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SURVEY**

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of
Households Receiving CalFresh**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The objective of the CalFresh program is to improve the health and well-being of qualified households and individuals by providing a means to meet nutritional needs. The CalFresh Household Characteristics Survey presents data on various social and economic characteristics of individuals and households who received CalFresh benefits during Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013 – (October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013). Data for this report were taken from the County Performance Sample survey conducted by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) that included a random sample of 5,480 CalFresh households. As with all sample data, the information in this report is subject to sampling and non-sampling errors.¹ Because the estimates in this report have margins of error, they should be interpreted with caution. In addition, the data in this report do not reflect the impact of more recent policy changes.

Enrollment in CalFresh increased by 0.4 million statewide from 1.4 million households participating in 2012 to 1.9 million households participating in 2013. This is due likely to a combination of policy changes, increased outreach and awareness, and continuing challenges in the economy.

The report presents the composition of the recipient population including age, gender, race and ethnicity. The distribution by race and ethnicity shows that 57 percent were Hispanic, 22 percent were White, 12 percent were Black and nine percent were Asian or Pacific Islander or fell in the “Other” category. The number of Hispanics and Blacks increased by one percentage point in comparison to the previous FFY and that of Whites by two percentage points. The number of Asian and Pacific Islanders remained similar.

The survey results portray head of household patterns based on gender, as well as the population composition by age, by focusing on the child population and the citizenship status of recipients. It found that 65 percent of the CalFresh households were headed by females and the remaining 35 percent by males. The proportion of female headed households was lower in FFY 2013 by four percentage points than in FFY 2012. It also found that a significant majority (94 percent) of CalFresh recipients were United States citizens. The remaining six percent were legally present non-citizens showing that the citizen/non-citizen percentages remained unchanged between FFY 2012 and FFY 2013. The analysis of the age composition of recipients showed that in FFY 2013, more than half (55 percent) of recipients were children, which was two percentage points lower than in FFY 2012.

¹ **Sampling error** is a statistical error caused due to working with sample data rather than population or census data. Using sample data presents the risk that results found in an analysis may not represent the results that would be obtained from using data involving the entire population from which the sample was derived. **Non-sampling errors** are statistical errors caused by human error to which a specific statistical analysis is exposed. These errors can include, but are not limited to, data entry errors, biased questions in a questionnaire, biased data processing, inappropriate analysis conclusions and false information provided by respondents.

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This report also examined the age distribution of the heads of CalFresh households, the age of recipient children, the proportion of elderly or disabled CalFresh heads of households as well as the number of persons per household. It found that the average number of persons in CalFresh households decreased slightly from 2.3 persons per household in FFY 2012 to 2.2 persons per household in FFY 2013. The average age of CalFresh heads of household increased from 37 years in FFY 2012 to 38 years in FFY 2013. The average age of recipient children was seven years in FFY 2012, and remained unchanged in FFY 2013. The proportion of elderly or disabled CalFresh heads of household increased from eight percent of all household heads in FFY 2012 to ten percent in FFY 2013.

Examination based on whether a CalFresh household was a child-only household or not, and the number of persons in child-only households showed that approximately six percent of the CalFresh households were single-person child-only households in FFY 2013 which is one percentage point lower than in FFY 2012. Child-only households are households that do not have an eligible adult living in the household.

Distribution by whether or not persons with unearned incomes were receiving benefits showed that the majority (57 percent) of the CalFresh households had unearned incomes. This breaks down as 43 percent receiving the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits, while the remaining 14 percent received general relief. An additional ten percent received unemployment compensation. In comparison to FFY 2012, CalFresh households on public assistance decreased by four percentage points while the proportion of those receiving general relief increased by one percentage point, and that of households receiving unemployment compensation decreased by three percentage points.

Trend analyses of whether an income received by CalFresh households was earned or unearned showed that the proportion of CalFresh households that did not have earned income increased from 78 percent in FFY 2012 to 79 percent in FFY 2013. It also showed that the majority (83 percent) of the CalFresh households with earned income were paid salaries or wages, which is a similar percentage as in the previous FFY. The report's findings include the average net income used to determine the CalFresh allotment, which was \$456 in FFY 2012 and \$488 in FFY 2013. The proportion of CalFresh households whose eligibility was determined based on a zero net income increased from 51 percent in FFY 2012 to 58 percent in 2013.

Examination of the level of education of heads of CalFresh households showed that the proportion of heads of household that completed 12 years or more of schooling increased from 63 percent in FFY 2012 to 65 percent in FFY 2013. The link between the level of education and earned income was also examined. We found that 57 percent of the CalFresh heads of household with less than 12 years of schooling reported zero net income. This proportion is higher than in FFY 2012 by ten percentage points.

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Analysis of the duration of stay in the program shows that the average time on aid increased slightly from 21 months in FFY 2012 to 23 months in FFY 2013. In the public assistance households, the average time on aid decreased from 34 months in FFY 2012 to 33 months in FFY 2013. Of the CalFresh households that received benefits continuously for seven to 12 months, 76 percent were Hispanic or White, 60 percent did not have a net income, 66 percent had completed 12 years of schooling or higher. The average household size was 2.1 persons.

Further trend analysis showed that the average monthly CalFresh benefit increased by four dollars between FFY 2012 (\$311) and FFY 2013 (\$315) and the average allowable excess shelter deduction increased by 28 dollars from \$464 in 2012 to \$492 in FFY 2013. The average child care deduction increased from \$257 in FFY 2012 to \$271 in FFY 2013.

The study also looked at living expenses incurred by CalFresh households. Seventy-two percent of CalFresh households reported a shelter cost. This is one percentage point more than the proportion in the previous Federal Fiscal Year.

The final section of this report covered issues of CalFresh access as measured by the proportions of eligible persons that are receiving benefits. In FFY 2013, CDSS took measures to increase CalFresh participation and provide better program access to low-income households and individuals by a) removing barriers to access and b) reducing administrative complexities. The Department also provided nutritional education to help households make better food choices.

CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY INFORMATION

THE CALFRESH PROGRAM

The CalFresh program, federally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), provides monthly benefits that assist low-income households in purchasing the food they need to maintain adequate nutrition.

National eligibility standards and benefit levels are established by Congress, while national administration of the program is provided by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service, which funds 100 percent of the benefits and half of the administrative costs. At the state level, CDSS is responsible for program supervision with county administration. The state pays 70 percent of the non-federal cost for administration and counties pay the remaining 30 percent.

Eligibility determination includes an assessment of income level, resources, residency, employment status and citizenship or legal immigrant status. Households in which all members receive CalWORKs benefits are considered categorically eligible for the CalFresh program (applicants are automatically eligible for CalFresh benefits if they are already receiving benefits from other specific low-income assistance programs).

California's Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP) recipients do not receive CalFresh benefits. Instead, they receive cash equivalent (cash-out) as part of their benefits.

A Public Assistance CalFresh (PACF) household is a household in which all members are receiving or authorized to receive CalWORKs benefits.

A Non-Assistance CalFresh (NACF) is a CalFresh household containing some or all members not eligible to, or not receiving, federal cash aid benefits.

PROGRAM CHANGES FOR FFY 2013

In FFY 2013, the CDSS implemented the Semi-Annual Reporting System (SAR) for the CalFresh program. Under SAR, recipients are required to submit a semi-annual eligibility form once a year. Previously, recipients were required to report on a quarterly basis, which caused excessive caseloads per worker and administrative errors. Reducing the number of times recipients are required to report is expected to decrease the recertification churn rate. The recertification churn rate measures the proportion of all CalFresh applications received from those who reapply within 30 and 90 days of failing to recertify.

The CDSS received approval for two CalFresh waivers. Waiver number 2090051 (June 1st, 2009) allowed a telephone interview during initial application or recertification in lieu of a face to face interview. This was determined to be beneficial for applicants and recipients, and provided administrative relief to county staff. Waiver number 2120016 relates to averaged student work hours. It changed the CalFresh eligibility requirement for students. Under previous rules, students must be enrolled at least half time in an institution of higher education

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and be employed for a minimum of 20 hours per week and be paid for this employment in order to be eligible for CalFresh benefits. The waiver allows student work hours to be averaged during the month, instead of requiring a 20-hour minimum per week. This will extend eligibility to more students and increase participation in the CalFresh program.

SURVEY DISPLAY

This report presents data on various social and economic characteristics of individuals and households who received CalFresh benefits in FFY 2013. The data reflect information obtained from the County Performance Sample survey conducted by CDSS.

For comparison purposes, the tables in this publication display NACF and PACF data separately. Pie and bar charts have been included as a visual aid to assist the reader. Median and the mean values have been computed for many of the tables. The median is the point in the data that divides the population into two equal halves. In a normally distributed population, the mean and the median are fairly close to one another. When the population is not normally distributed, the median and mean values are different because such a population lacks a well-defined center point.

SURVEY TOOL

Quality control reviews are conducted by the staff of the CDSS Field Operations Bureau and of the Performance Measurement Counties (PMC) using the Research and Development Enterprise Project (RADEP). The RADEP is a web-based data collection and reporting tool that is used for federal reporting requirements, policy development, program evaluation and characteristics surveys.

The data in this report reflect characteristics of households receiving CalFresh benefits for at least one month during FFY 2013. The information was derived from review of case records, third party verifications and CalFresh recipient interviews, which were conducted to verify data in the files and to provide additional information that may not be found in the case records. The Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System file was used to supplement these data.

SAMPLING INFORMATION

The sampled cases were drawn from a county CalFresh Monthly Issuance File. This file consisted of all certified eligible households that were issued CalFresh benefits in a particular month. Each month, a random sample of CalFresh household cases is drawn from the 19 PMCs. The sample of the 19 PMCs represents approximately 90 percent of the statewide sample. An additional sample is drawn from the remaining 39 counties as a whole. The total sample for FFY 2013 consisted of 5,480 cases.

CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY INFORMATION (continued)**DATA PRESENTATION**

The data in this publication were derived using statistical methodology to expand the number of sample cases to the actual number of CalFresh cases that received CalFresh benefits during the twelve-month period in FFY 2013. Since the sample was drawn from a household file (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 up to the totals vertically and/or horizontally. The differences are small and often not statistically 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 data from multiple sources (sample reviews, county reports and comparable prior studies) shows the information to be quite reliable. However, as with all sample data, caution should be exercised in the interpretation of figures when based on a relatively small number of cases.

The CalFresh survey is based upon a random sample selection process that has a confidence level of 95 percent and a precision of plus or minus two percent.

CALFRESH RECIPIENT PROFILE

Like the population at large, the CalFresh population has a wide range of social and economic characteristics. The chart below shows the comparison of some of the key characteristics of the households receiving CalFresh in FFY 2002, FFY 2011, FFY 2012 and FFY 2013.

| CHARACTERISTICS | FFY 2002 | FFY 2011 | FFY 2012 | FFY 2013 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Average age of head of household (years) | 36.6 | 37.3 | 37.8 | 38.8 |
| Average age of children (years) | 8.3 | 7.2 | 7.5 | 7.4 |
| Average number of persons per household | 2.7 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 |
| Average number of children per household | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 |
| Percent of recipients that are United States citizens | 90.8% | 93.3% | 93.7% | 94.1% |
| Percent of heads of the household completing at least 12 years education | 55.2% | 62.5% | 62.9% | 65.3% |
| Average CalFresh allotment per household | \$199 | \$315 | \$311 | \$315 |
| Percent of CalFresh recipients that also receive CalWORKs benefits | 63.0% | 32.8% | 31.1% | 27.2% |
| Percent of CalFresh households that also receive CalWORKs benefits | 49.8% | 27.6% | 24.7% | 22.7% |
| Percent of single-person NACF households | 42.5% | 47.2% | 51.0% | 50.9% |
| PERCENT OF HEADS OF THE HOUSEHOLD WHO ARE: | | | | |
| Hispanic | 33.8% | 40.3% | 41.4% | 40.1% |
| White | 30.1% | 31.0% | 30.6% | 33.3% |
| Black | 25.0% | 19.3% | 17.7% | 18.1% |
| *Asian/Pacific Islander | 10.9% | 6.4% | 6.6% | 5.9% |
| *Other | 0.0% | 3.0% | 3.6% | 2.6% |
| PERCENT OF CALFRESH RECIPIENTS WHO ARE: | | | | |
| Hispanic | 46.4% | 56.2% | 56.3% | 57.1% |
| White | 20.7% | 21.3% | 20.9% | 22.1% |
| Black | 18.8% | 13.7% | 13.4% | 12.3% |
| *Asian/Pacific Islander | 14.1% | 6.0% | 5.7% | 5.5% |
| *Other | 0.0% | 2.8% | 3.7% | 3.0% |

* As of FFY 2011, the "Asian/Pacific Islander" category no longer includes "Other".

SECTION 1

GENDER, CITIZENSHIP & RACE/ETHNICITY

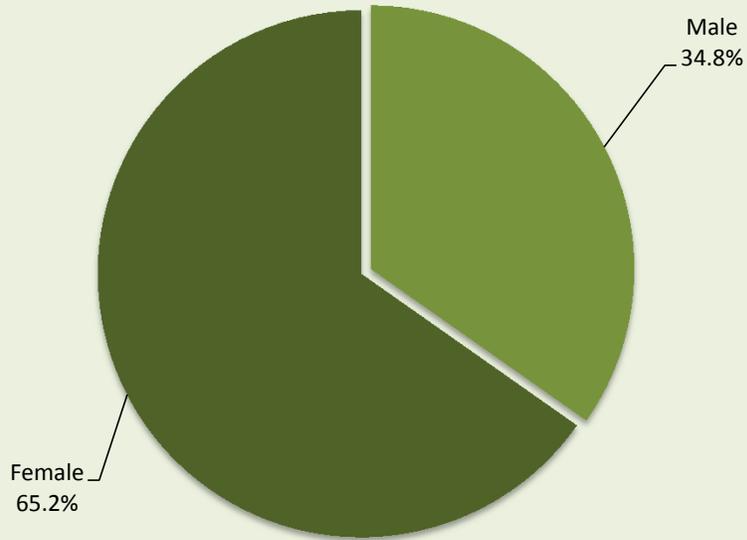
Sixty-five percent of CalFresh households were headed by females; four percentage points less than in FFY 2012 (Figure 1). The majority of CalFresh recipients were also females (Figure 2).

