

**FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD
CHARACTERISTICS
SURVEY**

**Social and Economic Characteristics
of
Families Receiving Food Stamps**

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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: 80.1%
- 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: 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
- Ethnicity of the food stamp recipients: 25.4% White
43.1% Hispanic
18.0% Black

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

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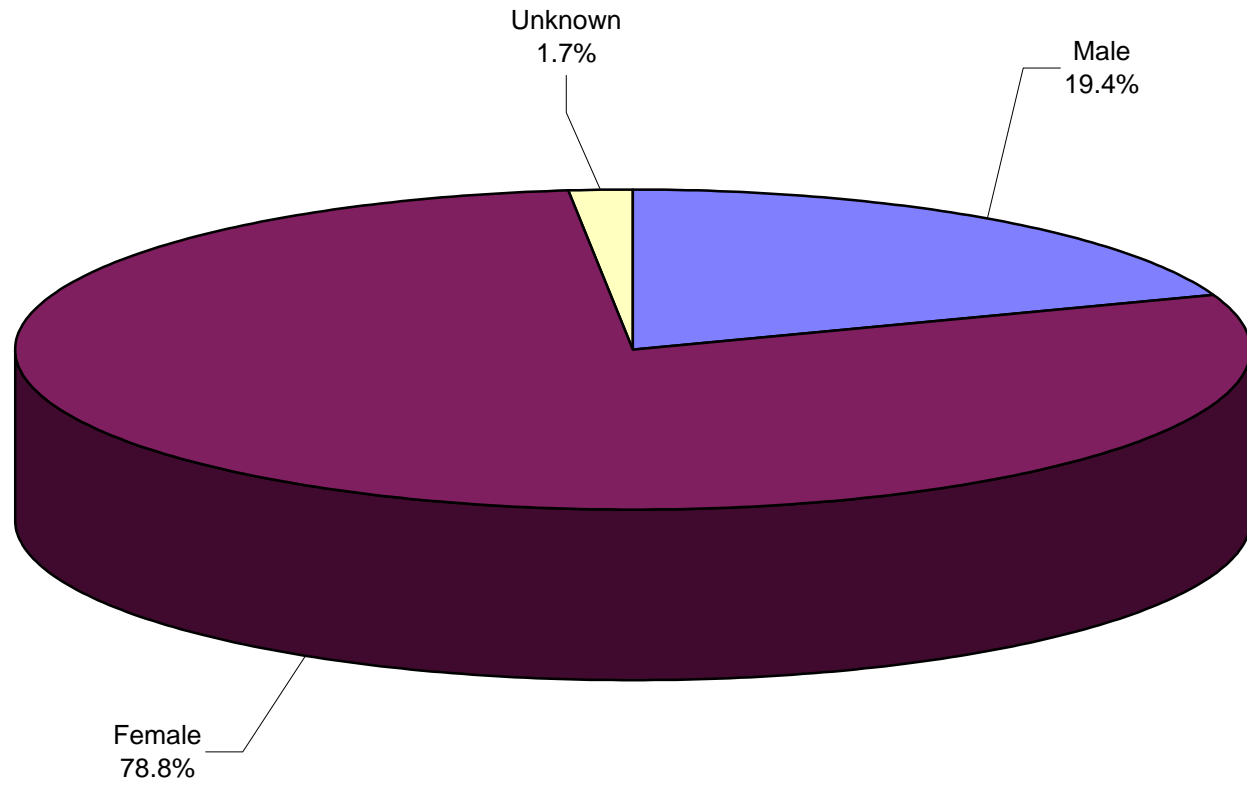
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Total	<u>773,927</u>	<u>100.0</u>		<u>457,806</u>	<u>100.0</u>		<u>316,121</u>	<u>100.0</u>	
Not Applicable 1/	176,275	22.8		119,040	26.0		57,235	18.1	
Head of Household:	<u>597,652</u>	77.2	<u>100.0</u>	<u>338,766</u>	74.0	<u>100.0</u>	<u>258,886</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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TABLE 2

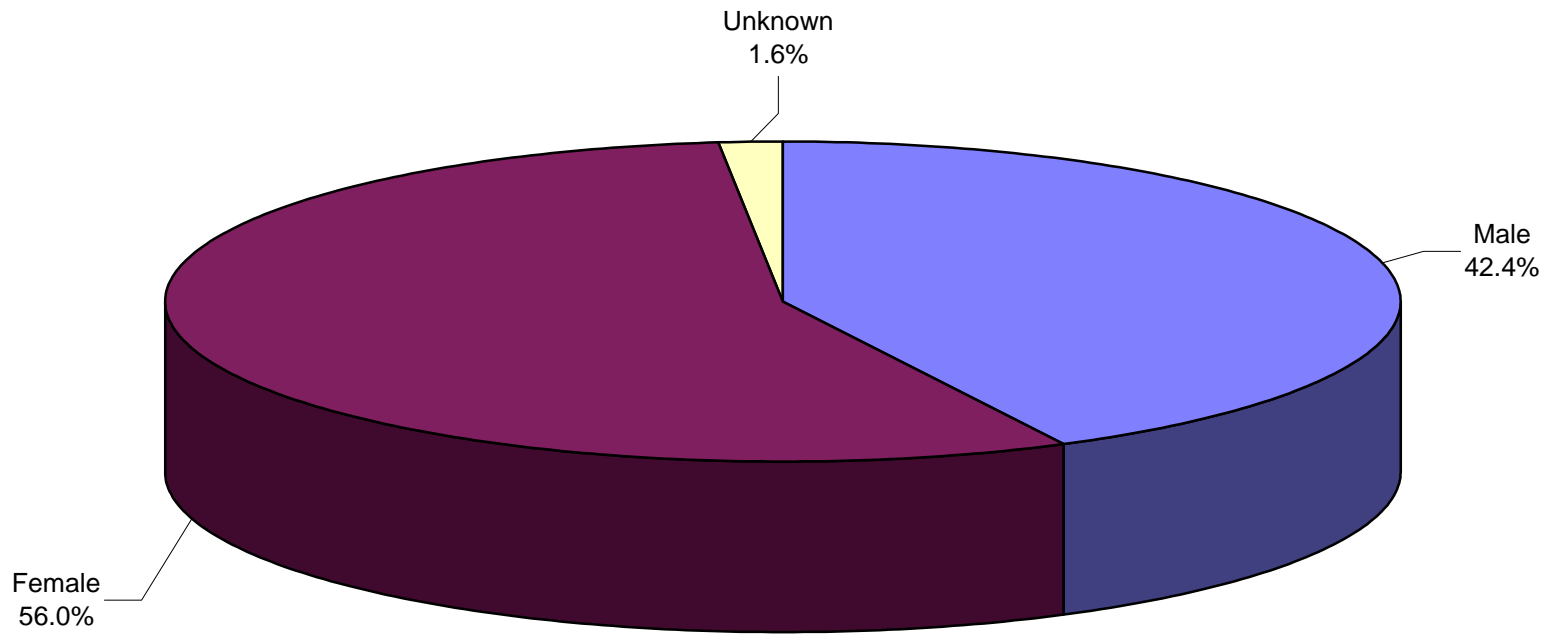
GENDER OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS

GENDER	TOTAL RECIPIENTS		CLASSIFICATION			
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	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

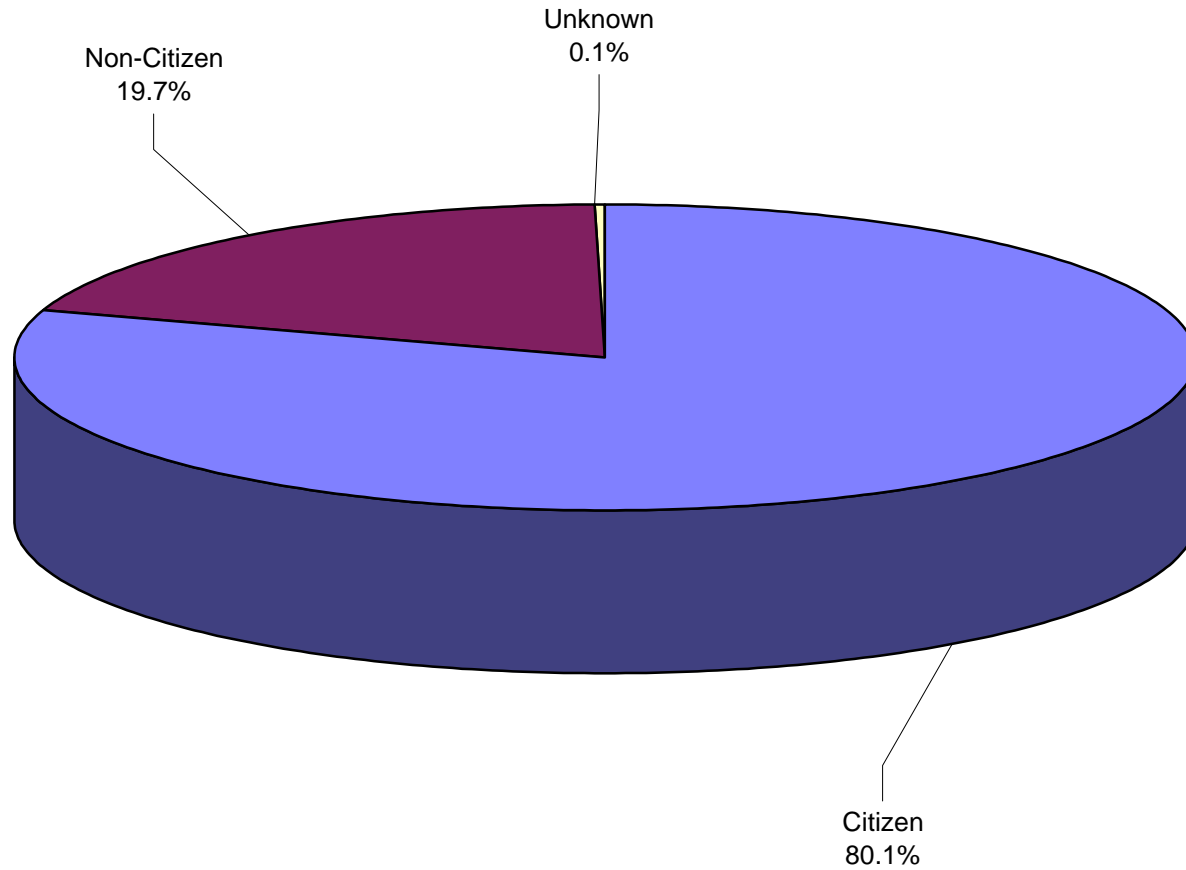
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Citizen	478,752	80.1	263,492	77.8	215,260	83.1
Non-Citizen	118,005	19.7	74,379	22.0	43,626	16.9
Unknown	895	0.1	895	0.3	0	0.0

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- 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

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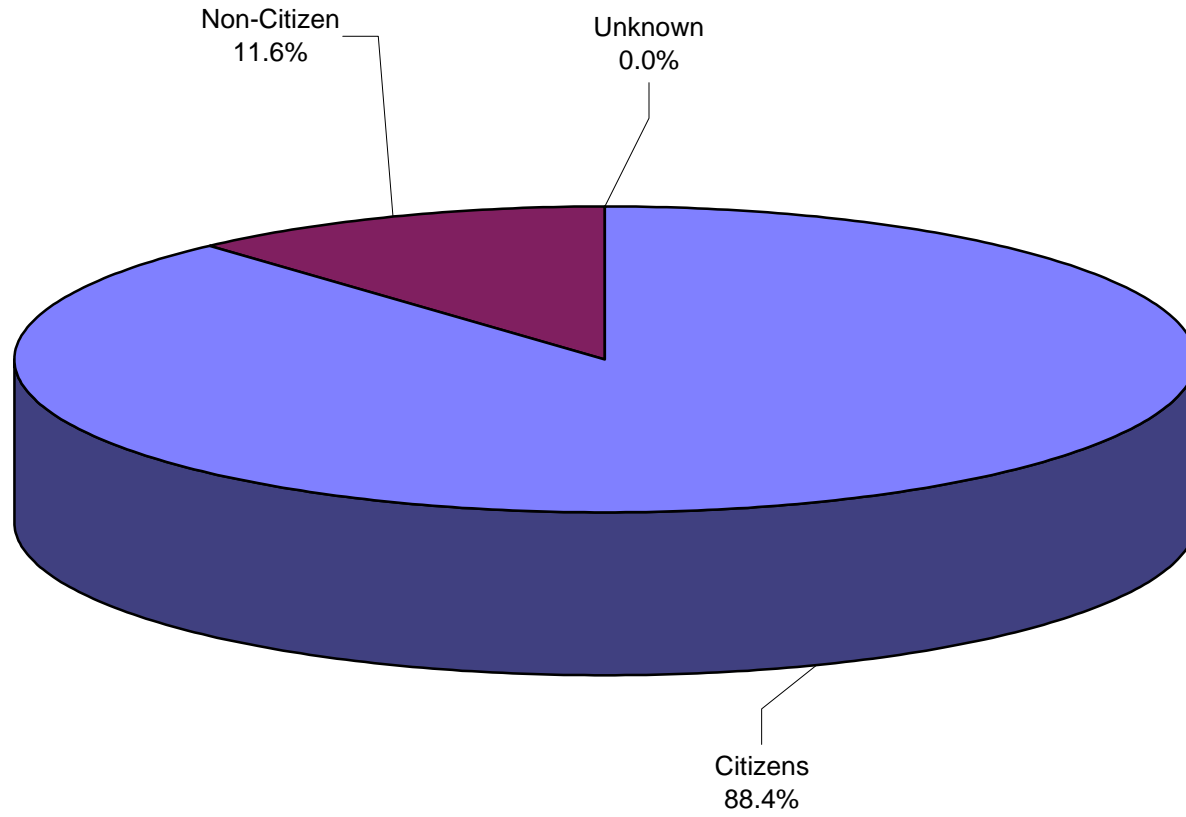
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Citizens	1,935,109	88.4	1,257,274	88.3	677,835	88.5
Non-Citizen	253,250	11.6	165,357	11.6	87,893	11.5
Unknown	986	0.0	895	0.1	91	0.0

- 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

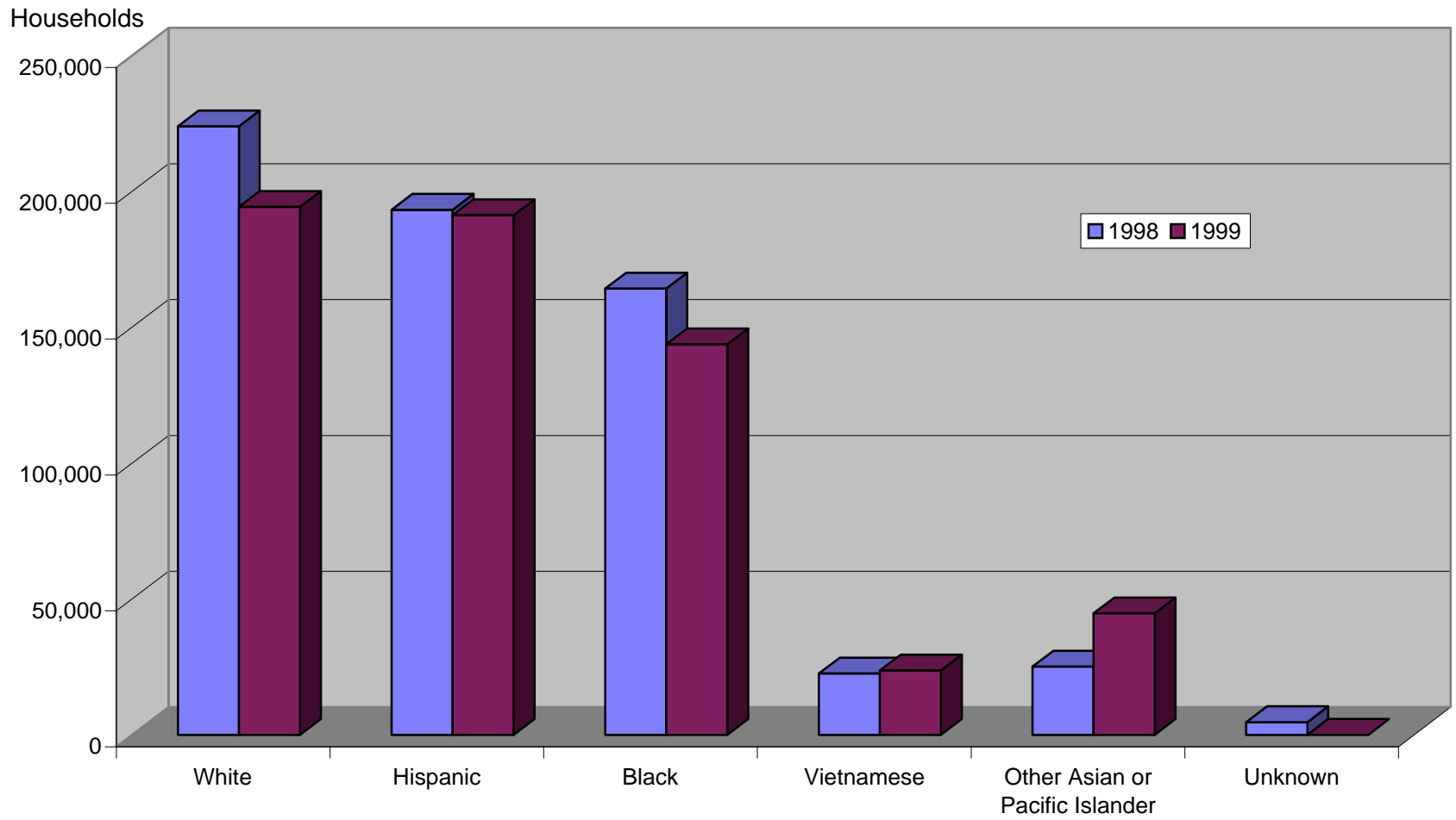
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Head of Household:	<u>597,652</u>	77.2	<u>338,766</u>	74.0	<u>258,886</u>	81.9
White	194,277	32.5	99,836	29.5	94,441	36.5
Hispanic	191,235	32.0	117,441	34.7	73,794	28.5
Black	143,707	24.0	77,050	22.7	66,657	25.7
Vietnamese	23,681	4.0	17,263	5.1	6,418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

