

VI. CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS

The goal of the nation's Child Support Enforcement Program is to ensure that children are supported financially and emotionally by both of their parents.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2001, almost \$19 billion was collected for children by the Child Support Enforcement Program, an increase of six percent from FY 2000, and a 42 percent increase since FY 1997. The total collections include almost \$1.6 billion in overdue child support from federal tax refunds. The Passport Denial Program collected over \$5 million in calendar year 2001. There were nearly \$1.6 million paternities established and acknowledged in FY 2001, an increase of 21 percent since FY 1997.

Tables 6:1-6:6 show the following for FY 2001:

- With a caseload of over \$17 million, over 43 percent of the total IV-D child support cases had a collection, nearly double the 22 percent achieved in FY 1997.
- In FY 2001, about 68 percent of the cases with orders established reported a collection. This was a significant increase over the 38 percent achieved in FY 1997.
- Nationally, about \$2,550 was collected per case with a collection.
- Total administrative expenditures were \$4.8 billion, a 41 percent increase from FY 1997.
- Of the \$17.1 million child support cases, only \$3.1 million are currently receiving public assistance, \$6.1 million have never received public assistance, and \$7.9 million formerly received public assistance. The current assistance caseload has decreased 17 percent from FY 1999 levels, and the former assistance caseload has increased seven percent from FY 1999. This shift represents a dramatic change in those being served by the program, as the vast majority of child support services are now provided to non-public assistance cases.
- About 46 percent of current assistance cases had orders established and about 71 percent of former assistance cases had orders established.
- The Census Bureau's Current Population Survey on Child Support indicates that 61 percent of parents who received child support payments received the full payment. The Child Support Enforcement Program does not collect information on the number of custodial parents who receive their full support.

The Child Support Enforcement Program was established in 1975 to recoup welfare payments given to needy families. Child support caseloads were predominately cases for children on Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) until the late 1980's, when legislation required

States to provide services to all families that made application for child support services, not just welfare and former welfare families. The number of non-welfare families (non-TANF) receiving child support services has been showing steady growth since that time, while TANF-related cases have been declining. In FY 2001, non-TANF collections were \$16.4 billion, which is a 56 percent increase from FY 1997. TANF collections were \$2.6 billion in FY 2001, which is a nine percent decline from FY 1997.

Notes: In FY 1999, States started using a new form (OCSE-157) to report caseload, orders and paternities established, medical support, staffing, and other statistical information to the Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE). The new reporting form includes some of the data found on the old statistical reporting forms (OCSE-156 & OCSE-158) but also adds new information and deletes data elements that are no longer needed. Changes were made to the reporting forms to allow OCSE to meet the requirements of the new performance-based incentive funding system mandated under the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998. Some information collected before FY 1999 is not comparable to later years' data because of this new data series. In addition, Federal auditors are assessing the completeness and reliability of State-reported data. In response, many States have improved data reporting.

A child support case is defined in terms of the parent (mother, father or putative father) who is now or eventually may be obligated under law for the support of a child or children receiving services under the title IV-D program. In general, a TANF case is defined in terms of the custodial parent or relative who is filing the TANF application. For example, if there are two children with different fathers in a TANF family, there could be two child support cases for that family. Hence in FY 2001, there were 3.1 million child support cases while the average number of TANF cases was 2.1 million.

Access and Visitation Program

The Federal Access and Visitation Program provides \$10 million per year to States enabling them to encourage non-custodial parents to stay involved with their children. Each State receives from \$100,000 to almost \$1 million, based upon its number of single parent children, to fund mediation, education, counseling, development of parenting plans, visitation enforcement, visitation monitoring, supervised visitation, and neutral drop off and pick up services.