A significant majority (94 percent) of CalFresh recipients were United States citizens (Figure 4). This proportion is slightly lower than the percentage reported for the previous Federal Fiscal Year.

Figure 5 shows that 40.1 percent of heads of household were Hispanic and 33.3 percent were White.

The distribution by race and ethnicity shows that 57 percent were Hispanic, 22 percent White, 12 percent Black, and nine percent Asian Pacific Islanders and Others (Figure 6). In comparison to the previous Federal Fiscal Year, the proportion of Hispanics and Blacks increased by one percentage point each, that of Whites increased by two percentage points, while Asian Pacific Islanders and Others were similar.

**FIGURE 1
GENDER OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD 1/**



Sixty-five percent of CalFresh households are headed by women. In CalWORKS/CalFresh households, 90 percent are headed by women.

| GENDER | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>1,873,266</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>425,902</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>1,447,364</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Not Applicable ^{1/} | 412,024 | 22.0 | 165,538 | 38.9 | 246,486 | 17.0 |
| Head of Household: | <u>1,461,242</u> | 78.0 | <u>260,364</u> | 61.1 | <u>1,200,878</u> | 83.0 |
| Male | 507,843 | 34.8 | 25,987 | 10.0 | 481,856 | 40.1 |
| Female | 953,399 | 65.2 | 234,377 | 90.0 | 719,022 | 59.9 |

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

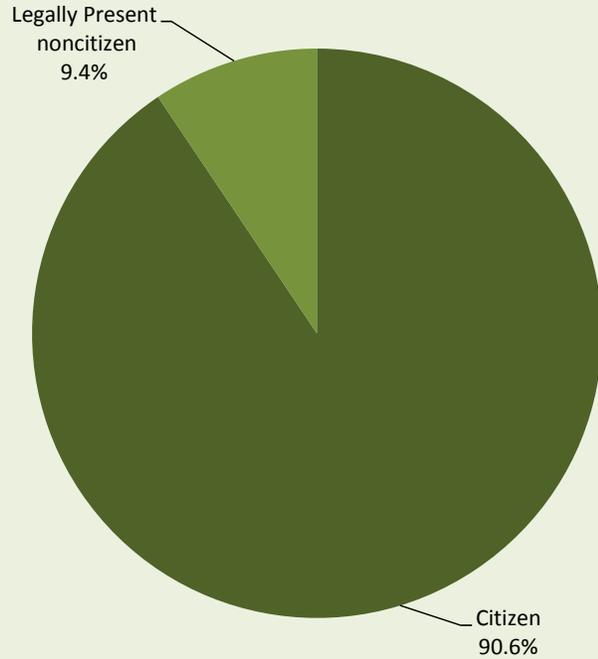
**FIGURE 2
GENDER OF THE CALFRESH RECIPIENTS**



| GENDER | TOTAL RECIPIENTS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|--------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>4,130,497</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>1,124,914</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>3,005,583</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Male | 1,918,477 | 46.4 | 480,331 | 42.7 | 1,438,146 | 47.8 |
| Female | 2,212,020 | 53.6 | 644,583 | 57.3 | 1,567,437 | 52.2 |

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**FIGURE 3
CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD**



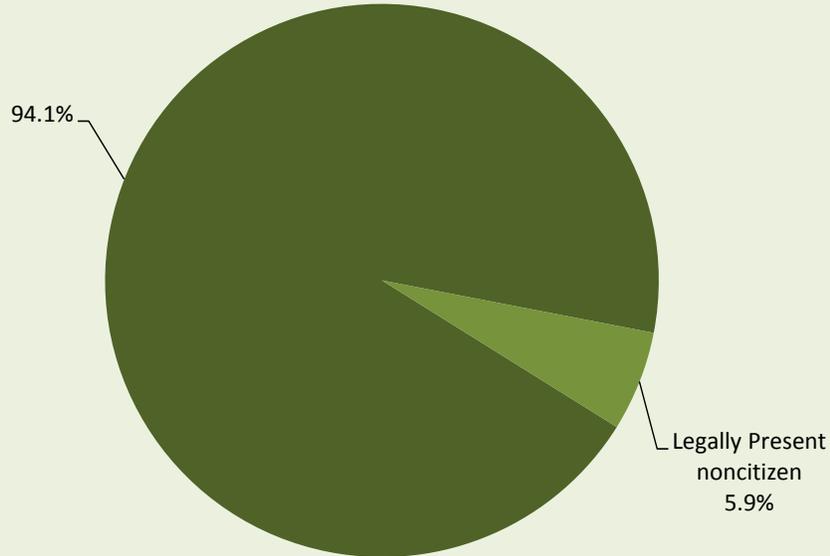
| CITIZENSHIP STATUS | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
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| Not Applicable ^{1/} | 412,024 | 22.0 | 165,538 | 38.9 | 246,486 | 17.0 |
| Head of Household: | <u>1,461,242</u> | 78.0 | <u>260,364</u> | 61.1 | <u>1,200,878</u> | 83.0 |
| Citizen | <u>1,323,608</u> | 90.6 | <u>246,058</u> | 94.5 | <u>1,077,550</u> | 89.7 |
| Legally Present noncitizen | 137,634 | 9.4 | 14,306 | 5.5 | 123,328 | 10.3 |

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Note: Noncitizens include legal permanent residences, refugees, persons granted asylum, noncitizen legally in the United States, and other noncitizens.

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**FIGURE 4
CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE CALFRESH RECIPIENTS**

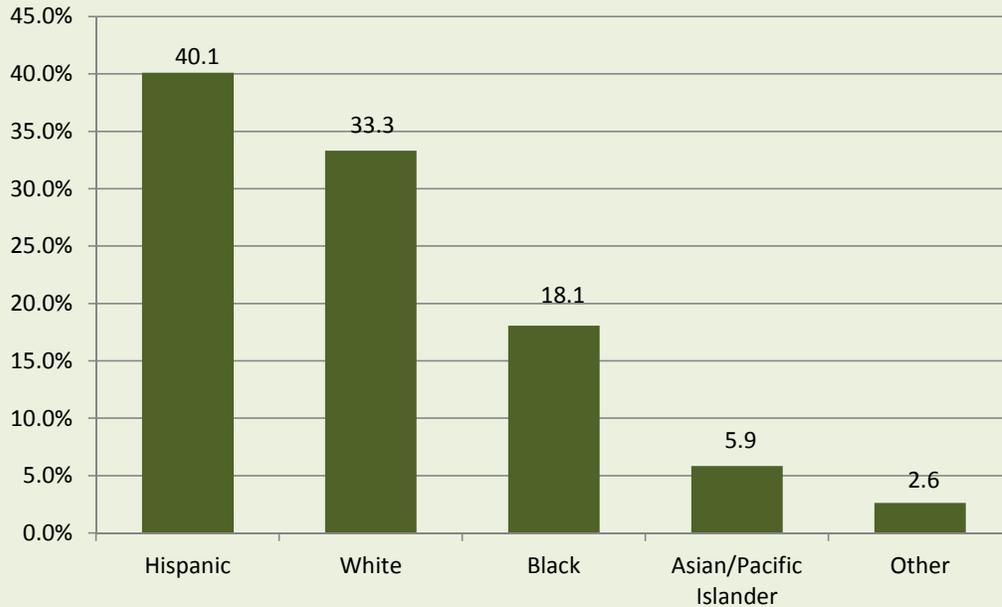


| CITIZENSHIP STATUS | TOTAL RECIPIENTS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>4,130,497</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>1,124,914</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>3,005,583</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Citizen | 3,888,560 | 94.1 | 1,092,595 | 97.1 | 2,795,965 | 93.0 |
| Legally Present noncitizen | 241,937 | 5.9 | 32,319 | 2.9 | 209,618 | 7.0 |

Note: Noncitizens include legal permanent residences, refugees, persons granted asylum, noncitizen legally in the United States, and other noncitizens.

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FIGURE 5
RACE/ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD

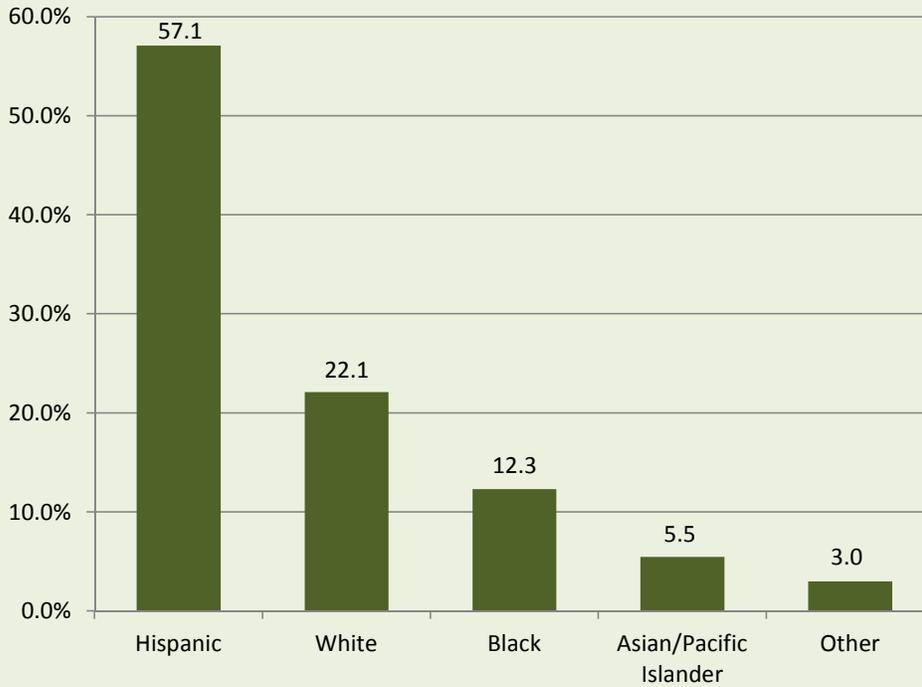


| RACE/ETHNICITY | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
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| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
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| Head of Household: | <u>1,461,242</u> | 78.0 | <u>260,364</u> | 61.1 | <u>1,200,878</u> | 83.0 |
| Hispanic | 586,103 | 40.1 | 126,261 | 48.5 | 459,842 | 38.3 |
| White | 486,846 | 33.3 | 65,147 | 25.0 | 421,699 | 35.1 |
| Black | 264,189 | 18.1 | 56,008 | 21.5 | 208,181 | 17.3 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 85,584 | 5.9 | 8,203 | 3.2 | 77,381 | 6.4 |
| Other | 38,520 | 2.6 | 4,745 | 1.8 | 33,775 | 2.8 |

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**FIGURE 6
RACE/ETHNICITY OF THE CALFRESH RECIPIENTS**



| RACE/ETHNICITY | TOTAL RECIPIENTS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>4,130,497</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>1,124,914</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>3,005,583</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Hispanic | 2,359,109 | 57.1 | 675,652 | 60.1 | 1,683,457 | 56.0 |
| White | 913,409 | 22.1 | 204,216 | 18.2 | 709,193 | 23.6 |
| Black | 508,898 | 12.3 | 178,979 | 15.9 | 329,919 | 11.0 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 225,546 | 5.5 | 31,576 | 2.8 | 193,970 | 6.5 |
| Other | 123,535 | 3.0 | 34,491 | 3.1 | 89,044 | 3.0 |

SECTION 2

AGE & HOUSEHOLD SIZE

The average age of CalFresh head of household rose slightly, from 37 years (FFY 2012) to 38.8 years (Figure 7).

In FFY 2013, more than half (55 percent) of recipients were children, two percentage points lower than in FFY 2012. The average age of the children was seven years both in FFY 2012 and FFY 2013 (Figure 8).