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- Consistent with the overall reduction in the number of cases from FFY 1998 to FFY 1999, as noted in Table 9, 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



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 6

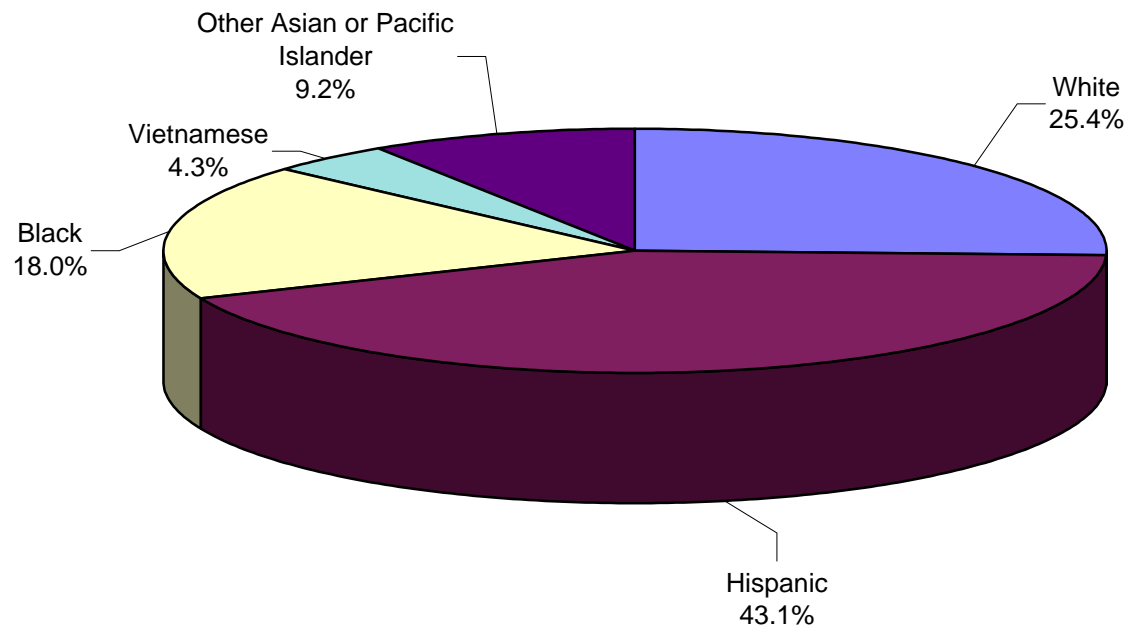
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White	556,769	25.4	326,228	22.9	230,541	30.1
Hispanic	944,377	43.1	602,322	42.3	342,055	44.7
Black	393,353	18.0	273,201	19.2	120,152	15.7
Vietnamese	94,101	4.3	77,731	5.5	16,370	2.1
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	200,745	9.2	144,044	10.1	56,701	7.4

- 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



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 7

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

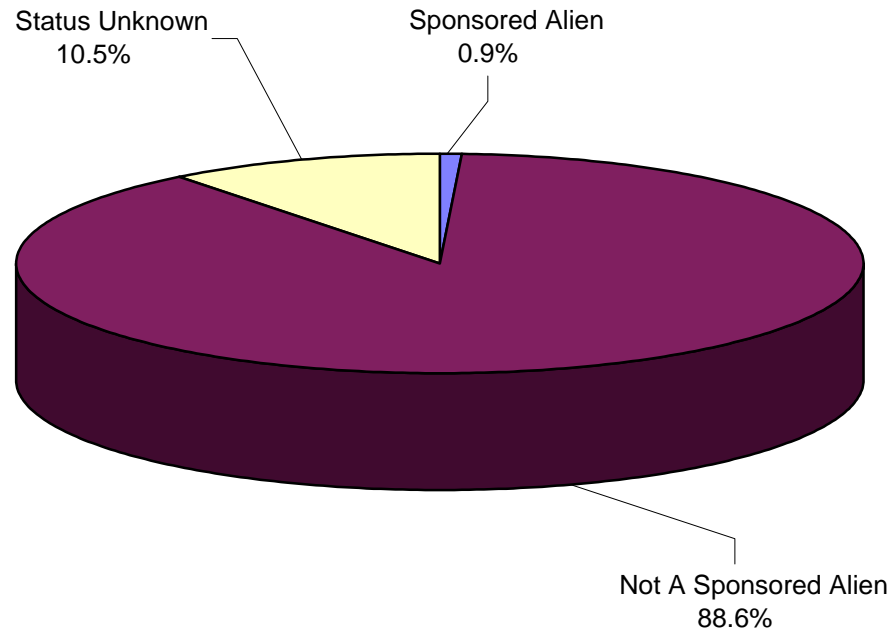
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Head of Household:	<u>597,652</u>	77.2	<u>338,766</u>	74.0	<u>258,886</u>	81.9
Citizen	478,752	80.1	263,492	77.8	215,260	83.1
Unknown	895	0.1	895	0.3	0	0.0
Non-Citizen	<u>118,005</u>	19.7	<u>74,379</u>	22.0	<u>43,626</u>	16.9
Sponsored Alien	1,094	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 Alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

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

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Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 8

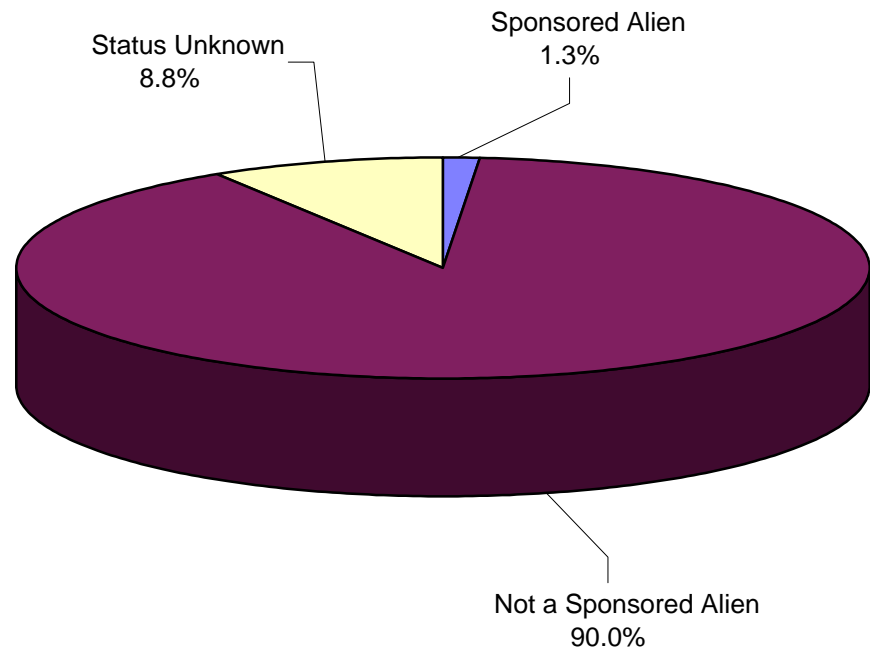
SPONSORED ALIEN STATUS OF THE NON-CITIZEN MEMBERS OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

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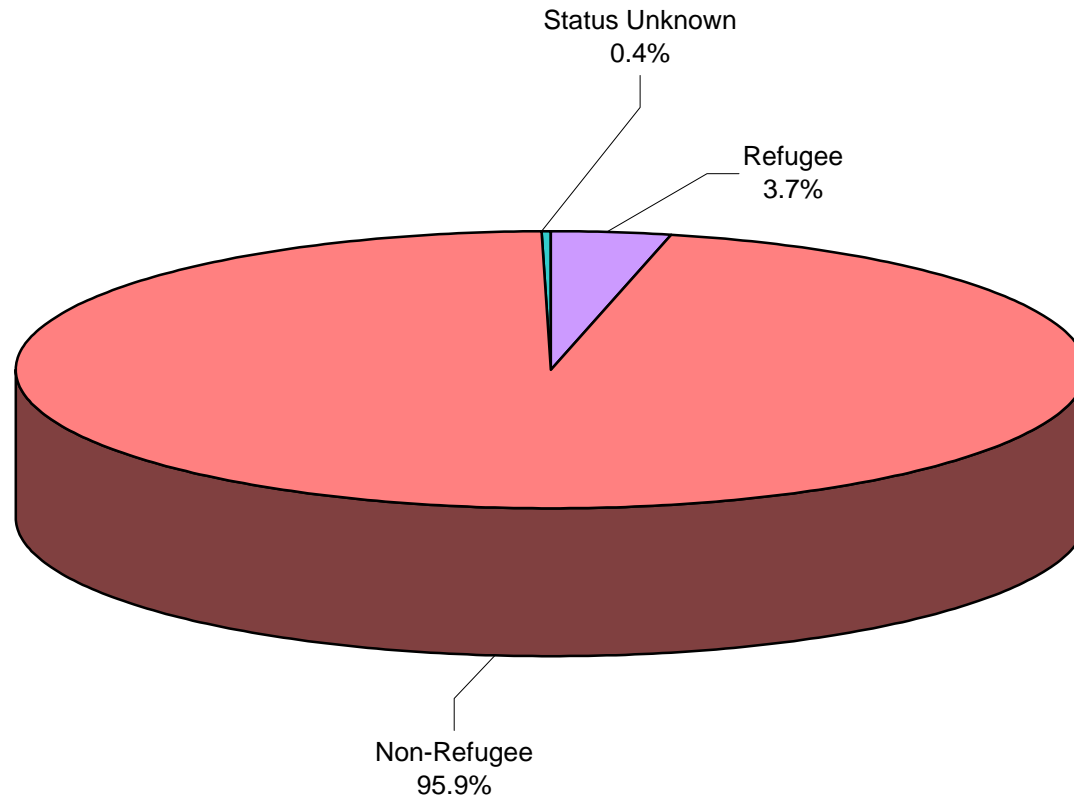
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Head of Household:	<u>597,652</u>	77.2	<u>338,766</u>	74.0	<u>258,886</u>	81.9
Refugee	22,175	3.7	13,176	3.9	8,999	3.5
Non-Refugee	573,291	95.9	323,947	95.6	249,344	96.3
Status Unknown	2,186	0.4	1,643	0.5	543	0.2

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.

- 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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Federal Fiscal Year 1999

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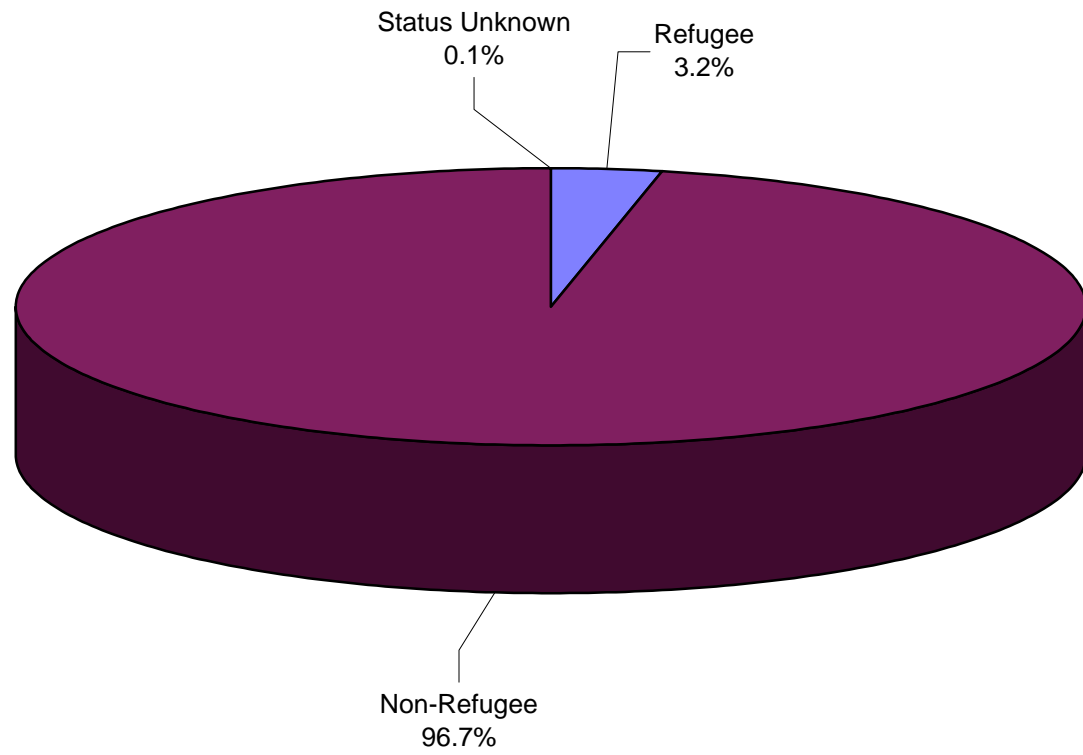
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Total	<u>2,189,345</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,423,526</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>765,819</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Refugee	70,340	3.2	51,626	3.6	18,714	2.4
Non-Refugee	2,116,194	96.7	1,369,917	96.2	746,277	97.4
Status Unknown	2,811	0.1	1,983	0.1	828	0.1

- 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

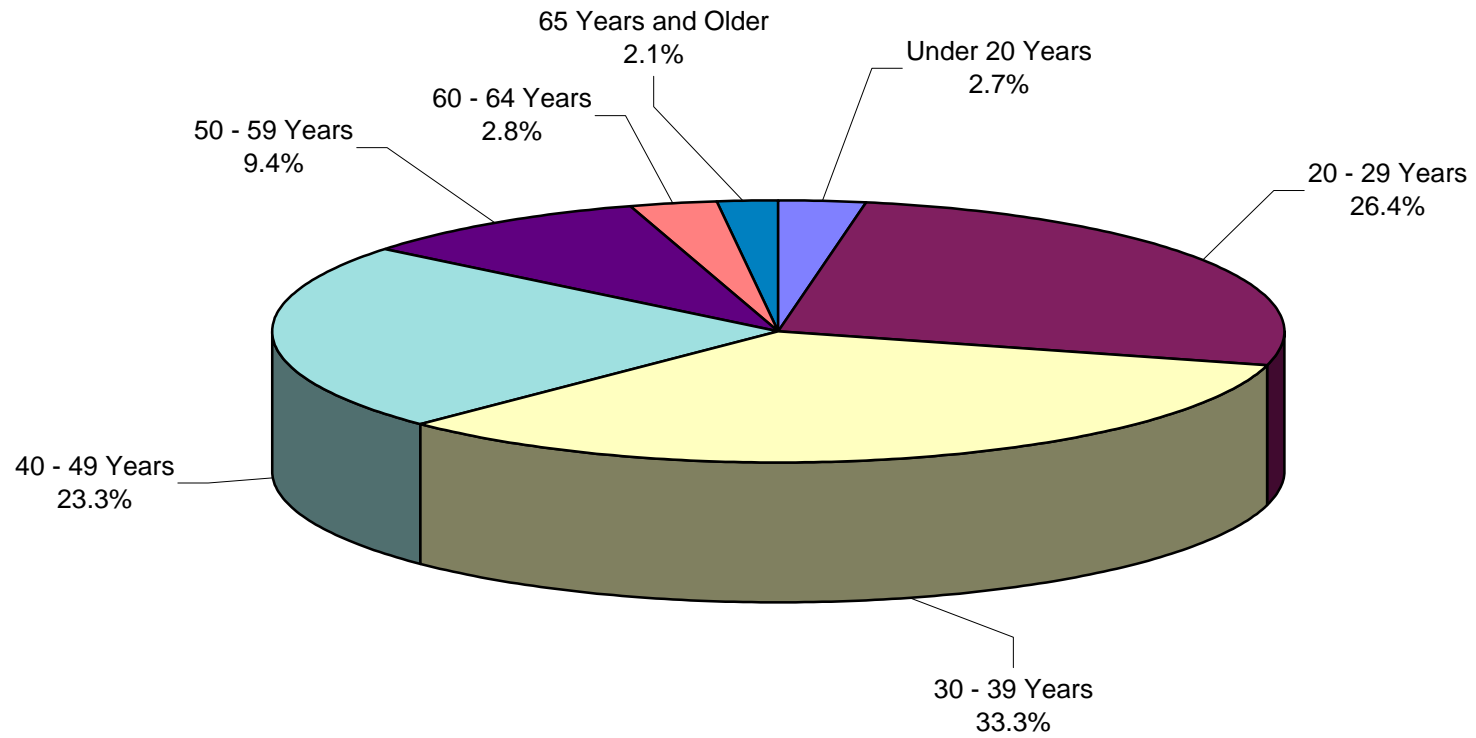
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	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>773,927</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>457,806</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>316,121</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable 1/	176,275	22.8	119,040	26.0	57,235	18.1
Head of Household:	<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

