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CHARACTERISTICS  
SURVEY**

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of  
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## FOREWORD

This report presents data on various social and economic characteristics of individuals and families that received benefits through the federal or state food stamp programs in California. The data reflect general characteristics of this population and are based on information obtained from the County Performance Sample survey conducted by the California Department of Social Services for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2000—October 1999 through September 2000. This publication presents selected characteristics from the survey process.

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

## THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

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

National eligibility standards and benefit levels are established by Congress while national administration of the program is provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Service, which funds 100% of the benefits. At the state level, the California Department of Social Services (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. A non-assistance food stamp household is one in which none or less than all of its members also receive public assistance.

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 1999 data. The two periods cover the federal fiscal year ending September 30 of 1999 and 2000, respectively. **Also, except where noted, no inflation adjustment has been made, but the California Department of Finance calculated a 3.7 per cent increase in the U.S. Consumer Price Index between 1999 and 2000.**

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

## **SURVEY DOCUMENT**

Prior to the passage of PRWORA, County Performance Sample staff conducted Quality Control (QC) reviews for the AFDC and Food Stamps Programs. While this is still the case, the tool used to accomplish this process, the Quality Control Information System (QCIS), has been modified and expanded to collect data elements and is currently known as 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 1999 through September 2000.

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 25 data were taken from the aggregate data report form DFA 296X covering FFY 2000, 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 2000 consisted of 5,648 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. Although a few small changes are observed, the overall picture is similar to FFY 1999.

- Average age of head of household: 37.2 years
- Average age of child: 8.2 years
- Average number of persons per household: 2.8
- Percent of recipients that are U.S. citizens: 89.6%
- Years of education for head of household: 53.6% have 12 or more years
- Average F/S allotment per household: \$191 per month
- Percent of food stamp recipients that also receive public assistance: 69.1%
- Percent of food stamp households that also receive public assistance: 62.7%
- Ethnicity of the head of household:
  - 32.2% Hispanic
  - 31.8% White
  - 25.5% Black
  - 10.5% Other
- Ethnicity of the food stamp recipients
  - 46.1% Hispanic
  - 22.3% White
  - 20.1% Black
  - 11.5% Other
- Roughly 29% percent of households received food stamps for five years of more. Within this sub-group, the following characteristics were noted:
  - 63% of the heads of household were black or Hispanic
  - Average household size was 3.3 persons
  - 45% of the heads of household had 12 or more years of education

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

## FOOD STAMP TABLES AND CHARTS

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**GENDER/ETHNICITY/CITIZENSHIP**

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TABLE 1  
GENDER OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