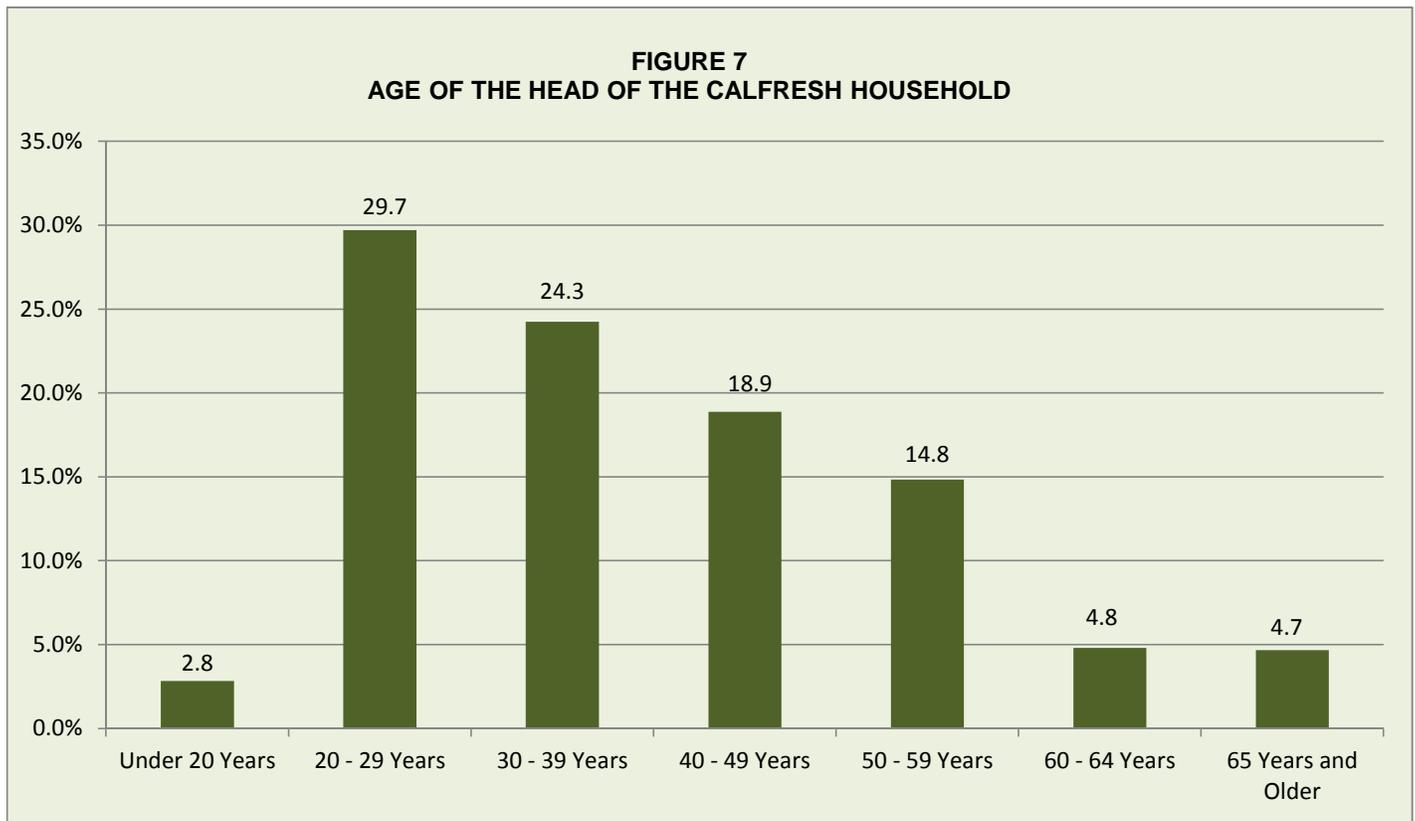
The proportion of elderly or disabled CalFresh heads of household increased from eight percent of all household heads in FFY 2012 to ten percent in FFY 2013 (Figure 9).

The average number of persons in the CalFresh household decreased slightly from 2.3 persons per household in FFY 2012 to 2.2 persons per household in FFY 2013 (Figure 10).

Approximately six percent of the CalFresh households were single-person child-only households. This is one percentage point below FFY 2012 (Figure 10). Child-only households do not have an eligible adult living in the household.

Figure 11 shows percentages by the number of persons that were present in a CalFresh household but excluded from receiving benefits. The proportion of households where one person was excluded was 58.3 percent. The proportion of households where two or three persons were excluded was 18.8 percent and 18.0 percent respectively.

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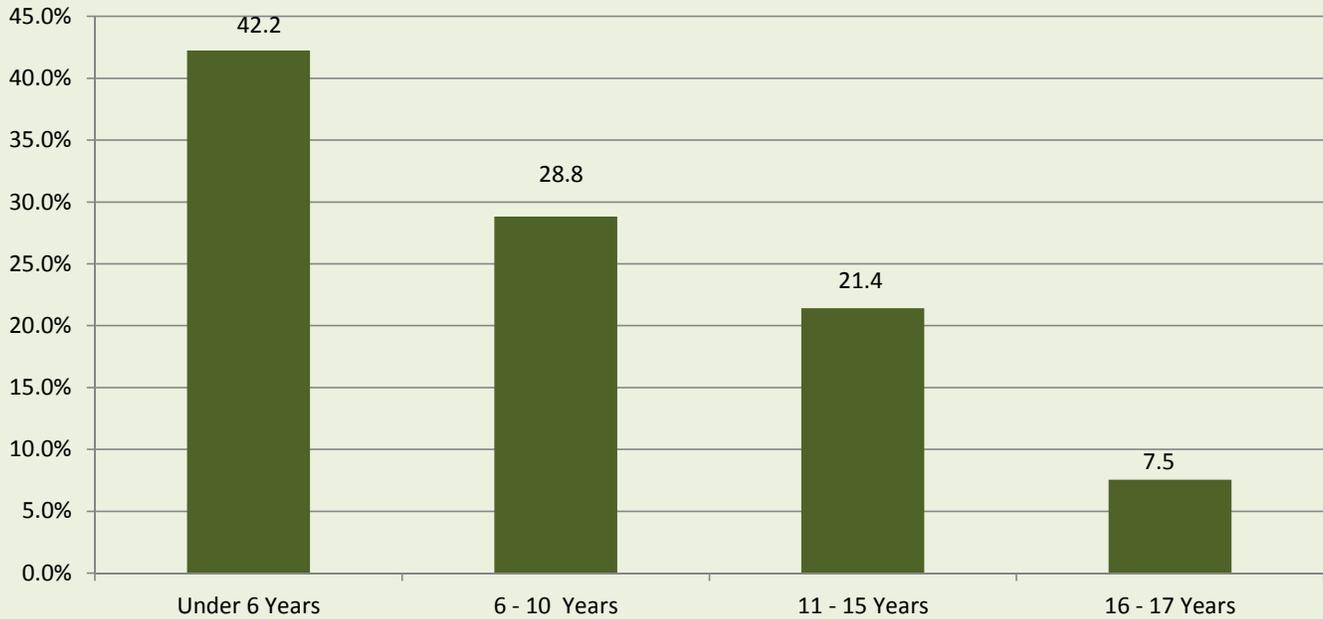
More than half (53 percent) of the heads of the households in CalWORKs/CalFresh are under 30 years old. Seventy percent of the CalFresh-only heads of household are between 30 and 65 years old.

| AGE | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>1,873,266</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>425,902</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>1,447,364</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Not Applicable ^{1/} | 412,024 | 22.0 | 165,538 | 38.9 | 246,486 | 17.0 |
| Head of Household: | <u>1,461,242</u> | 78.0 | <u>260,364</u> | 61.1 | <u>1,200,878</u> | 83.0 |
| Under 20 Years | 41,368 | 2.8 | 8,617 | 3.3 | 32,751 | 2.7 |
| 20 - 29 Years | 434,121 | 29.7 | 128,048 | 49.2 | 306,073 | 25.5 |
| 30 - 39 Years | 354,511 | 24.3 | 78,273 | 30.1 | 276,238 | 23.0 |
| 40 - 49 Years | 275,989 | 18.9 | 36,279 | 13.9 | 239,710 | 20.0 |
| 50 - 59 Years | 216,821 | 14.8 | 8,345 | 3.2 | 208,476 | 17.4 |
| 60 - 64 Years | 70,224 | 4.8 | 802 | 0.3 | 69,422 | 5.8 |
| 65 Years and Older | 68,208 | 4.7 | 0 | 0.0 | 68,208 | 5.7 |
| Average/Median age | 38.8 / 36 | | 30.7 / 29 | | 40.5 / 39 | |

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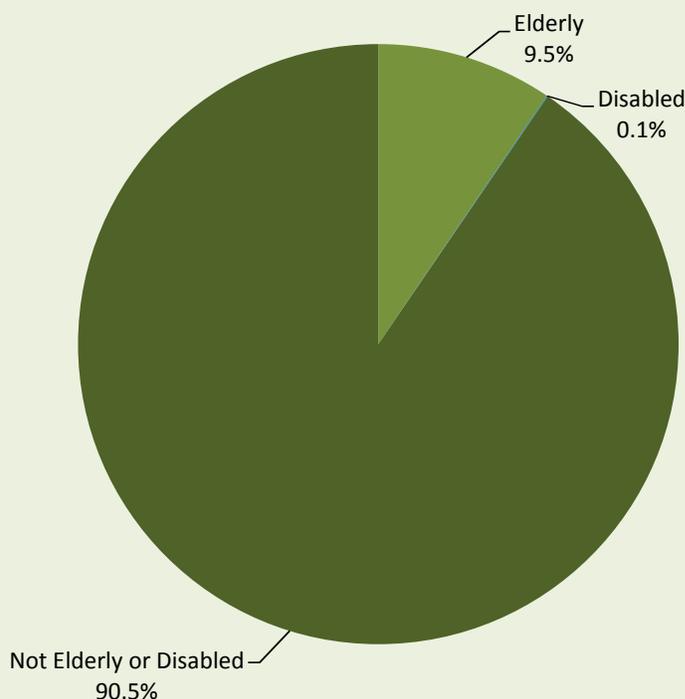
**FIGURE 8
AGE OF CHILDREN OF THE CALFRESH RECIPIENTS**



| AGE | TOTAL RECIPIENTS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>4,130,497</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>1,124,914</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>3,005,583</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Adults in the CF Household | 1,880,315 | 45.5 | 327,685 | 29.1 | 1,552,630 | 51.7 |
| Children in the CF Household: | <u>2,250,182</u> | 54.5 | <u>797,229</u> | 70.9 | <u>1,452,953</u> | 48.3 |
| Under 6 Years | 950,351 | 42.2 | 358,010 | 44.9 | 592,341 | 40.8 |
| 6 - 10 Years | 648,291 | 28.8 | 217,552 | 27.3 | 430,739 | 29.6 |
| 11 - 15 Years | 481,713 | 21.4 | 166,919 | 20.9 | 314,794 | 21.7 |
| 16 - 17 Years | 169,827 | 7.5 | 54,748 | 6.9 | 115,079 | 7.9 |
| Average Age of Child (Years) | 7.4 | | 7.2 | | 7.5 | |

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**FIGURE 9
ELDERLY OR DISABLED STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD**



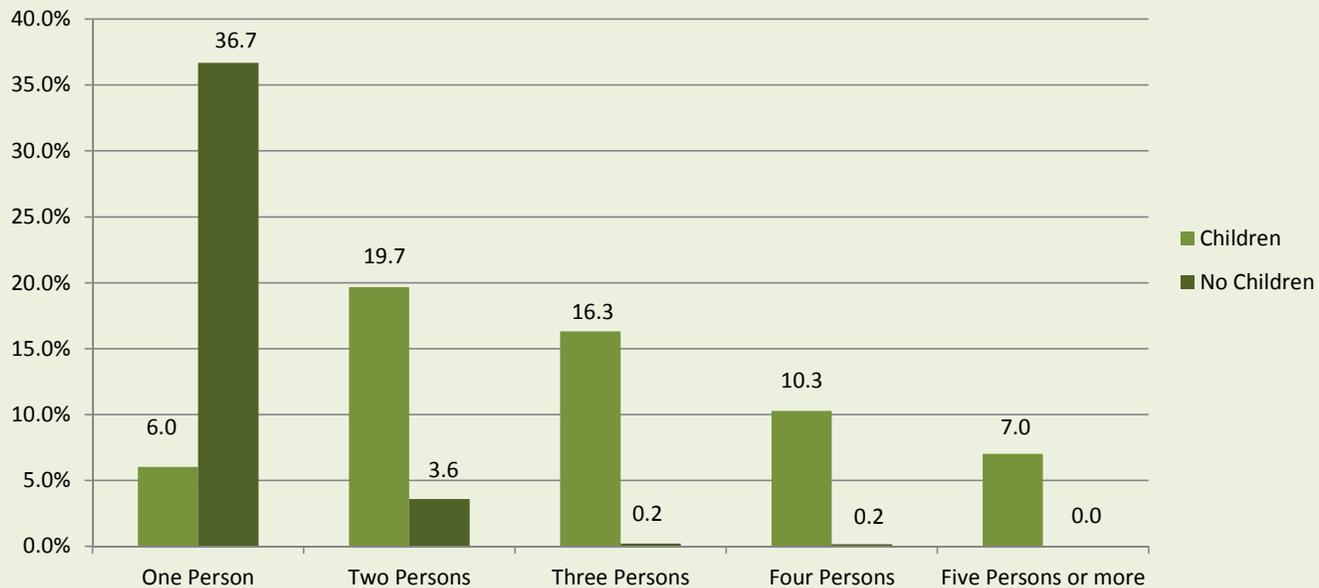
| ELDERLY OR DISABLED STATUS | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>1,873,266</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>425,902</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>1,447,364</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Not Applicable ^{1/} | 412,024 | 22.0 | 165,538 | 38.9 | 246,486 | 17.0 |
| Head of Household: | <u>1,461,242</u> | 78.0 | <u>260,364</u> | 61.1 | <u>1,200,878</u> | 83.0 |
| Elderly | 138,431 | 9.5 | 801 | 0.3 | 137,630 | 11.5 |
| Disabled | 888 | 0.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 888 | 0.1 |
| Not Elderly or Disabled | 1,321,923 | 90.5 | 259,563 | 99.7 | 1,062,360 | 88.5 |

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

Note: Those aged 60 and over are considered elderly, and the disabled category includes those who are deemed physically/mentally unfit for employment.

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FIGURE 10
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD



| PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>1,873,266</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>425,902</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>1,447,364</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| One Person | | | | | | |
| With Children | 112,937 | 6.0 | 55,974 | 13.1 | 56,963 | 3.9 |
| No Children | 687,025 | 36.7 | 6,727 | 1.6 | 680,298 | 47.0 |
| Two Persons | | | | | | |
| With Children | 368,618 | 19.7 | 163,452 | 38.4 | 205,166 | 14.2 |
| No Children | 67,381 | 3.6 | 2,788 | 0.7 | 64,593 | 4.5 |
| Three Persons | | | | | | |
| With Children | 305,657 | 16.3 | 106,317 | 25.0 | 199,340 | 13.8 |
| No Children | 4,174 | 0.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 4,174 | 0.3 |
| Four Persons | | | | | | |
| With Children | 192,463 | 10.3 | 63,092 | 14.8 | 129,371 | 8.9 |
| No Children | 3,202 | 0.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 3,202 | 0.2 |
| Five Persons or more | | | | | | |
| With Children | 131,602 | 7.0 | 27,552 | 6.5 | 104,050 | 7.2 |
| No Children | 207 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 207 | 0.0 |
| Average/Median Persons | 2.2 / 2 | | 2.6 / 2 | | 2.1 / 1 | |

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**FIGURE 11
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE SAME LIVING QUARTERS
NOT INCLUDED IN THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD**



| HOUSEHOLDS WITH OTHER PERSONS | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>29,900</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>6,813</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>23,087</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| One Person | 17,422 | 58.3 | 4,630 | 68.0 | 12,792 | 55.4 |
| Two Persons | 5,613 | 18.8 | 1,426 | 20.9 | 4,186 | 18.1 |
| Three Persons | 5,383 | 18.0 | 645 | 9.5 | 4,738 | 20.5 |
| Four Persons | 272 | 0.9 | 112 | 1.6 | 159 | 0.7 |
| Five Persons | 813 | 2.7 | 0 | 0.0 | 813 | 3.5 |
| Six or more Persons | 397 | 1.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 397 | 1.7 |
| Average Number of Other Persons | | 1.7 | | 1.4 | | 1.8 |

SECTION 3

INCOME

In FFY 2013, 42 percent of CalFresh households reported unearned income, slightly less than in FFY 2012 (43 percent) (Figure 12).