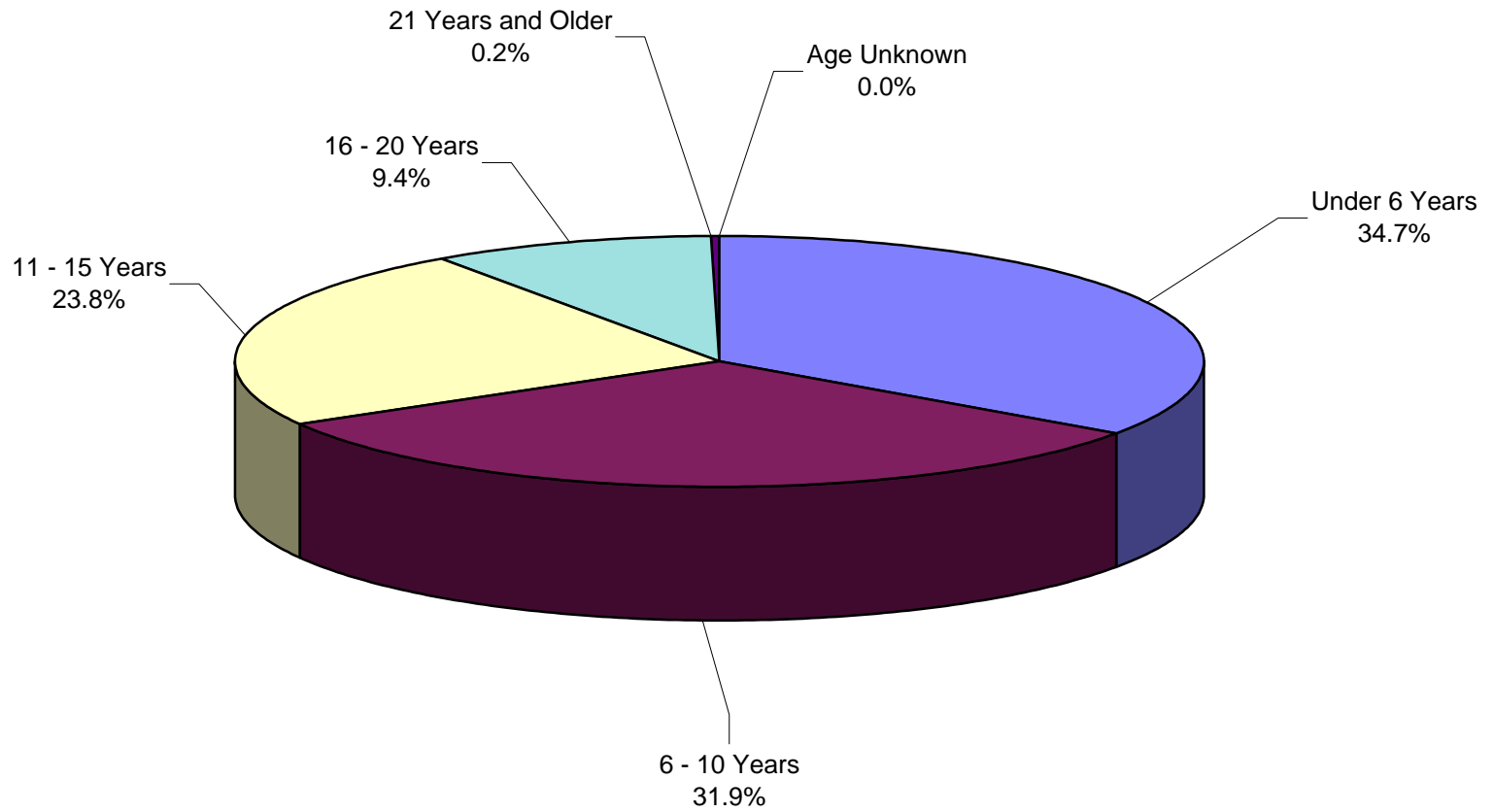
AGE	TOTAL RECIPIENTS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>2,189,345</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,423,526</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>765,819</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Adults in the F/S Household	749,771	34.2	428,771	30.1	321,000	41.9
Children in the 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.

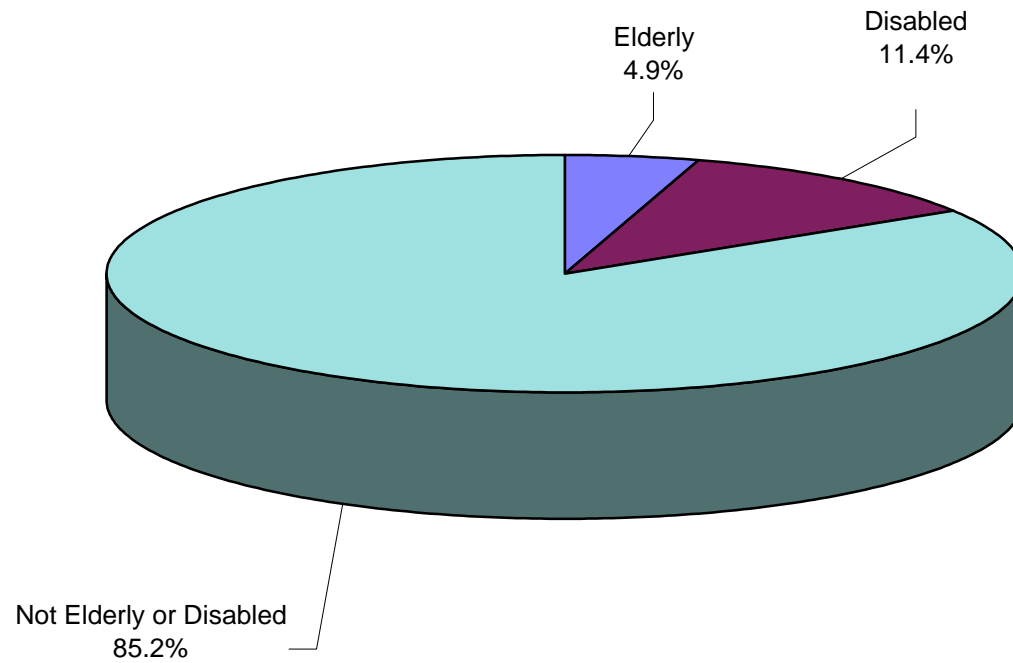
2/ Because a case may have more than one of the listed characteristics, the sum of the corresponding numbers exceeds the total number of heads of household. The corresponding percentages are calculated to that subtotal.

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

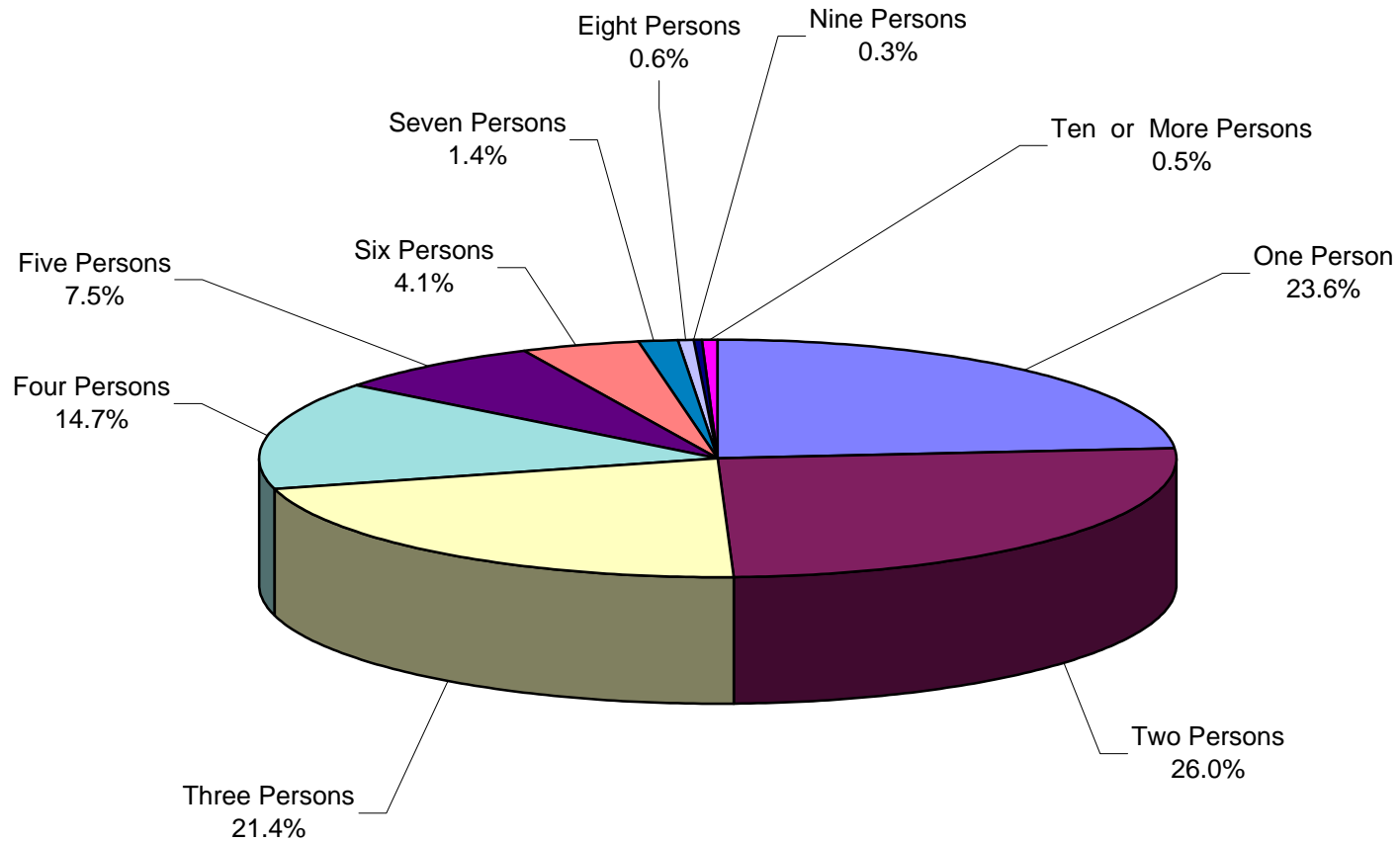
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

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

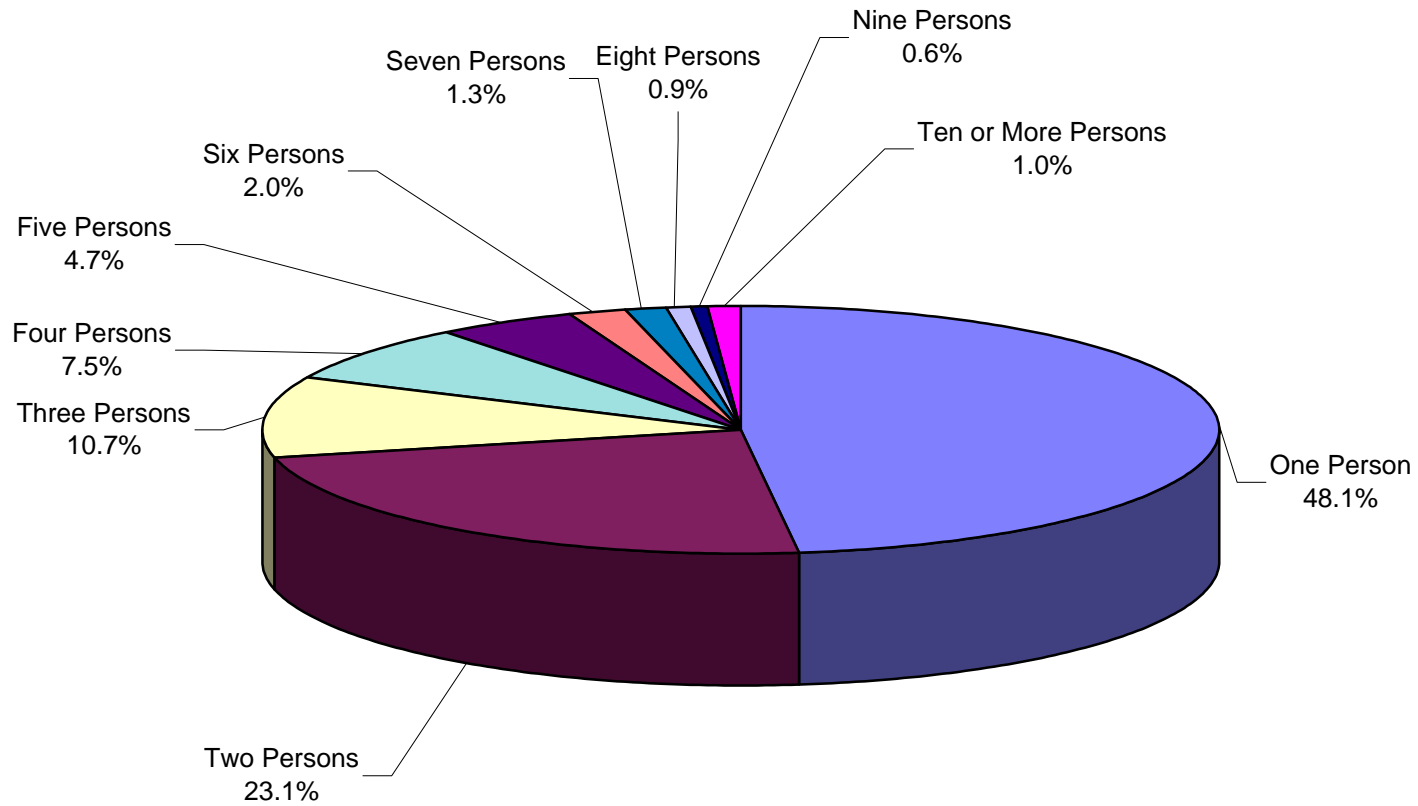
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE SAME LIVING QUARTERS
NOT INCLUDED IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

HOUSEHOLDS WITH OTHER PERSONS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	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 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.

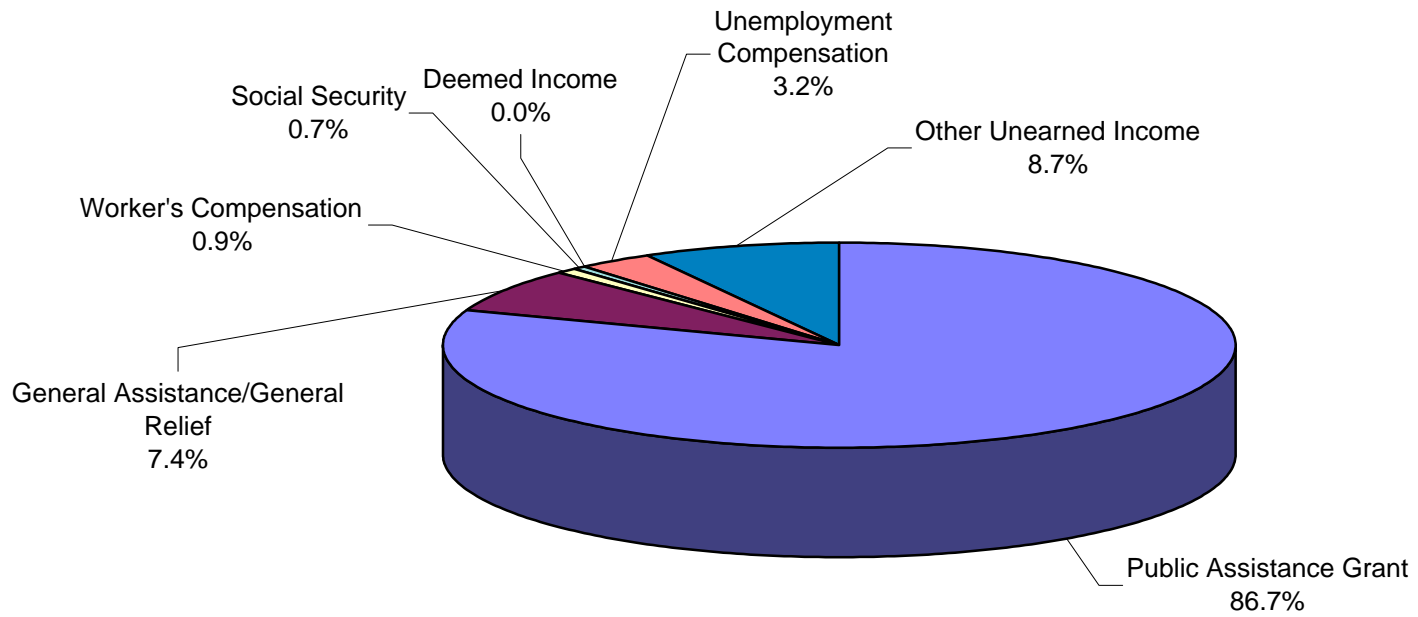
2/ Includes government and nongovernment disability, pensions, alimony and veterans benefits.