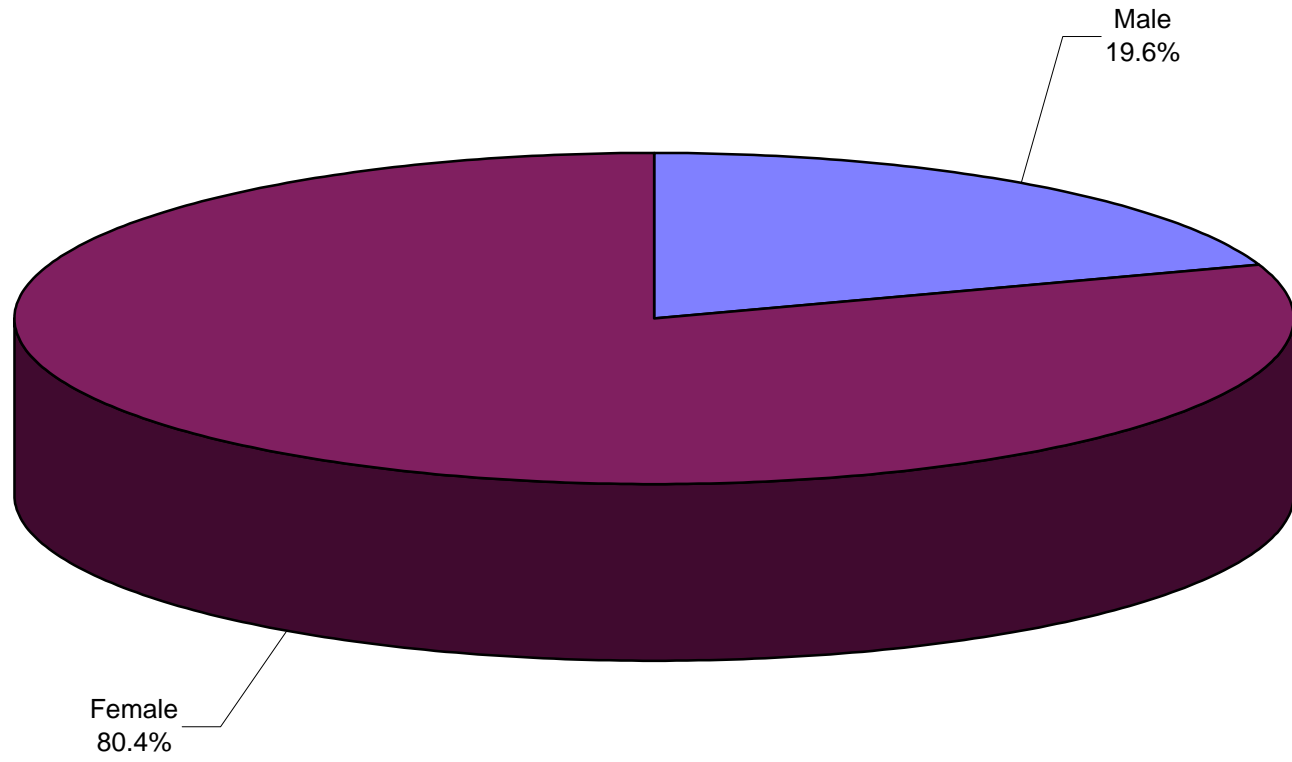
GENDER	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
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Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable 1/	184,852	26.5	131,745	30.0	53,107	20.4
Head of Household:	<u>513,603</u>	73.5	<u>306,700</u>	70.0	<u>206,903</u>	79.6
Male	100,834	19.6	25,706	8.4	75,128	36.3
Female	412,769	80.4	280,994	91.6	131,775	63.7

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.

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

CHART 1

GENDER OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 2

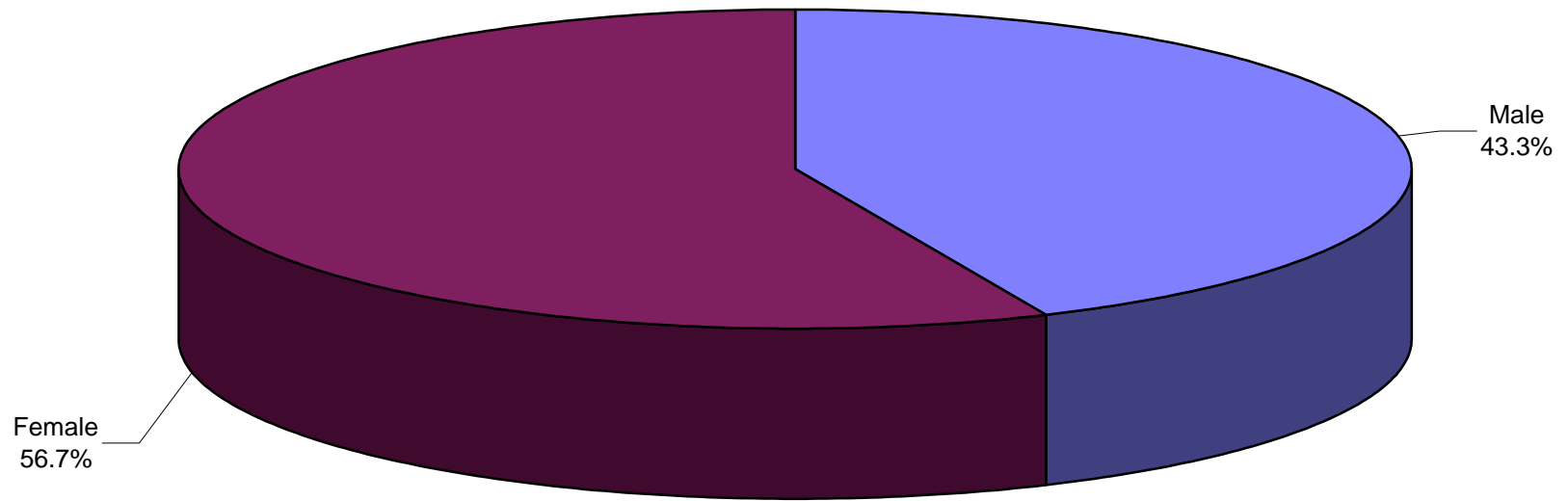
GENDER OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS

GENDER	TOTAL RECIPIENTS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>1,941,672</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,342,288</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>599,384</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Male	840,705	43.3	556,424	41.5	284,281	47.4
Female	1,100,967	56.7	785,864	58.5	315,103	52.6

- The ratio of male to female food stamp recipients remains virtually the same as that for FFY 1999, when females made up 56.0% of recipients.

CHART 2

GENDER OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS



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TABLE 3

CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

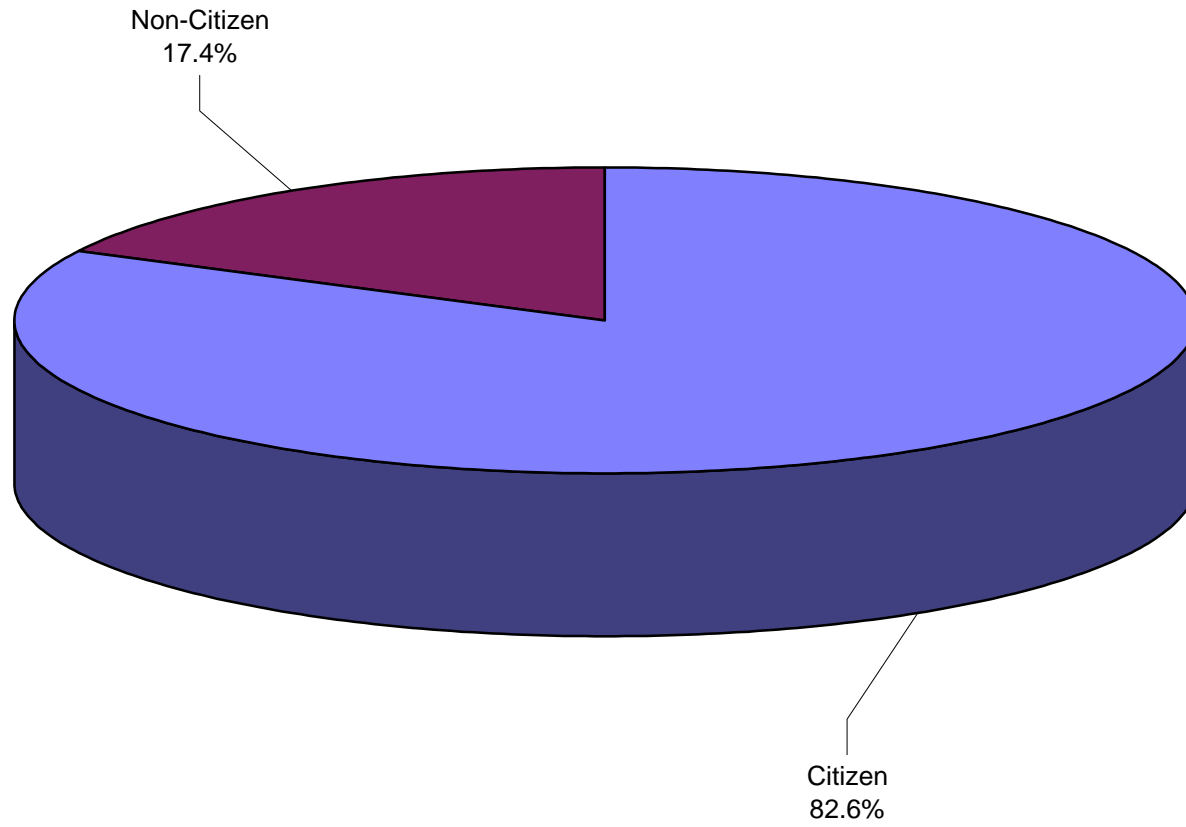
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Citizen	424,422	82.6	252,465	82.3		171,957	83.1	
Non-Citizen	89,181	17.4	54,235	17.7		34,946	16.9	

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- Public Assistance households headed by non-citizens have decreased from 22% in FFY 1999 to roughly 18% for FFY 2000.

