9 <u>100.0</u> |
| Grade 12 and Over | 297,694 | 49.8 | 159,907 | 47.2 | 137,787 | 53.2 |
| Education Unknown | 21,920 | 3.7 | 12,904 | 3.8 | 9,016 | 3.5 |
| Less than 12 Years: 2/ | <u>278,038</u> | 46.5 <u>100.0</u> | <u>165,955</u> | 49.0 <u>100.0</u> | <u>112,083</u> | 43.3 <u>100.0</u> |
| White | 61,489 | 22.1 | 38,568 | 23.2 | 22,921 | 20.5 |
| Hispanic | 128,436 | 46.2 | 77,645 | 46.8 | 50,791 | 45.3 |
| Black | 54,994 | 19.8 | 27,090 | 16.3 | 27,904 | 24.9 |
| Vietnamese | 13,929 | 5.0 | 9,714 | 5.9 | 4,215 | 3.8 |
| Other Asian or Pacific Islander | 19,190 | 6.9 | 12,938 | 7.8 | 6,252 | 5.6 |

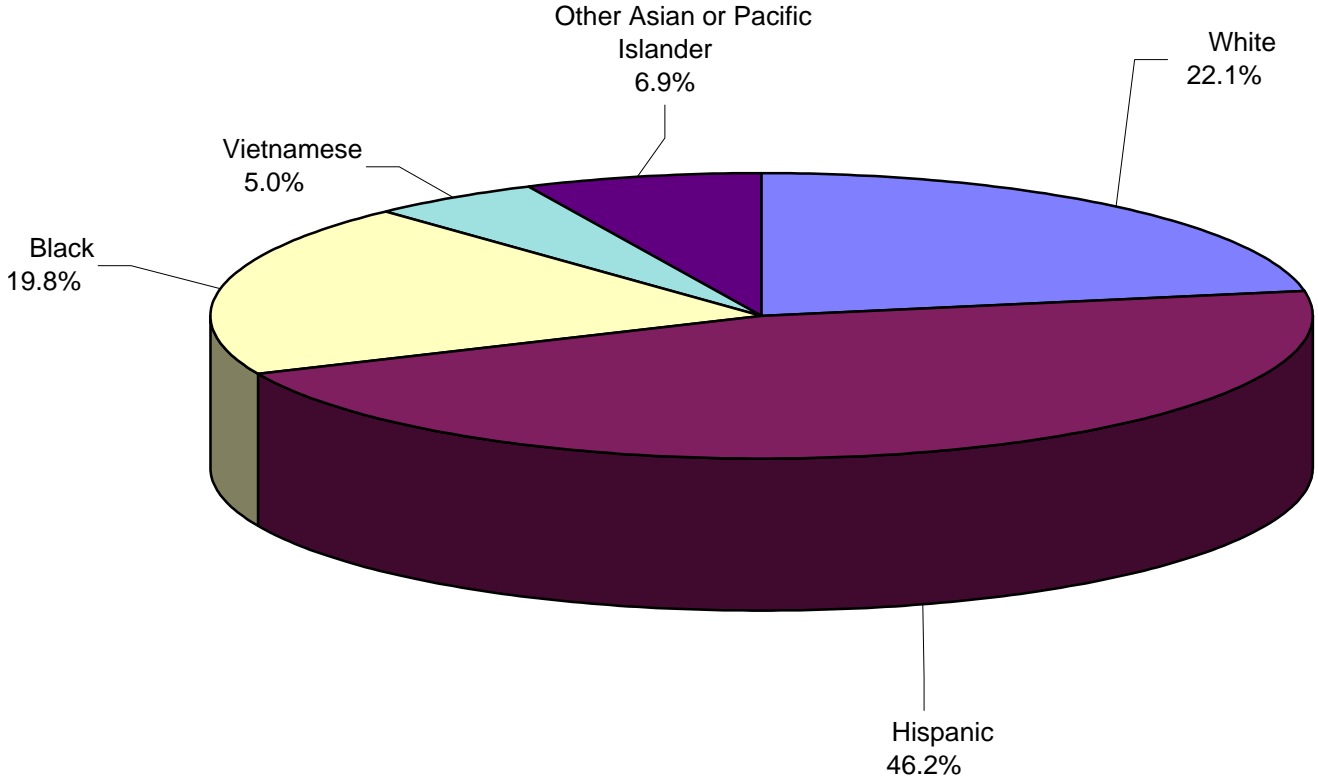
1/ Not applicable refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

2/ From Table 20: (10,524 + 55,084 + 56,280 + 156,150 = 278,038)

- While fully 46% of heads of household with less than 12 years of education are Hispanic, this group comprises only 32% of total heads of household (Table 20).

CHART 20a

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



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 20b

AVERAGE 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 | | | NON-ASSISTANCE | | |
| | Number | Percent | Avg. HH Size | Number | Percent | Avg. HH Size | Number | Percent | Avg. HH Size |
| Head of Household: 1/ | <u>278,038</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>2.9</u> | <u>165,955</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>3.1</u> | <u>112,083</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>2.5</u> |
| White | 61,489 | 22.1 | 2.6 | 38,568 | 23.2 | 2.9 | 22,921 | 20.5 | 2.2 |
| Hispanic | 128,436 | 46.2 | 2.9 | 77,645 | 46.8 | 2.9 | 50,791 | 45.3 | 2.9 |
| Black | 54,994 | 19.8 | 2.3 | 27,090 | 16.3 | 2.9 | 27,904 | 24.9 | 1.4 |
| Vietnamese | 13,929 | 5.0 | 3.6 | 9,714 | 5.9 | 3.9 | 4,215 | 3.8 | 2.6 |
| Other Asian or Pacific Islander | 19,190 | 6.9 | 3.9 | 12,938 | 7.8 | 4.2 | 6,252 | 5.6 | 3.2 |

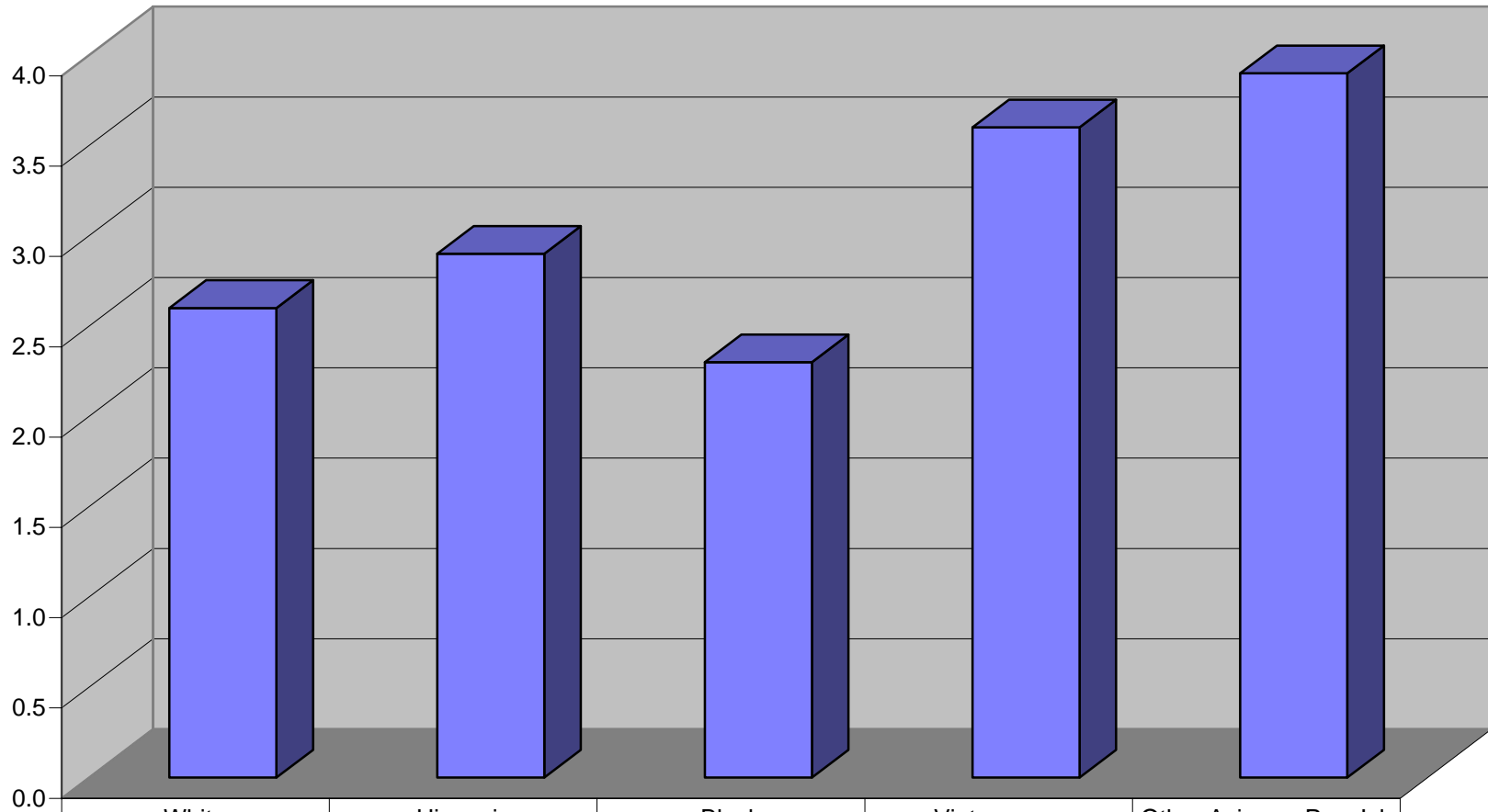
1/ From Table 20A.

- Since the "Other Asian or Pacific Islander" category comprises several groups, Vietnamese remains the single ethnic group with the largest average food stamp household size for heads of household with less than 12 years of education.

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

CHART 20b

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



| | | | | | |
|-------------|-------|----------|-------|------------|--------------------------|
| | White | Hispanic | Black | Vietnamese | Other Asian or Pac. Isl. |
| Family Size | 2.6 | 2.9 | 2.3 | 3.6 | 3.9 |

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TABLE 20c

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

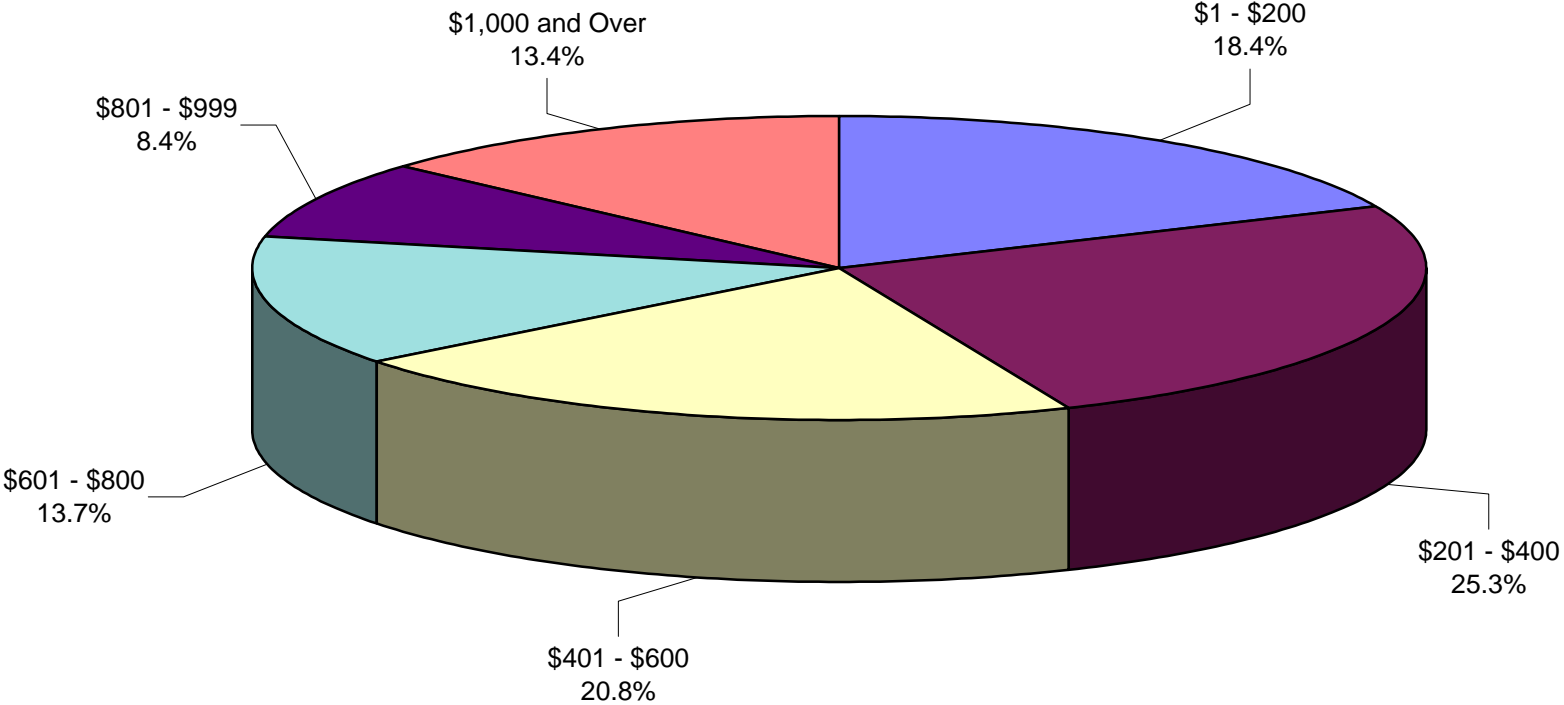
| NET INCOME | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Head of Household 1/ | <u>278,038</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>165,955</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>112,083</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| No Net Income | 48,168 | 17.3 | 6,560 | 4.0 | 41,608 | 37.1 |
| Net Income: | <u>229,870</u> | 82.7 | <u>159,395</u> | 96.0 | <u>70,475</u> | 62.9 |
| \$1 - \$200 | 42,316 | 18.4 | 21,771 | 13.7 | 20,545 | 29.2 |
| \$201 - \$400 | 58,252 | 25.3 | 46,696 | 29.3 | 11,556 | 16.4 |
| \$401 - \$600 | 47,711 | 20.8 | 35,364 | 22.2 | 12,347 | 17.5 |
| \$601 - \$800 | 31,574 | 13.7 | 23,733 | 14.9 | 7,841 | 11.1 |
| \$801 - \$999 | 19,263 | 8.4 | 13,810 | 8.7 | 5,453 | 7.7 |
| \$1,000 and Over | 30,754 | 13.4 | 18,021 | 11.3 | 12,733 | 18.1 |
| Average Amount of Net Income | \$546 | | \$540 | | \$559 | |

1/ From Table 20A.