- 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>	<u>52.9</u>	<u>100.0</u> <u>\$678</u>	<u>253,233</u>	<u>55.3</u>	<u>100.0</u> <u>\$654</u>	<u>155,889</u>	<u>49.3</u>	<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.

CHART 17

SOURCE OF EARNED INCOME



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 18

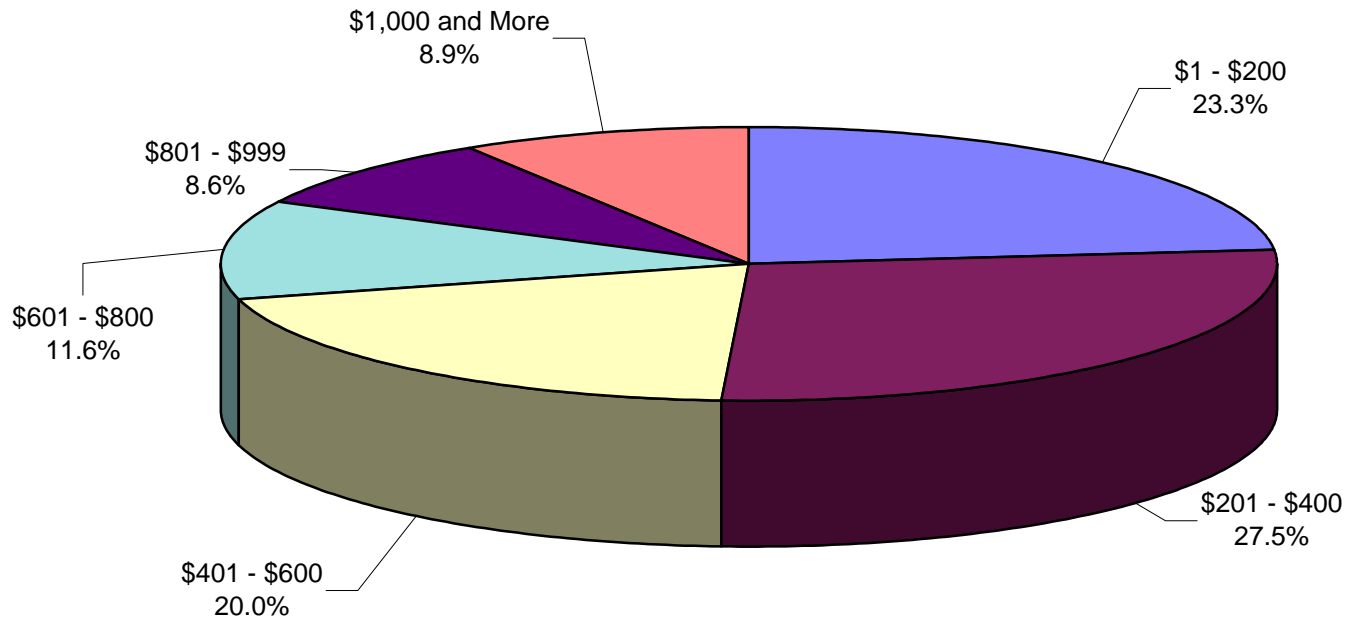
NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT

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

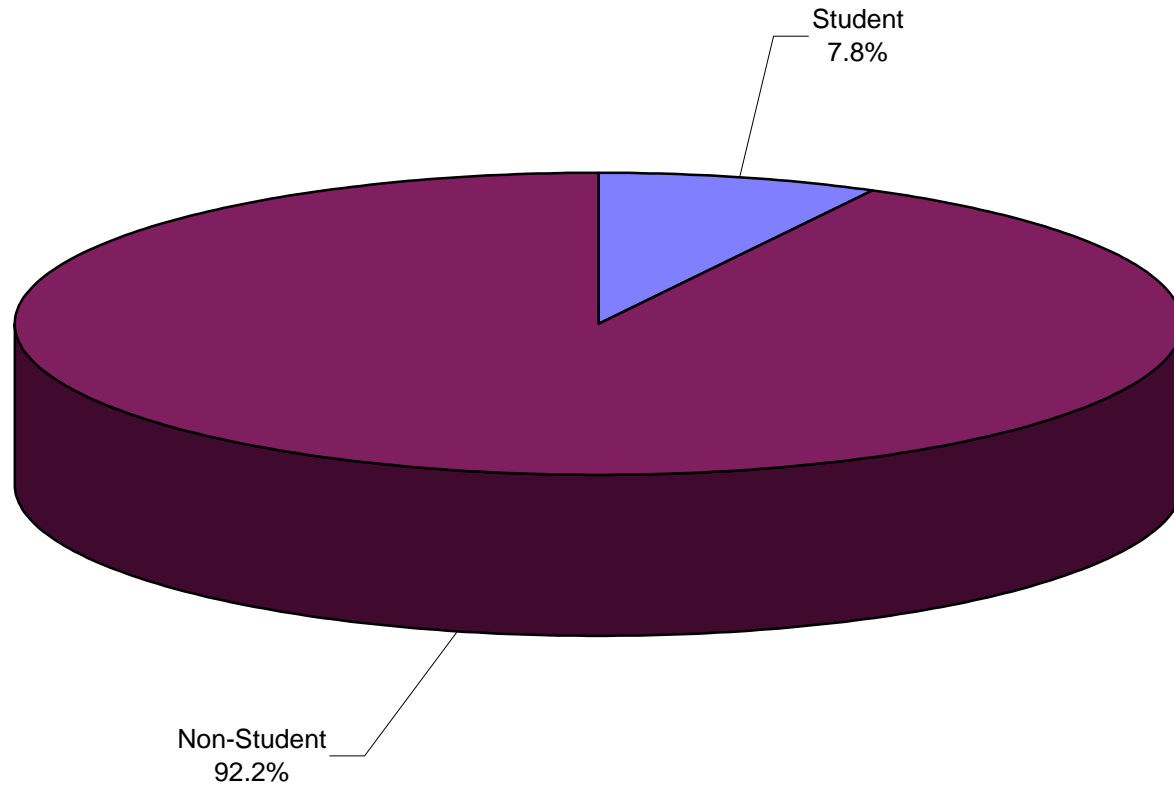
STUDENT STATUS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>773,927</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>457,806</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>316,121</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable 1/	176,275	22.8	<u>119,040</u>	26.0	<u>57,235</u>	18.1
Head of 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

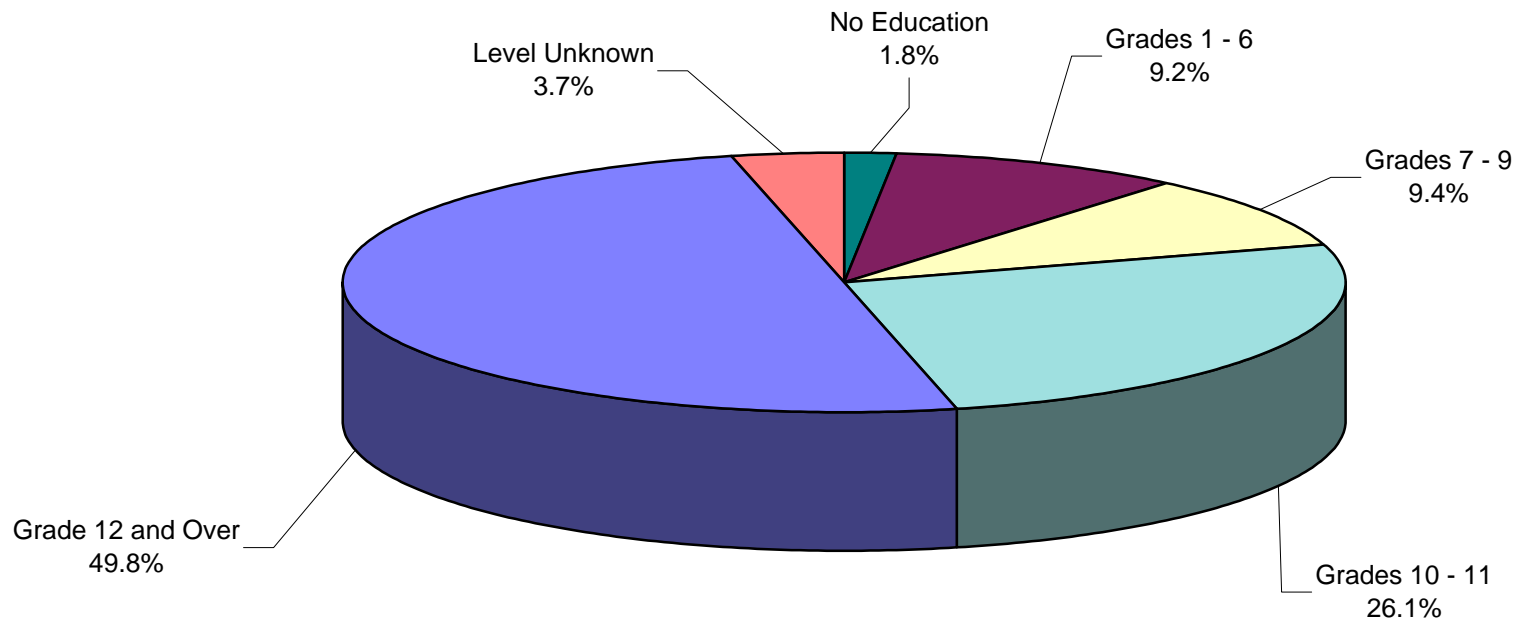
EDUCATION LEVEL	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>773,927</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>457,806</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>316,121</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable 1/	176,275	22.8	119,040	26.0	57,235	18.1
Head of Household:	<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			
	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
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>165,955</u>	49.0	<u>112,083</u>	43.3
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

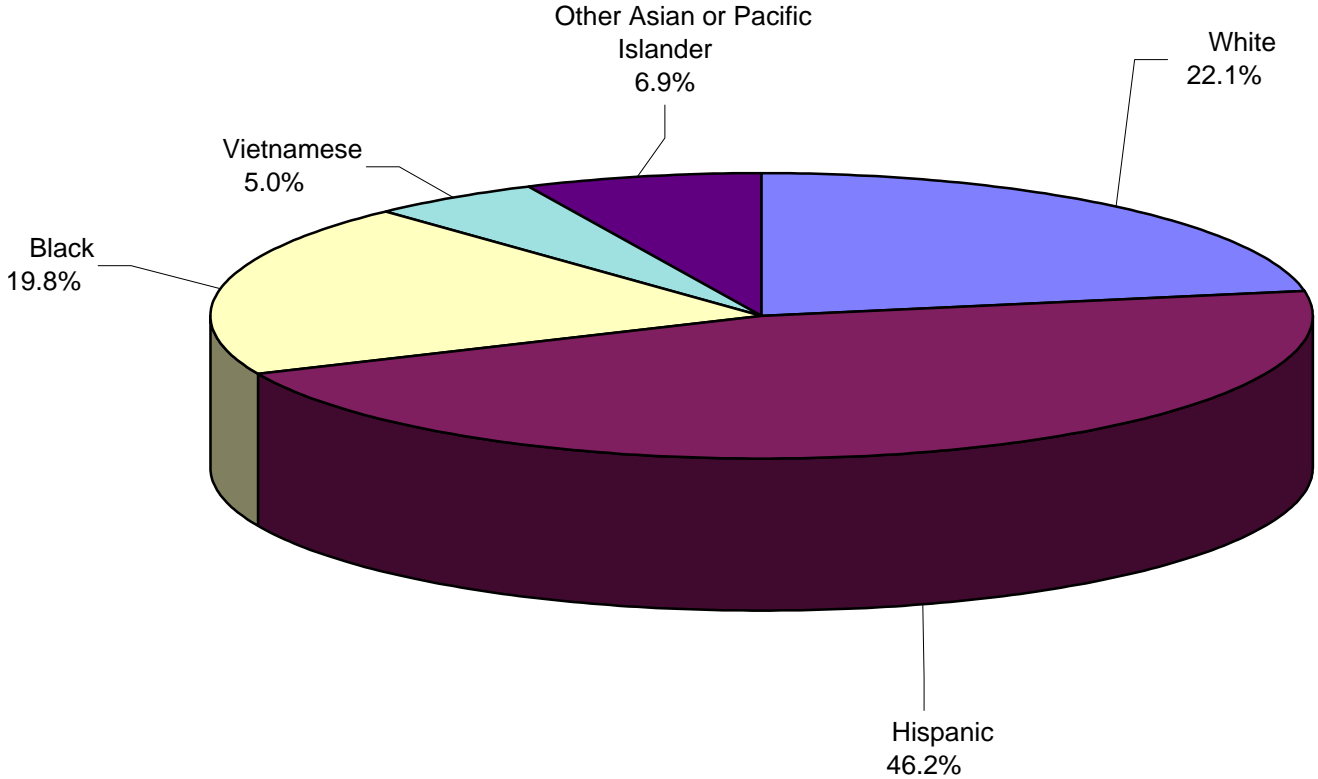
1/ Not applicable refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

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

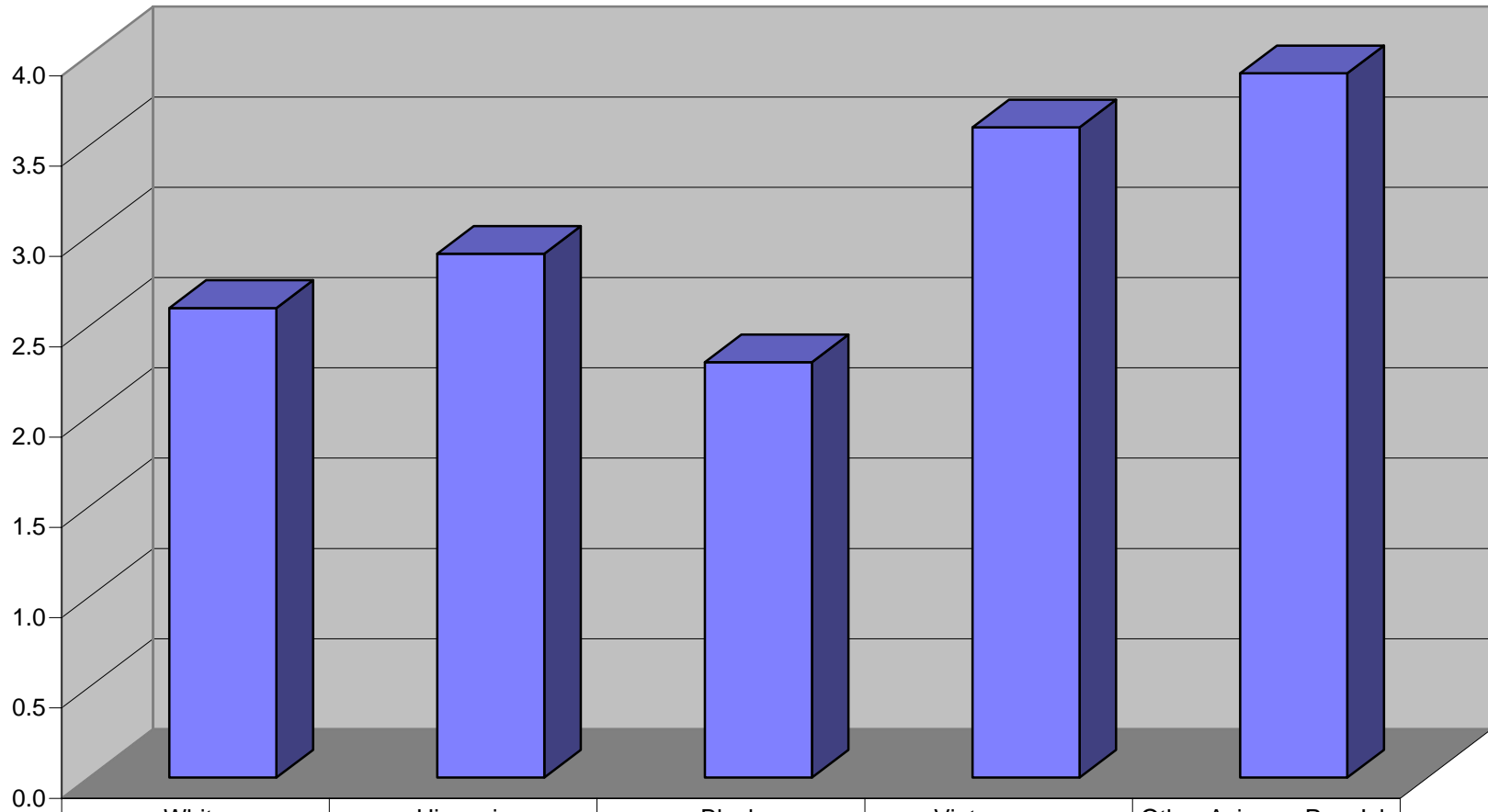
1/ From Table 20A.