The majority (67 percent) of the CalFresh households with unearned incomes receive it from three sources: Forty-three percent were receiving CalWORKs or TANF, 14 percent were receiving general relief, and ten percent received unemployment compensation. In comparison to FFY 2012, the proportion of CalFresh households on public assistance decreased by four percentage points while the proportion of those receiving general relief increased by one percentage point. The proportion of CalFresh households receiving unemployment compensation decreased by three percentage points (Figure 12).

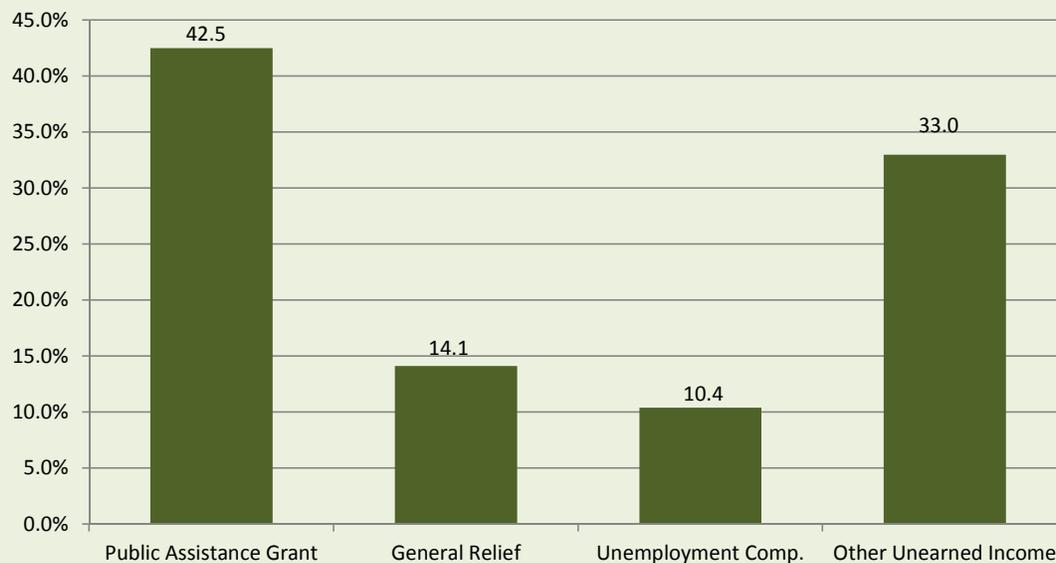
The proportion of CalFresh households that did not have earned income increased from 78 percent in FFY 2012 to 79 percent in FFY 2013 (Figure 13).

A significant majority (83 percent) of the CalFresh households with earned income were paid salary or wages. This proportion is identical to the percentage in the previous Federal Fiscal Year (Figure 13).

The average net income used to determine the CalFresh allotment was \$488 in 2013 and \$456 in 2012. The proportion of CalFresh households that did not have a net income increased from 51 percent in FFY 2012 to 58 percent in FFY 2013 (Figure 14).

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FIGURE 12
SOURCE OF UNEARNED INCOME



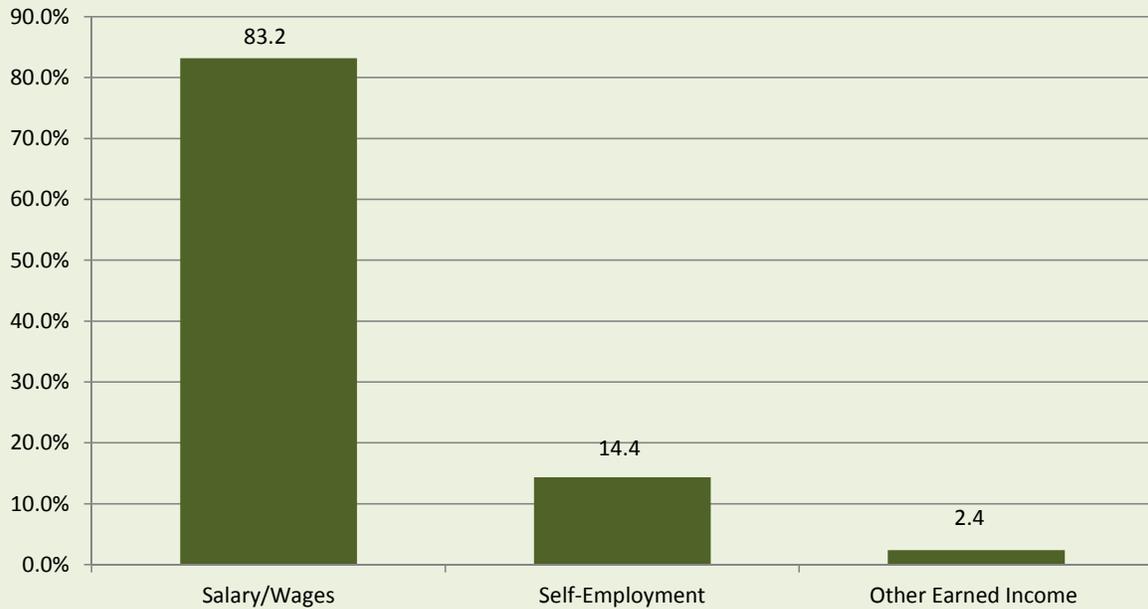
More than half (57 percent) of CalFresh households with unearned income receive CalWORKs or general assistance.

| INCOME SOURCE | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | | CLASSIFICATION | | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | | NONASSISTANCE | | |
| | Number | Percent | Avg./Med. | Number | Percent | Avg./Med. | Number | Percent | Avg./Med. |
| Total | <u>1,873,266</u> | <u>100.0</u> | | <u>425,902</u> | <u>100.0</u> | | <u>1,447,364</u> | <u>100.0</u> | |
| No Unearned Income | 1,085,122 | 57.9 | | 154,808 | 36.3 | | 930,314 | 64.3 | |
| Unearned Income: | <u>788,144</u> | <u>42.1</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>271,094</u> | <u>63.7</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>517,050</u> | <u>35.7</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Public Assistance Grant | 334,925 | 42.5 | \$488 / \$491 | 261,646 | 96.5 | \$495 / \$516 | 73,279 | 14.2 | \$459 / \$490 |
| General Relief | 111,366 | 14.1 | \$222 / \$221 | 490 | 0.2 | \$145 / \$145 | 110,876 | 21.4 | \$222 / \$221 |
| Unemployment Comp. | 81,969 | 10.4 | \$730 / \$624 | 6,424 | 2.4 | \$332 / \$351 | 75,545 | 14.6 | \$768 / \$646 |
| Other Unearned Income | 259,884 | 33.0 | \$651 / \$614 | 2,534 | 0.9 | \$194 / \$50 | 257,350 | 49.8 | \$715 / \$685 |

Note: Other unearned income includes Social Security, Worker's Compensation, government and non-government disability, pensions, alimony, deemed income, and Veterans Benefits.

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**FIGURE 13
SOURCE OF EARNED INCOME**



| INCOME SOURCE | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | | CLASSIFICATION | | | | | |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Number | Percent | Avg./Med. | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | | NONASSISTANCE | | |
| | | | | Number | Percent | Avg./Med. | Number | Percent | Avg./Med. |
| Total | <u>1,873,266</u> | <u>100.0</u> | | <u>425,902</u> | <u>100.0</u> | | <u>1,447,364</u> | <u>100.0</u> | |
| No Earned Income | 1,473,791 | 78.7 | | 384,356 | 90.2 | | 1,089,435 | 75.3 | |
| Earned Income: | <u>399,475</u> | <u>21.3</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>41,546</u> | <u>9.8</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>357,929</u> | <u>24.7</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Salary/Wages | 332,342 | 83.2 | \$964 / \$827 | 32,195 | 77.5 | \$730 / \$750 | 300,147 | 83.9 | \$994 / \$850 |
| Self-Employment | 57,475 | 14.4 | \$277 / \$200 | 9,351 | 22.5 | \$149 / \$60 | 48,124 | 13.4 | \$303 / \$240 |
| Other Earned Income | 9,658 | 2.4 | \$118 / \$50 | 0 | 0.0 | \$0 / \$0 | 9,658 | 2.7 | \$118 / \$50 |

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FIGURE 14
NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE CALFRESH ALLOTMENT



The median net income used in determining the CalFresh allotment was \$338 for all CalFresh households and \$220 for CalFresh/CalWORKs households.

| NET INCOME | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>1,873,266</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>425,902</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>1,447,364</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| No Net Income | 1,090,224 | 58.2 | 199,401 | 46.8 | 890,823 | 61.5 |
| Net Income: | <u>783,042</u> | 41.8 | <u>226,501</u> | 53.2 | <u>556,541</u> | 38.5 |
| \$1 - \$200 | 268,267 | 34.3 | 105,198 | 46.4 | 163,069 | 29.3 |
| \$201 - \$400 | 169,246 | 21.6 | 80,683 | 35.6 | 88,563 | 15.9 |
| \$401 - \$600 | 105,700 | 13.5 | 19,712 | 8.7 | 85,988 | 15.5 |
| \$601 - \$800 | 77,361 | 9.9 | 7,199 | 3.2 | 70,162 | 12.6 |
| \$801 - \$999 | 57,172 | 7.3 | 6,487 | 2.9 | 50,685 | 9.1 |
| \$1,000 and More | 105,296 | 13.4 | 7,222 | 3.2 | 98,074 | 17.6 |
| Average/Median Net Income | \$488 / \$338 | | \$270 / \$220 | | \$577 / \$454 | |

Note: The household's net income and deductions are used to determine the correct benefit level.

SECTION 4

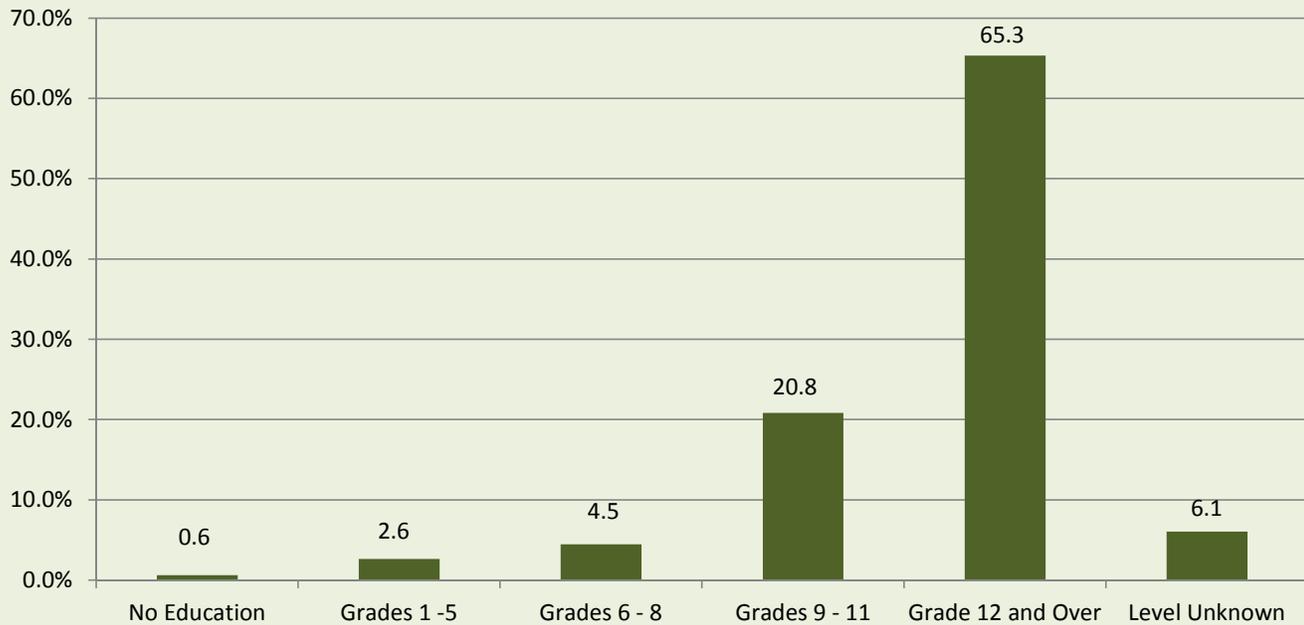
EDUCATION

The percentage of CalFresh heads of household that completed 12 years or more of education increased from 63 percent (FFY 2012) to 65 percent (FFY 2013) (Figure 15).

No net income was reported by 57 percent of the CalFresh heads of households with less than 12 years of education. This is ten percentage points higher than in FFY 2012 (Figure 15a).