- Roughly 25% of households in which the head of the household had less than 12 years of education had net income between \$200 and \$400 per month.

CHART 20c

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



BENEFITS

Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 21

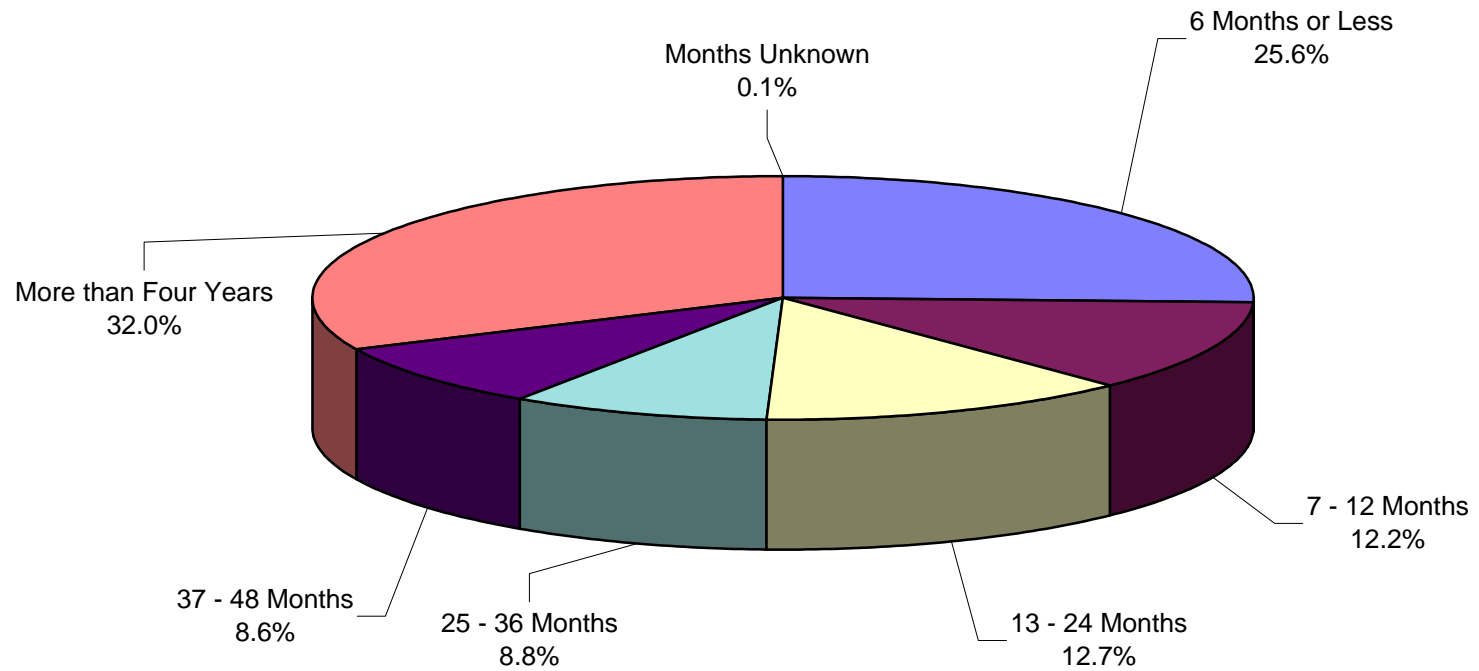
NUMBER OF UNINTERRUPTED MONTHS SINCE THE INITIAL FOOD STAMP APPLICATION

| MONTHS | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| 6 Months or Less | 198,510 | 25.6 | 77,943 | 17.0 | 120,567 | 38.1 |
| 7 - 12 Months | 94,147 | 12.2 | 48,235 | 10.5 | 45,912 | 14.5 |
| 13 - 24 Months | 98,185 | 12.7 | 54,524 | 11.9 | 43,661 | 13.8 |
| 25 - 36 Months | 68,462 | 8.8 | 44,876 | 9.8 | 23,586 | 7.5 |
| 37 - 48 Months | 66,700 | 8.6 | 44,370 | 9.7 | 22,330 | 7.1 |
| More than Four Years | 247,662 | 32.0 | 187,598 | 41.0 | 60,064 | 19.0 |
| Months Unknown | 260 | 0.1 | 260 | 0.1 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | | | 457,806 | | | |
| Avg. Uninterrupted Period (Months) | 41.4 | | 51.4 | | 27.1 | |

- Thirty-two percent of households have received food stamps continuously for more than four years, virtually unchanged from 1998 when it was 31.2%.
- The average length of time PAFS households received food stamps is nearly double that of NAFS households. The most likely reason is that PAFS households comprise considerably more families, which tend to be long-term dependent, while NAFS households comprise many able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDS), whose receipt of food stamps is time-limited.

CHART 21

NUMBER OF UNINTERRUPTED MONTHS SINCE THE INITIAL FOOD STAMP APPLICATION



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TABLE 22

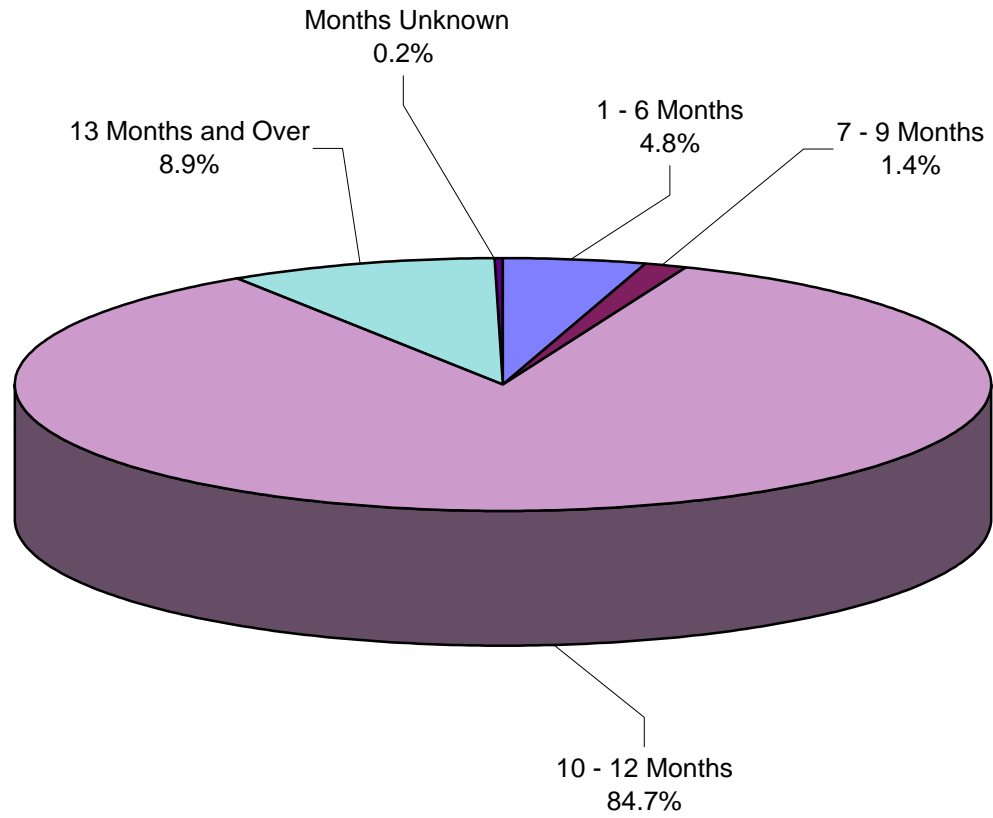
LENGTH OF CERTIFICATION PERIOD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

| CERTIFICATION PERIOD | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| 1 - 6 Months | 37,041 | 4.8 | 19,247 | 4.2 | 17,794 | 5.6 |
| 7 - 9 Months | 10,620 | 1.4 | 6,498 | 1.4 | 4,122 | 1.3 |
| 10 - 12 Months | 655,820 | 84.7 | 377,902 | 82.5 | 277,918 | 87.9 |
| 13 Months and Over | 68,998 | 8.9 | 52,856 | 11.5 | 16,142 | 5.1 |
| Months Unknown | 1,447 | 0.2 | 1,303 | 0.3 | 144 | 0.0 |
| Avg. No. Mo. of Cert. Period | 12.6 | | 13.1 | | 11.9 | |

- The average number of months of the certification period remained virtually unchanged from FFY 1998.
- Certification periods in excess of 12 months mainly comprise elderly and/or disabled households. Certification is normally done within 12 months.

CHART 22

LENGTH OF CERTIFICATION PERIOD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 23

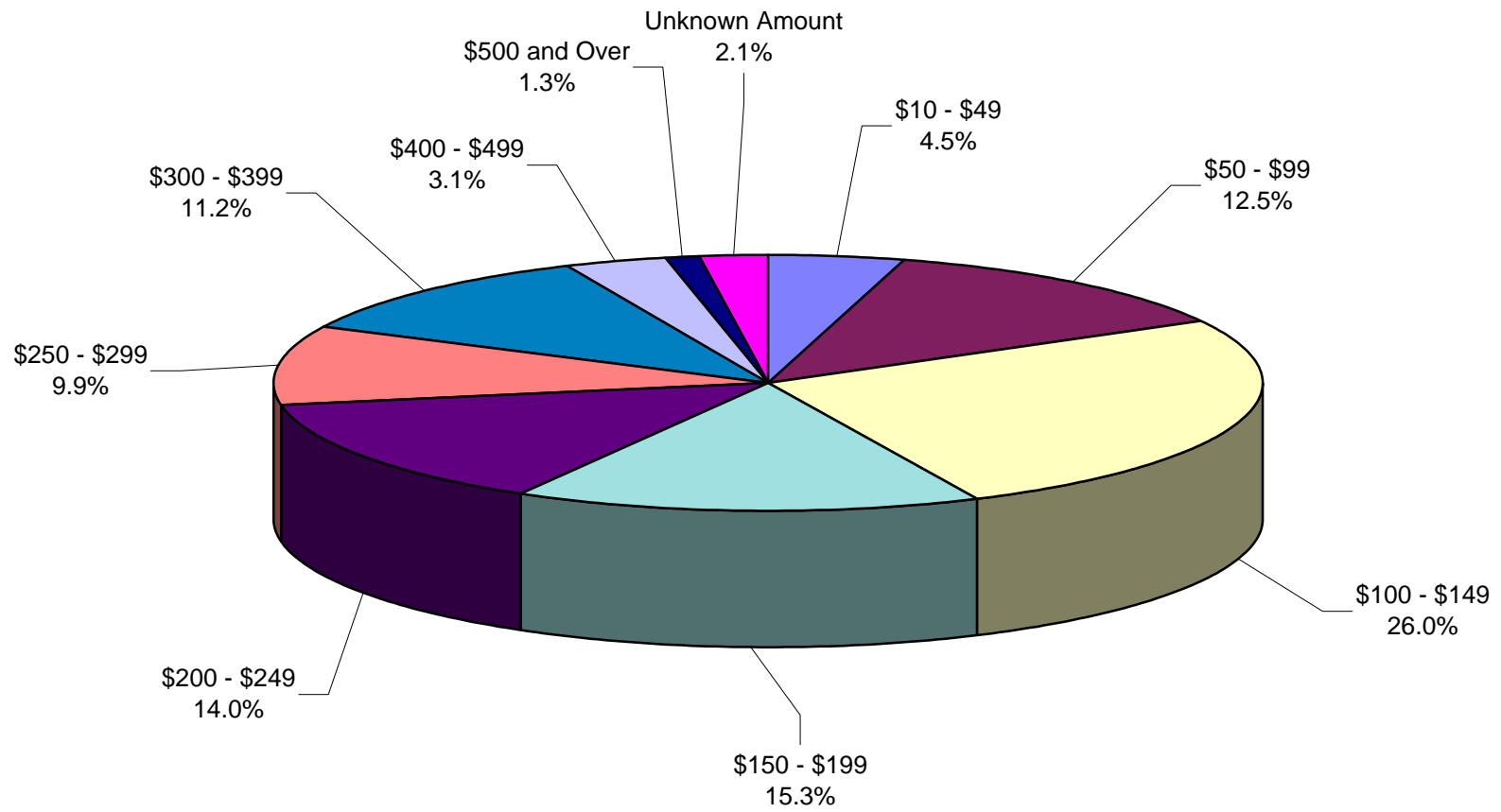
AMOUNT OF FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT PER HOUSEHOLD

| ALLOTMENT | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| \$10 - \$49 | 35,058 | 4.5 | 15,484 | 3.4 | 19,574 | 6.2 |
| \$50 - \$99 | 96,797 | 12.5 | 47,547 | 10.4 | 49,250 | 15.6 |
| \$100 - \$149 | 201,156 | 26.0 | 90,497 | 19.8 | 110,659 | 35.0 |
| \$150 - \$199 | 118,480 | 15.3 | 85,629 | 18.7 | 32,851 | 10.4 |
| \$200 - \$249 | 108,119 | 14.0 | 72,238 | 15.8 | 35,881 | 11.4 |
| \$250 - \$299 | 76,460 | 9.9 | 54,620 | 11.9 | 21,840 | 6.9 |
| \$300 - \$399 | 86,945 | 11.2 | 60,867 | 13.3 | 26,078 | 8.2 |
| \$400 - \$499 | 24,255 | 3.1 | 12,008 | 2.6 | 12,247 | 3.9 |
| \$500 and Over | 10,256 | 1.3 | 7,192 | 1.6 | 3,064 | 1.0 |
| Unknown Amount | 16,401 | 2.1 | 11,724 | 2.6 | 4,677 | 1.5 |
| Average Food Stamp Allotment | \$192 | | \$205 | | \$174 | |

- Although the average food stamp allotment increased for PAFS and NAFS households alike, the average for non-assistance households increased the most--from \$161 in FFY 1998 to \$174 for FFY 1999.