- 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

Food Stamp Certified Eligible Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

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

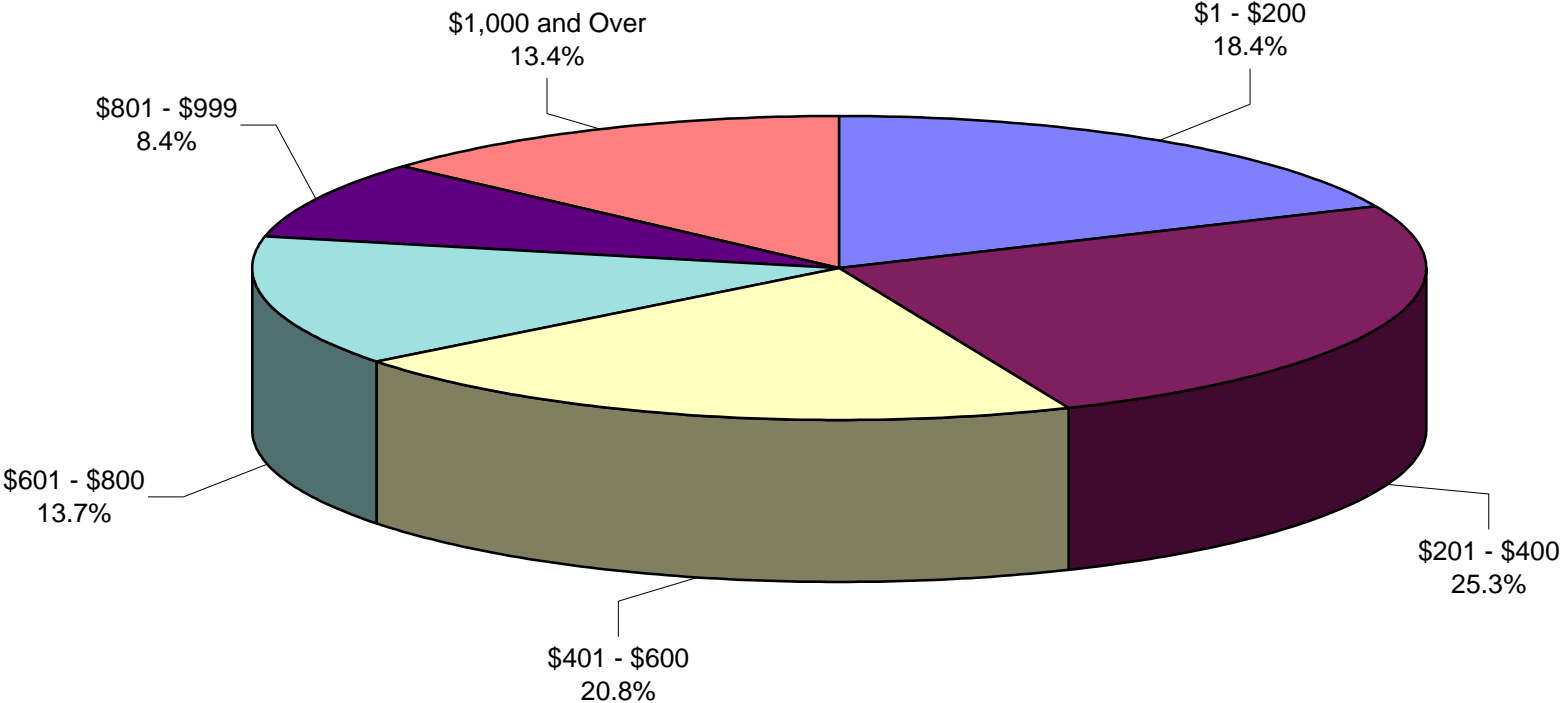
NET INCOME	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Head of Household 1/	<u>278,038</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>165,955</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>112,083</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Net Income	48,168	17.3	6,560	4.0	41,608	37.1
Net Income:	<u>229,870</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

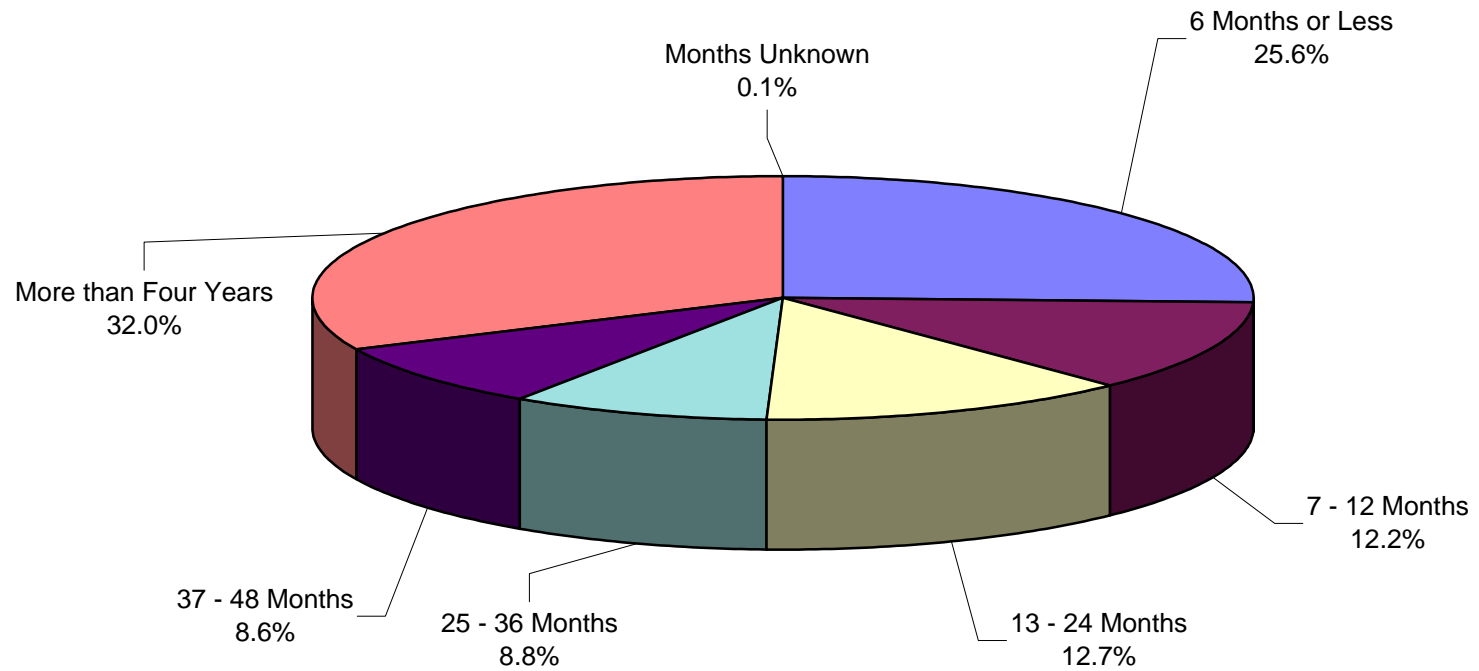
NUMBER OF UNINTERRUPTED MONTHS SINCE THE INITIAL FOOD STAMP APPLICATION

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



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey
Federal Fiscal Year 1999

TABLE 22

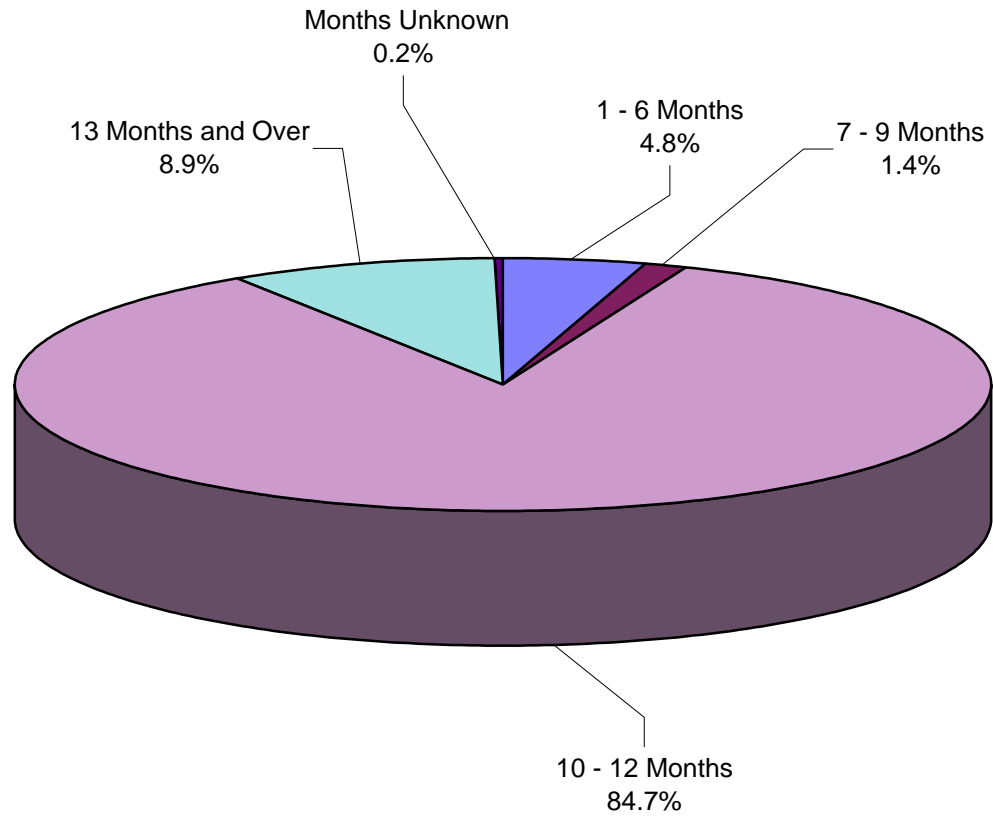
LENGTH OF CERTIFICATION PERIOD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

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

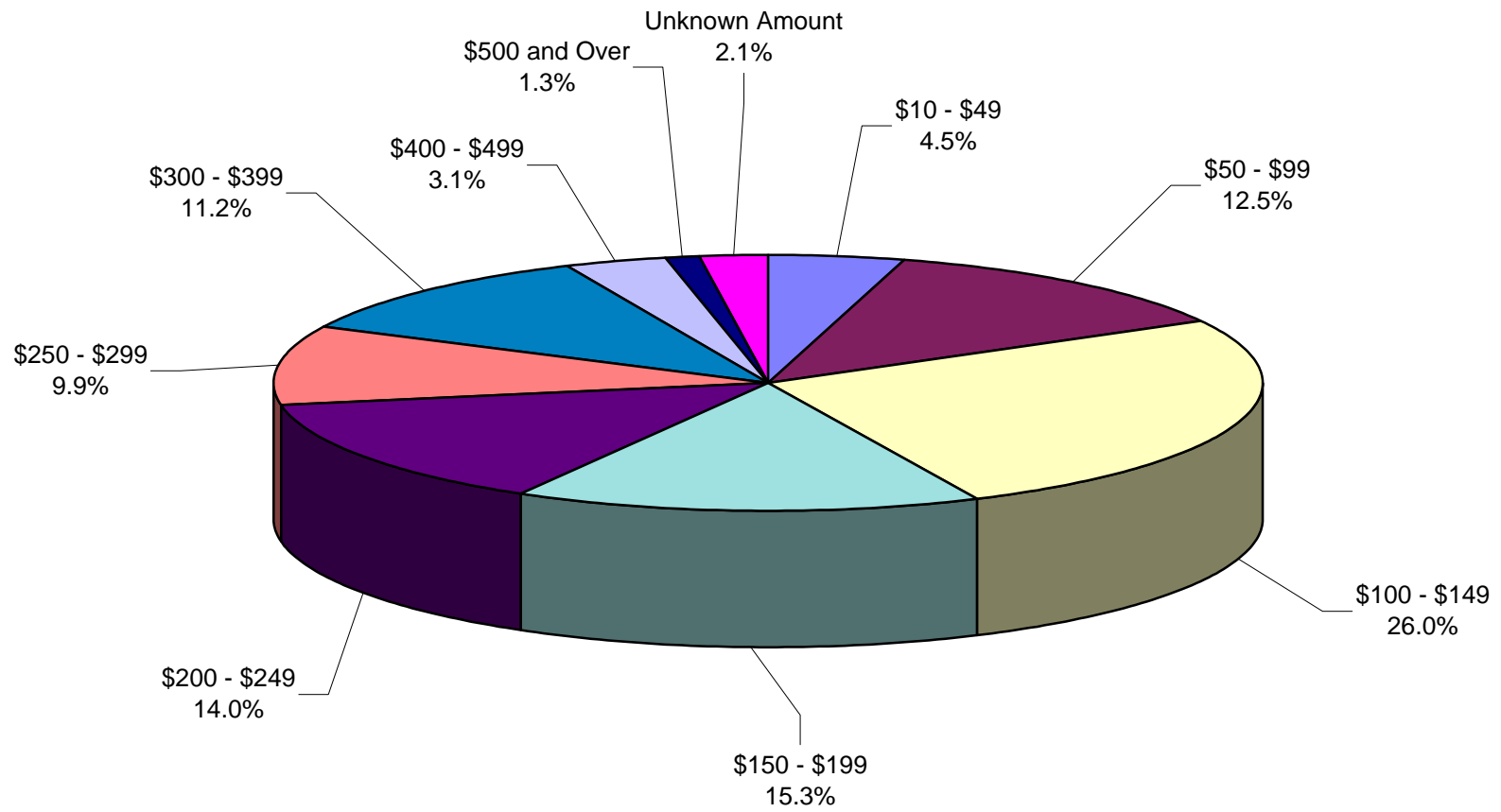
AMOUNT OF FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT PER HOUSEHOLD

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

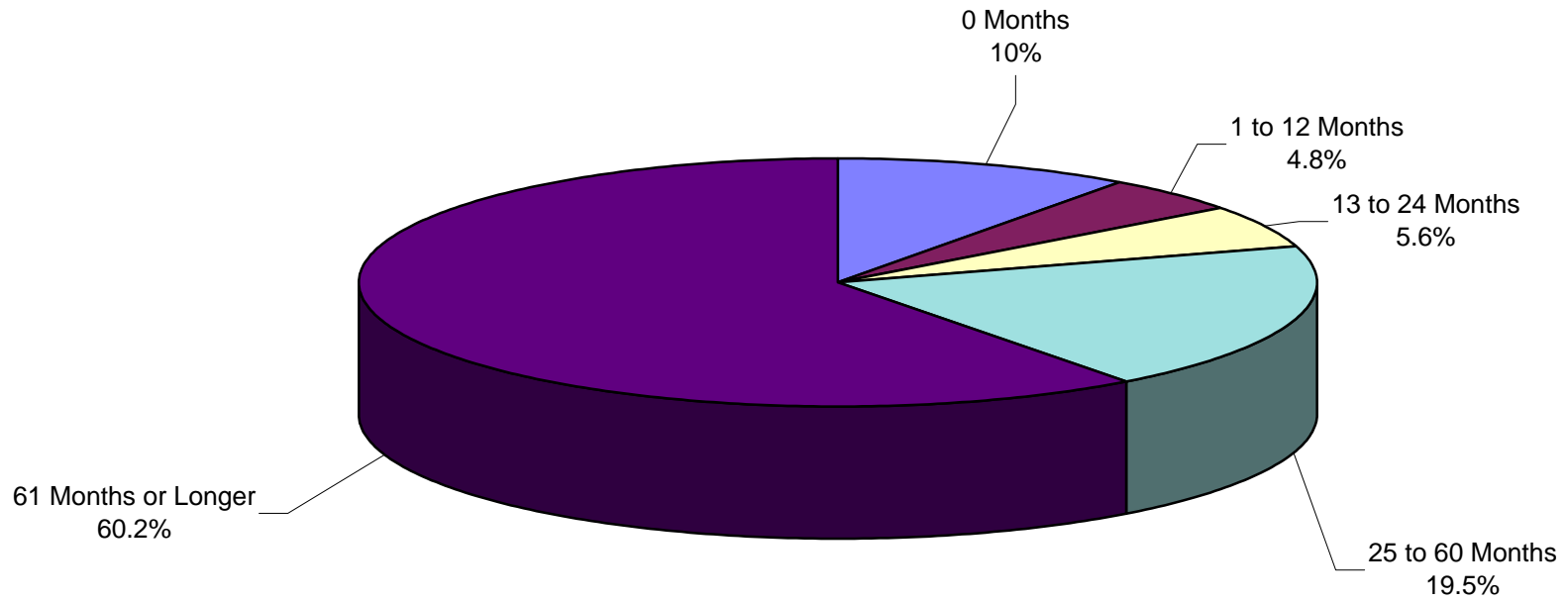
1/ Information for this table was obtained by matching the Social Security Numbers of the food stamp recipients with those contained in the Medical Eligibility Data System (MEDS). No match was obtained for recipients in this category.

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 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	3.2	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).