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Table 6:1

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

TOTAL IV-D COLLECTIONS		\$18,957,597,108
Current Assistance IV-A and IV-E	1,345,066,232	
Former Assistance	7,900,686,311	
Never Assistance	9,711,844,565	
Assistance Payments	2,236,133,262	
Medical Support	94,265,152	
Payments to Families	16,627,198,694	
State Share	1,004,457,359	
* Net Federal Share	894,818,320	
Estimated Incentive Payments	336,857,781	
CURRENT ASSISTANCE IV-A AND IV-E		\$1,345,066,232
Assistance Payments	989,672,231	
Medical Support	23,232,285	
Payments to Families	332,161,716	
FORMER ASSISTANCE		\$7,900,686,312
Assistance Payments	1,246,461,031	
Medical Support	45,101,233	
Payments to Families	6,609,124,048	
NEVER ASSISTANCE		\$9,711,844,564
Medical Support	25,931,634	
Payments to Families	9,685,912,930	

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES		\$4,835,234,199
Federal Share	3,222,157,717	
State Share	1,613,076,482	
** COST-EFFECTIVENESS		\$3.92
TANF/Foster Care	0.54	
Non-TANF	3.38	

Source: Forms OCSE-396A and 34A.

* Incentives are paid out of the Federal Share.

** This is not the cost-effectiveness ratio established under the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998 (CSPIA).
Administrative Expenditures - Total amount of expenditures eligible for Federal funding that is claimed by the States during the year for the administration of the Child Support Enforcement program. This includes all amounts claimed during the year, whether expended during the current or previous fiscal year. The amounts being reported have been reduced by the amount of program income (fees and costs recovered in excess of fees and interest earned and other program income) received by the States.

Federal Share of Expenditures - The portion of total administrative expenditures claimed during the fiscal year that were paid by the Federal government at the appropriate Federal financial participation (FFP) rate. The amount reported has been reduced by the amount of fees received from the States for the use of the Federal Parent Locator Service.

State Share of Expenditures - The portion of the total administrative expenditures claimed during the fiscal year that were paid by the State government. The amounts reported include fees paid by the States for the use of the Federal Parent Locator Service.

Cost Effectiveness - TANF/FC cost effectiveness is the TANF/FC collections divided by the total administrative expenditure, and Non-TANF cost effectiveness is the Non-TANF/FC collections divided by the total administrative expenditure. This is the cost effectiveness measure used before the Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998.

Table 6:2

STATISTICAL OVERVIEW FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001

TOTAL IV-D CASELOAD	17,060,430
Current Assistance	3,093,401
Former Assistance	7,895,894
Never Assistance	6,071,135
CASES OPEN	16,835,757
Current Assistance	3,053,962
Former Assistance	7,777,644
Never Assistance	6,004,151
CASES WITH NO JURISDICTION	224,673
Current Assistance	39,439
Former Assistance	118,250
Never Assistance	66,984
TOTAL CASES WITH COLLECTIONS	7,439,817
Current Assistance	773,985
Former Assistance	3,613,203
Never Assistance	3,052,629
TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF CASES WITH COLLECTIONS	43.6
Current Assistance	25.0
Former Assistance	45.8
Never Assistance	50.3
TOTAL CASES WITH ORDERS ESTABLISHED	10,970,931
Current Assistance	1,419,370
Former Assistance	5,606,453
Never Assistance	3,945,108
TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF CASES WITH ORDERS ESTABLISHED	64.3
Current Assistance	45.9
Former Assistance	71.0
Never Assistance	65.0
TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF CASES WITH ORDERS ESTABLISHED WHICH HAD A COLLECTION	67.8
Current Assistance	54.5
Former Assistance	64.4
Never Assistance	77.4
TOTAL PATERNITIES ESTABLISHED OR ACKNOWLEDGED	1,569,506
IV-D Paternities Established or Acknowledged	776,122
State In-Hospital and Other Paternities Acknowledged*	793,384
TOTAL SUPPORT ORDERS ESTABLISHED	1,181,545
Current Assistance	250,179
Former Assistance	427,869
Never Assistance	503,497

Source: OCSE-157.

Total IV-D caseload combines cases open and cases with no jurisdiction.

* State paternity acknowledgements include an unknown number of acknowledgements for children in the IV-D caseload.