CHART 23

AMOUNT OF FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT PER HOUSEHOLD



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 24

LONGEST PERIOD FOR WHICH AT LEAST ONE MEMBER
OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD RECEIVED AFDC/CALWORKS

| MONTHS RECEIVED AFDC/CALWORKS | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Information Unavailable 1/ | 47,645 | 6.2 | 895 | 0.2 | 46,750 | 14.8 |
| Received AFDC/CalWORKs: | <u>726,282</u> | 93.8 | <u>456,911</u> | 99.8 | <u>269,371</u> | 85.2 |
| 0 Months 2/ | 72,371 | 10.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 72,371 | 26.9 |
| 1 to 12 Months | 35,067 | 4.8 | 17,694 | 3.9 | 17,373 | 6.4 |
| 13 to 24 Months | 40,595 | 5.6 | 22,622 | 5.0 | 17,973 | 6.7 |
| 25 to 60 Months | 141,295 | 19.5 | 92,930 | 20.3 | 48,365 | 18.0 |
| 61 Months or Longer | 436,954 | 60.2 | 323,665 | 70.8 | 113,289 | 42.1 |

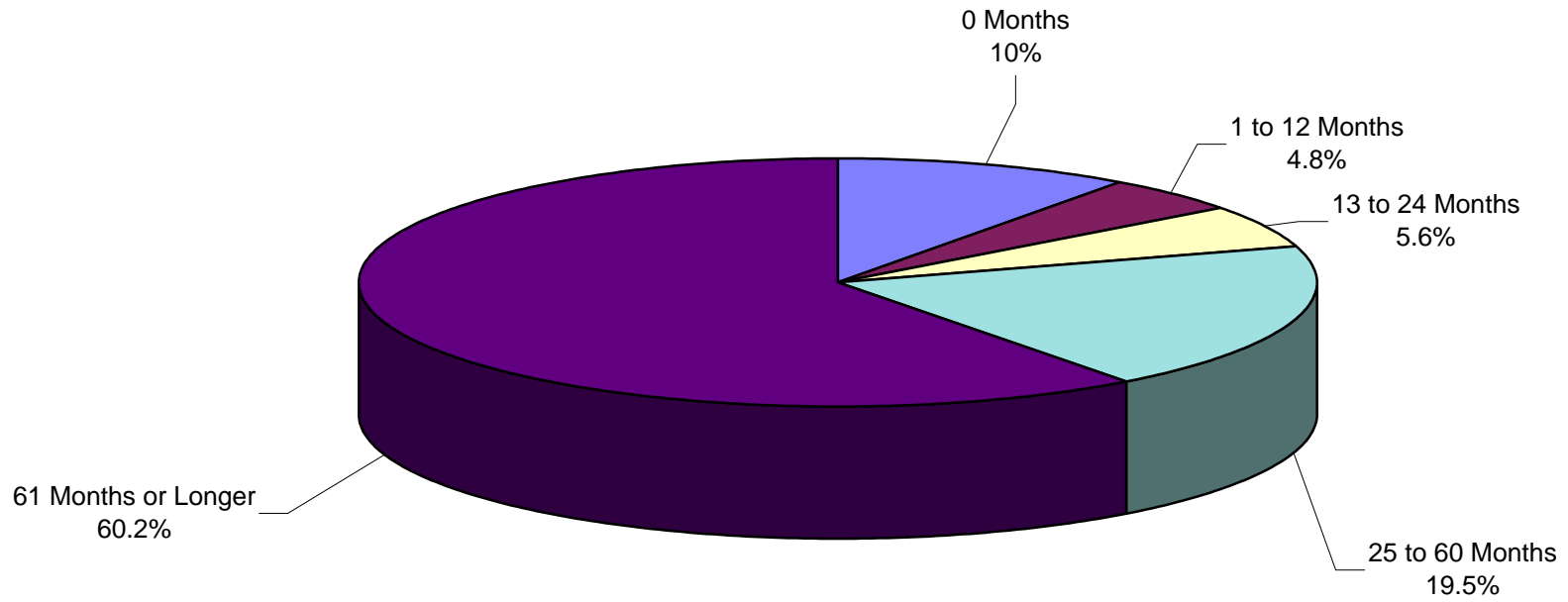
1/ Information for this table was obtained by matching the Social Security Numbers of the food stamp recipients with those contained in the Medical Eligibility Data System (MEDS). No match was obtained for recipients in this category.

2/ Although a match was obtained for this category of food stamp recipients, there was no history of their receiving AFDC/CalWORKs since 1/1/87, the earliest entries in the file.

- Roughly 71% of PAFS households contain at least one member who received assistance for 61 months or longer.

CHART 24

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



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 24a

AVERAGE SIZE OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD IN WHICH AT LEAST ONE MEMBER
RECEIVED AFDC/CALWORKS FOR 61 MONTHS OR LONGER--BY ETHNICITY

| F/S HOUSEHOLD SIZE/ETHNICITY | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | | CLASSIFICATION | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | | NON-ASSISTANCE | | |
| | Number | Percent | Avg. HH Size | Number | Percent | Avg. HH Size | Number | Percent | Avg. HH Size |
| Total ^{1/} | <u>436,954</u> | <u>100.0</u> | | <u>323,665</u> | <u>100.0</u> | | <u>113,289</u> | <u>100.0</u> | |
| Not Applicable ^{2/} | 102,490 | 23.5 | | 79,910 | 75.3 | | 22,580 | 19.9 | |
| Head of Household: | <u>334,464</u> | <u>76.5</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>243,755</u> | <u>26.2</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>90,709</u> | <u>80.1</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| White | 91,060 | 27.2 | 3.1 | 64,075 | 26.3 | 3.2 | 26,985 | 29.7 | 3.0 |
| Hispanic | 122,390 | 36.6 | 3.2 | 84,680 | 34.7 | 3.2 | 37,710 | 41.6 | 3.3 |
| Black | 77,179 | 23.1 | 3.1 | 59,258 | 24.3 | 3.1 | 17,921 | 19.8 | 2.8 |
| Vietnamese | 15,928 | 4.8 | 3.9 | 13,910 | 5.7 | 4.0 | 2,018 | 2.2 | 3.5 |
| Other Asian or Pacific Islander | 27,907 | 8.3 | 4.0 | 21,832 | 9.0 | 4.1 | 6,075 | 6.7 | 3.6 |

1/ From Table 24 (61 Months or Longer).

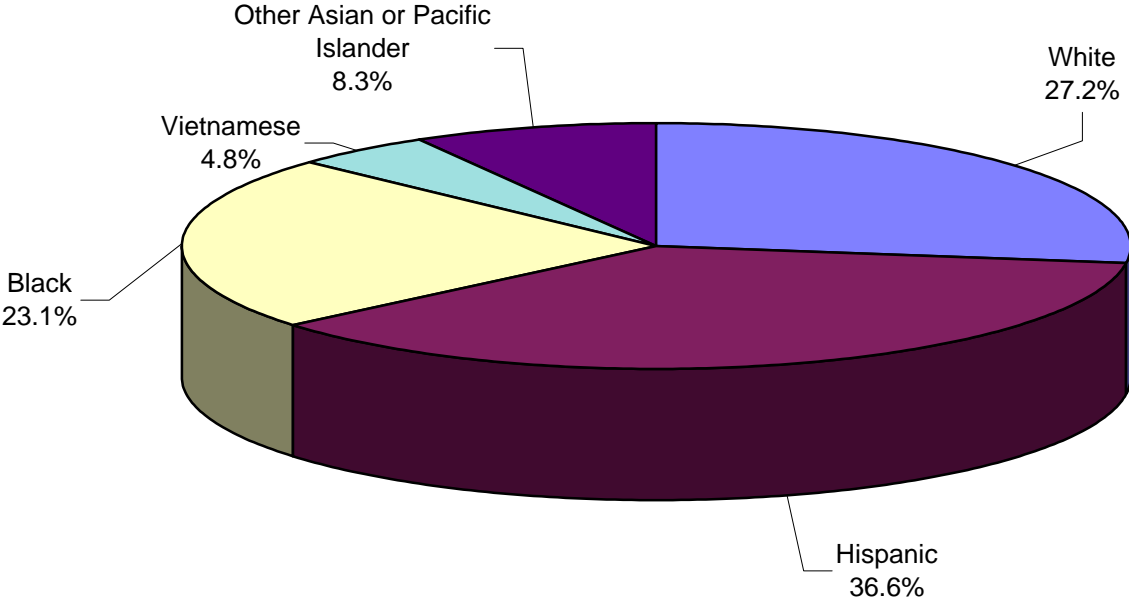
2/ Not applicable refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- Hispanic is the largest recipient group that has received AFDC/CalWORKs for 61 months or longer.
- The average household size for households in this category is 3.3 compared to 2.8 for all food stamp households (Table 15).

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

CHART 24a

ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD IN WHICH AT LEAST ONE MEMBER RECEIVED AFDC/CALWORKS FOR 61 MONTHS OR LONGER



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 24b

EDUCATION LEVEL OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD FOR HOUSEHOLDS IN WHICH AT LEAST
ONE MEMBER RECEIVED AFDC/CALWORKS FOR 61 MONTHS OR LONGER

| EDUCATION LEVEL | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total 1/ | <u>436,954</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>323,665</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>113,289</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Not Applicable 2/ | 102,490 | 23.5 | 79,910 | 24.7 | 22,580 | 19.9 |
| Head of Household: | <u>334,464</u> | 76.5 | <u>243,755</u> | 75.3 | <u>90,709</u> | 80.1 |
| No Education | 8,043 | 2.4 | 5,992 | 2.5 | 2,051 | 2.3 |
| Grades 1 - 6 | 33,193 | 9.9 | 24,760 | 10.2 | 8,433 | 9.3 |
| Grades 7 - 9 | 35,040 | 10.5 | 22,930 | 9.4 | 12,110 | 13.4 |
| Grades 10 - 11 | 98,596 | 29.5 | 75,230 | 30.9 | 23,366 | 25.8 |
| Grade 12 and Over | 150,885 | 45.1 | 107,353 | 44.0 | 43,532 | 48.0 |
| Level Unknown | 8,707 | 2.6 | 7,490 | 3.1 | 1,217 | 1.3 |

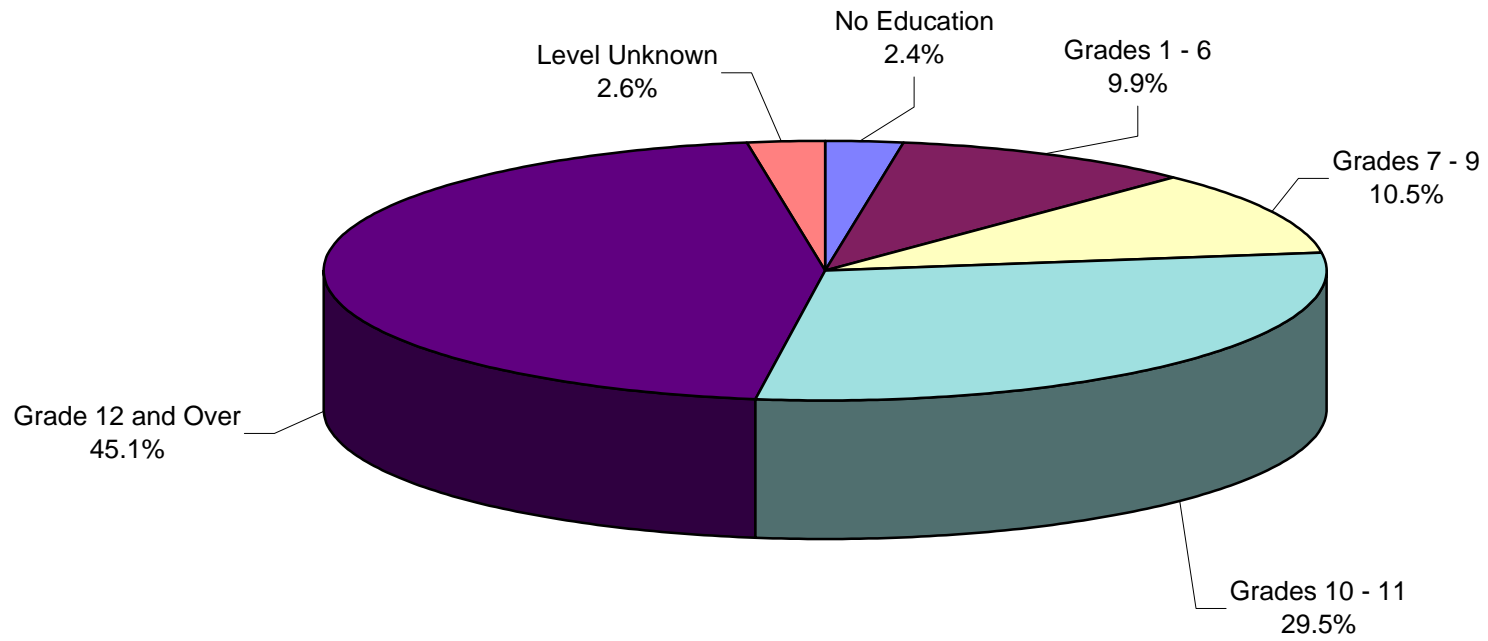
1/ From Table 24 (61 Months or Longer).

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

- Roughly 45% of heads of household in this category have finished at least the twelfth grade, which is not much different than the 49.8% for all heads of household who have completed twelve years of education (Table 9).