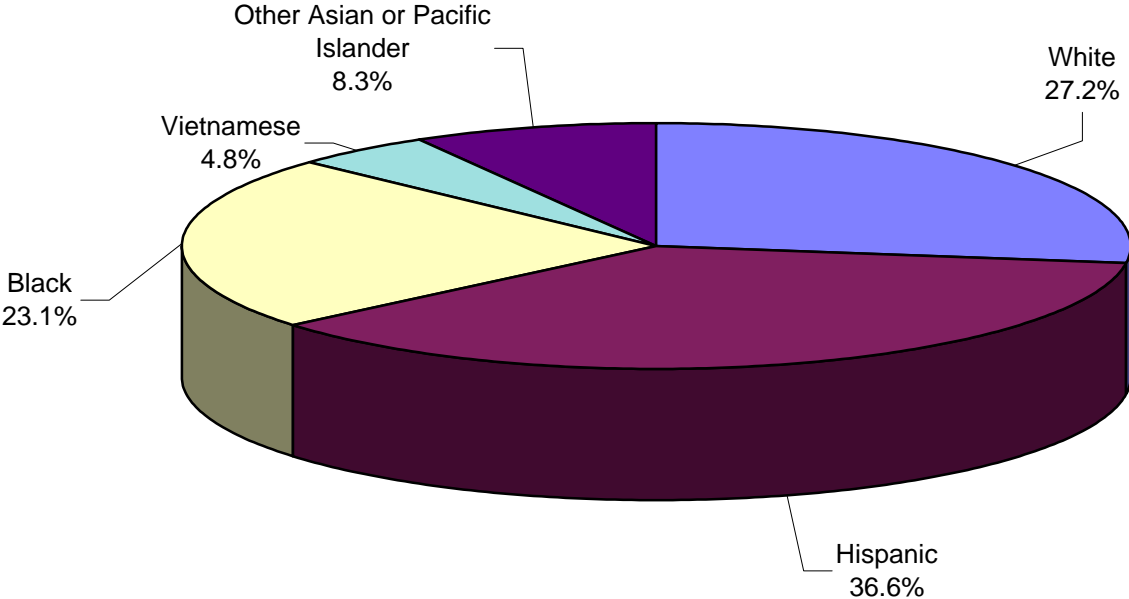
2/ Not applicable refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- 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

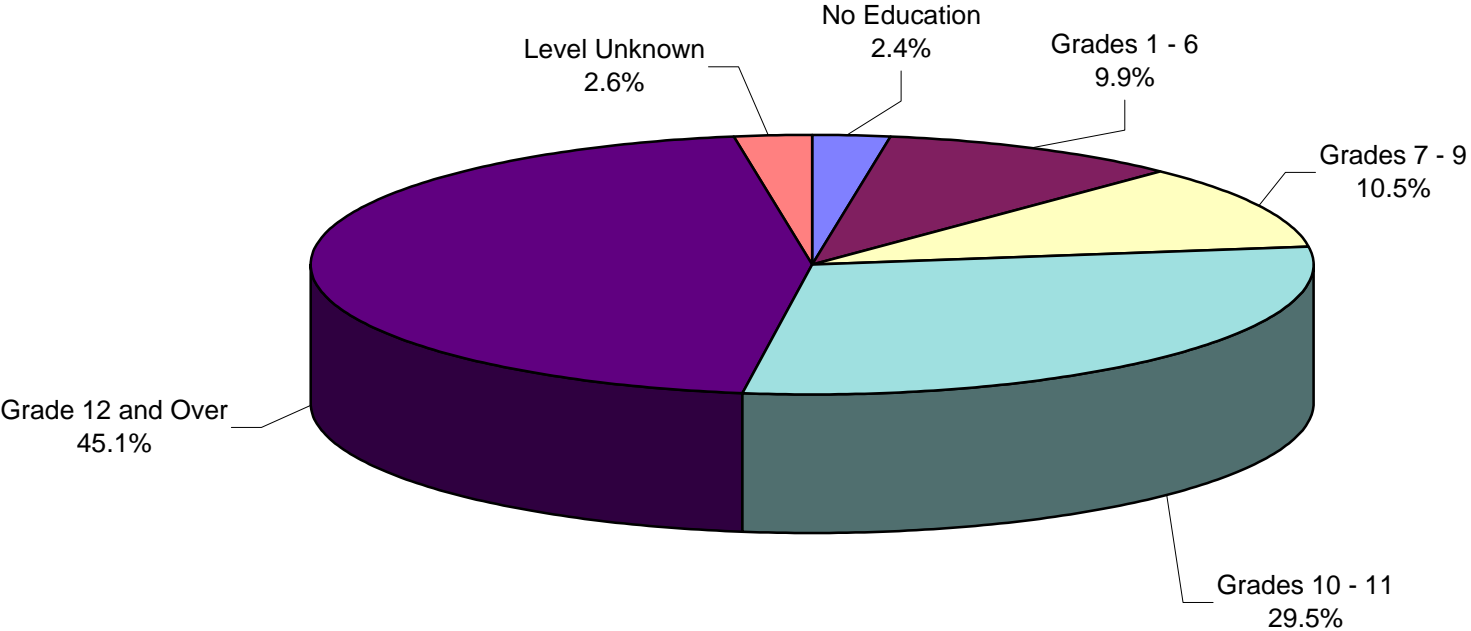
1/ From Table 24 (61 Months or Longer).

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

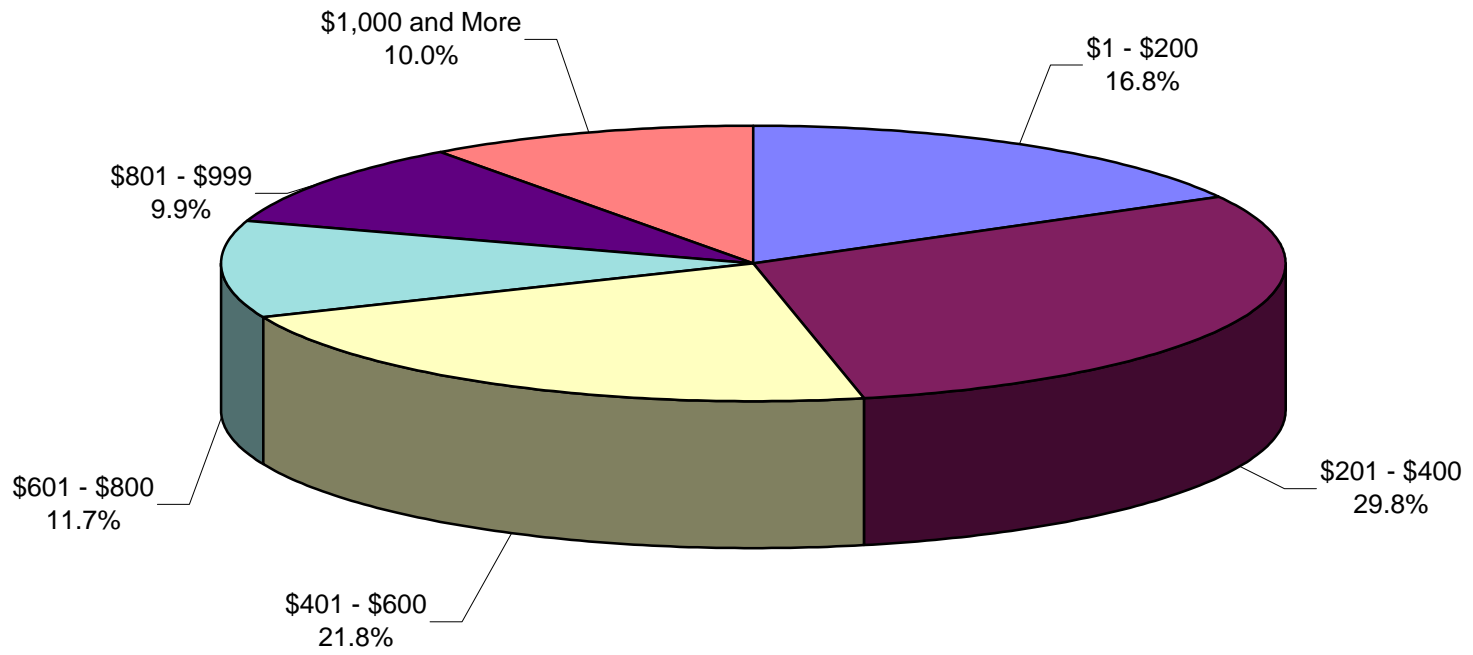
NET INCOME	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total 1/	<u>436,954</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>323,665</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>113,289</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Net Income	37,014	8.5	16,569	5.1	20,445	18.0
Net Income:	<u>399,940</u>	91.5	<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.)

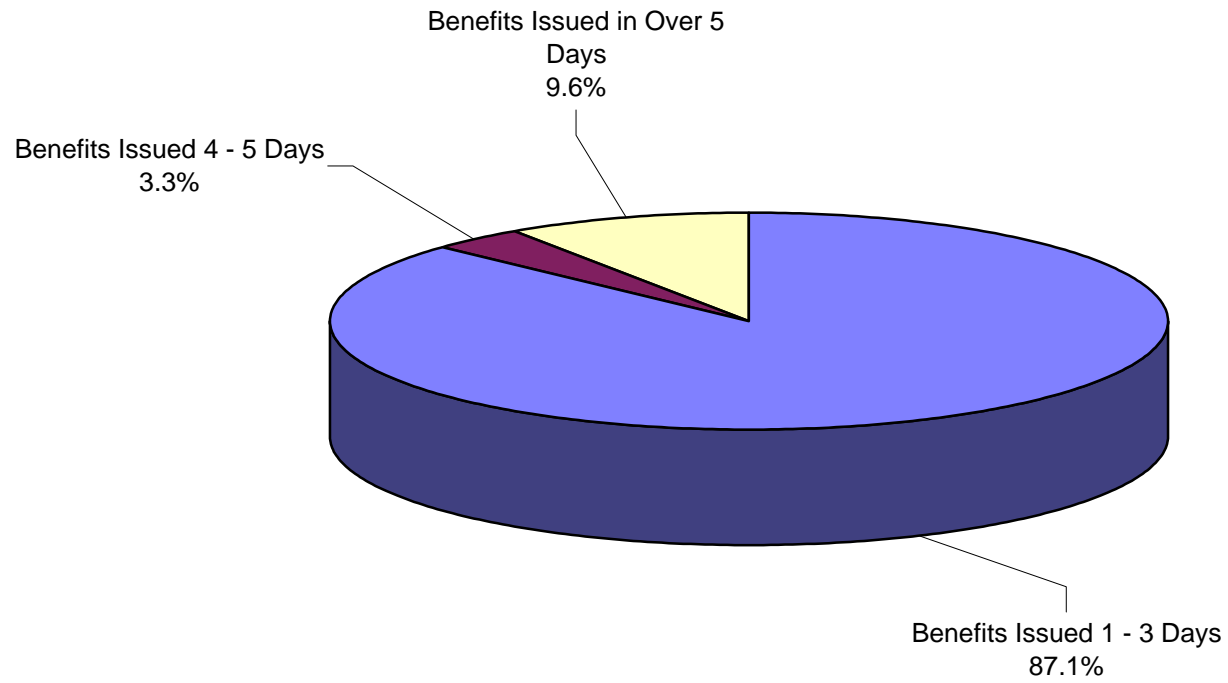
EXPEDITED SERVICES	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>773,927</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>457,806</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>316,121</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Did Not Receive Expedited Services	562,036	72.6	431,647	94.3	130,389	41.2
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

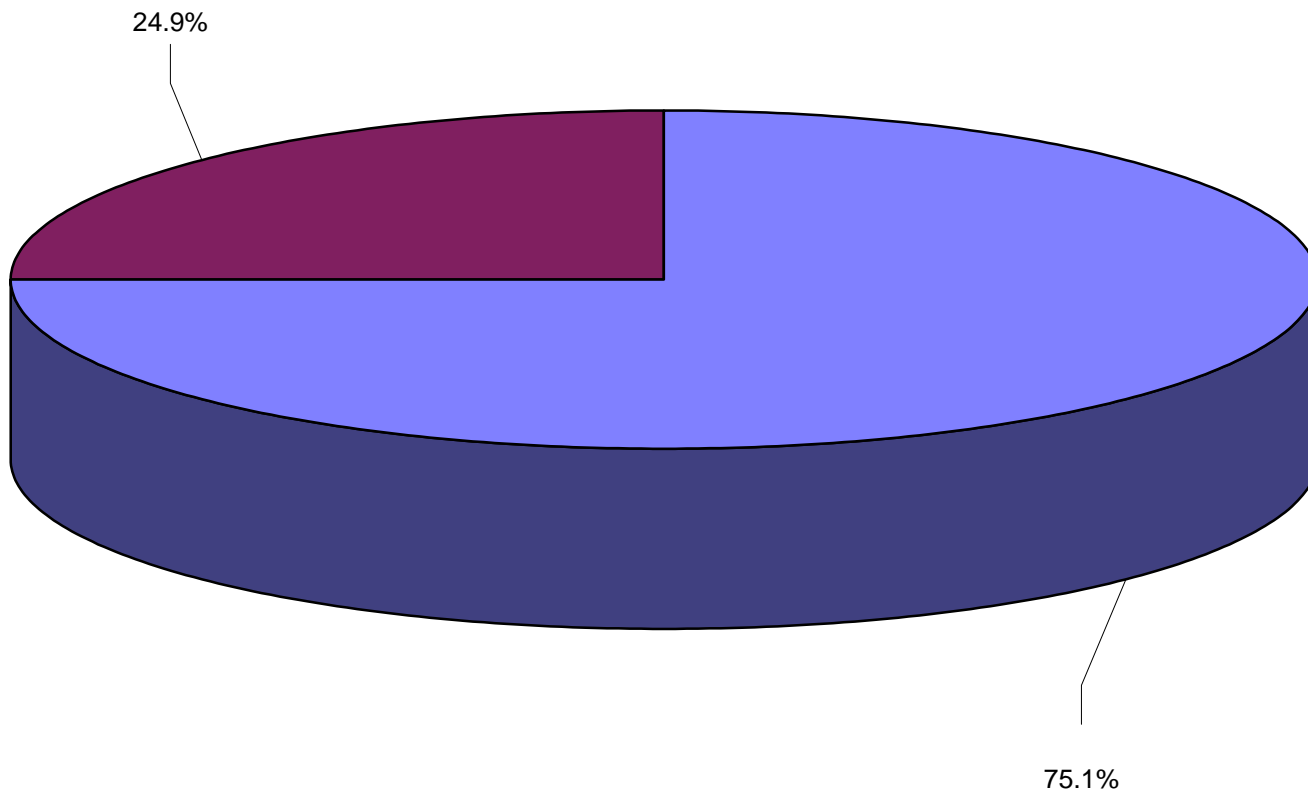
RESOURCES OWNED BY THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

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

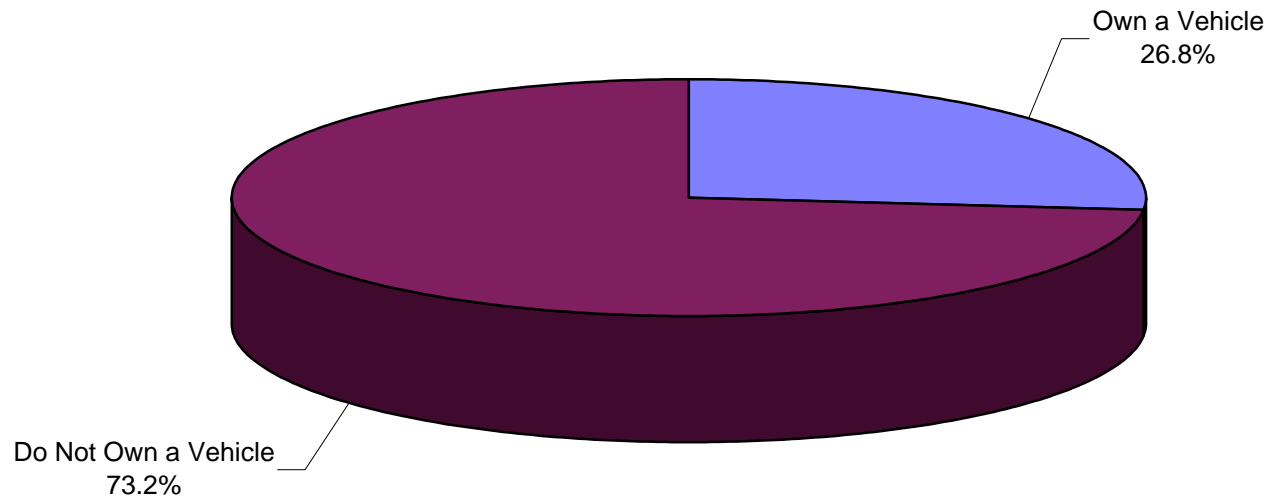
VEHICLES OWNED BY THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