Table 6:3

Financial and Statistical Overview for Fiscal Years 1999, 2000, and 2001

Fiscal Years	1999	2000	2001
Total caseload (A)	17,330,366	17,374,041	17,060,430
Cases with collections (B)	6,599,936	7,232,254	7,439,817
Percentage of cases with collections (B/A)	38.1	41.6	43.6
IV-D cases with orders established (C)	10,272,095	10,688,022	10,970,931
Percentage of cases with orders established which had a collection (B/C)	64.3	67.7	67.8
Total Distributed Collections (D)	\$15,901,201,077	\$17,854,271,522	\$18,957,597,108
Collections per paying case (D/B)	\$2,409.30	\$2,468.70	\$2,548.13
Total Administrative Expenditures	\$4,038,951,999	\$4,525,771,150	\$4,835,234,199
Caseload - Current	3,724,473	3,298,876	3,093,401
Caseload - Former	7,403,792	7,916,011	7,895,894
Caseload - Never	<u>6,202,101</u>	<u>6,159,154</u>	<u>6,071,135</u>
Caseload - TOTAL	17,330,366	17,374,041	17,060,430
Total Paternities	1,599,979	1,554,440	1,569,506

Note: FY 2001 data is preliminary.

Source: OCSE-34A, OCSE-396A, and OCSE-157.