**CHART 3**

**CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD**



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TABLE 4

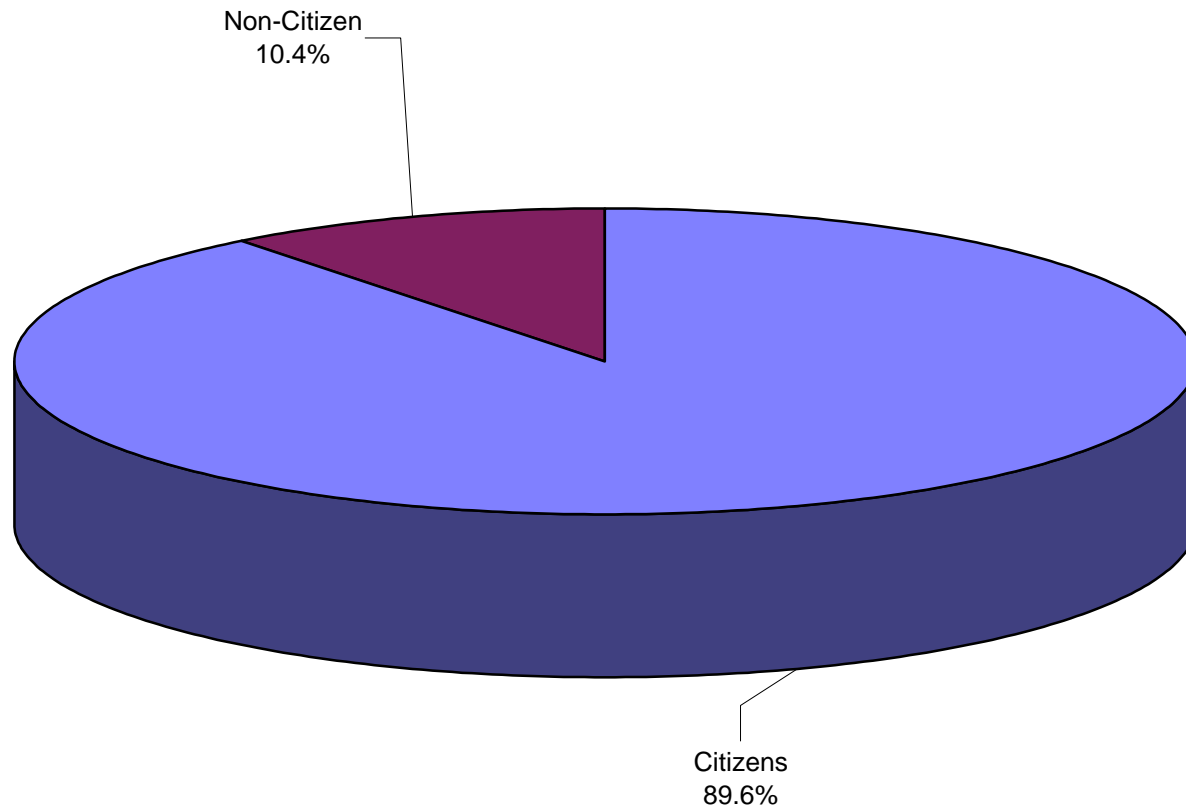
CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS

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	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
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Total	<u>1,941,672</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,342,288</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>599,384</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Citizens	1,739,391	89.6	1,216,413	90.6	522,978	87.3
Non-Citizen	202,281	10.4	125,875	9.4	76,406	12.7

- The percentage of non-citizen food stamp recipients shows little change from FFY 1999, when 11.6% of recipients were non-citizens.