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

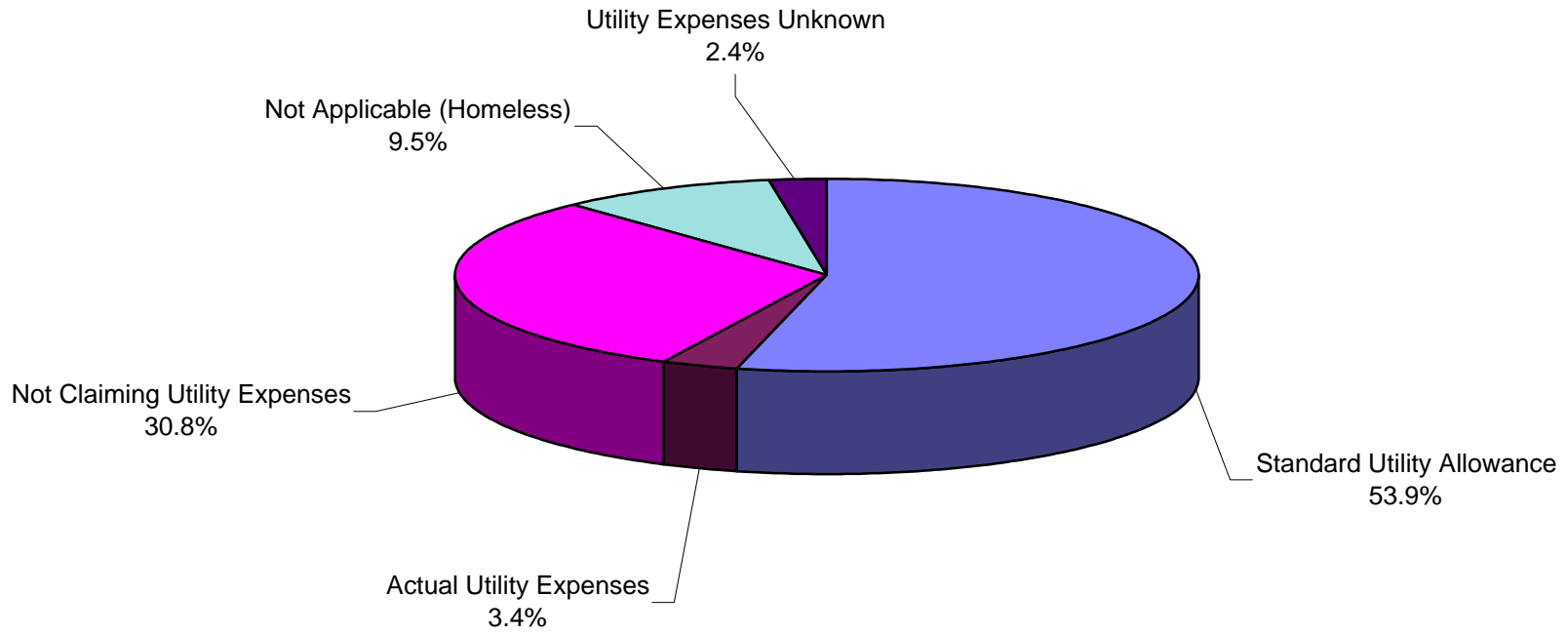
FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS CLAIMING UTILITY EXPENSES

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)

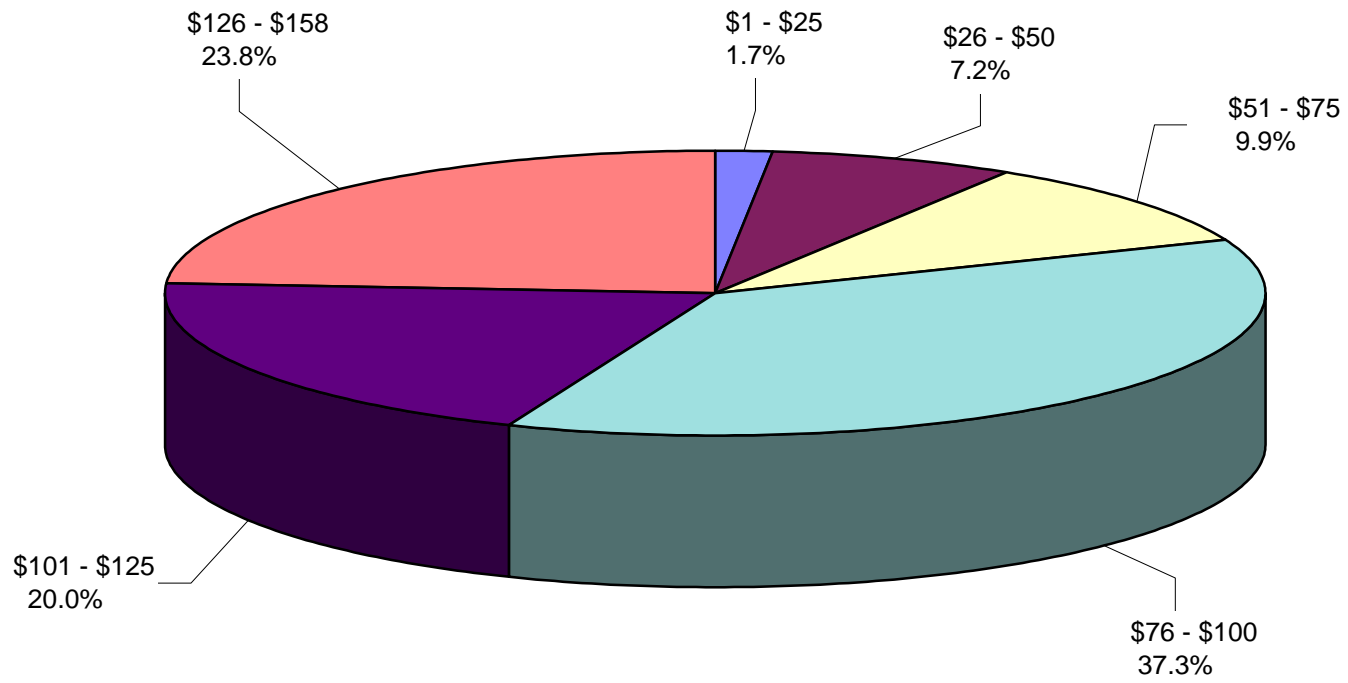
STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>773,927</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>457,806</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>316,121</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Households Claiming Actual Costs	26,242	3.4	15,679	3.4	10,564	3.3
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

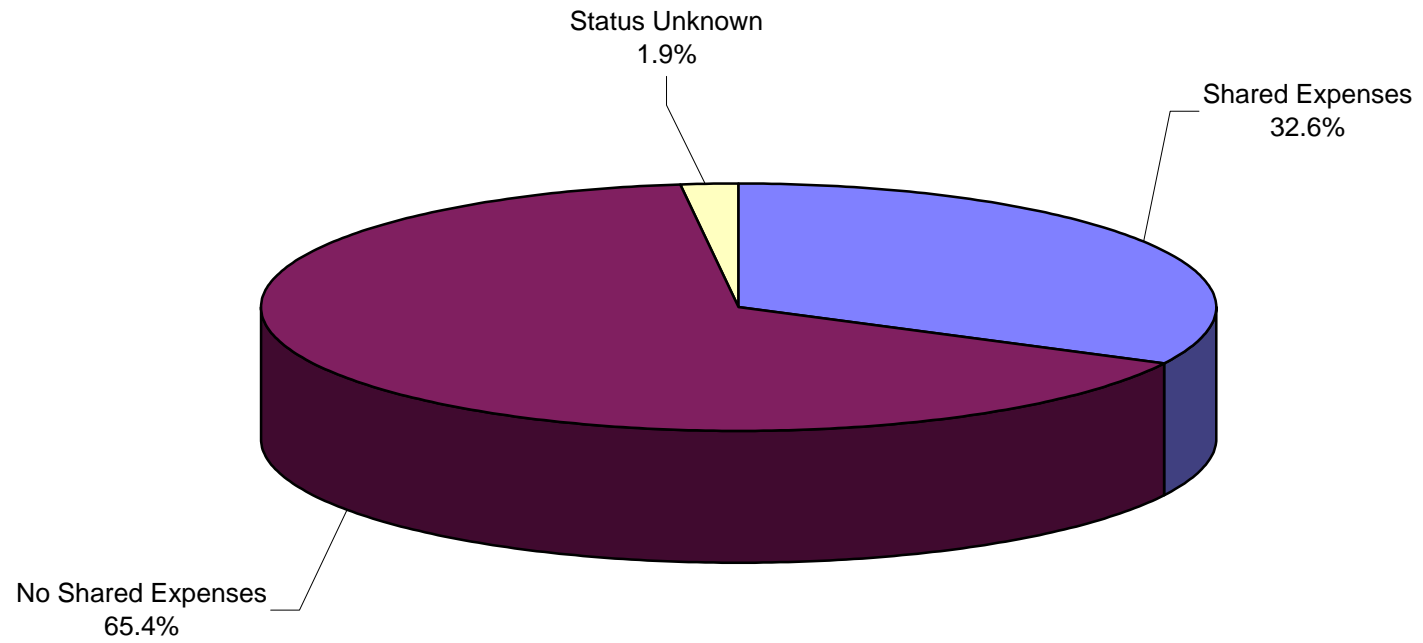
UTILITY/SHELTER EXPENSES	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>773,927</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>457,806</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>316,121</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Shared Expenses	252,358	32.6	155,396	33.9	96,962	30.7
No Shared Expenses 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

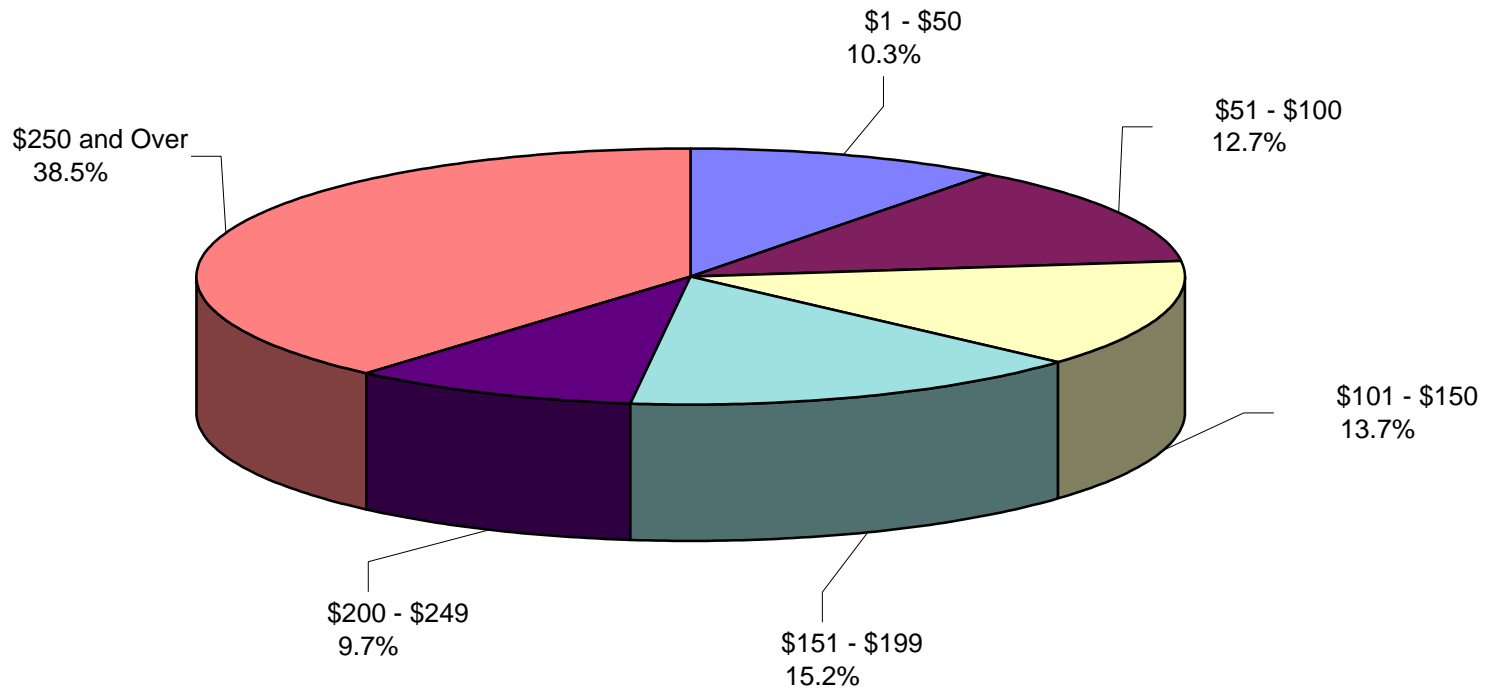
FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED EXCESS SHELTER DEDUCTION

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>	<u>91.1</u>	<u>444,595</u>	<u>97.1</u>	<u>260,150</u>	<u>82.3</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>	<u>74.4</u>	<u>333,216</u>	<u>74.9</u>	<u>190,865</u>	<u>73.4</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		\$188	

- 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

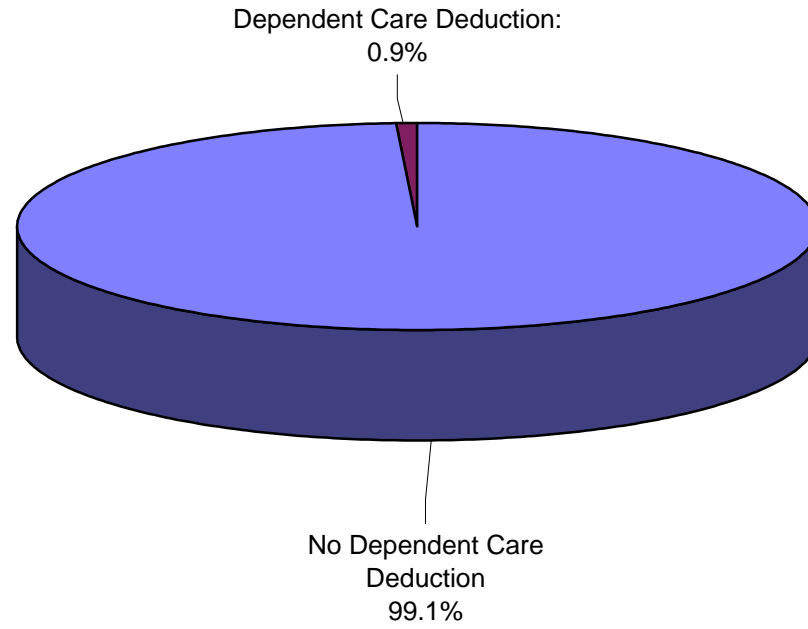
FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED A DEPENDENT CARE DEDUCTION

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.

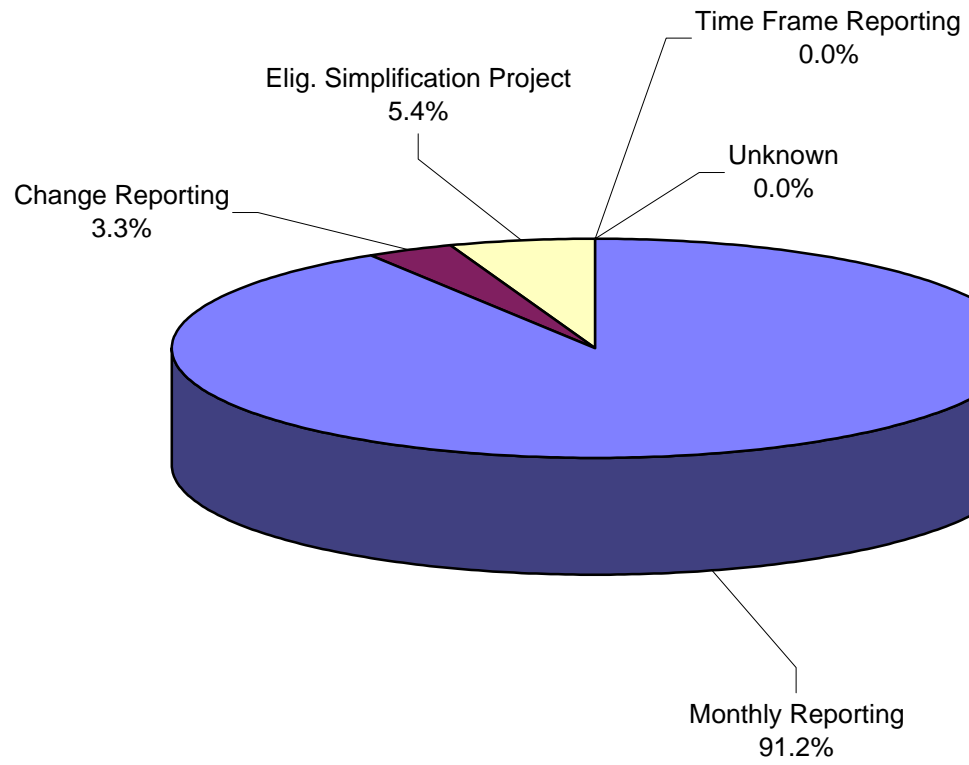
Change Reporting - Households subject to the change reporting requirements must report certain changes in circumstances within ten days of becoming aware of change