CHART 24b

EDUCATION LEVEL OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD FOR HOUSEHOLDS IN WHICH AT LEAST ONE MEMBER RECEIVED AFDC/CALWORKS FOR 61 MONTHS OR LONGER



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 24c

NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS
IN WHICH AT LEAST ONE MEMBER RECEIVED AFDC/CALWORKS FOR 61 MONTHS OR LONGER

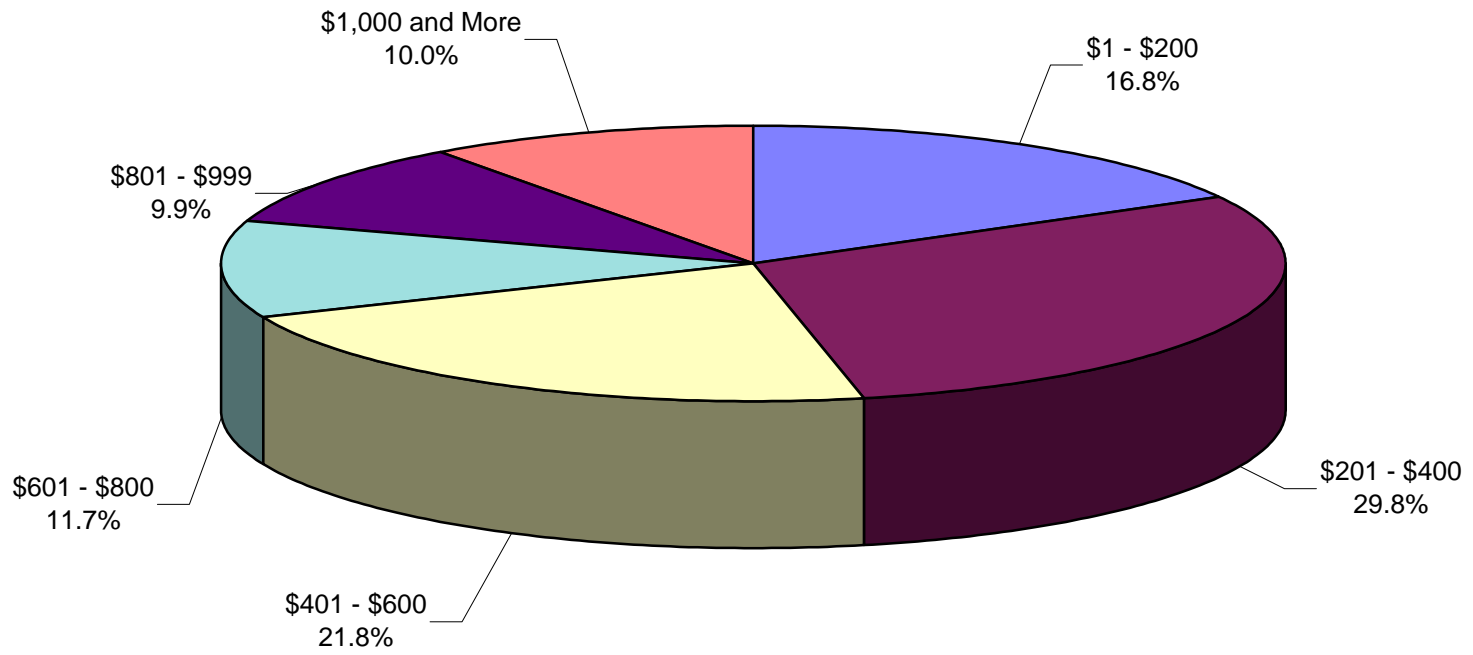
| NET INCOME | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total 1/ | <u>436,954</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>323,665</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>113,289</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| No Net Income | 37,014 | 8.5 | 16,569 | 5.1 | 20,445 | 18.0 |
| Net Income: | <u>399,940</u> | 91.5 | <u>307,096</u> | 94.9 | <u>92,844</u> | 82.0 |
| \$1 - \$200 | 67,323 | 16.8 | 51,713 | 16.8 | 15,610 | 16.8 |
| \$201 - \$400 | 119,232 | 29.8 | 97,946 | 31.9 | 21,286 | 22.9 |
| \$401 - \$600 | 87,308 | 21.8 | 70,056 | 22.8 | 17,252 | 18.6 |
| \$601 - \$800 | 46,636 | 11.7 | 33,501 | 10.9 | 13,135 | 14.1 |
| \$801 - \$999 | 39,607 | 9.9 | 26,669 | 8.7 | 12,938 | 13.9 |
| \$1,000 and More | 39,834 | 10.0 | 27,211 | 8.9 | 12,623 | 13.6 |
| Average Amount of Net Income | \$517 | | \$495 | | \$588 | |

1/ From Table 24 (61 Months or Longer).

- The average net income for households in this category exceeds the average for all food stamp households, as displayed in Table 19 (\$517 vs. \$481).

CHART 24c

NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS
IN WHICH AT LEAST ONE MEMBER RECEIVED AFDC/CALWORKS FOR 61 MONTHS OR LONGER



FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 1999

TABLE 25

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

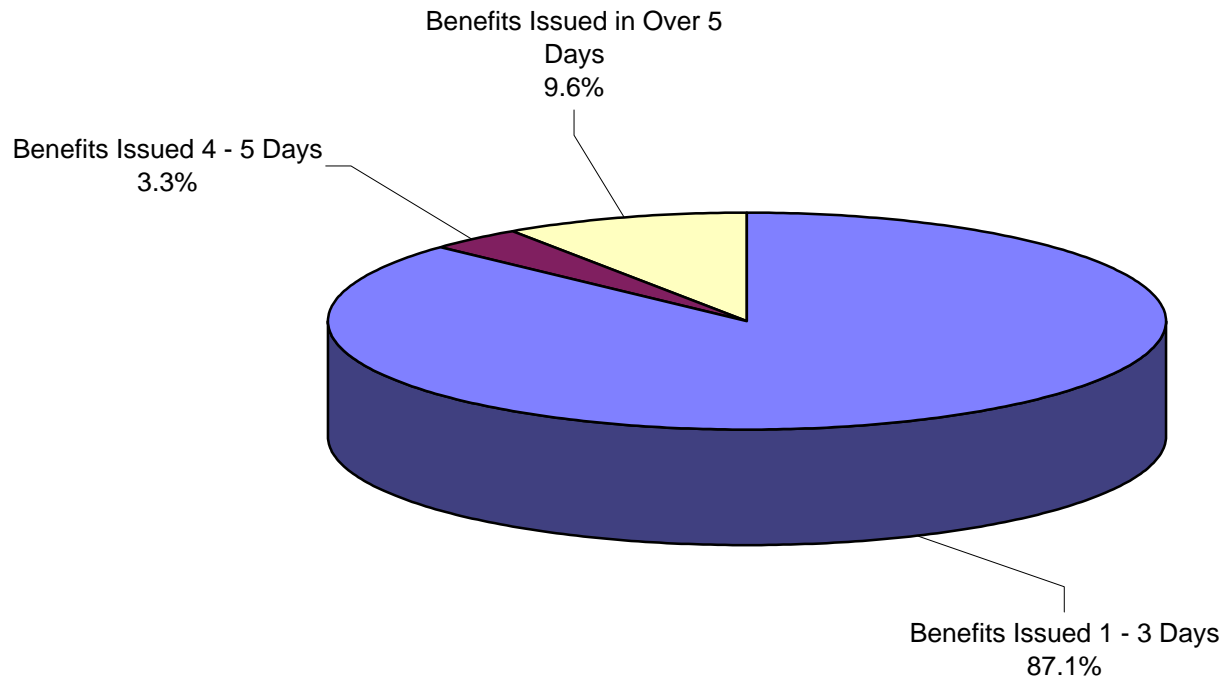
| EXPEDITED SERVICES | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Did Not Receive Expedited Services | 562,036 | 72.6 | 431,647 | 94.3 | 130,389 | 41.2 |
| Received Expedited Services: | <u>211,891</u> | 27.4 | <u>26,159</u> | 5.7 | <u>185,732</u> | 58.8 |
| Benefits Issued 1 - 3 Days | 184,512 | 87.1 | 22,495 | 86.0 | 162,017 | 87.2 |
| Benefits Issued 4 - 5 Days | 7,096 | 3.3 | 1,216 | 4.6 | 5,880 | 3.2 |
| Benefits Issued in Over 5 Days | 20,283 | 9.6 | 2,448 | 9.4 | 17,835 | 9.6 |

- Food stamp households receiving expedited services in FFY 1999 remained virtually unchanged from FFY 1998, when 26.6% of food stamp households received such services.

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

CHART 25

FOOD STAMP APPLICATION FOR EXPEDITED SERVICES



RESOURCES

Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 26

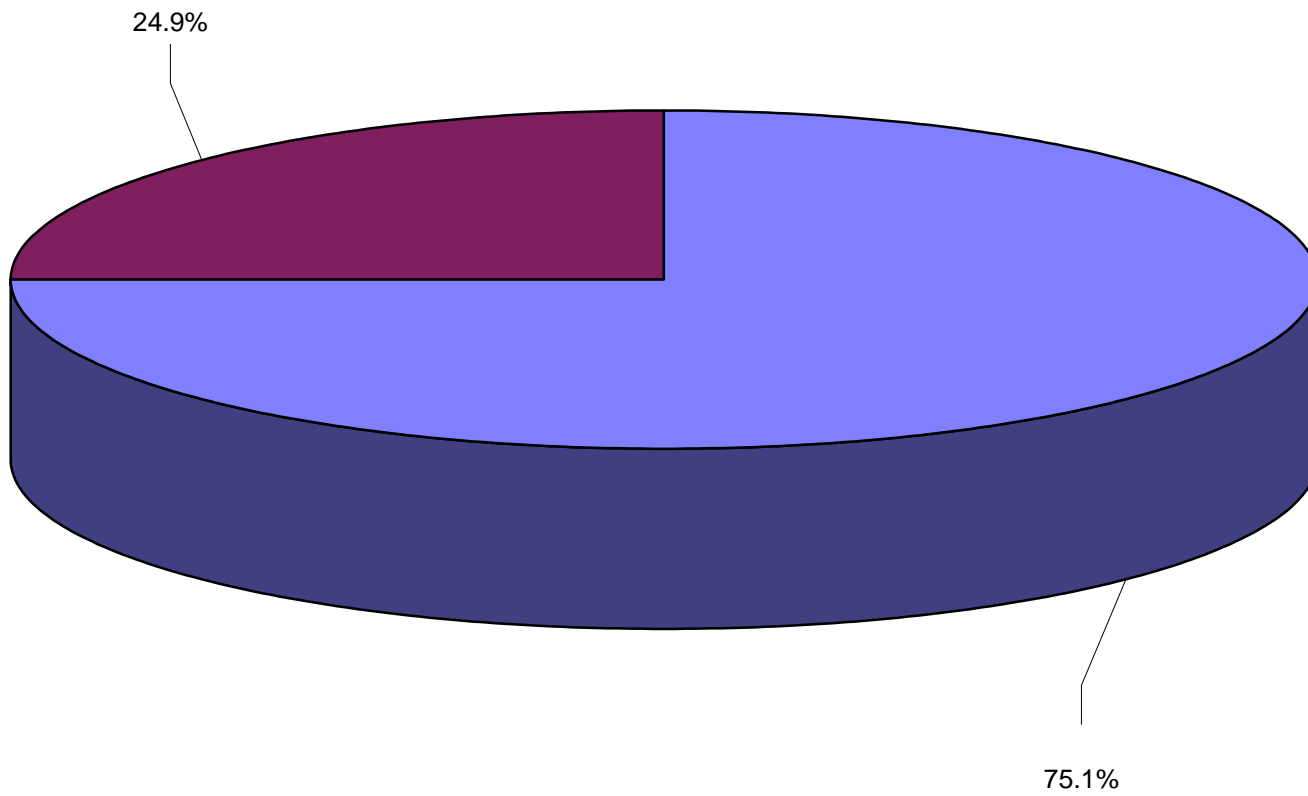
RESOURCES OWNED BY THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

| RESOURCES | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | | CLASSIFICATION | | | | | |
|--------------|------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| | | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | | NON-ASSISTANCE | | |
| | Number | Percent | Avg. Amt. | Number | Percent | Avg. Amt. | Number | Percent | Avg. Amt. |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> | |
| No Resources | 581,320 | 75.1 | | 351,522 | 76.8 | | 229,798 | 72.7 | |
| Resources | 192,607 | 24.9 | \$539 | 106,284 | 23.2 | \$645 | 86,323 | 27.3 | \$404 |

- In spite of regulatory and policy changes allowing increased allowable amounts for Individual Development Accounts, average monthly resources of the food stamp household (consisting primarily of checking and savings accounts) decreased from \$611 in FFY 1998 to \$539 for FFY 1999. NAFS households showed the greatest reduction--\$404 for FFY 1999 versus \$543 for FFY 1998.

CHART 26

RESOURCES OWNED BY THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 27

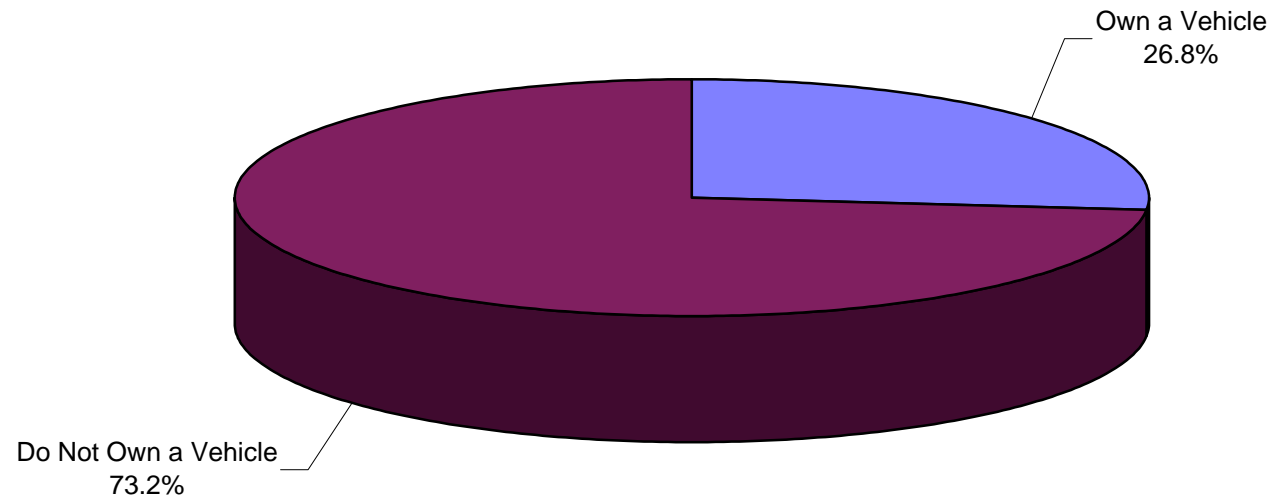
VEHICLES OWNED BY THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

| VEHICLE OWNERSHIP | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Own a Vehicle | 207,382 | 26.8 | 114,011 | 24.9 | 93,371 | 29.5 |
| Do Not Own a Vehicle | 566,545 | 73.2 | 343,795 | 75.1 | 222,750 | 70.5 |

- Households with vehicle ownership showed little change from 1998 when 24.4% owned vehicles.