CHART 4

CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS



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TABLE 5

ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

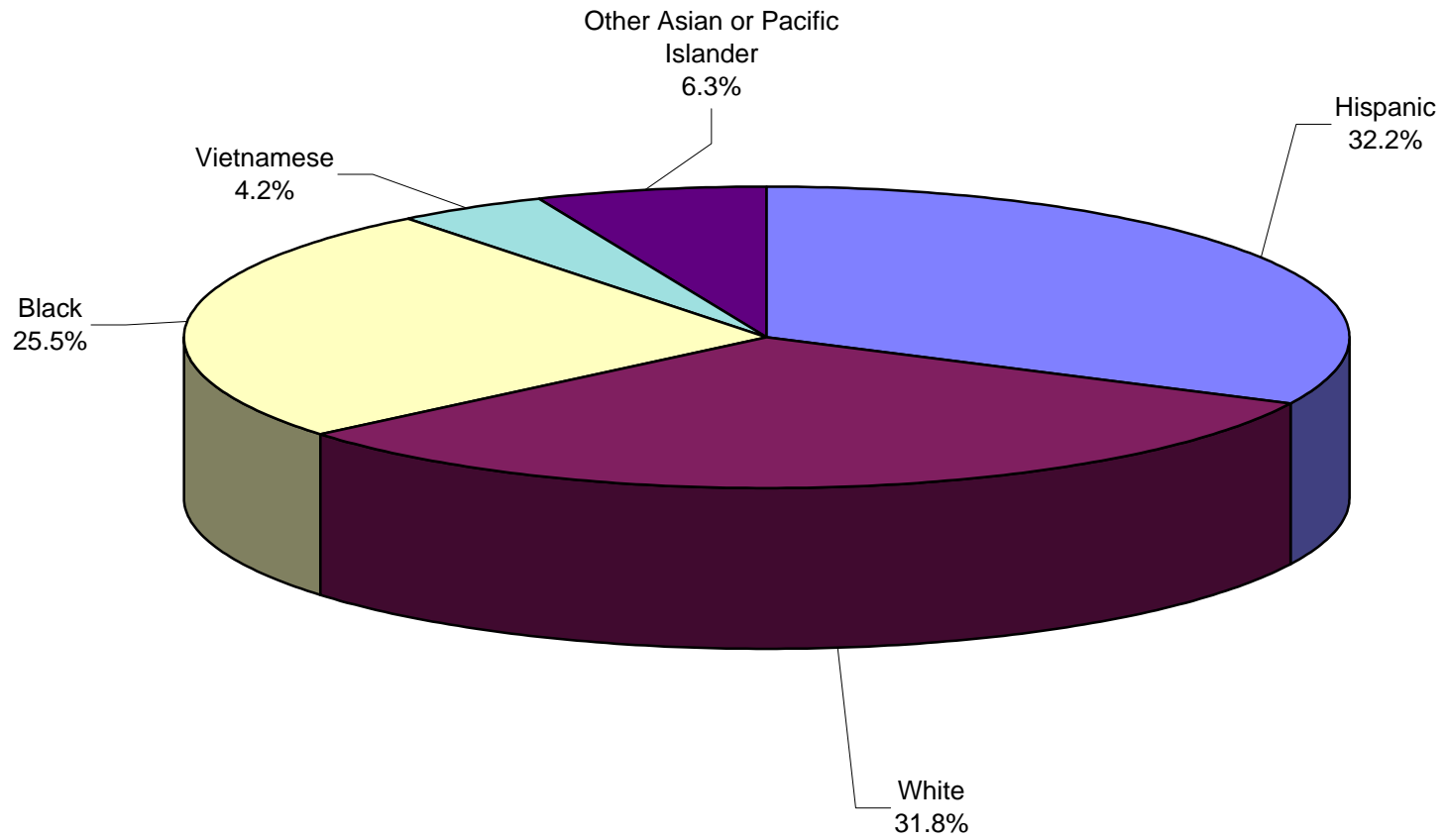
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Head of Household:	<u>513,603</u>	73.5	<u>306,700</u>	70.0	<u>206,903</u>	79.6
Hispanic	165,268	32.2	101,686	33.2	63,582	30.7
White	163,369	31.8	88,930	29.0	74,439	36.0
Black	130,828	25.5	81,386	26.5	49,442	23.9
Vietnamese	21,799	4.2	15,145	4.9	6,654	3.2
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	32,339	6.3	19,553	6.4	12,786	6.2

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.