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FIGURE 15
EDUCATION LEVEL OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD

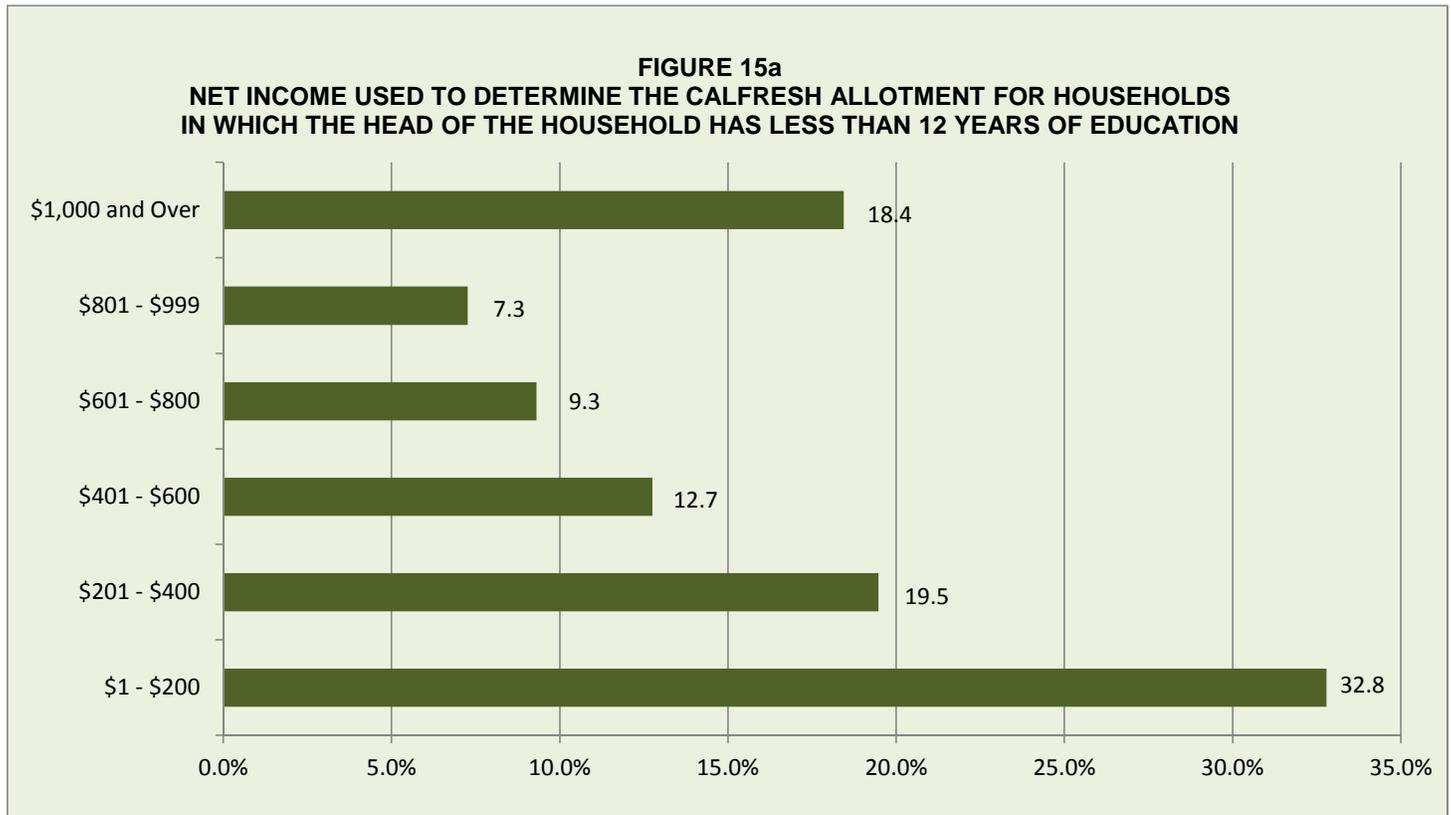


Seventy percent of CalFresh households on CalWorks had completed 12 years of education.

| EDUCATION LEVEL | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>1,873,266</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>425,902</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>1,447,364</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
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| Head of Household: | <u>1,461,242</u> | <u>78.0</u> | <u>260,364</u> | <u>61.1</u> | <u>1,200,878</u> | <u>83.0</u> |
| No Education | 9,345 | 0.6 | 0 | 0.0 | 9,345 | 0.8 |
| Grades 1 - 5 | 38,651 | 2.6 | 1,380 | 0.5 | 37,271 | 3.1 |
| Grades 6 - 8 | 65,499 | 4.5 | 9,231 | 3.5 | 56,268 | 4.7 |
| Grades 9 - 11 | 304,595 | 20.8 | 59,518 | 22.9 | 245,077 | 20.4 |
| Grade 12 and Over | 954,684 | 65.3 | 181,684 | 69.8 | 773,000 | 64.4 |
| Level Unknown | 88,468 | 6.1 | 8,551 | 3.3 | 79,917 | 6.7 |

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More than half (59 percent) of household heads in CalFresh-only households reported zero net income.

| NET INCOME | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Head of Household | <u>418,089</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>70,129</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>347,960</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| No Net Income | 236,330 | 56.5 | 31,921 | 45.5 | 204,409 | 58.7 |
| Net Income: | <u>181,759</u> | 43.5 | <u>38,208</u> | 54.5 | <u>143,551</u> | 41.3 |
| \$1 - \$200 | 59,582 | 32.8 | 21,458 | 56.2 | 38,124 | 26.6 |
| \$201 - \$400 | 35,384 | 19.5 | 12,301 | 32.2 | 23,083 | 16.1 |
| \$401 - \$600 | 23,167 | 12.7 | 2,539 | 6.6 | 20,628 | 14.4 |
| \$601 - \$800 | 16,911 | 9.3 | 318 | 0.8 | 16,593 | 11.6 |
| \$801 - \$999 | 13,202 | 7.3 | 603 | 1.6 | 12,599 | 8.8 |
| \$1,000 and Over | 33,513 | 18.4 | 989 | 2.6 | 32,524 | 22.7 |

SECTION 5

BENEFITS

The average time on aid for CalFresh benefits increased slightly from 21 months in FFY 2012 to 23 months in 2013. In the public assistance households, the average time on aid decreased from 34 months in FFY 2012 to 33.5 months in FFY 2013 (Figure 16).

Of CalFresh households that received benefits continuously for seven to 12 months:

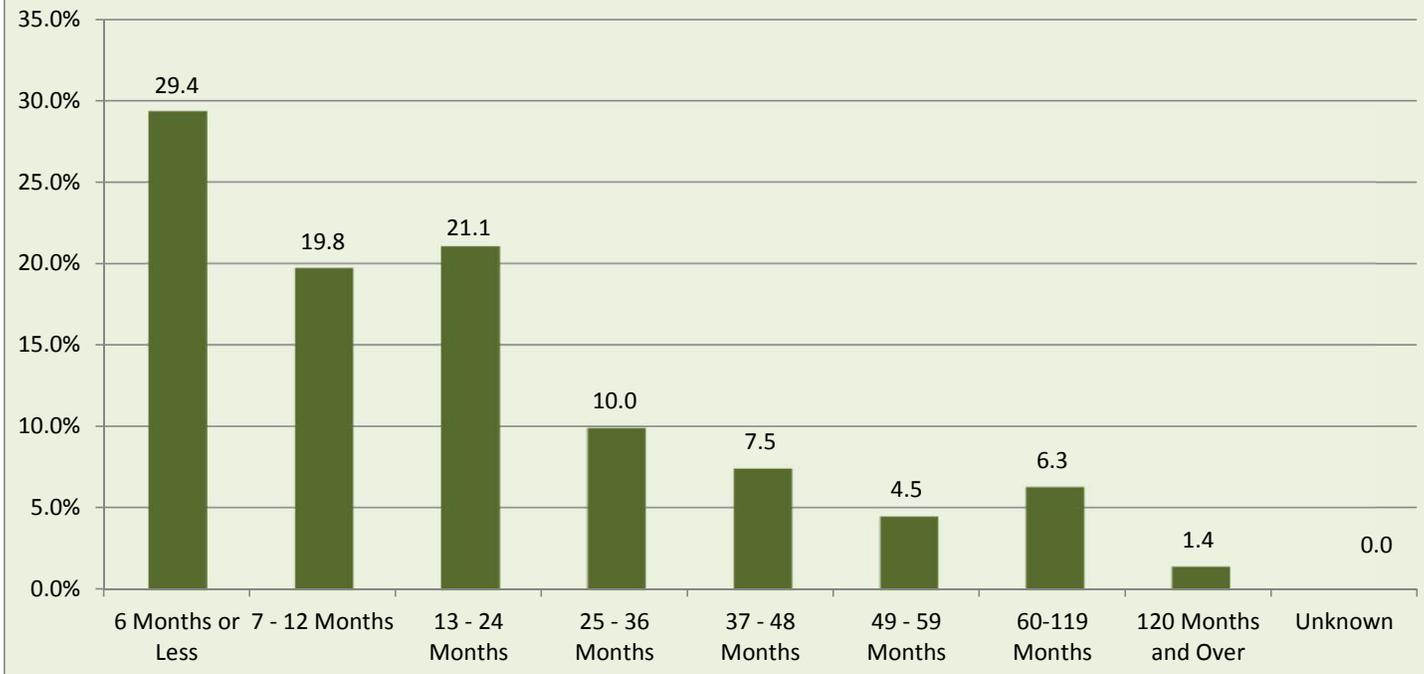
- 76 percent were Hispanic or White,
- 60 percent did not have a net income,
- 66 percent completed 12 or more years of education, and
- the average household size was 2.1 persons.

Figure 17 shows the length of certification periods at enrollment. The average monthly CalFresh benefit increased by five dollars between FFY 2012 (\$311) and FFY 2013 (\$315) (Figure 18).

Figure 19 shows 88.4 percent of CalFresh households did not own any resources.

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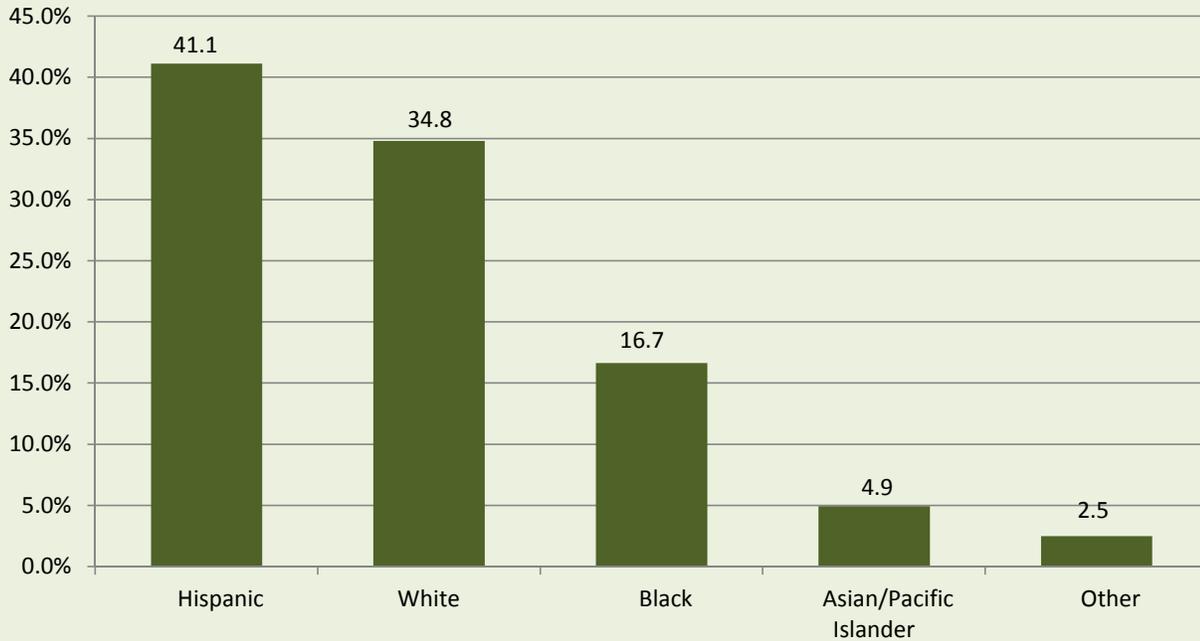
FIGURE 16
NUMBER OF UNINTERRUPTED MONTHS OF BENEFITS SINCE THE INITIAL CALFRESH APPLICATION



| MONTHS | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>1,873,266</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>425,902</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>1,447,364</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| 6 Months or Less | 550,009 | 29.4 | 73,194 | 17.2 | 476,815 | 32.9 |
| 7 - 12 Months | 370,503 | 19.8 | 73,648 | 17.3 | 296,855 | 20.5 |
| 13 - 24 Months | 395,440 | 21.1 | 85,859 | 20.2 | 309,581 | 21.4 |
| 25 - 36 Months | 186,879 | 10.0 | 55,070 | 12.9 | 131,809 | 9.1 |
| 37 - 48 Months | 139,766 | 7.5 | 40,991 | 9.6 | 98,775 | 6.8 |
| 49 - 59 Months | 84,748 | 4.5 | 35,575 | 8.4 | 49,173 | 3.4 |
| 60-119 Months | 118,583 | 6.3 | 46,837 | 11.0 | 71,746 | 5.0 |
| 120 Months and Over | 26,811 | 1.4 | 14,728 | 3.5 | 12,083 | 0.8 |
| Unknown | 527 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 527 | 0.0 |
| Average Months | 22.7 | | 33.5 | | 19.5 | |

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FIGURE 16a
RACE/ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD
THAT RECEIVED CALFRESH CONTINUOUSLY FOR SEVEN TO TWELVE MONTHS