Table 6:4
TOTAL DISTRIBUTED COLLECTIONS FOR FIVE FISCAL YEARS

STATES	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
TOTALS	\$13,363,971,702	\$14,347,706,681	\$15,901,201,077	\$17,854,271,522	\$18,957,597,107
ALABAMA	\$170,581,427	\$172,407,203	\$185,929,914	\$192,136,827	\$200,240,037
ALASKA	64,919,032	64,262,422	67,131,846	71,101,719	77,905,418
ARIZONA	132,048,847	144,347,745	169,232,529	196,761,640	212,384,196
ARKANSAS	91,457,022	99,373,428	108,480,840	120,493,465	122,150,043
CALIFORNIA	1,174,214,624	1,372,354,157	1,604,173,701	2,059,472,938	1,987,761,937
COLORADO	123,564,692	140,311,116	163,546,023	176,120,256	189,729,840
CONNECTICUT	141,543,436	154,373,662	175,487,270	190,849,231	202,950,268
DELAWARE	38,616,387	42,005,824	44,962,003	49,010,326	53,405,899
DIST. OF COL.	29,906,318	32,715,624	35,137,996	35,029,816	37,760,166
FLORIDA	484,630,121	507,112,518	579,827,499	648,007,202	700,413,455
GEORGIA	278,059,999	300,772,452	330,631,555	361,895,069	383,496,014
GUAM	6,681,544	7,251,380	7,660,532	7,701,905	7,451,417
HAWAII	55,015,639	62,314,371	60,520,055	66,547,674	69,349,488
IDAHO	48,025,328	53,778,625	64,268,499	75,069,124	87,410,927
ILLINOIS	267,359,518	300,239,940	325,562,478	361,276,437	424,100,350
INDIANA	208,444,050	227,203,313	271,110,248	366,155,285	366,781,739
IOWA	166,155,139	185,098,729	201,219,305	218,721,976	236,936,971
KANSAS	114,979,206	122,229,999	137,981,151	139,181,584	127,176,292
KENTUCKY	164,357,171	185,549,683	206,241,206	226,432,656	248,957,397
LOUISIANA	154,821,458	170,555,482	188,131,410	213,901,350	233,491,509
MAINE	68,615,439	73,782,781	80,663,945	89,399,356	95,101,117
MARYLAND	322,363,403	357,094,944	350,165,942	367,930,051	379,403,201
MASSACHUSETTS	258,584,016	274,662,473	291,485,832	318,570,247	363,060,179
MICHIGAN	1,092,176,097	1,151,824,001	1,274,637,793	1,347,410,776	1,385,225,776
MINNESOTA	355,371,919	394,670,957	442,657,451	477,367,932	512,122,192
MISSISSIPPI	97,017,611	112,224,456	128,877,572	144,398,420	158,091,621
MISSOURI	318,310,313	286,734,739	285,818,836	338,989,078	372,654,718
MONTANA	33,400,682	36,921,587	38,221,855	40,751,932	41,027,136
NEBRASKA	108,623,657	117,127,490	110,565,311	142,451,583	159,886,802
NEVADA	60,063,294	69,133,221	92,121,885	79,309,062	84,050,142
NEW HAMPSHIRE	54,468,733	60,975,803	66,166,127	71,390,460	73,225,761
NEW JERSEY	553,712,995	581,901,606	635,116,977	679,194,346	724,682,527
NEW MEXICO	34,417,383	37,310,412	34,894,675	39,542,994	43,594,822
NEW YORK	803,825,889	834,476,910	909,755,049	1,101,981,677	1,148,800,884
NORTH CAROLINA	298,907,678	311,684,239	347,969,980	395,597,968	430,346,008
NORTH DAKOTA	32,209,165	36,064,761	40,878,761	41,828,314	47,628,668
OHIO	1,083,543,013	1,151,228,761	1,301,311,021	1,411,208,969	1,461,376,935
OKLAHOMA	79,782,128	86,664,599	96,191,903	107,182,337	116,245,538
OREGON	197,910,878	209,181,643	231,875,332	248,205,633	271,048,814
PENNSYLVANIA	1,006,859,583	1,042,987,090	1,107,687,051	1,167,422,477	1,252,202,021
PUERTO RICO	142,555,415	145,131,794	166,021,553	182,840,956	195,882,360
RHODE ISLAND	38,824,537	41,902,316	44,304,705	48,445,775	48,928,336
SOUTH CAROLINA	135,657,053	153,915,622	173,756,503	188,234,179	208,155,682
SOUTH DAKOTA	30,887,684	34,488,847	38,323,366	43,519,157	47,463,266
TENNESSEE	172,822,904	188,406,296	224,245,130	248,195,435	276,337,064
TEXAS	618,065,552	685,028,480	802,911,218	964,935,244	1,174,224,930
UTAH	84,542,092	97,013,689	107,336,206	118,099,773	127,370,896
VERMONT	27,877,769	31,712,200	34,880,355	38,738,022	40,697,472
VIRGIN ISLANDS	5,921,270	6,122,511	6,141,919	7,533,124	7,171,741
VIRGINIA	292,829,779	276,875,539	312,776,989	347,763,838	403,164,627
WASHINGTON	451,730,094	474,432,883	515,859,493	548,674,852	572,902,624
WEST VIRGINIA	98,147,954	109,384,212	109,379,597	120,349,180	137,233,085
WISCONSIN	459,882,115	499,272,091	532,502,415	569,045,649	583,722,323
WYOMING	28,682,650	33,110,055	38,462,270	41,896,246	44,714,476

Note: FY 2001 data is preliminary.
Source: Form OCSE-34 and Form OCSE-34A.

Table 6:5
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES FOR FIVE FISCAL YEARS