CHART 27

VEHICLES OWNED BY THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



EXPENSES/DEDUCTIONS

Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 28

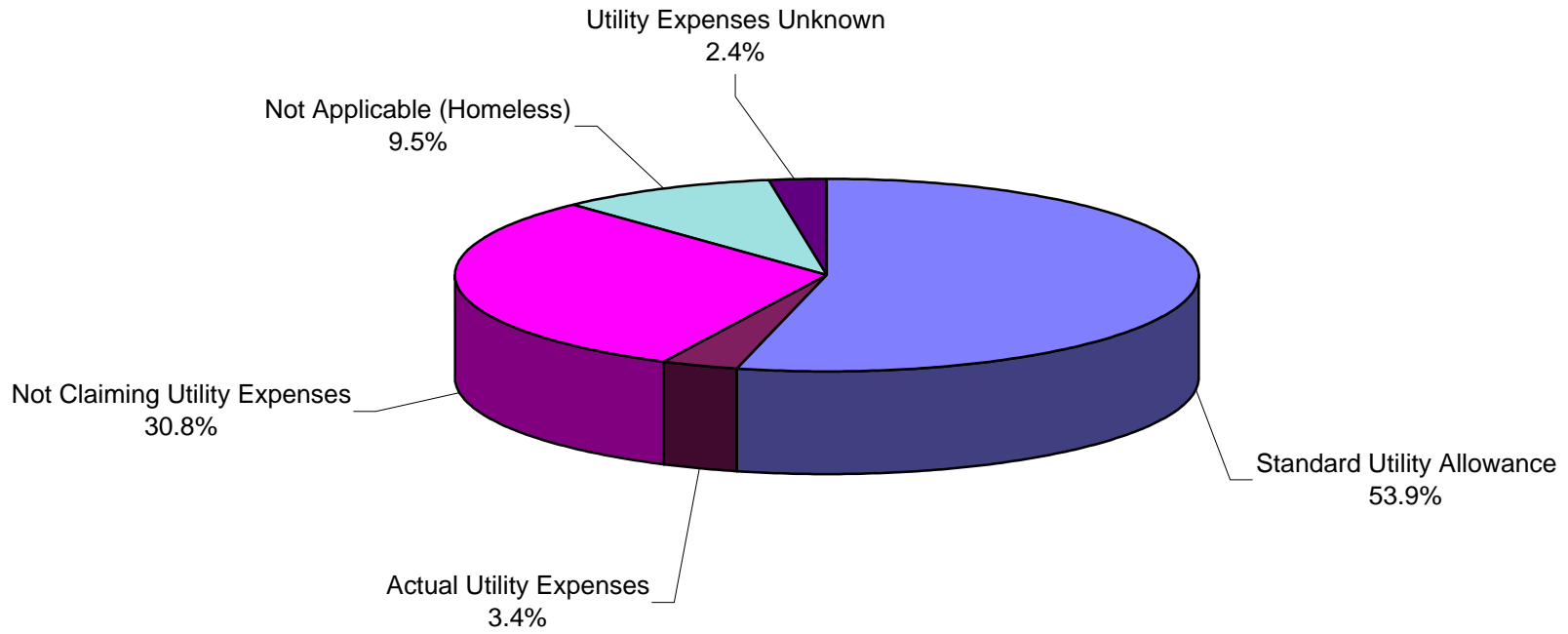
FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS CLAIMING UTILITY EXPENSES

| UTILITY EXPENSES | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Standard Utility Allowance | 416,907 | 53.9 | 262,814 | 57.4 | 154,093 | 48.7 |
| Actual Utility Expenses | 26,242 | 3.4 | 15,678 | 3.4 | 10,564 | 3.3 |
| Not Claiming Utility Expenses | 238,247 | 30.8 | 130,471 | 28.5 | 107,776 | 34.1 |
| Not Applicable (Homeless) | 73,709 | 9.5 | 43,999 | 9.6 | 29,710 | 9.4 |
| Utility Expenses Unknown | 18,822 | 2.4 | 4,844 | 1.1 | 13,978 | 4.4 |

- The "Not Applicable" category comprises those who claimed a homeless shelter deduction. This category decreased from 12.4% in FFY 1998 to 9.5% for FFY 1999. Numerically, there are over 35,000 fewer people in this category for FFY 1999.

CHART 28

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS CLAIMING UTILITY EXPENSES



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 29

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS CLAIMING STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE (SUA)

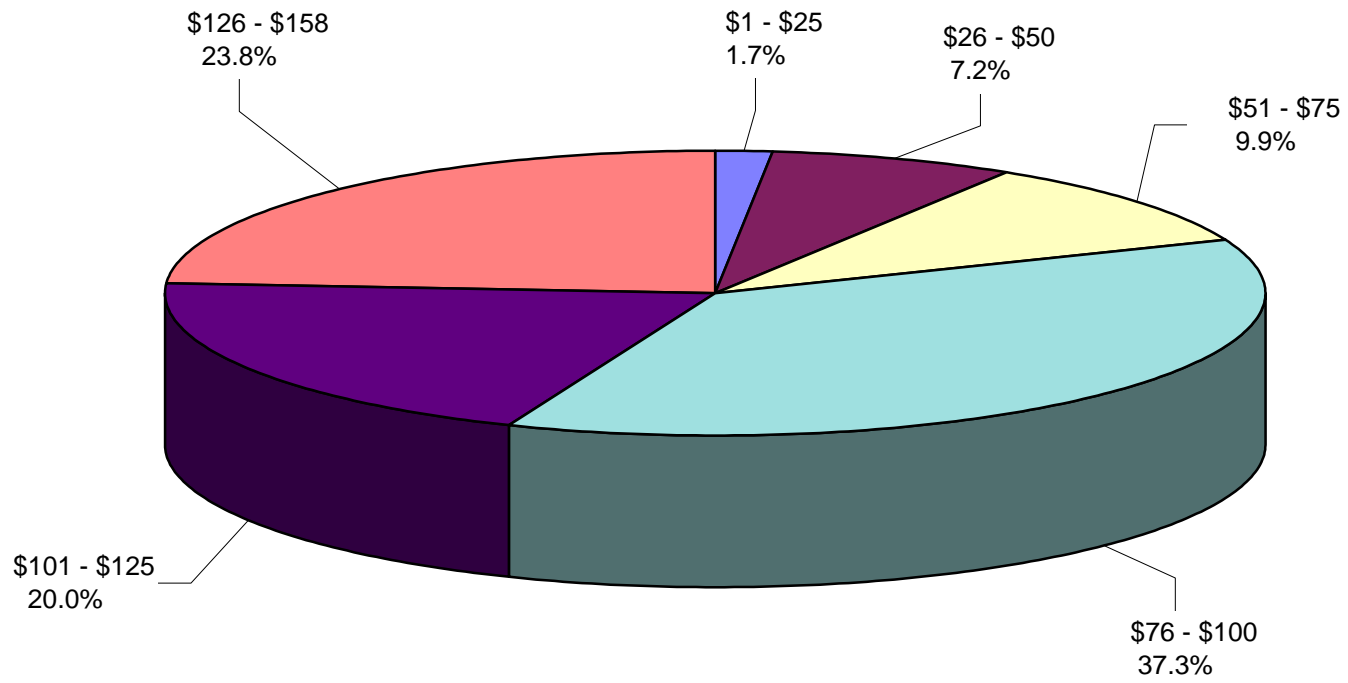
| STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Households Claiming Actual Costs | 26,242 | 3.4 | 15,679 | 3.4 | 10,564 | 3.3 |
| Households Not Claiming SUA 1/ | 330,778 | 42.7 | 179,314 | 39.2 | 151,464 | 47.9 |
| Households Claiming SUA: | <u>416,907</u> | <u>53.9</u> | <u>262,814</u> | <u>57.4</u> | <u>154,093</u> | <u>48.8</u> |
| SUA Not Prorated | 286,532 | 68.7 | 178,423 | 67.9 | 108,109 | 70.2 |
| SUA (\$158) Prorated: | <u>130,375</u> | <u>31.3</u> | <u>84,390</u> | <u>32.1</u> | <u>45,984</u> | <u>29.8</u> |
| \$1 - \$25 | 2,189 | 1.7 | 1,775 | 2.1 | 414 | 0.9 |
| \$26 - \$50 | 9,426 | 7.2 | 4,786 | 5.7 | 4,640 | 10.1 |
| \$51 - \$75 | 12,954 | 9.9 | 5,797 | 6.9 | 7,157 | 15.6 |
| \$76 - \$100 | 48,631 | 37.3 | 33,906 | 40.2 | 14,725 | 32.0 |
| \$101 - \$125 | 26,088 | 20.0 | 17,622 | 20.9 | 8,466 | 18.4 |
| \$126 - \$158 | 31,087 | 23.8 | 20,504 | 24.3 | 10,583 | 23.0 |
| Average Amount of Prorated SUA | \$96 | | \$97 | | \$94 | |

1/ Includes the homeless and those for which utility information is lacking.

- The Standard Utility Allowance increased from \$155 in FFY 1998 to \$158 for FFY 1999.
- Households in the maximum prorated bracket (\$126 - \$158) increased from 15.1% in FFY 1998 to 23.8% for FFY 1999.

CHART 29

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS CLAIMING STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE
(PRORATED AMOUNTS)



Food Stamp Certified Eligible Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 30

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS WITH SHARED SHELTER AND/OR UTILITY EXPENSES

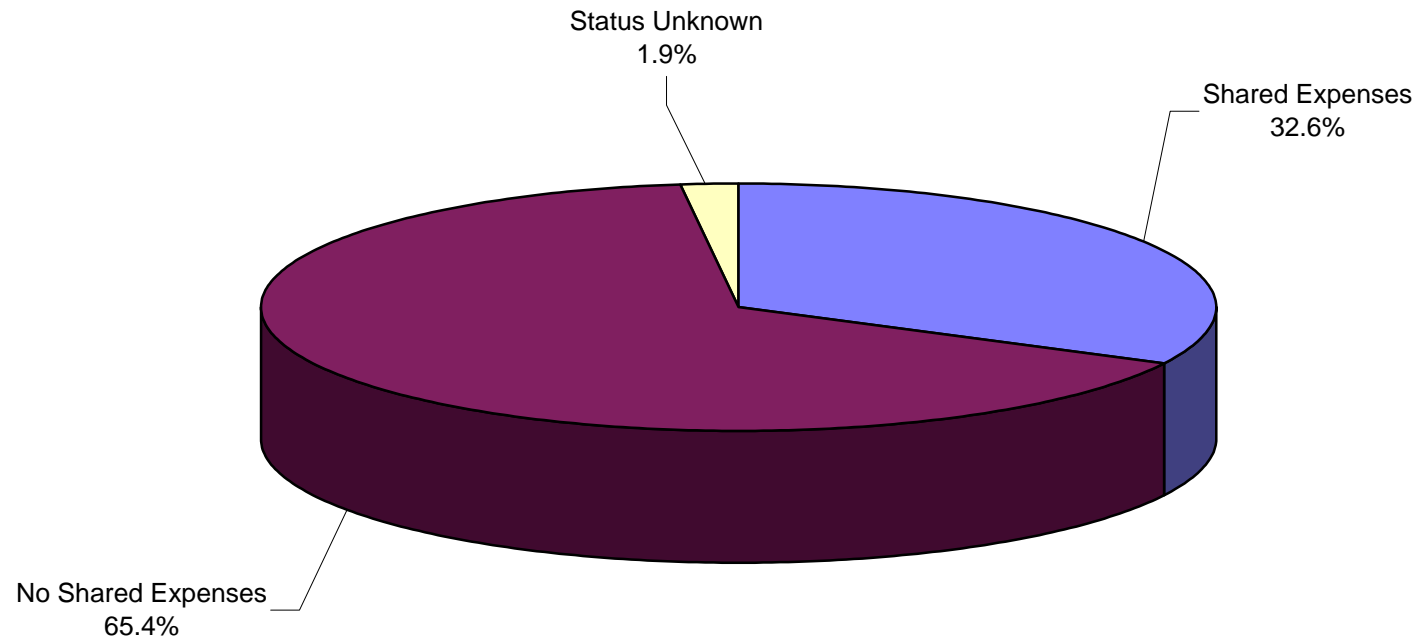
| UTILITY/SHELTER EXPENSES | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Shared Expenses | 252,358 | 32.6 | 155,396 | 33.9 | 96,962 | 30.7 |
| No Shared Expenses 1/ | 506,522 | 65.4 | 299,238 | 65.4 | 207,284 | 65.6 |
| Status Unknown | 15,047 | 1.9 | 3,172 | 0.7 | 11,875 | 3.7 |

1/ Includes the homeless. See Table 24.

- Roughly 33% of households had shared expenses.

CHART 30

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS WITH SHARED SHELTER AND/OR UTILITY EXPENSES



Food Stamp Certified Eligible Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 31

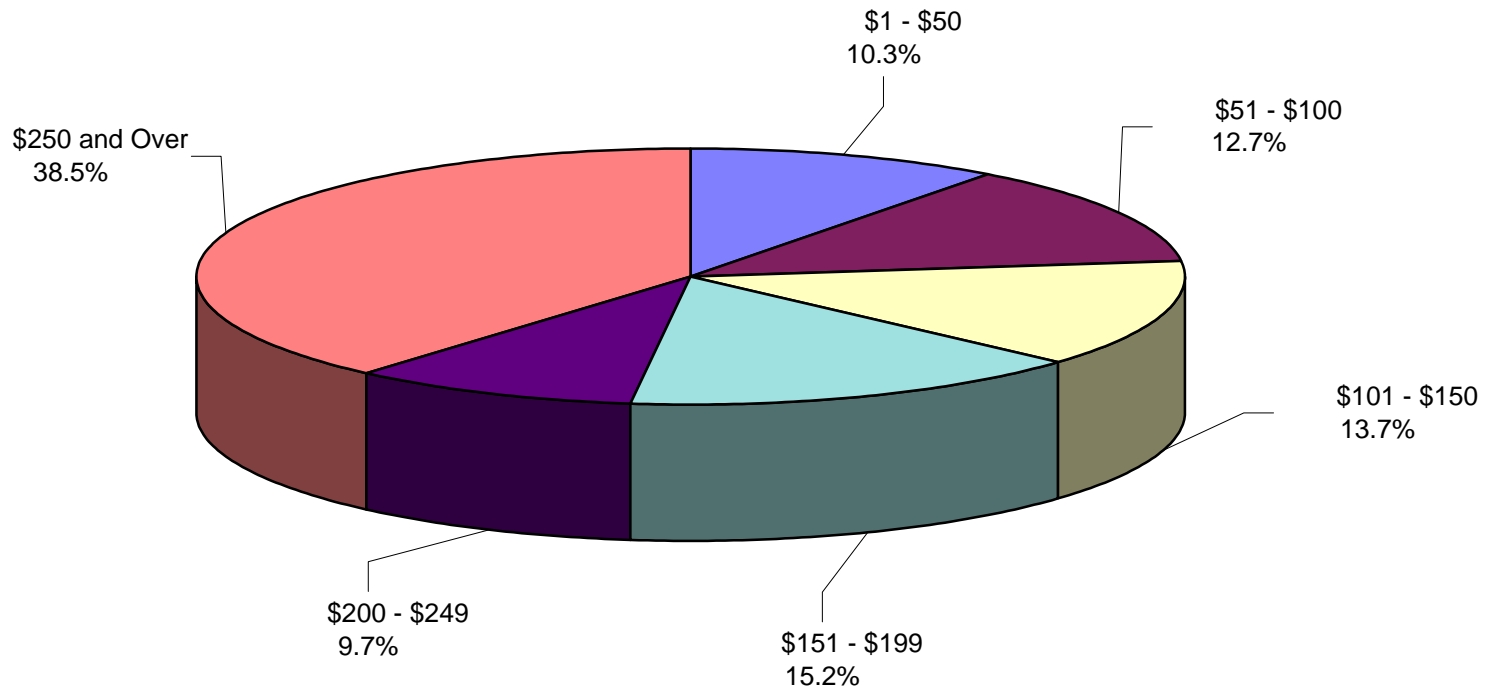
FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED EXCESS SHELTER DEDUCTION