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

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	-0.05
ALASKA	45,448	46,233	45,234	42,451	41,262	-0.03
ARIZONA	480,195	427,481	363,779	295,703	257,362	-0.13
ARKANSAS	272,174	273,900	265,654	255,710	252,957	-0.01
CALIFORNIA	3,174,651	3,143,390	2,814,761	2,259,069	2,027,089	-0.10
COLORADO	251,880	243,692	216,748	191,015	173,497	-0.09
CONNECTICUT	226,061	222,758	209,529	195,866	178,168	-0.09
DELAWARE	57,090	57,836	53,655	45,581	38,571	-0.15
DISTRICT OF COL	93,993	92,751	90,391	85,396	84,082	-0.02
FLORIDA	1,395,296	1,371,352	1,191,664	990,571	933,435	-0.06
GEORGIA	815,920	792,502	698,323	631,720	616,600	-0.02
GUAM	16,461	17,599	17,783	25,249	19,758	-0.22
HAWAII	124,575	130,344	126,901	122,027	125,155	0.03
IDAHO	80,255	79,855	70,413	62,393	57,201	-0.08
ILLINOIS	1,151,035	1,105,160	1,019,600	922,927	820,034	-0.11
INDIANA	469,647	389,537	347,772	313,116	298,213	-0.05
IOWA	184,025	177,283	161,184	141,067	128,790	-0.09
KANSAS	184,241	171,831	148,734	119,218	114,875	-0.04
KENTUCKY	520,088	485,628	444,422	412,028	396,440	-0.04
LOUISIANA	710,597	670,034	575,411	536,834	516,285	-0.04
MAINE	131,955	130,872	123,767	115,099	108,749	-0.06
MARYLAND	398,727	374,512	354,436	322,653	264,393	-0.18
MASSACHUSETTS	409,870	373,599	339,505	292,997	261,021	-0.11
MICHIGAN	970,760	935,416	838,917	771,580	682,680	-0.12
MINNESOTA	308,206	294,825	260,476	219,744	208,062	-0.05
MISSISSIPPI	479,934	457,106	399,062	329,058	288,057	-0.12
MISSOURI	575,882	553,930	477,703	410,966	408,331	-0.01
MONTANA	70,873	70,754	66,605	62,328	60,898	-0.02
NEBRASKA	105,133	101,625	97,176	94,944	92,404	-0.03
NEVADA	98,538	96,712	82,419	71,531	61,673	-0.14
NEW HAMPSHIRE	58,353	52,809	46,000	39,578	37,438	-0.05
NEW JERSEY	550,628	540,452	491,337	424,738	384,888	-0.09
NEW MEXICO	238,854	235,060	204,644	174,699	178,439	0.02
NEW YORK	2,183,101	2,098,561	1,913,548	1,627,170	1,540,784	-0.05
NORTH CAROLINA	613,502	631,061	586,415	527,790	505,410	-0.04
NORTH DAKOTA	41,401	39,825	37,688	33,801	33,442	-0.01
OHIO	1,155,490	1,045,066	873,562	733,565	639,786	-0.13
OKLAHOMA	374,893	353,790	321,894	287,577	271,351	-0.06
OREGON	288,687	287,607	258,615	238,446	223,978	-0.06
PENNSYLVANIA	1,173,420	1,123,541	1,008,864	906,735	834,898	-0.08
RHODE ISLAND	93,434	90,873	84,627	72,301	76,394	0.06
SOUTH CAROLINA	363,822	358,341	349,137	333,017	308,570	-0.07
SOUTH DAKOTA	50,158	48,843	46,901	45,173	44,065	-0.02

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	-0.05
TEXAS	2,557,693	2,371,958	2,033,750	1,636,175	1,400,526	-0.14
UTAH	118,836	110,011	98,338	91,764	88,163	-0.04
VERMONT	59,292	56,459	53,005	45,702	44,287	-0.03
VIRGIN ISLANDS	23,092	30,663	20,164	17,283	16,866	-0.02
VIRGINIA	545,829	537,531	476,088	396,581	361,581	-0.09
WASHINGTON	476,019	478,391	448,663	364,418	306,654	-0.16
WEST VIRGINIA	308,505	299,719	287,035	269,140	247,249	-0.08
WISCONSIN	320,142	283,255	232,103	192,887	182,206	-0.06
WYOMING	33,579	33,013	28,584	25,452	23,477	-0.08
TOTAL	26,618,773	25,542,331	22,858,137	19,788,115	18,182,595	-0.08
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	-0.05
ALASKA	15,326	15,763	15,351	14,250	13,909	-0.02
ARIZONA	177,974	158,888	133,350	106,943	94,906	-0.11
ARKANSAS	106,525	108,867	105,435	100,776	100,305	0.00
CALIFORNIA	1,175,562	1,169,132	1,045,260	865,312	745,994	-0.14
COLORADO	102,936	101,394	90,929	81,935	75,981	-0.07
CONNECTICUT	99,750	99,870	94,161	92,813	87,946	-0.05
DELAWARE	21,144	21,421	19,872	16,882	14,286	-0.15
DISTRICT OF COL	42,863	42,351	40,406	37,792	37,349	-0.01
FLORIDA	587,967	590,418	513,784	431,750	426,593	-0.01
GEORGIA	328,668	323,120	284,142	256,429	251,256	-0.02
GUAM	5,199	5,629	5,609	7,030	5,965	-0.15
HAWAII	55,260	58,539	56,680	54,248	56,365	0.04
IDAHO	30,066	30,418	26,711	23,636	22,536	-0.05
ILLINOIS	487,586	469,571	433,933	392,747	352,018	-0.10
INDIANA	182,898	154,780	140,331	129,644	125,593	-0.03
IOWA	75,310	73,586	66,924	58,852	54,254	-0.08
KANSAS	74,830	71,806	63,607	52,957	52,008	-0.02
KENTUCKY	187,454	185,981	173,516	162,697	159,347	-0.02
LOUISIANA	266,862	256,382	219,547	202,047	197,520	-0.02
MAINE	60,304	60,746	58,449	55,599	53,719	-0.03
MARYLAND	169,440	164,726	151,910	137,369	117,311	-0.15
MASSACHUSETTS	178,281	163,282	149,114	133,522	121,767	-0.09
MICHIGAN	418,277	409,490	366,414	329,941	297,465	-0.10
MINNESOTA	131,126	125,686	110,395	97,149	94,437	-0.03
MISSISSIPPI	185,108	178,667	155,466	129,979	115,176	-0.11
MISSOURI	237,498	233,326	199,413	173,954	172,499	-0.01
MONTANA	28,143	28,559	26,750	25,418	25,334	0.00
NEBRASKA	43,377	42,491	40,602	38,755	37,969	-0.02
NEVADA	45,851	45,849	38,466	32,653	28,736	-0.12
NEW HAMPSHIRE	25,291	23,389	20,775	18,240	17,927	-0.02
NEW JERSEY	232,755	232,450	212,474	185,598	169,941	-0.08
NEW MEXICO	86,576	86,586	74,970	64,530	65,520	0.02
NEW YORK	1,027,321	984,205	899,035	759,177	747,975	-0.01
NORTH CAROLINA	257,532	265,386	249,829	224,235	214,501	-0.04
NORTH DAKOTA	16,817	16,437	15,559	14,025	13,936	-0.01
OHIO	505,512	459,091	388,708	331,614	293,372	-0.12
OKLAHOMA	152,722	146,897	130,890	119,168	113,313	-0.05
OREGON	131,686	134,869	121,019	110,933	107,458	-0.03
PENNSYLVANIA	515,927	492,579	440,167	400,170	373,202	-0.07
RHODE ISLAND	40,002	39,220	36,976	32,399	34,282	0.06
SOUTH CAROLINA	139,813	139,883	139,762	135,539	126,539	-0.07

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	-0.03
TENNESSEE	281,337	274,033	252,698	231,724	219,910	-0.05
TEXAS	945,825	884,777	751,094	601,968	514,786	-0.14
UTAH	44,255	41,754	37,625	35,124	35,206	0.00
VERMONT	26,712	26,034	24,746	21,479	20,826	-0.03
VIRGIN ISLANDS	7,168	9,748	6,312	5,515	5,429	-0.02
VIRGINIA	234,957	234,757	205,926	170,711	158,842	-0.07
WASHINGTON	203,592	205,287	200,305	164,232	137,341	-0.16
WEST VIRGINIA	123,012	120,789	117,129	110,318	102,925	-0.07
WISCONSIN	118,637	104,529	87,361	75,321	71,662	-0.05
WYOMING	12,734	12,715	11,109	9,928	9,248	-0.07
TOTAL	10,879,367	10,548,838	9,454,705	8,248,741	7,668,372	-0.07
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	-0.03
ALASKA	49,876,135	53,916,257	52,222,298	49,746,822	48,889,936	-0.02
ARIZONA	414,486,636	371,506,309	315,872,252	253,455,437	232,826,572	-0.08
ARKANSAS	211,926,016	223,708,323	213,706,577	205,780,188	209,874,168	0.02
CALIFORNIA	2,472,742,400	2,554,896,221	2,371,678,336	2,019,720,937	1,796,130,371	-0.11
COLORADO	216,565,491	210,444,396	182,025,963	156,916,678	144,720,536	-0.08
CONNECTICUT	168,868,548	175,271,870	169,942,403	161,193,698	149,595,858	-0.07
DELAWARE	46,787,146	47,292,646	41,325,223	33,608,741	32,362,999	-0.04
DISTRICT OF COL	92,499,128	94,953,141	91,057,372	84,857,116	80,181,182	-0.06
FLORIDA	1,307,139,365	1,295,526,302	1,061,176,745	845,349,552	813,042,471	-0.04
GEORGIA	700,339,801	703,336,676	597,073,335	538,294,023	513,637,274	-0.05
GUAM	24,280,025	26,824,330	27,183,661	34,412,794	31,221,187	-0.09
HAWAII	176,755,731	196,040,463	188,852,921	178,216,072	179,884,736	0.01
IDAHO	58,564,474	61,245,843	53,339,087	46,693,275	45,307,846	-0.03
ILLINOIS	1,056,482,588	1,034,043,236	933,346,461	844,102,292	767,080,093	-0.09
INDIANA	382,038,974	329,872,514	292,964,477	263,188,554	255,421,097	-0.03
IOWA	141,532,049	141,122,551	124,851,060	109,448,465	103,388,205	-0.06
KANSAS	143,929,272	135,345,219	111,575,951	82,783,169	80,360,213	-0.03
KENTUCKY	412,596,463	413,094,849	371,632,575	344,940,784	336,771,715	-0.02
LOUISIANA	628,637,073	597,387,053	512,269,336	466,980,753	462,680,491	-0.01
MAINE	112,497,611	113,120,904	103,266,050	100,232,859	89,118,212	-0.11
MARYLAND	365,169,777	361,556,367	319,484,417	281,736,952	237,310,627	-0.16
MASSACHUSETTS	314,985,667	295,092,039	262,265,352	221,815,998	205,051,564	-0.08
MICHIGAN	806,477,106	773,360,253	677,635,885	588,474,335	514,831,200	-0.13
MINNESOTA	239,604,074	221,347,637	193,074,373	180,842,412	170,671,721	-0.06
MISSISSIPPI	383,131,999	375,931,119	313,249,815	254,346,378	231,739,620	-0.09
MISSOURI	488,073,749	479,648,553	400,711,955	345,484,217	348,113,305	0.01
MONTANA	57,348,122	58,387,612	55,413,823	52,373,946	52,398,197	0.00
NEBRASKA	76,529,191	77,508,320	71,973,914	67,738,363	66,150,346	-0.02
NEVADA	90,847,723	91,214,595	73,918,975	63,224,574	56,059,506	-0.11
NEW HAMPSHIRE	44,424,292	41,644,951	35,011,951	30,212,014	30,746,149	0.02
NEW JERSEY	505,921,911	507,790,724	448,854,530	383,557,420	345,565,810	-0.10
NEW MEXICO	196,099,835	199,137,468	168,046,295	144,404,618	144,187,966	0.00
NEW YORK	2,065,406,076	2,053,944,448	1,777,553,900	1,505,332,697	1,464,473,573	-0.03
NORTH CAROLINA	494,629,967	546,795,219	478,122,159	421,099,231	434,764,911	0.03
NORTH DAKOTA	32,411,022	32,266,813	29,119,279	25,123,251	25,689,624	0.02
OHIO	1,016,904,773	934,276,932	743,914,105	612,750,217	535,415,498	-0.13
OKLAHOMA	314,895,849	307,753,291	255,512,760	230,899,828	221,447,724	-0.04
OREGON	254,330,502	259,393,703	215,761,637	197,719,414	190,450,933	-0.04
PENNSYLVANIA	1,006,220,907	981,088,691	864,946,388	764,085,110	704,175,016	-0.08
RHODE ISLAND	81,926,150	77,966,164	69,720,627	56,712,236	61,300,107	0.08
SOUTH CAROLINA	297,280,998	299,356,782	280,830,926	263,759,224	251,171,238	-0.05

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	0.00
TENNESSEE	554,188,479	541,572,944	474,606,404	437,307,628	424,613,980	-0.03
TEXAS	2,246,359,892	2,140,168,464	1,764,540,070	1,424,902,631	1,255,473,491	-0.12
UTAH	90,126,966	86,932,208	78,292,517	75,252,157	73,202,676	-0.03
VERMONT	45,834,342	43,078,748	40,090,117	33,758,213	34,293,144	0.02
VIRGIN ISLANDS	27,543,644	41,835,077	24,859,013	21,851,455	22,193,300	0.02
VIRGINIA	450,451,297	449,576,596	379,314,304	306,862,153	282,345,049	-0.08
WASHINGTON	417,002,486	425,901,094	385,666,489	308,047,902	260,239,784	-0.16
WEST VIRGINIA	252,563,603	251,844,756	239,064,086	224,256,623	208,102,865	-0.07
WISCONSIN	220,376,073	197,722,160	158,436,712	130,103,649	123,795,156	-0.05
WYOMING	27,515,287	28,156,352	23,452,624	20,871,282	19,468,005	-0.07
TOTAL	22,764,066,857	22,441,461,381	19,550,177,565	16,889,068,862	15,751,361,640	-0.07
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	0.02
ALASKA	91.45	97.18	96.2	97.65	98.73	0.01
ARIZONA	71.93	72.42	72.35	71.42	75.38	0.06
ARKANSAS	64.88	68.06	67.03	67.06	69.14	0.03
CALIFORNIA	64.9	67.73	70.21	74.5	73.83	-0.01
COLORADO	71.64	71.96	69.98	68.45	69.51	0.02
CONNECTICUT	62.25	65.56	67.58	68.58	69.96	0.02
DELAWARE	68.29	68.14	64.18	61.44	69.92	0.14
DISTRICT OF COL	82	85.31	83.94	82.8	79.46	-0.04
FLORIDA	78.06	78.72	74.2	71.11	72.58	0.02
GEORGIA	71.52	73.95	71.25	71	69.41	-0.02
GUAM	122.91	127.01	127.38	113.57	131.67	0.16
HAWAII	118.23	125.33	124.01	121.7	119.77	-0.02
IDAHO	60.81	63.91	63.12	62.36	66	0.06
ILLINOIS	76.48	77.97	76.28	76.21	77.95	0.02
INDIANA	67.78	70.56	70.2	70.04	71.37	0.02
IOWA	64.09	66.33	64.54	64.65	66.89	0.03
KANSAS	65.09	65.63	62.51	57.86	58.29	0.01
KENTUCKY	66.11	70.88	69.68	69.76	70.79	0.01
LOUISIANA	73.72	74.29	74.18	72.48	74.68	0.03
MAINE	71.04	72.03	69.53	72.57	68.29	-0.06
MARYLAND	76.31	80.45	75.11	72.76	74.79	0.03
MASSACHUSETTS	64.04	65.82	64.37	63.08	65.46	0.04
MICHIGAN	69.23	68.89	67.31	63.55	62.84	-0.01
MINNESOTA	64.78	62.56	61.76	68.58	68.35	0.00
MISSISSIPPI	66.52	68.53	65.41	64.41	67.04	0.04
MISSOURI	70.62	72.15	69.9	70.05	71.04	0.01
MONTANA	67.43	68.76	69.33	70.02	71.7	0.02
NEBRASKA	60.66	63.55	61.72	59.45	59.65	0.00
NEVADA	76.82	78.59	74.73	73.65	75.74	0.03
NEW HAMPSHIRE	63.44	65.71	63.42	63.61	68.43	0.08
NEW JERSEY	76.56	78.29	76.12	75.25	74.81	-0.01
NEW MEXICO	68.41	70.59	68.43	68.88	67.33	-0.02
NEW YORK	78.84	81.56	77.41	77.09	79.2	0.03
NORTH CAROLINA	67.18	72.2	67.94	66.48	71.68	0.08
NORTH DAKOTA	65.23	67.51	64.38	61.93	64.01	0.03
OHIO	73.33	74.49	70.96	69.6	69.73	0.00
OKLAHOMA	69.99	72.48	66.14	66.9	68	0.02
OREGON	73.41	75.15	69.52	69.09	70.85	0.03
PENNSYLVANIA	71.45	72.76	71.44	70.22	70.28	0.00

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	0.02
SOUTH CAROLINA	68.09	69.61	67.02	66	67.83	0.03
SOUTH DAKOTA	65.82	69.53	68.49	68.11	69.92	0.03
TENNESSEE	69.76	70.76	67.5	67.67	69.26	0.02
TEXAS	73.18	75.18	72.3	72.57	74.7	0.03
UTAH	63.2	65.85	66.34	68.33	69.19	0.01
VERMONT	64.41	63.58	63.02	61.55	64.52	0.05
VIRGIN ISLANDS	99.39	113.69	102.73	105.36	109.65	0.04
VIRGINIA	68.77	69.69	66.39	64.48	65.07	0.01
WASHINGTON	73	74.18	71.63	70.44	70.72	0.00
WEST VIRGINIA	68.22	70.02	69.4	69.43	70.13	0.01
WISCONSIN	57.36	58.16	56.88	56.2	56.61	0.01
WYOMING	68.28	71.07	68.37	68.33	69.1	0.01
TOTAL	71.26	73.21	71.27	71.12	72.19	0.02
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.						

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