STATES	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
TOTALS	\$3,428,007,872	\$3,585,046,284	\$4,038,951,999	\$4,525,771,150	\$4,835,234,199
ALABAMA	\$41,252,487	\$50,746,881	\$53,533,869	\$57,092,080	\$54,278,956
ALASKA	18,668,868	18,244,514	17,964,120	21,504,796	22,092,393
ARIZONA	49,085,481	54,188,509	58,657,247	60,566,506	58,584,065
ARKANSAS	46,274,009	34,540,989	36,804,856	40,532,021	47,569,896
CALIFORNIA	513,658,531	515,390,874	612,709,196	675,981,358	808,709,471
COLORADO	40,282,030	45,083,784	51,970,056	63,147,019	60,876,554
CONNECTICUT	45,878,634	47,852,750	38,575,967	55,368,897	56,873,037
DELAWARE	17,332,880	16,489,915	18,204,947	18,724,440	21,712,899
DIST. OF COL.	7,438,020	16,544,936	13,240,866	16,005,125	19,881,072
FLORIDA	140,487,078	166,881,972	190,501,671	216,327,472	221,859,069
GEORGIA	71,589,274	85,108,749	89,929,572	110,417,715	109,061,284
GUAM	3,535,602	4,214,111	3,803,786	3,177,131	6,108,949
HAWAII	23,438,118	23,960,336	20,129,474	16,440,967	11,868,581
IDAHO	17,612,249	14,561,560	10,486,201	19,708,904	21,605,663
ILLINOIS	130,720,798	119,900,405	138,846,999	158,739,966	180,022,464
INDIANA	33,738,575	41,694,803	38,548,504	50,509,947	60,685,358
IOWA	34,113,753	38,646,250	42,592,938	54,642,292	47,424,101
KANSAS	37,583,335	40,065,525	49,627,981	51,219,331	55,208,471
KENTUCKY	43,284,056	47,619,189	56,187,842	59,654,701	64,278,264
LOUISIANA	35,770,047	42,328,501	47,330,767	46,501,951	56,833,777
MAINE	16,220,128	17,362,717	18,622,365	19,891,875	16,665,505
MARYLAND	73,146,781	82,898,713	82,662,138	109,816,813	96,380,664
MASSACHUSETTS	63,908,669	59,949,984	75,075,897	95,727,805	74,245,930
MICHIGAN	161,467,678	160,376,299	164,473,879	246,924,580	290,607,893
MINNESOTA	85,898,403	102,461,532	113,148,820	120,238,329	128,135,742
MISSISSIPPI	30,793,087	30,376,620	30,617,658	31,351,978	28,152,230
MISSOURI	78,632,228	85,273,627	94,391,679	106,566,487	102,962,421
MONTANA	12,124,709	11,706,209	11,640,510	13,356,202	12,366,610
NEBRASKA	29,360,093	25,108,829	31,973,151	38,324,928	48,599,097
NEVADA	37,394,653	23,866,066	38,022,688	41,050,965	33,214,421
NEW HAMPSHIRE	13,587,807	13,561,074	16,919,544	16,004,941	14,682,375
NEW JERSEY	115,736,893	125,290,024	139,127,636	156,961,031	145,758,766
NEW MEXICO	23,731,548	23,405,690	32,341,992	33,642,649	45,490,339
NEW YORK	200,587,464	200,762,230	212,809,547	239,933,915	241,496,134
NORTH CAROLINA	105,631,194	108,863,265	130,060,394	111,574,925	115,865,908
NORTH DAKOTA	6,265,970	7,593,606	9,957,810	9,746,769	12,130,901
OHIO	208,669,145	202,887,569	274,378,160	301,987,183	359,069,774
OKLAHOMA	26,289,829	27,934,143	32,252,862	42,613,621	44,775,915
OREGON	42,529,281	39,516,016	42,336,273	49,500,340	44,843,700
PENNSYLVANIA	135,729,224	147,723,335	183,526,973	199,449,743	184,690,363
PUERTO RICO	26,540,809	26,993,646	29,797,384	30,057,676	36,812,176
RHODE ISLAND	8,967,346	10,016,997	10,920,203	11,783,959	12,423,716
SOUTH CAROLINA	31,582,887	32,649,941	36,672,072	39,295,587	47,831,468
SOUTH DAKOTA	5,330,842	5,628,890	6,554,522	7,099,472	6,873,113
TENNESSEE	44,894,049	52,612,664	52,191,331	55,776,197	59,951,980
TEXAS	171,993,512	181,978,591	202,946,289	207,392,384	238,817,225
UTAH	29,759,407	32,058,471	36,312,567	37,027,913	37,350,946
VERMONT	7,798,921	7,631,525	9,047,583	10,313,647	11,156,171
VIRGIN ISLANDS	2,431,660	2,294,091	2,559,423	5,330,740	7,477,516
VIRGINIA	55,974,156	61,083,411	75,708,963	79,436,342	73,398,552
WASHINGTON	111,178,396	126,830,234	118,133,123	129,378,306	134,257,031
WEST VIRGINIA	24,327,799	24,470,020	28,668,536	31,163,641	31,747,240
WISCONSIN	79,193,043	90,924,313	96,688,882	90,127,039	99,446,924
WYOMING	8,586,436	8,891,389	8,764,286	10,660,549	12,021,129

Note: FY 2001 is preliminary.