| EXCESS SHELTER | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Households Not Reporting Shelter Cost | 69,182 | 8.9 | 13,211 | 2.9 | 55,971 | 17.7 |
| Households Reporting Shelter Cost; | <u>704,745</u> | 91.1 <u>100.0</u> | <u>444,595</u> | 97.1 <u>100.0</u> | <u>260,150</u> | 82.3 <u>100.0</u> |
| No Allowable Excess Shelter Cost | 180,664 | 25.6 | 111,379 | 25.1 | 69,285 | 26.6 |
| Allowable Excess Shelter Cost: | <u>524,081</u> | 74.4 <u>100.0</u> | <u>333,216</u> | 74.9 <u>100.0</u> | <u>190,865</u> | 73.4 <u>100.0</u> |
| \$1 - \$50 | 53,776 | 10.3 | 33,985 | 10.2 | 19,791 | 10.4 |
| \$51 - \$100 | 66,471 | 12.7 | 45,062 | 13.5 | 21,409 | 11.2 |
| \$101 - \$150 | 71,779 | 13.7 | 47,809 | 14.3 | 23,970 | 12.6 |
| \$151 - \$199 | 79,526 | 15.2 | 48,600 | 14.6 | 30,926 | 16.2 |
| \$200 - \$249 | 50,867 | 9.7 | 30,642 | 9.2 | 20,225 | 10.6 |
| \$250 and Over | 201,662 | 38.5 | 127,118 | 38.1 | 74,544 | 39.1 |
| Avg. Amt. of Allowable Excess Shelter Cost | \$201 | | \$209 | | \$187 | |

- Roughly 38% of households were allowed an excess shelter deduction of \$250 and over.

CHART 31

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED EXCESS SHELTER DEDUCTION



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 32

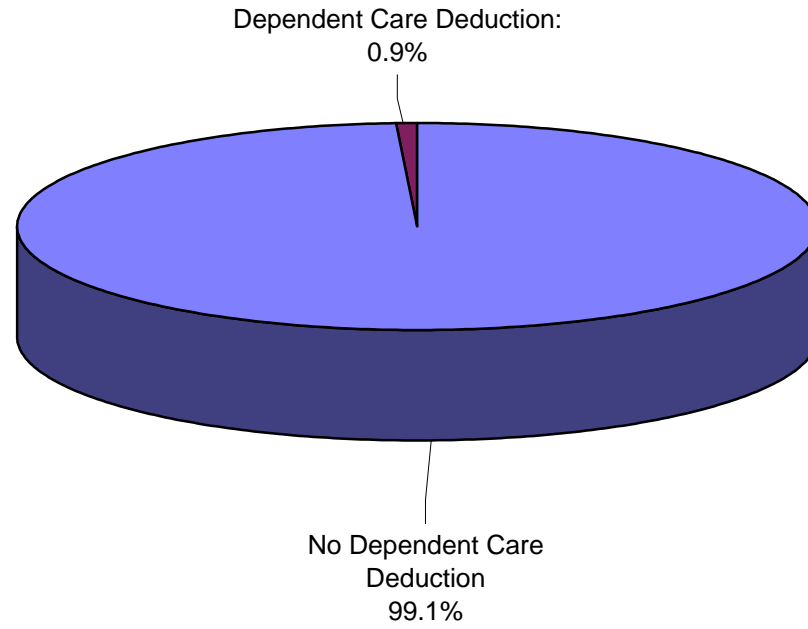
FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED A DEPENDENT CARE DEDUCTION

| DEPENDENT CARE | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| No Dependent Care Deduction | 766,742 | 99.1 | 455,929 | 99.6 | 310,813 | 98.3 |
| Dependent Care Deduction: | 7,185 | 0.9 | 1,877 | 0.4 | 5,308 | 1.7 |
| | | 100.0 | | 100.0 | | 100.0 |
| Avg. Amt. of Dependent Care Deduction | \$160 | | \$164 | | \$158 | |

- The average amount of dependent care deduction decreased from \$214 in FFY 1998 to \$160 for FFY 1999.

CHART 32

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED A DEPENDENT CARE DEDUCTION



REPORTING

Food Stamp Certified Eligible Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 33

REPORTING STATUS OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

| REPORTING STATUS | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NON-ASSISTANCE | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>773,927</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>457,806</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>316,121</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Monthly Reporting | 705,671 | 91.2 | 420,537 | 91.9 | 285,134 | 90.2 |
| Change Reporting | 25,850 | 3.3 | 3,410 | 0.7 | 22,440 | 7.1 |
| Elig. Simplification Project | 41,854 | 5.4 | 33,585 | 7.3 | 8,269 | 2.6 |
| Time Frame Reporting | 290 | 0.0 | 66 | 0.0 | 224 | 0.1 |
| Unknown | 262 | 0.0 | 208 | 0.0 | 54 | 0.0 |

- Roughly 91% of food stamp households were on monthly reporting status.

Reporting Status Definitions:

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

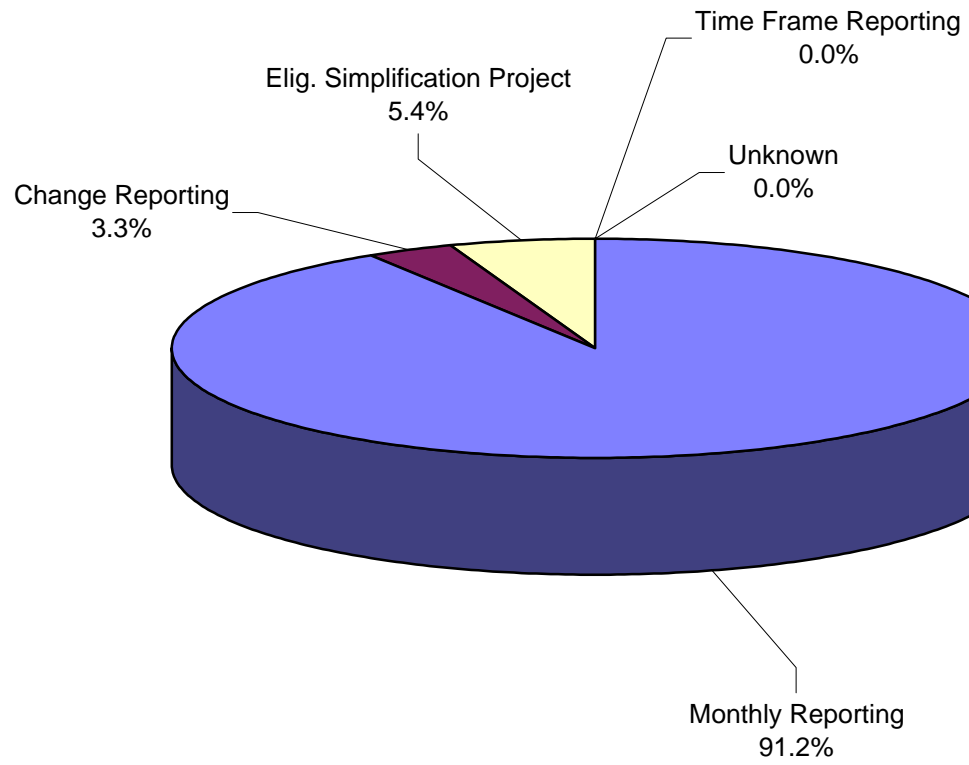
Change Reporting - Households subject to the change reporting requirements must report certain changes in circumstances within ten days of becoming aware of change

Eligibility Simplification Project - A time-limited federal demo project, which has since shut down.

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 33

REPORTING STATUS OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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Appendix A

National Level Annual Summary
Participation and Costs
1969 - 1999

| Food Stamp Program Participation and Costs | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-------------|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| (Data as of June 23, 2000) | | | | | |
| | Average | Average | Total | All | |
| 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 | 228.8 | 21.7 | 250.5 |
| 1970 | 4,340 | 10.55 | 549.7 | 27.2 | 576.9 |
| 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 | 20,067 | 58.92 | 14,186.70 | 1,304.40 | 15,491.10 |
| 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 | 72.19 | 15,751.40 | 1,956.30 | 17,697.40 |

Data are subject to revision.

1] Represents average monthly benefits per person.

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 Level Monthly Data Food Stamp Program 1997 through April 2000

| FOOD STAMP PROGRAM | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------|
| (Data as of June 23, 2000) | | | | | |
| Fiscal | PARTICIPATION | | | AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT | |
| Year | PERSONS | HOUSEHOLDS | BENEFITS | PER PERSON | PER HHOLD. |
| ANNUAL SUMMARY | | | | | |
| 1999 | 18,182,595 | 7,668,372 | 15,751,361,640 | 72.19 | 171.17 |
| 1998 | 19,788,115 | 8,248,741 | 16,889,068,862 | 71.12 | 170.62 |
| 1997 | 22,858,137 | 9,454,705 | 19,550,177,565 | 71.27 | 172.31 |
| MONTHLY DATA | | | | | |
| <u>FY 1997</u> | | | | | |
| O 1996 | 24,400,846 | 10,147,551 | 1,788,308,064 | 73.28 | 176.23 |
| N | 24,139,445 | 10,026,170 | 1,745,333,963 | 72.3 | 174.07 |
| D | 23,920,683 | 9,938,870 | 1,728,287,971 | 72.25 | 173.89 |
| J 1997 | 23,694,285 | 9,836,683 | 1,694,988,396 | 71.53 | 172.31 |
| F | 23,475,445 | 9,716,829 | 1,679,502,812 | 71.54 | 172.84 |
| M | 23,173,789 | 9,570,232 | 1,658,220,609 | 71.55 | 173.26 |
| A | 22,723,781 | 9,368,502 | 1,614,434,649 | 71.04 | 172.32 |
| M | 22,411,827 | 9,217,445 | 1,584,098,917 | 70.68 | 171.85 |
| J | 22,140,575 | 9,104,253 | 1,552,019,381 | 70.09 | 170.47 |
| J | 21,680,584 | 8,949,198 | 1,518,168,398 | 70.02 | 169.64 |
| A | 21,544,651 | 8,893,080 | 1,513,547,300 | 70.25 | 170.19 |
| S | 20,991,727 | 8,687,645 | 1,473,267,105 | 70.18 | 169.58 |
| <u>FY 1998</u> | | | | | |
| O 1997 | 20,799,556 | 8,658,521 | 1,483,427,073 | 71.32 | 171.32 |
| N | 20,607,139 | 8,535,541 | 1,468,552,414 | 71.26 | 172.05 |
| D | 20,517,163 | 8,514,300 | 1,473,842,386 | 71.83 | 173.1 |
| J 1998 | 20,370,391 | 8,461,175 | 1,451,507,200 | 71.25 | 171.54 |
| F | 20,047,459 | 8,353,555 | 1,438,414,676 | 71.75 | 172.19 |
| M | 20,037,929 | 8,346,357 | 1,434,318,938 | 71.58 | 171.84 |
| A | 19,708,896 | 8,234,328 | 1,408,304,599 | 71.45 | 171.02 |
| M | 19,495,898 | 8,139,830 | 1,379,564,611 | 70.76 | 169.48 |
| J | 19,254,891 | 8,044,045 | 1,363,826,582 | 70.83 | 169.54 |
| J | 19,029,374 | 7,960,377 | 1,341,510,938 | 70.49 | 168.52 |
| A | 18,910,497 | 7,916,478 | 1,329,842,492 | 70.32 | 167.98 |
| S | 18,678,190 | 7,820,389 | 1,315,956,953 | 70.45 | 168.27 |
| <u>FY 1999</u> | | | | | |
| O 1998 | 18,781,505 | 7,858,938 | 1,378,408,563 | 73.39 | 175.39 |
| N | 18,647,789 | 7,837,813 | 1,343,421,371 | 72.04 | 171.4 |
| D | 18,617,677 | 7,832,358 | 1,346,433,525 | 72.32 | 171.9 |
| J 1999 | 18,483,171 | 7,778,282 | 1,321,119,565 | 71.47 | 169.84 |
| F | 18,277,915 | 7,702,230 | 1,327,054,190 | 72.6 | 172.29 |
| M | 18,354,551 | 7,740,594 | 1,343,817,610 | 73.21 | 173.6 |
| A | 18,100,864 | 7,641,232 | 1,309,647,915 | 72.35 | 171.39 |
| M | 17,947,007 | 7,573,340 | 1,290,615,285 | 71.91 | 170.41 |
| J | 17,835,831 | 7,542,885 | 1,273,729,757 | 71.41 | 168.86 |
| J | 17,723,939 | 7,503,175 | 1,266,069,107 | 71.43 | 168.73 |

| FOOD STAMP PROGRAM | | | | | |
|---|---------------|------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------|
| (Data as of June 23, 2000) | | | | | |
| Fiscal | PARTICIPATION | | | AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT | |
| Year | PERSONS | HOUSEHOLDS | BENEFITS | PER PERSON | PER HHOLD. |
| A | 17,695,611 | 7,494,120 | 1,262,014,735 | 71.31 | 168.4 |
| S | 17,725,280 | 7,515,493 | 1,289,030,017 | 72.72 | 171.51 |
| <u>FY 2000*</u> | | | | | |
| O 1999 | 17,523,980 | 7,437,054 | 1,286,618,178 | 73.42 | 173 |
| N | 17,568,044 | 7,448,507 | 1,283,673,208 | 73.06 | 172.33 |
| D | 17,255,944 | 7,356,443 | 1,289,484,400 | 74.72 | 175.28 |
| J 2000 | 17,124,282 | 7,299,461 | 1,244,040,623 | 72.64 | 170.42 |
| F | 17,193,286 | 7,360,232 | 1,253,126,698 | 72.88 | 170.25 |
| M | 17,291,291 | 7,395,994 | 1,267,622,729 | 73.3 | 171.39 |
| A | 17,051,853 | 7,311,479 | 1,241,456,996 | 72.8 | 169.79 |
| All data are subject to revision; FY 2000 numbers are subject to substantial change. | | | | | |