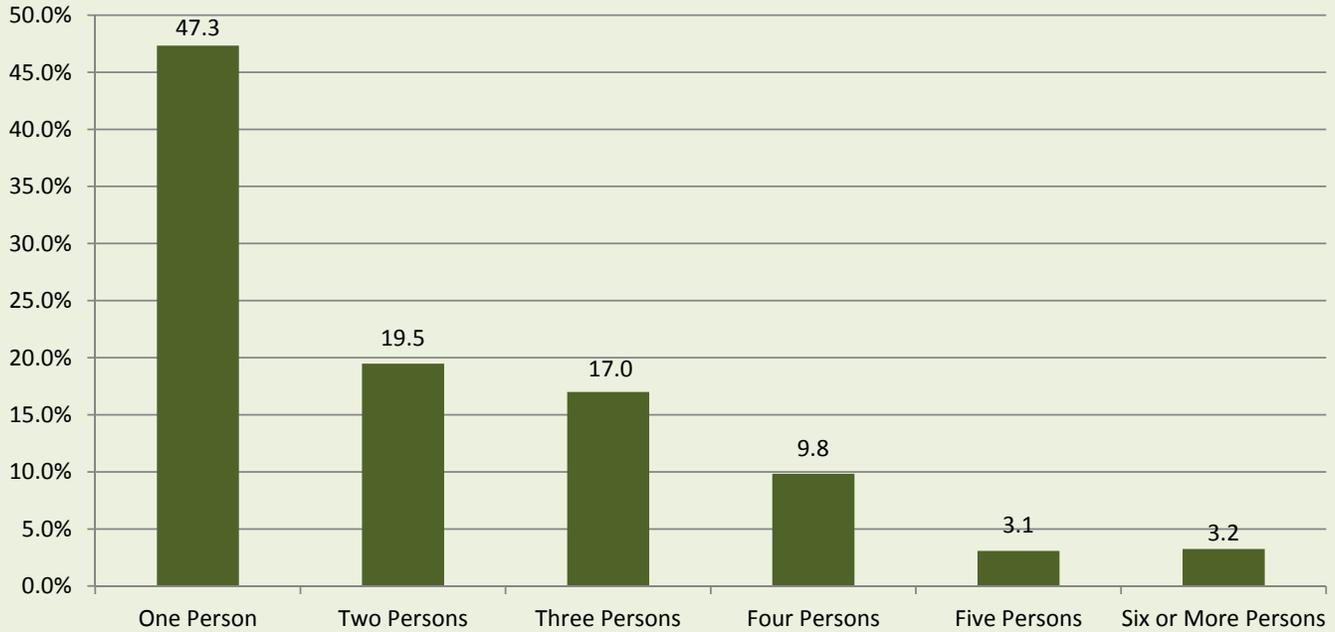
| RACE/ETHNICITY | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total ^{1/} | <u>370,503</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>73,647</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>296,856</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Not Applicable ^{2/} | 70,693 | 19.1 | 23,033 | 31.3 | 47,660 | 16.1 |
| Head of Household: | <u>299,810</u> | 80.9 | <u>50,614</u> | 68.7 | <u>249,196</u> | 83.9 |
| Hispanic | 123,284 | 41.1 | 30,426 | 60.1 | 92,858 | 37.3 |
| White | 104,325 | 34.8 | 14,551 | 28.7 | 89,774 | 36.0 |
| Black | 49,933 | 16.7 | 4,217 | 8.3 | 45,716 | 18.3 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 14,800 | 4.9 | 1,004 | 2.0 | 13,796 | 5.5 |
| Other | 7,468 | 2.5 | 416 | 0.8 | 7,052 | 2.8 |

1/ From Table 16.

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

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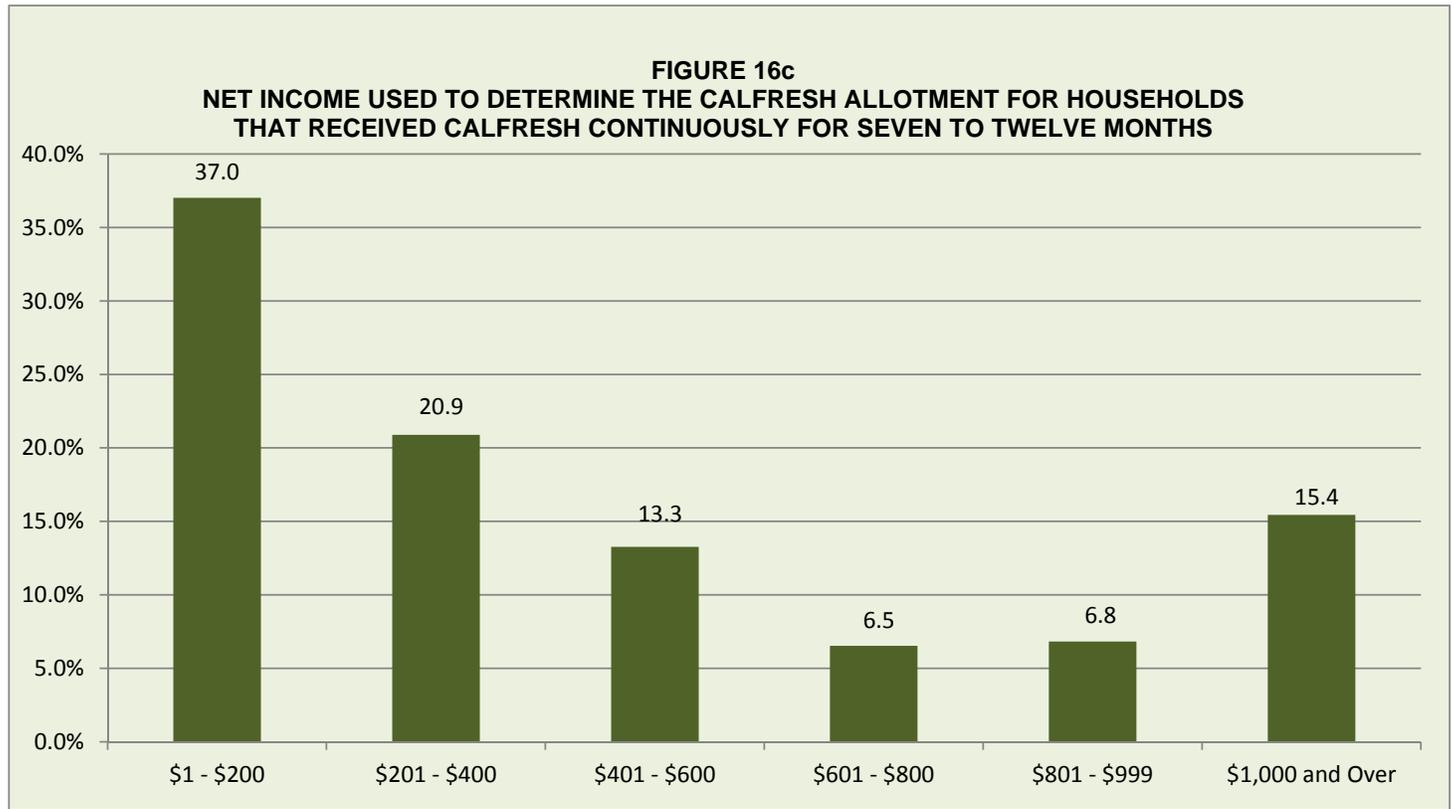
FIGURE 16b
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD THAT RECEIVED CALFRESH CONTINUOUSLY FOR SEVEN TO TWELVE MONTHS



| PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total ^{1/} | <u>370,503</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>73,647</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>296,856</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| One Person | 175,401 | 47.3 | 8,275 | 11.2 | 167,126 | 56.3 |
| Two Persons | 72,194 | 19.5 | 27,240 | 37.0 | 44,954 | 15.1 |
| Three Persons | 62,993 | 17.0 | 22,012 | 29.9 | 40,981 | 13.8 |
| Four Persons | 36,443 | 9.8 | 11,094 | 15.1 | 25,349 | 8.5 |
| Five Persons | 11,443 | 3.1 | 2,172 | 2.9 | 9,271 | 3.1 |
| Six or More Persons | 12,029 | 3.2 | 2,854 | 3.9 | 9,175 | 3.1 |
| Average/Median Persons | 2.1 / 2 | | 2.7 / 3 | | 1.9 / 1 | |

1/ From Table 16.

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CalFresh-only households receiving CalFresh continuously for seven to twelve months had an average net income of \$667 and median income of \$433.

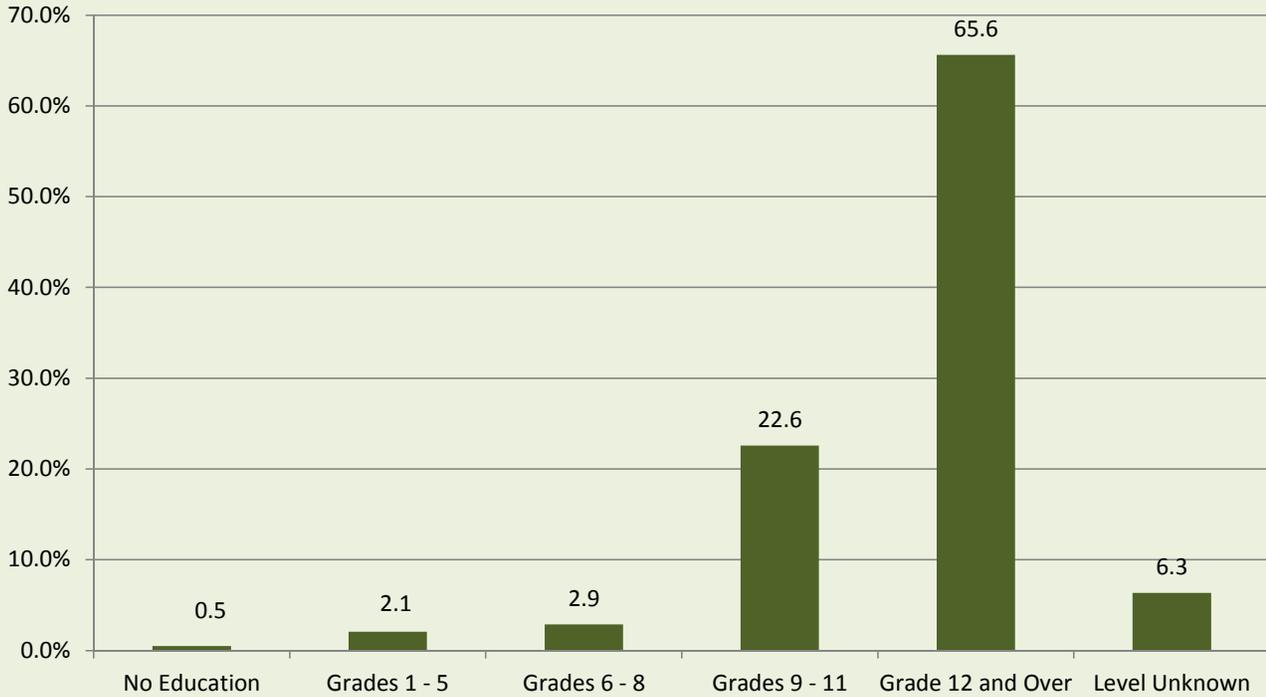
| NET INCOME | HOUSEHOLDS TOTAL | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total ^{1/} | <u>370,503</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>73,647</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>296,856</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| No Net Income | 223,518 | 60.3 | 26,156 | 35.5 | 197,362 | 66.5 |
| Net Income: | <u>146,985</u> | <u>39.7</u> | <u>47,491</u> | <u>64.5</u> | <u>99,494</u> | <u>33.5</u> |
| \$1 - \$200 | 54,424 | 37.0 | 23,353 | 49.2 | 31,071 | 31.2 |
| \$201 - \$400 | 30,707 | 20.9 | 15,802 | 33.3 | 14,905 | 15.0 |
| \$401 - \$600 | 19,508 | 13.3 | 4,081 | 8.6 | 15,427 | 15.5 |
| \$601 - \$800 | 9,601 | 6.5 | 697 | 1.5 | 8,904 | 8.9 |
| \$801 - \$999 | 10,043 | 6.8 | 2,601 | 5.5 | 7,442 | 7.5 |
| \$1,000 and Over | 22,702 | 15.4 | 957 | 2.0 | 21,745 | 21.9 |
| Average/Median Net Income | \$529 / \$315 | | \$241 / \$210 | | \$667 / \$433 | |

1/ From Table 16.

Note: The household's net income and deductions are used to determine the correct benefit level.