Source: Form OCSE-131 and Form OCSE-396A.

Table 6:6
AMOUNT OF COLLECTIONS PER CASE WITH A COLLECTION FOR FY 2001

STATES	Total Distributed Collections	Cases with Collections	Collections Per Paying Case
TOTALS	\$18,957,597,107	7,439,817	\$2,548.13
ALABAMA	\$200,240,037	109,580	\$1,827.34
ALASKA	77,905,418	29,030	2,683.62
ARIZONA	212,384,196	89,688	2,368.03
ARKANSAS	122,150,043	73,418	1,663.76
CALIFORNIA	1,987,761,937	781,260	2,544.30
COLORADO	189,729,840	70,782	2,680.48
CONNECTICUT	202,950,268	80,871	2,509.56
DELAWARE	53,405,899	27,349	1,952.76
DIST. OF COL.	37,760,166	15,716	2,402.66
FLORIDA	700,413,455	326,243	2,146.91
GEORGIA	383,496,014	186,813	2,052.83
GUAM	7,451,417	5,686	1,310.48
HAWAII	69,349,488	29,353	2,362.60
IDAHO	87,410,927	42,490	2,057.21
ILLINOIS	424,100,350	172,627	2,456.74
INDIANA	366,781,739	143,071	2,563.63
IOWA	236,936,971	123,407	1,919.96
KANSAS	127,176,292	64,166	1,981.99
KENTUCKY	248,957,397	125,988	1,976.04
LOUISIANA	233,491,509	118,774	1,965.85
MAINE	95,101,117	42,089	2,259.52
MARYLAND	379,403,201	147,738	2,568.08
MASSACHUSETTS	363,060,179	108,387	3,349.67
MICHIGAN	1,385,225,776	434,814	3,185.79
MINNESOTA	512,122,192	151,692	3,376.07
MISSISSIPPI	158,091,621	102,366	1,544.38
MISSOURI	372,654,718	163,727	2,276.07
MONTANA	41,027,136	23,690	1,731.83
NEBRASKA	159,886,802	56,971	2,806.46
NEVADA	84,050,142	37,876	2,219.09
NEW HAMPSHIRE	73,225,761	26,702	2,742.33
NEW JERSEY	724,682,527	222,025	3,263.97
NEW MEXICO	43,594,822	21,631	2,015.39
NEW YORK	1,148,800,884	442,034	2,598.90
NORTH CAROLINA	430,346,008	233,756	1,841.01
NORTH DAKOTA	47,628,668	20,197	2,358.21
OHIO	1,461,376,935	481,723	3,033.65
OKLAHOMA	116,245,538	64,748	1,795.35
OREGON	271,048,814	112,404	2,411.38
PENNSYLVANIA	1,252,202,021	413,840	3,025.81
PUERTO RICO	195,882,360	95,053	2,060.77
RHODE ISLAND	48,928,336	20,382	2,400.57
SOUTH CAROLINA	208,155,682	99,538	2,091.22
SOUTH DAKOTA	47,463,266	22,120	2,145.72
TENNESSEE	276,337,064	128,737	2,146.52
TEXAS	1,174,224,930	347,535	3,378.72
UTAH	127,370,896	57,076	2,231.60
VERMONT	40,697,472	16,304	2,496.16
VIRGIN ISLANDS	7,171,741	N/A	N/A
VIRGINIA	403,164,627	195,227	2,065.11
WASHINGTON	572,902,624	232,809	2,460.83
WEST VIRGINIA	137,233,085	57,382	2,391.57
WISCONSIN	583,722,323	221,592	2,634.22
WYOMING	44,714,476	21,340	2,095.34

N/A - not available. Note: FY 2001 data is preliminary.

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