Appendix C

State Level Annual Data Persons Participating 1995 - 1999

| FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: NUMBER OF PERSONS PARTICIPATING | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|----------|
| (Data as of June 23, 2000) | | | | | | |
| State / Territory | FY 1995 | FY 1996 | FY 1997 | FY 1998 | FY 1999 | % Change |
| | | | | | <i>Preliminary</i> | |
| ALABAMA | 524,522 | 509,214 | 469,268 | 426,819 | 405,273 | -5% |
| ALASKA | 45,448 | 46,233 | 45,234 | 42,451 | 41,262 | -3% |
| ARIZONA | 480,195 | 427,481 | 363,779 | 295,703 | 257,362 | -13% |
| ARKANSAS | 272,174 | 273,900 | 265,654 | 255,710 | 252,957 | -1% |
| CALIFORNIA | 3,174,651 | 3,143,390 | 2,814,761 | 2,259,069 | 2,027,089 | -10% |
| COLORADO | 251,880 | 243,692 | 216,748 | 191,015 | 173,497 | -9% |
| CONNECTICUT | 226,061 | 222,758 | 209,529 | 195,866 | 178,168 | -9% |
| DELAWARE | 57,090 | 57,836 | 53,655 | 45,581 | 38,571 | -15% |
| DISTRICT OF COL | 93,993 | 92,751 | 90,391 | 85,396 | 84,082 | -2% |
| FLORIDA | 1,395,296 | 1,371,352 | 1,191,664 | 990,571 | 933,435 | -6% |
| GEORGIA | 815,920 | 792,502 | 698,323 | 631,720 | 616,600 | -2% |
| GUAM | 16,461 | 17,599 | 17,783 | 25,249 | 19,758 | -22% |
| HAWAII | 124,575 | 130,344 | 126,901 | 122,027 | 125,155 | 3% |
| IDAHO | 80,255 | 79,855 | 70,413 | 62,393 | 57,201 | -8% |
| ILLINOIS | 1,151,035 | 1,105,160 | 1,019,600 | 922,927 | 820,034 | -11% |
| INDIANA | 469,647 | 389,537 | 347,772 | 313,116 | 298,213 | -5% |
| IOWA | 184,025 | 177,283 | 161,184 | 141,067 | 128,790 | -9% |
| KANSAS | 184,241 | 171,831 | 148,734 | 119,218 | 114,875 | -4% |
| KENTUCKY | 520,088 | 485,628 | 444,422 | 412,028 | 396,440 | -4% |
| LOUISIANA | 710,597 | 670,034 | 575,411 | 536,834 | 516,285 | -4% |
| MAINE | 131,955 | 130,872 | 123,767 | 115,099 | 108,749 | -6% |
| MARYLAND | 398,727 | 374,512 | 354,436 | 322,653 | 264,393 | -18% |
| MASSACHUSETTS | 409,870 | 373,599 | 339,505 | 292,997 | 261,021 | -11% |
| MICHIGAN | 970,760 | 935,416 | 838,917 | 771,580 | 682,680 | -12% |
| MINNESOTA | 308,206 | 294,825 | 260,476 | 219,744 | 208,062 | -5% |
| MISSISSIPPI | 479,934 | 457,106 | 399,062 | 329,058 | 288,057 | -12% |
| MISSOURI | 575,882 | 553,930 | 477,703 | 410,966 | 408,331 | -1% |
| MONTANA | 70,873 | 70,754 | 66,605 | 62,328 | 60,898 | -2% |
| NEBRASKA | 105,133 | 101,625 | 97,176 | 94,944 | 92,404 | -3% |
| NEVADA | 98,538 | 96,712 | 82,419 | 71,531 | 61,673 | -14% |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 58,353 | 52,809 | 46,000 | 39,578 | 37,438 | -5% |
| NEW JERSEY | 550,628 | 540,452 | 491,337 | 424,738 | 384,888 | -9% |
| NEW MEXICO | 238,854 | 235,060 | 204,644 | 174,699 | 178,439 | 2% |
| NEW YORK | 2,183,101 | 2,098,561 | 1,913,548 | 1,627,170 | 1,540,784 | -5% |
| NORTH CAROLINA | 613,502 | 631,061 | 586,415 | 527,790 | 505,410 | -4% |
| NORTH DAKOTA | 41,401 | 39,825 | 37,688 | 33,801 | 33,442 | -1% |
| OHIO | 1,155,490 | 1,045,066 | 873,562 | 733,565 | 639,786 | -13% |
| OKLAHOMA | 374,893 | 353,790 | 321,894 | 287,577 | 271,351 | -6% |
| OREGON | 288,687 | 287,607 | 258,615 | 238,446 | 223,978 | -6% |
| PENNSYLVANIA | 1,173,420 | 1,123,541 | 1,008,864 | 906,735 | 834,898 | -8% |
| RHODE ISLAND | 93,434 | 90,873 | 84,627 | 72,301 | 76,394 | 6% |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | 363,822 | 358,341 | 349,137 | 333,017 | 308,570 | -7% |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | 50,158 | 48,843 | 46,901 | 45,173 | 44,065 | -2% |

| FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: NUMBER OF PERSONS PARTICIPATING | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| (Data as of June 23, 2000) | | | | | | |
| State / Territory | FY 1995 | FY 1996 | FY 1997 | FY 1998 | FY 1999 | % Change |
| | | | | | <i>Preliminary</i> | |
| TENNESSEE | 662,014 | 637,773 | 585,889 | 538,467 | 510,828 | -5% |
| TEXAS | 2,557,693 | 2,371,958 | 2,033,750 | 1,636,175 | 1,400,526 | -14% |
| UTAH | 118,836 | 110,011 | 98,338 | 91,764 | 88,163 | -4% |
| VERMONT | 59,292 | 56,459 | 53,005 | 45,702 | 44,287 | -3% |
| VIRGIN ISLANDS | 23,092 | 30,663 | 20,164 | 17,283 | 16,866 | -2% |
| VIRGINIA | 545,829 | 537,531 | 476,088 | 396,581 | 361,581 | -9% |
| WASHINGTON | 476,019 | 478,391 | 448,663 | 364,418 | 306,654 | -16% |
| WEST VIRGINIA | 308,505 | 299,719 | 287,035 | 269,140 | 247,249 | -8% |
| WISCONSIN | 320,142 | 283,255 | 232,103 | 192,887 | 182,206 | -6% |
| WYOMING | 33,579 | 33,013 | 28,584 | 25,452 | 23,477 | -8% |
| TOTAL | 26,618,773 | 25,542,331 | 22,858,137 | 19,788,115 | 18,182,595 | -8% |
| 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. | | | | | | |

Appendix D

State Level Annual Data
Households Participating
1995 - 1999

| FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: AVERAGE MONTHLY PARTICIPATION (HOUSEHOLDS) | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|--------------------|----------|
| (Data as of June 23, 2000) | | | | | | |
| State / Territory | FY 1995 | FY 1996 | FY 1997 | FY 1998 | FY 1999 | % Change |
| | | | | | <i>Preliminary</i> | |
| ALABAMA | 208,916 | 204,197 | 185,946 | 166,822 | 159,241 | -5% |
| ALASKA | 15,326 | 15,763 | 15,351 | 14,250 | 13,909 | -2% |
| ARIZONA | 177,974 | 158,888 | 133,350 | 106,943 | 94,906 | -11% |
| ARKANSAS | 106,525 | 108,867 | 105,435 | 100,776 | 100,305 | 0% |
| CALIFORNIA | 1,175,562 | 1,169,132 | 1,045,260 | 865,312 | 745,994 | -14% |
| COLORADO | 102,936 | 101,394 | 90,929 | 81,935 | 75,981 | -7% |
| CONNECTICUT | 99,750 | 99,870 | 94,161 | 92,813 | 87,946 | -5% |
| DELAWARE | 21,144 | 21,421 | 19,872 | 16,882 | 14,286 | -15% |
| DISTRICT OF COL | 42,863 | 42,351 | 40,406 | 37,792 | 37,349 | -1% |
| FLORIDA | 587,967 | 590,418 | 513,784 | 431,750 | 426,593 | -1% |
| GEORGIA | 328,668 | 323,120 | 284,142 | 256,429 | 251,256 | -2% |
| GUAM | 5,199 | 5,629 | 5,609 | 7,030 | 5,965 | -15% |
| HAWAII | 55,260 | 58,539 | 56,680 | 54,248 | 56,365 | 4% |
| IDAHO | 30,066 | 30,418 | 26,711 | 23,636 | 22,536 | -5% |
| ILLINOIS | 487,586 | 469,571 | 433,933 | 392,747 | 352,018 | -10% |
| INDIANA | 182,898 | 154,780 | 140,331 | 129,644 | 125,593 | -3% |
| IOWA | 75,310 | 73,586 | 66,924 | 58,852 | 54,254 | -8% |
| KANSAS | 74,830 | 71,806 | 63,607 | 52,957 | 52,008 | -2% |
| KENTUCKY | 187,454 | 185,981 | 173,516 | 162,697 | 159,347 | -2% |
| LOUISIANA | 266,862 | 256,382 | 219,547 | 202,047 | 197,520 | -2% |
| MAINE | 60,304 | 60,746 | 58,449 | 55,599 | 53,719 | -3% |
| MARYLAND | 169,440 | 164,726 | 151,910 | 137,369 | 117,311 | -15% |
| MASSACHUSETTS | 178,281 | 163,282 | 149,114 | 133,522 | 121,767 | -9% |
| MICHIGAN | 418,277 | 409,490 | 366,414 | 329,941 | 297,465 | -10% |
| MINNESOTA | 131,126 | 125,686 | 110,395 | 97,149 | 94,437 | -3% |
| MISSISSIPPI | 185,108 | 178,667 | 155,466 | 129,979 | 115,176 | -11% |
| MISSOURI | 237,498 | 233,326 | 199,413 | 173,954 | 172,499 | -1% |
| MONTANA | 28,143 | 28,559 | 26,750 | 25,418 | 25,334 | 0% |
| NEBRASKA | 43,377 | 42,491 | 40,602 | 38,755 | 37,969 | -2% |
| NEVADA | 45,851 | 45,849 | 38,466 | 32,653 | 28,736 | -12% |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 25,291 | 23,389 | 20,775 | 18,240 | 17,927 | -2% |
| NEW JERSEY | 232,755 | 232,450 | 212,474 | 185,598 | 169,941 | -8% |
| NEW MEXICO | 86,576 | 86,586 | 74,970 | 64,530 | 65,520 | 2% |
| NEW YORK | 1,027,321 | 984,205 | 899,035 | 759,177 | 747,975 | -1% |
| NORTH CAROLINA | 257,532 | 265,386 | 249,829 | 224,235 | 214,501 | -4% |
| NORTH DAKOTA | 16,817 | 16,437 | 15,559 | 14,025 | 13,936 | -1% |
| OHIO | 505,512 | 459,091 | 388,708 | 331,614 | 293,372 | -12% |
| OKLAHOMA | 152,722 | 146,897 | 130,890 | 119,168 | 113,313 | -5% |
| OREGON | 131,686 | 134,869 | 121,019 | 110,933 | 107,458 | -3% |
| PENNSYLVANIA | 515,927 | 492,579 | 440,167 | 400,170 | 373,202 | -7% |
| RHODE ISLAND | 40,002 | 39,220 | 36,976 | 32,399 | 34,282 | 6% |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | 139,813 | 139,883 | 139,762 | 135,539 | 126,539 | -7% |

| FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: AVERAGE MONTHLY PARTICIPATION (HOUSEHOLDS) | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------|
| (Data as of June 23, 2000) | | | | | | |
| State / Territory | FY 1995 | FY 1996 | FY 1997 | FY 1998 | FY 1999 | % Change |
| | | | | | <i>Preliminary</i> | |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | 18,683 | 18,493 | 17,767 | 16,896 | 16,448 | -3% |
| TENNESSEE | 281,337 | 274,033 | 252,698 | 231,724 | 219,910 | -5% |
| TEXAS | 945,825 | 884,777 | 751,094 | 601,968 | 514,786 | -14% |
| UTAH | 44,255 | 41,754 | 37,625 | 35,124 | 35,206 | 0% |
| VERMONT | 26,712 | 26,034 | 24,746 | 21,479 | 20,826 | -3% |
| VIRGIN ISLANDS | 7,168 | 9,748 | 6,312 | 5,515 | 5,429 | -2% |
| VIRGINIA | 234,957 | 234,757 | 205,926 | 170,711 | 158,842 | -7% |
| WASHINGTON | 203,592 | 205,287 | 200,305 | 164,232 | 137,341 | -16% |
| WEST VIRGINIA | 123,012 | 120,789 | 117,129 | 110,318 | 102,925 | -7% |
| WISCONSIN | 118,637 | 104,529 | 87,361 | 75,321 | 71,662 | -5% |
| WYOMING | 12,734 | 12,715 | 11,109 | 9,928 | 9,248 | -7% |
| TOTAL | 10,879,367 | 10,548,838 | 9,454,705 | 8,248,741 | 7,668,372 | -7% |
| Food Stamp Program: Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Northern Marianas. Household participation data are reported monthly. Annual averages are the sums divided by twelve. Data are subject to revision. | | | | | | |