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FIGURE 16d
EDUCATION LEVEL OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD THAT RECEIVED CALFRESH CONTINUOUSLY FOR SEVEN TO TWELVE MONTHS

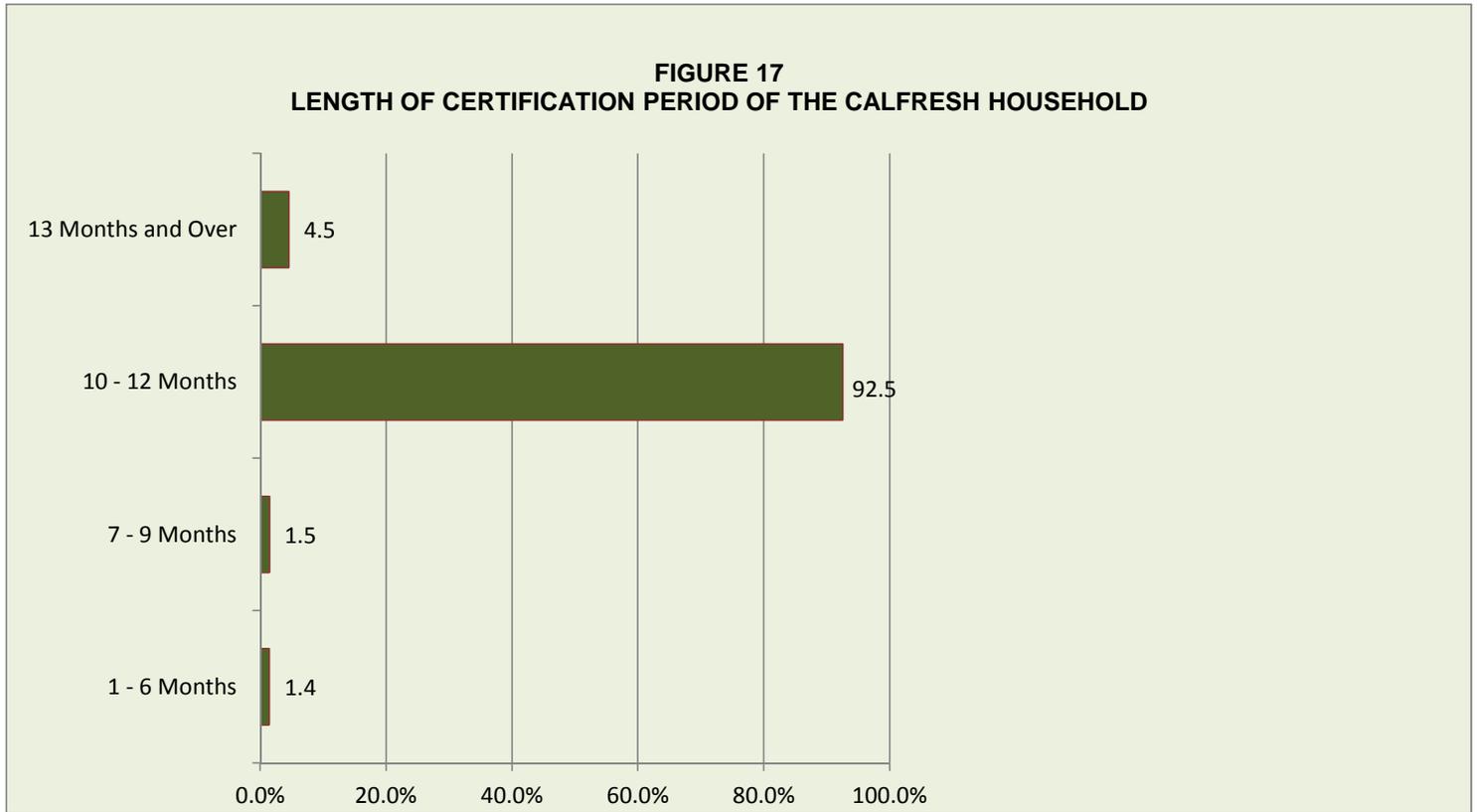


| EDUCATION LEVEL | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total ^{1/} | <u>370,503</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>73,647</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>296,856</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Not Applicable ^{2/} | 69,722 | 18.8 | 22,961 | 31.2 | 46,761 | 15.8 |
| Head of Household: | <u>300,781</u> | 81.2 | <u>50,686</u> | 68.8 | <u>250,095</u> | 84.2 |
| No Education | 1,461 | 0.5 | 0 | 0.0 | 1,461 | 0.6 |
| Grades 1 - 5 | 6,259 | 2.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 6,259 | 2.5 |
| Grades 6 - 8 | 8,654 | 2.9 | 112 | 0.2 | 8,542 | 3.4 |
| Grades 9 - 11 | 67,936 | 22.6 | 8,618 | 17.0 | 59,318 | 23.7 |
| Grade 12 and Over | 197,429 | 65.6 | 39,202 | 77.3 | 158,227 | 63.3 |
| Level Unknown | 19,042 | 6.3 | 2,754 | 5.4 | 16,288 | 6.5 |

1/ From Table 16.

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

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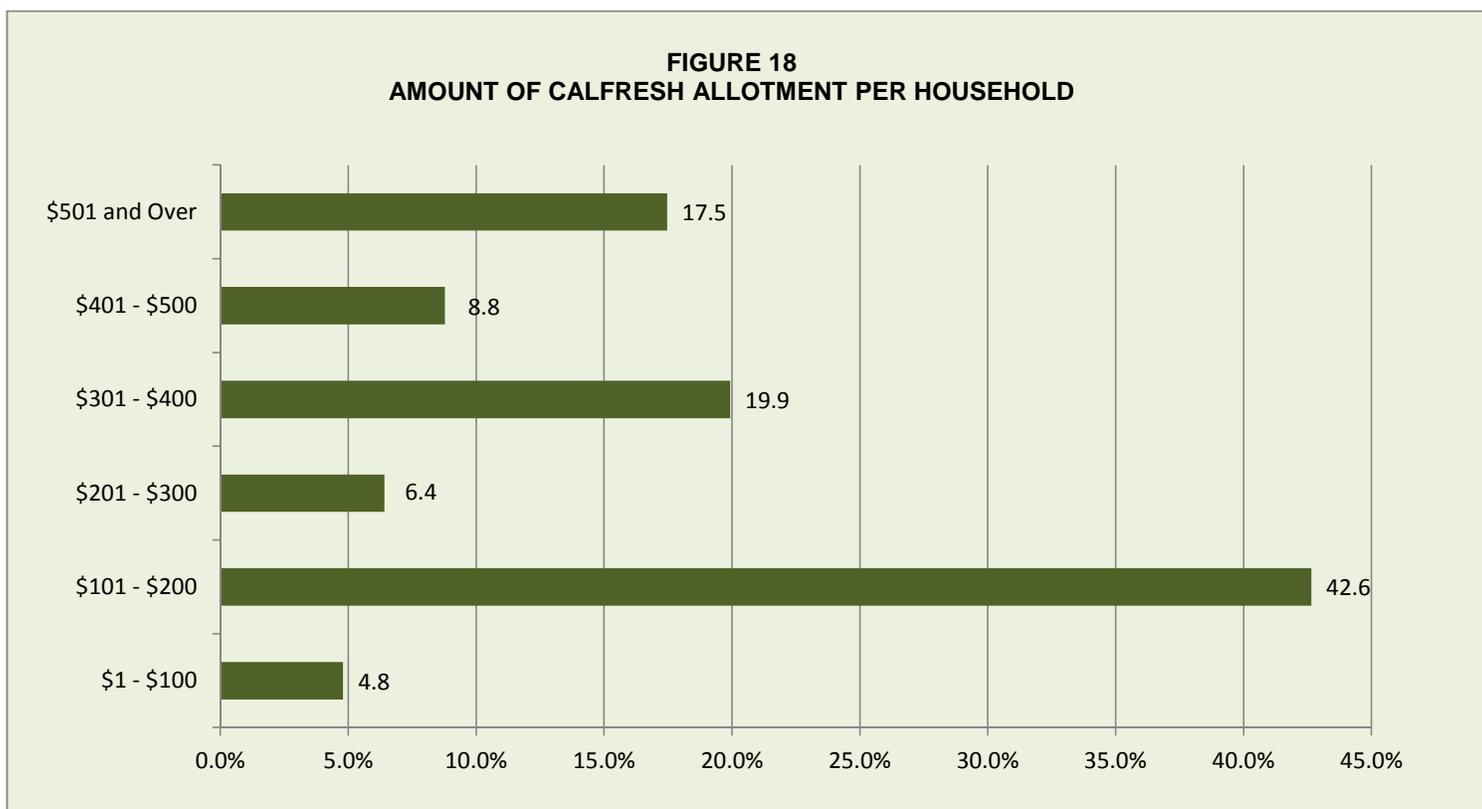
The average certification period at enrollment for all CalFresh households is 12 months.

| CERTIFICATION PERIOD | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>1,873,266</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>425,902</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>1,447,364</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| 1 - 6 Months | 27,061 | 1.4 | 5,386 | 1.3 | 21,675 | 1.5 |
| 7 - 9 Months | 27,762 | 1.5 | 10,968 | 2.6 | 16,794 | 1.2 |
| 10 - 12 Months | 1,733,655 | 92.5 | 407,128 | 95.6 | 1,326,527 | 91.7 |
| 13 Months and Over | 84,788 | 4.5 | 2,420 | 0.6 | 82,368 | 5.7 |
| Average Months | 12.2 | | 11.7 | | 12.3 | |

Note: The CalFresh households are eligible to receive benefits until the certification period ends, when they must recertify (verify income, deductions).

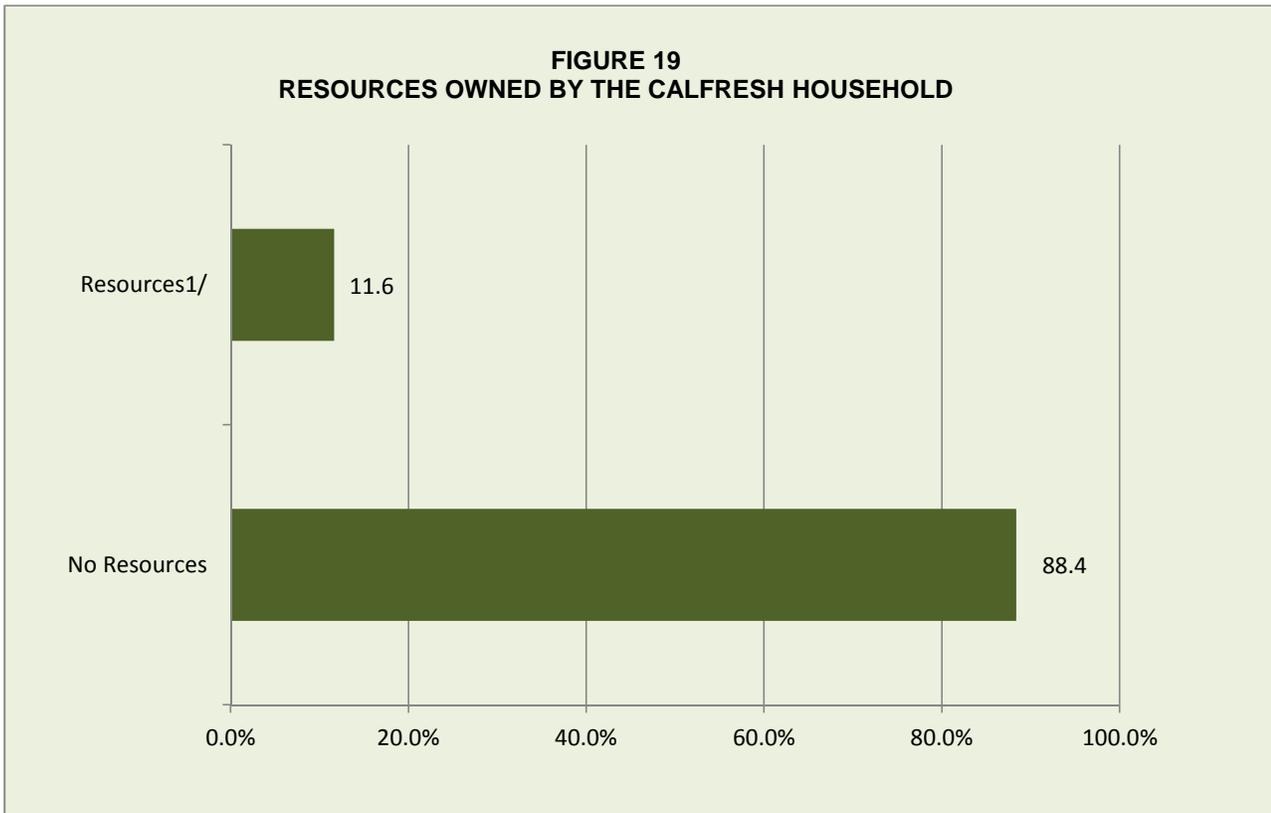
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FIGURE 18
AMOUNT OF CALFRESH ALLOTMENT PER HOUSEHOLD



| ALLOTMENT | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>1,873,266</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>425,902</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>1,447,364</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| \$1 - \$100 | 89,725 | 4.8 | 924 | 0.2 | 88,801 | 6.1 |
| \$101 - \$200 | 798,805 | 42.6 | 68,216 | 16.0 | 730,589 | 50.5 |
| \$201 - \$300 | 120,094 | 6.4 | 41,938 | 9.8 | 78,156 | 5.4 |
| \$301 - \$400 | 373,178 | 19.9 | 143,170 | 33.6 | 230,008 | 15.9 |
| \$401 - \$500 | 164,399 | 8.8 | 55,552 | 13.0 | 108,847 | 7.5 |
| \$501 and Over | 327,065 | 17.5 | 116,102 | 27.3 | 210,963 | 14.6 |
| Average/Median Allotment | \$315 / \$247 | | \$396 / \$367 | | \$291 / \$200 | |

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Nearly nine in ten CalFresh/CalWORKs households owned no resources.

| RESOURCES | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>1,873,266</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>425,902</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>1,447,364</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| No Resources | 1,655,440 | 88.4 | 412,775 | 96.9 | 1,242,665 | 85.9 |
| Resources ^{1/} | 217,826 | 11.6 | 13,127 | 3.1 | 204,699 | 14.1 |

1/ Excludes vehicles.

Note: Resources include bank accounts, cash on hand, and liquid assets.

SECTION 6

EXPENSES, DEDUCTIONS & REPORTING

Figure 20 and Figure 21 display claimed shelter cost and dependent care deductions. The average allowable excess shelter deduction increased by 28 dollars between FFY 2012 (\$464) and FFY 2013 (\$492) (Figure 20).

The average child care deduction increased from 257 dollars (FFY 2012) to 271 dollars (Figure 21).

In California, the old Quarterly Reporting (QR) system ended on September 30, 2013. In its place, California has adopted a Semi-Annual Reporting (SAR) system that uses a SAR 7 form. This is a major structural change in how households report changes affecting their CalFresh eligibility.

Seventy-two percent of all CalFresh households reported a shelter cost. This is one percentage point more than the previous Federal Fiscal Year (Figure 24).