Appendix E

**State Level Annual Data
Benefits
1995 - 1999**

| FOOD STAMP PROGRAM BENEFITS | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| (Data as of June 23, 2000) | | | | | | |
| State / Territory | FY 1995 | FY 1996 | FY 1997 | FY 1998 | FY 1999 | % Change |
| | | | | | <i>Preliminary</i> | |
| ALABAMA | 441,318,860 | 439,505,204 | 392,822,110 | 357,317,903 | 346,450,437 | -3% |
| ALASKA | 49,876,135 | 53,916,257 | 52,222,298 | 49,746,822 | 48,889,936 | -2% |
| ARIZONA | 414,486,636 | 371,506,309 | 315,872,252 | 253,455,437 | 232,826,572 | -8% |
| ARKANSAS | 211,926,016 | 223,708,323 | 213,706,577 | 205,780,188 | 209,874,168 | 2% |
| CALIFORNIA | 2,472,742,400 | 2,554,896,221 | 2,371,678,336 | 2,019,720,937 | 1,796,130,371 | -11% |
| COLORADO | 216,565,491 | 210,444,396 | 182,025,963 | 156,916,678 | 144,720,536 | -8% |
| CONNECTICUT | 168,868,548 | 175,271,870 | 169,942,403 | 161,193,698 | 149,595,858 | -7% |
| DELAWARE | 46,787,146 | 47,292,646 | 41,325,223 | 33,608,741 | 32,362,999 | -4% |
| DISTRICT OF COL | 92,499,128 | 94,953,141 | 91,057,372 | 84,857,116 | 80,181,182 | -6% |
| FLORIDA | 1,307,139,365 | 1,295,526,302 | 1,061,176,745 | 845,349,552 | 813,042,471 | -4% |
| GEORGIA | 700,339,801 | 703,336,676 | 597,073,335 | 538,294,023 | 513,637,274 | -5% |
| GUAM | 24,280,025 | 26,824,330 | 27,183,661 | 34,412,794 | 31,221,187 | -9% |
| HAWAII | 176,755,731 | 196,040,463 | 188,852,921 | 178,216,072 | 179,884,736 | 1% |
| IDAHO | 58,564,474 | 61,245,843 | 53,339,087 | 46,693,275 | 45,307,846 | -3% |
| ILLINOIS | 1,056,482,588 | 1,034,043,236 | 933,346,461 | 844,102,292 | 767,080,093 | -9% |
| INDIANA | 382,038,974 | 329,872,514 | 292,964,477 | 263,188,554 | 255,421,097 | -3% |
| IOWA | 141,532,049 | 141,122,551 | 124,851,060 | 109,448,465 | 103,388,205 | -6% |
| KANSAS | 143,929,272 | 135,345,219 | 111,575,951 | 82,783,169 | 80,360,213 | -3% |
| KENTUCKY | 412,596,463 | 413,094,849 | 371,632,575 | 344,940,784 | 336,771,715 | -2% |
| LOUISIANA | 628,637,073 | 597,387,053 | 512,269,336 | 466,980,753 | 462,680,491 | -1% |
| MAINE | 112,497,611 | 113,120,904 | 103,266,050 | 100,232,859 | 89,118,212 | -11% |
| MARYLAND | 365,169,777 | 361,556,367 | 319,484,417 | 281,736,952 | 237,310,627 | -16% |
| MASSACHUSETTS | 314,985,667 | 295,092,039 | 262,265,352 | 221,815,998 | 205,051,564 | -8% |
| MICHIGAN | 806,477,106 | 773,360,253 | 677,635,885 | 588,474,335 | 514,831,200 | -13% |
| MINNESOTA | 239,604,074 | 221,347,637 | 193,074,373 | 180,842,412 | 170,671,721 | -6% |
| MISSISSIPPI | 383,131,999 | 375,931,119 | 313,249,815 | 254,346,378 | 231,739,620 | -9% |
| MISSOURI | 488,073,749 | 479,648,553 | 400,711,955 | 345,484,217 | 348,113,305 | 1% |
| MONTANA | 57,348,122 | 58,387,612 | 55,413,823 | 52,373,946 | 52,398,197 | 0% |
| NEBRASKA | 76,529,191 | 77,508,320 | 71,973,914 | 67,738,363 | 66,150,346 | -2% |
| NEVADA | 90,847,723 | 91,214,595 | 73,918,975 | 63,224,574 | 56,059,506 | -11% |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 44,424,292 | 41,644,951 | 35,011,951 | 30,212,014 | 30,746,149 | 2% |
| NEW JERSEY | 505,921,911 | 507,790,724 | 448,854,530 | 383,557,420 | 345,565,810 | -10% |
| NEW MEXICO | 196,099,835 | 199,137,468 | 168,046,295 | 144,404,618 | 144,187,966 | 0% |
| NEW YORK | 2,065,406,076 | 2,053,944,448 | 1,777,553,900 | 1,505,332,697 | 1,464,473,573 | -3% |
| NORTH CAROLINA | 494,629,967 | 546,795,219 | 478,122,159 | 421,099,231 | 434,764,911 | 3% |
| NORTH DAKOTA | 32,411,022 | 32,266,813 | 29,119,279 | 25,123,251 | 25,689,624 | 2% |
| OHIO | 1,016,904,773 | 934,276,932 | 743,914,105 | 612,750,217 | 535,415,498 | -13% |
| OKLAHOMA | 314,895,849 | 307,753,291 | 255,512,760 | 230,899,828 | 221,447,724 | -4% |
| OREGON | 254,330,502 | 259,393,703 | 215,761,637 | 197,719,414 | 190,450,933 | -4% |
| PENNSYLVANIA | 1,006,220,907 | 981,088,691 | 864,946,388 | 764,085,110 | 704,175,016 | -8% |
| RHODE ISLAND | 81,926,150 | 77,966,164 | 69,720,627 | 56,712,236 | 61,300,107 | 8% |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | 297,280,998 | 299,356,782 | 280,830,926 | 263,759,224 | 251,171,238 | -5% |

| FOOD STAMP PROGRAM BENEFITS | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| (Data as of June 23, 2000) | | | | | | |
| State / Territory | FY 1995 | FY 1996 | FY 1997 | FY 1998 | FY 1999 | % Change |
| | | | | | <i>Preliminary</i> | |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | 39,621,312 | 40,756,994 | 38,547,970 | 36,922,622 | 36,973,956 | 0% |
| TENNESSEE | 554,188,479 | 541,572,944 | 474,606,404 | 437,307,628 | 424,613,980 | -3% |
| TEXAS | 2,246,359,892 | 2,140,168,464 | 1,764,540,070 | 1,424,902,631 | 1,255,473,491 | -12% |
| UTAH | 90,126,966 | 86,932,208 | 78,292,517 | 75,252,157 | 73,202,676 | -3% |
| VERMONT | 45,834,342 | 43,078,748 | 40,090,117 | 33,758,213 | 34,293,144 | 2% |
| VIRGIN ISLANDS | 27,543,644 | 41,835,077 | 24,859,013 | 21,851,455 | 22,193,300 | 2% |
| VIRGINIA | 450,451,297 | 449,576,596 | 379,314,304 | 306,862,153 | 282,345,049 | -8% |
| WASHINGTON | 417,002,486 | 425,901,094 | 385,666,489 | 308,047,902 | 260,239,784 | -16% |
| WEST VIRGINIA | 252,563,603 | 251,844,756 | 239,064,086 | 224,256,623 | 208,102,865 | -7% |
| WISCONSIN | 220,376,073 | 197,722,160 | 158,436,712 | 130,103,649 | 123,795,156 | -5% |
| WYOMING | 27,515,287 | 28,156,352 | 23,452,624 | 20,871,282 | 19,468,005 | -7% |
| TOTAL | 22,764,066,857 | 22,441,461,381 | 19,550,177,565 | 16,889,068,862 | 15,751,361,640 | -7% |
| Stamp Program: Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Northern Marianas. Data are subject to revision. | | | | | | |

Appendix F

State Level Annual Data Average Monthly Benefits Per Person 1995 - 1999

| FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT PER PERSON | | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|----------|
| (Data as of June 23, 2000) | | | | | | |
| State / Territory | FY 1995 | FY 1996 | FY 1997 | FY 1998 | FY 1999 | |
| | | | | | Preliminary | % Change |
| ALABAMA | 70.11 | 71.92 | 69.75 | 69.76 | 71.23 | 2% |
| ALASKA | 91.45 | 97.18 | 96.2 | 97.65 | 98.73 | 1% |
| ARIZONA | 71.93 | 72.42 | 72.35 | 71.42 | 75.38 | 6% |
| ARKANSAS | 64.88 | 68.06 | 67.03 | 67.06 | 69.14 | 3% |
| CALIFORNIA | 64.9 | 67.73 | 70.21 | 74.5 | 73.83 | -1% |
| COLORADO | 71.64 | 71.96 | 69.98 | 68.45 | 69.51 | 2% |
| CONNECTICUT | 62.25 | 65.56 | 67.58 | 68.58 | 69.96 | 2% |
| DELAWARE | 68.29 | 68.14 | 64.18 | 61.44 | 69.92 | 14% |
| DISTRICT OF COL | 82 | 85.31 | 83.94 | 82.8 | 79.46 | -4% |
| FLORIDA | 78.06 | 78.72 | 74.2 | 71.11 | 72.58 | 2% |
| GEORGIA | 71.52 | 73.95 | 71.25 | 71 | 69.41 | -2% |
| GUAM | 122.91 | 127.01 | 127.38 | 113.57 | 131.67 | 16% |
| HAWAII | 118.23 | 125.33 | 124.01 | 121.7 | 119.77 | -2% |
| IDAHO | 60.81 | 63.91 | 63.12 | 62.36 | 66 | 6% |
| ILLINOIS | 76.48 | 77.97 | 76.28 | 76.21 | 77.95 | 2% |
| INDIANA | 67.78 | 70.56 | 70.2 | 70.04 | 71.37 | 2% |
| IOWA | 64.09 | 66.33 | 64.54 | 64.65 | 66.89 | 3% |
| KANSAS | 65.09 | 65.63 | 62.51 | 57.86 | 58.29 | 1% |
| KENTUCKY | 66.11 | 70.88 | 69.68 | 69.76 | 70.79 | 1% |
| LOUISIANA | 73.72 | 74.29 | 74.18 | 72.48 | 74.68 | 3% |
| MAINE | 71.04 | 72.03 | 69.53 | 72.57 | 68.29 | -6% |
| MARYLAND | 76.31 | 80.45 | 75.11 | 72.76 | 74.79 | 3% |
| MASSACHUSETTS | 64.04 | 65.82 | 64.37 | 63.08 | 65.46 | 4% |
| MICHIGAN | 69.23 | 68.89 | 67.31 | 63.55 | 62.84 | -1% |
| MINNESOTA | 64.78 | 62.56 | 61.76 | 68.58 | 68.35 | 0% |
| MISSISSIPPI | 66.52 | 68.53 | 65.41 | 64.41 | 67.04 | 4% |
| MISSOURI | 70.62 | 72.15 | 69.9 | 70.05 | 71.04 | 1% |
| MONTANA | 67.43 | 68.76 | 69.33 | 70.02 | 71.7 | 2% |
| NEBRASKA | 60.66 | 63.55 | 61.72 | 59.45 | 59.65 | 0% |
| NEVADA | 76.82 | 78.59 | 74.73 | 73.65 | 75.74 | 3% |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 63.44 | 65.71 | 63.42 | 63.61 | 68.43 | 8% |
| NEW JERSEY | 76.56 | 78.29 | 76.12 | 75.25 | 74.81 | -1% |
| NEW MEXICO | 68.41 | 70.59 | 68.43 | 68.88 | 67.33 | -2% |
| NEW YORK | 78.84 | 81.56 | 77.41 | 77.09 | 79.2 | 3% |
| NORTH CAROLINA | 67.18 | 72.2 | 67.94 | 66.48 | 71.68 | 8% |
| NORTH DAKOTA | 65.23 | 67.51 | 64.38 | 61.93 | 64.01 | 3% |
| OHIO | 73.33 | 74.49 | 70.96 | 69.6 | 69.73 | 0% |
| OKLAHOMA | 69.99 | 72.48 | 66.14 | 66.9 | 68 | 2% |
| OREGON | 73.41 | 75.15 | 69.52 | 69.09 | 70.85 | 3% |
| PENNSYLVANIA | 71.45 | 72.76 | 71.44 | 70.22 | 70.28 | 0% |

| FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT PER PERSON | | | | | | |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| (Data as of June 23, 2000) | | | | | | |
| State / Territory | FY 1995 | FY 1996 | FY 1997 | FY 1998 | FY 1999 | |
| | | | | | Preliminary | % Change |
| RHODE ISLAND | 73.06 | 71.49 | 68.65 | 65.36 | 66.86 | 2% |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | 68.09 | 69.61 | 67.02 | 66 | 67.83 | 3% |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | 65.82 | 69.53 | 68.49 | 68.11 | 69.92 | 3% |
| TENNESSEE | 69.76 | 70.76 | 67.5 | 67.67 | 69.26 | 2% |
| TEXAS | 73.18 | 75.18 | 72.3 | 72.57 | 74.7 | 3% |
| UTAH | 63.2 | 65.85 | 66.34 | 68.33 | 69.19 | 1% |
| VERMONT | 64.41 | 63.58 | 63.02 | 61.55 | 64.52 | 5% |
| VIRGIN ISLANDS | 99.39 | 113.69 | 102.73 | 105.36 | 109.65 | 4% |
| VIRGINIA | 68.77 | 69.69 | 66.39 | 64.48 | 65.07 | 1% |
| WASHINGTON | 73 | 74.18 | 71.63 | 70.44 | 70.72 | 0% |
| WEST VIRGINIA | 68.22 | 70.02 | 69.4 | 69.43 | 70.13 | 1% |
| WISCONSIN | 57.36 | 58.16 | 56.88 | 56.2 | 56.61 | 1% |
| WYOMING | 68.28 | 71.07 | 68.37 | 68.33 | 69.1 | 1% |
| TOTAL | 71.26 | 73.21 | 71.27 | 71.12 | 72.19 | 2% |
| 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. | | | | | | |

Appendix G

FOOD STAMPS CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY RELIABILITY ESTIMATES FOR SELECTED SAMPLE SIZES¹

| SELECTED SAMPLE SIZE | CHARACTERISTIC PERCENT: | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | <u>10%</u> | <u>20%</u> | <u>30%</u> | <u>40%</u> | <u>50%</u> |
| | ESTIMATED RELIABILITY AT 95% CONFIDENCE (+ OR -): | | | | |
| 5600 | 0.80% | 1.07% | 1.22% | 1.31% | 1.34% |
| 4300 | 0.91% | 1.22% | 1.40% | 1.49% | 1.52% |
| 4000 | 0.95% | 1.26% | 1.45% | 1.55% | 1.58% |
| 3300 | 1.04% | 1.39% | 1.60% | 1.71% | 1.74% |
| 3000 | 1.10% | 1.46% | 1.67% | 1.79% | 1.83% |
| 2700 | 1.15% | 1.54% | 1.78% | 1.89% | 1.92% |
| 2300 | 1.25% | 1.67% | 1.91% | 2.04% | 2.09% |
| 1500 | 1.55% | 2.07% | 2.37% | 2.53% | 2.58% |
| 1000 | 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 23 shows that almost 10% (9.9%) of the total households (5622) had a food stamp allotment of between \$250 and \$299. The reliability chart shows a reliability of + or - .80%. We are 95% confident that the true value is between 9.1% and 10.7%. 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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