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FIGURE 20
CALFRESH HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED EXCESS SHELTER DEDUCTION

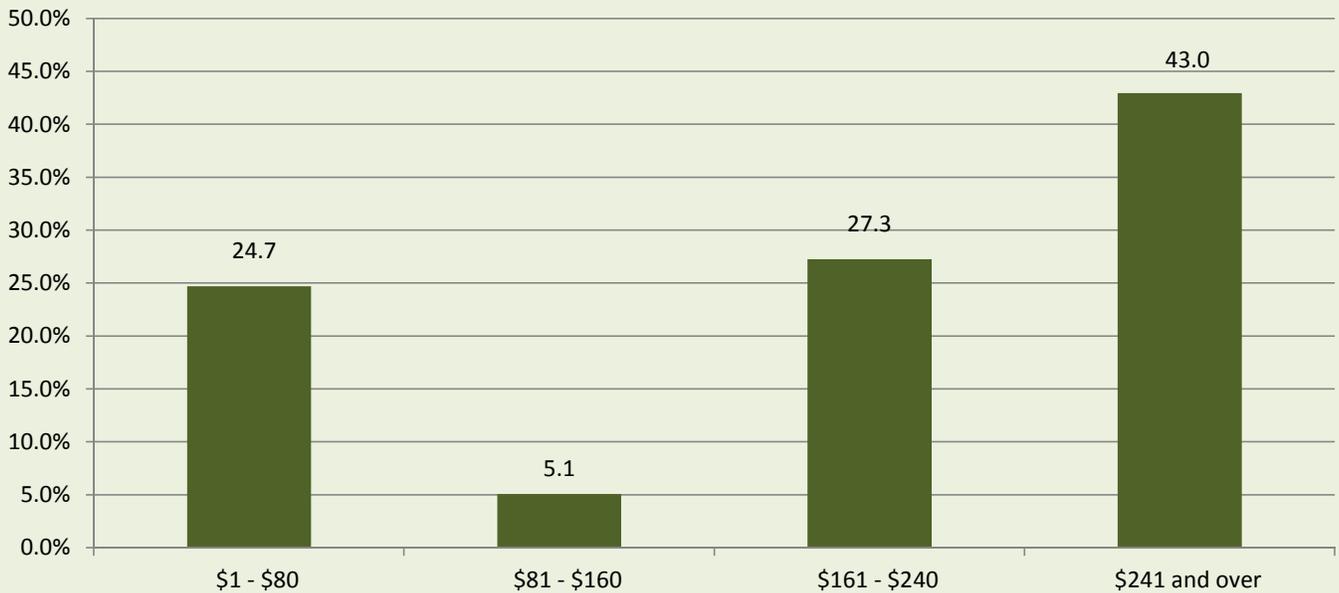


| EXCESS SHELTER | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>1,873,266</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>425,902</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>1,447,364</u> | <u>100</u> |
| Households Not Reporting Shelter Cost | 517,522 | 27.6 | 32,269 | 7.6 | 485,253 | 33.5 |
| Households Reporting Shelter Cost; | <u>1,355,744</u> | <u>72.4</u> | <u>393,633</u> | <u>92.4</u> | <u>962,111</u> | <u>66.5</u> |
| No Allowable Excess Shelter Cost | 58,802 | 4.3 | 6,521 | 1.7 | 52,281 | 5.4 |
| Allowable Excess Shelter Cost: | <u>1,296,942</u> | <u>95.7</u> | <u>387,112</u> | <u>98.3</u> | <u>909,830</u> | <u>94.6</u> |
| \$1 - \$100 | 49,039 | 3.8 | 12,459 | 3.2 | 36,580 | 4.0 |
| \$101 - \$200 | 84,062 | 6.5 | 22,001 | 5.7 | 62,061 | 6.8 |
| \$201 - \$300 | 108,890 | 8.4 | 41,210 | 10.6 | 67,680 | 7.4 |
| \$301 - \$400 | 176,361 | 13.6 | 61,972 | 16.0 | 114,389 | 12.6 |
| \$401 - \$500 | 249,004 | 19.2 | 89,909 | 23.2 | 159,095 | 17.5 |
| \$501 and Over | 629,586 | 48.5 | 159,561 | 41.2 | 470,025 | 51.7 |
| Average Shelter Cost | | \$492 | | \$469 | | \$500 |

Note: The excess shelter deduction is a result of the shelter cost minus income and deductions.

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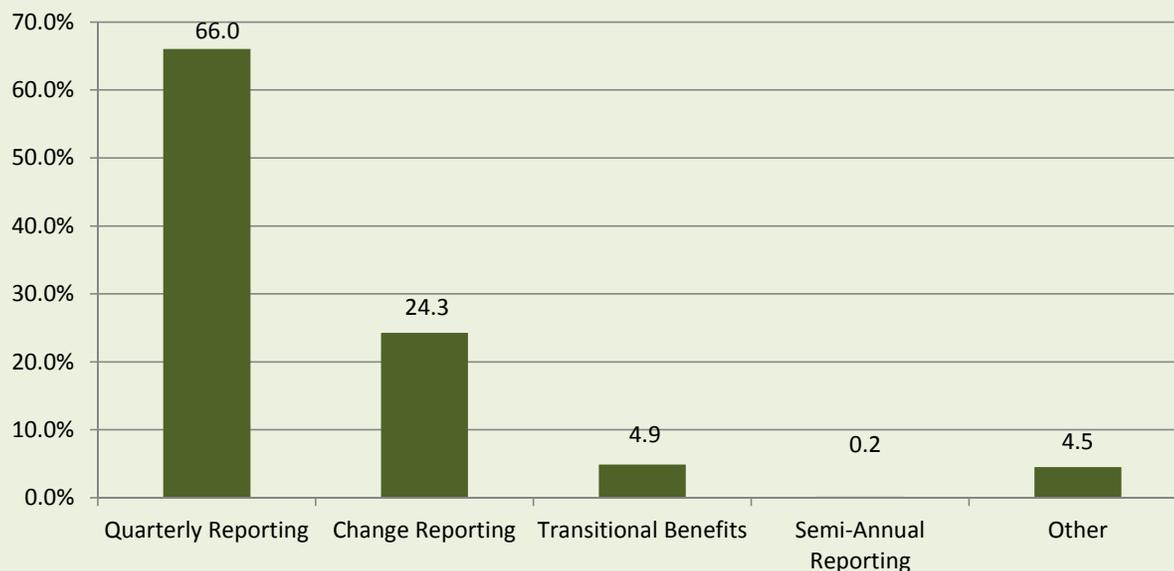
**FIGURE 21
CALFRESH HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED A DEPENDENT CARE DEDUCTION**



| DEPENDENT CARE | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>1,873,266</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>425,902</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>1,447,364</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| No Dependent Care Deduction | 1,852,289 | 98.9 | 424,772 | 99.7 | 1,427,517 | 98.6 |
| Dependent Care Deduction | <u>20,977</u> | <u>1.1</u> | <u>1,130</u> | <u>0.3</u> | <u>19,847</u> | <u>1.4</u> |
| \$1 - \$80 | 5,184 | 24.7 | 398 | 35.2 | 4,786 | 24.1 |
| \$81 - \$160 | 1,065 | 5.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 1,065 | 5.4 |
| \$161 - \$240 | 5,718 | 27.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 5,718 | 28.8 |
| \$241 and over | 9,010 | 43.0 | 732 | 64.8 | 8,278 | 41.7 |
| Average/Median Deduction | \$271 / \$216 | | \$238 / \$260 | | \$273 / \$216 | |

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FIGURE 22
REPORTING STATUS OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD



| REPORTING STATUS | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | | | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | 1,873,266 | 100.0 | 425,902 | 100.0 | 1,447,364 | 100.0 |
| Quarterly Reporting | 1,237,169 | 66.0 | 283,055 | 66.5 | 954,114 | 65.9 |
| Change Reporting | 455,460 | 24.3 | 84,541 | 19.8 | 370,919 | 25.6 |
| Transitional Benefits | 91,747 | 4.9 | 0 | 0.0 | 91,747 | 6.3 |
| Semi-Annual Reporting | 3,695 | 0.2 | 2,387 | 0.6 | 1,308 | 0.1 |
| Other | 85,195 | 4.5 | 55,919 | 13.1 | 29,276 | 2.0 |

Reporting Status Definitions :

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

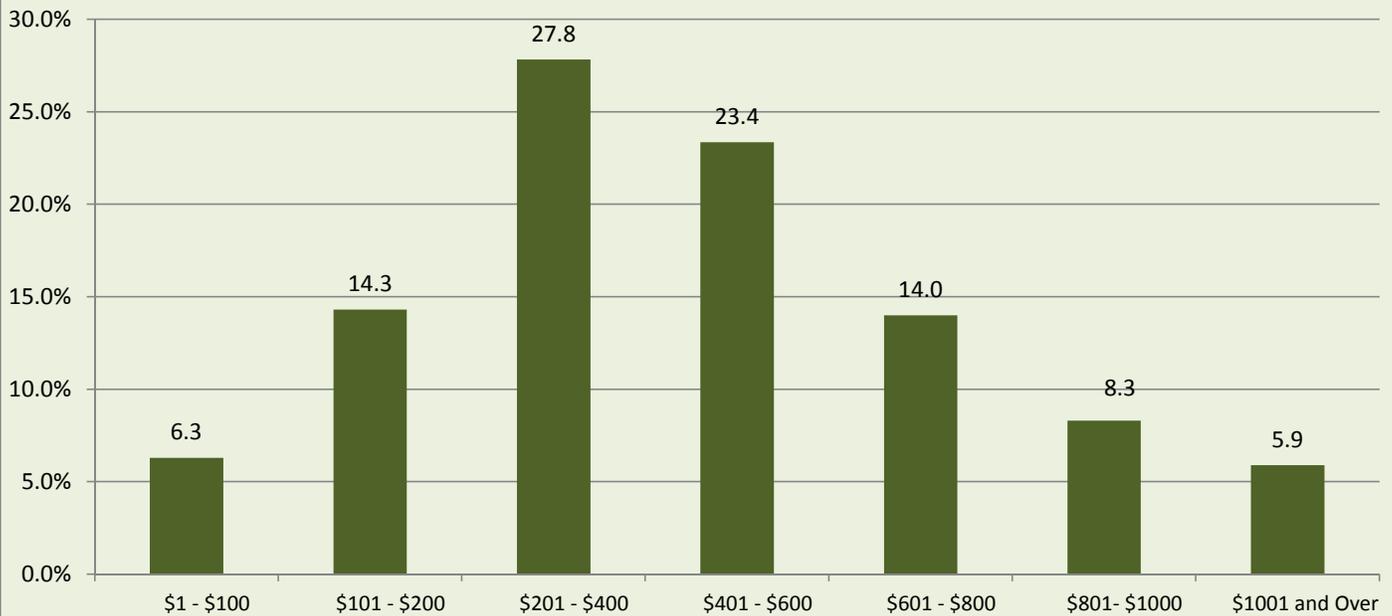
Change Reporting - Households subject to the change reporting requirements must report certain changes in circumstances within ten days of becoming aware of the change.

Semi-Annual Reporting - Households subject to semi-annual reporting must submit redetermination/certification reports once a year.

Transitional Benefits - There are no reporting requirements during the transitional months.

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FIGURE 23
REPORTED BUDGET MONTH SHELTER COST OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD



| SHELTER COST | TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS | | CLASSIFICATION | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | | PUBLIC ASSISTANCE | | NONASSISTANCE | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total | <u>1,873,266</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>425,902</u> | <u>100.0</u> | <u>1,447,364</u> | <u>100.0</u> |
| Households Not Reporting Shelter Cost | 517,521 | 27.6 | 32,269 | 7.6 | 485,252 | 33.5 |
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| \$1 - \$100 | 85,243 | 6.3 | 22,583 | 5.7 | 62,660 | 6.5 |
| \$101 - \$200 | 194,011 | 14.3 | 71,807 | 18.2 | 122,204 | 12.7 |
| \$201 - \$400 | 377,378 | 27.8 | 133,387 | 33.9 | 243,991 | 25.4 |
| \$401 - \$600 | 316,822 | 23.4 | 107,311 | 27.3 | 209,511 | 21.8 |
| \$601 - \$800 | 189,803 | 14.0 | 36,314 | 9.2 | 153,489 | 16.0 |
| \$801 - \$1000 | 112,656 | 8.3 | 12,734 | 3.2 | 99,922 | 10.4 |
| \$1001 and Over | 79,832 | 5.9 | 9,497 | 2.4 | 70,335 | 7.3 |
| Average/Median Shelter Cost | \$492 / \$425 | | \$406 / \$378 | | \$528 / \$457 | |

**Reliability Estimates for
Selected Sample Sizes¹**

| Selected Sample Size | Characteristic Percent | | | | |
|----------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 10% | 20% | 30% | 40% | 50% |
| | Estimated reliability at 95% confidence (+ or -): | | | | |
| 5,480 | 0.80% | 1.06% | 1.21% | 1.29% | 1.32% |
| 4,300 | 0.91% | 1.22% | 1.40% | 1.49% | 1.52% |
| 4,000 | 0.95% | 1.26% | 1.45% | 1.55% | 1.58% |
| 3,300 | 1.04% | 1.39% | 1.60% | 1.71% | 1.74% |
| 3,000 | 1.10% | 1.46% | 1.67% | 1.79% | 1.83% |
| 2,700 | 1.15% | 1.54% | 1.78% | 1.89% | 1.92% |
| 2,300 | 1.25% | 1.67% | 1.91% | 2.04% | 2.09% |
| 1,500 | 1.55% | 2.07% | 2.37% | 2.53% | 2.58% |
| 1,000 | 1.90% | 2.53% | 2.90% | 3.10% | 3.16% |
| 500 | 2.68% | 3.68% | 4.10% | 4.38% | 4.47% |
| 400 | 3.00% | 4.00% | 4.58% | 4.90% | 5.00% |
| 300 | 3.46% | 4.62% | 5.29% | 5.66% | 5.77% |
| 200 | 4.24% | 5.66% | 6.48% | 6.93% | 7.07% |

Example: Figure 10 shows that 10.0 percent of total CalFresh households were four-person households. The reliability chart shows a reliability of plus or minus 0.80 percent for a sample size of 5480. This means we are 95 percent confident that the true value lies between 10.8 percent and 9.2 percent (10.0 percent plus or minus 0.80 percent). That is, there is one chance in 20 (5.0 percent) 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.