- The respective ratio of each group to the whole shows little variation from FFY 1999.
- While Hispanic heads of household are the greatest in number overall, whites constitute the largest group of NAFS heads of household.

CHART 5

ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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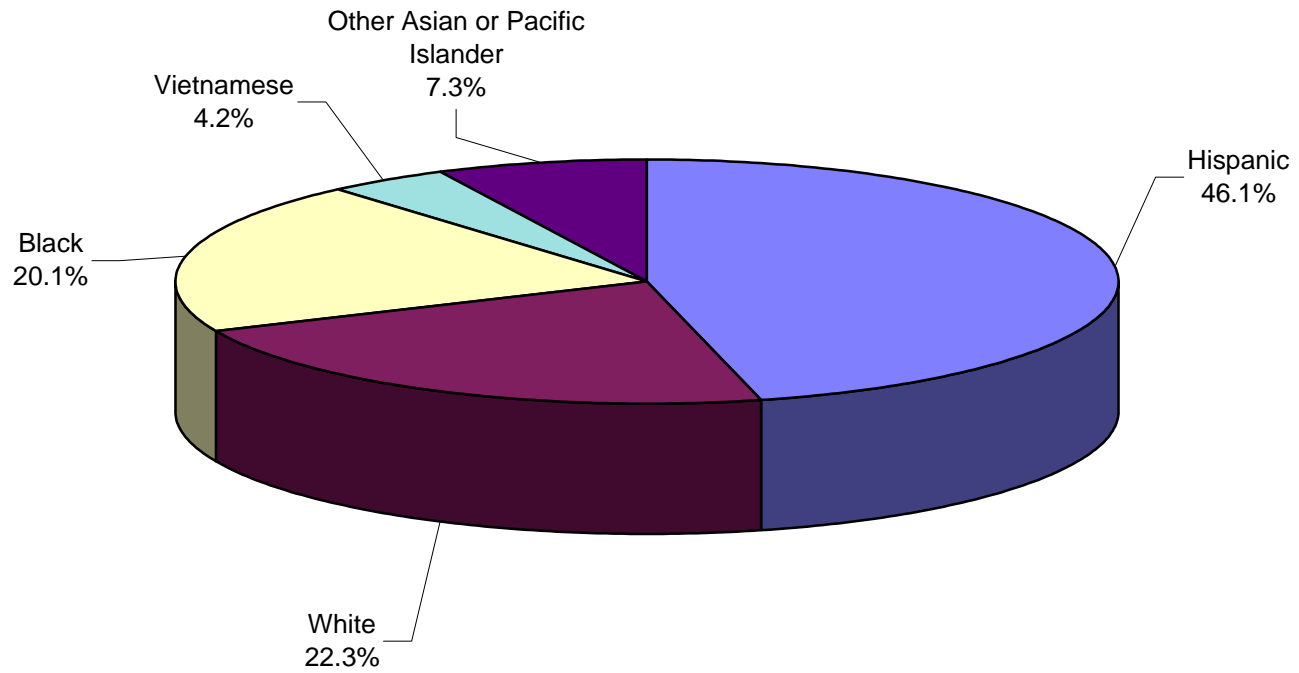
ETHNICITY OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS

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Hispanic	894,473	46.1	587,939	43.8	306,534	51.1
White	433,356	22.3	287,443	21.4	145,913	24.3
Black	390,905	20.1	298,498	22.2	92,407	15.4
Vietnamese	81,156	4.2	64,386	4.8	16,770	2.8
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	141,782	7.3	104,022	7.7	37,760	6.3

- Although all categories decreased in number from FFY 1999, "Other Asian or Pacific Islander" and "White" declined the most, giving rise to percentage increases in the "Black" and "Hispanic" categories. Hispanics continue as the largest recipient group, making up 46% of the total.

CHART 6

ETHNICITY OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS



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TABLE 7

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

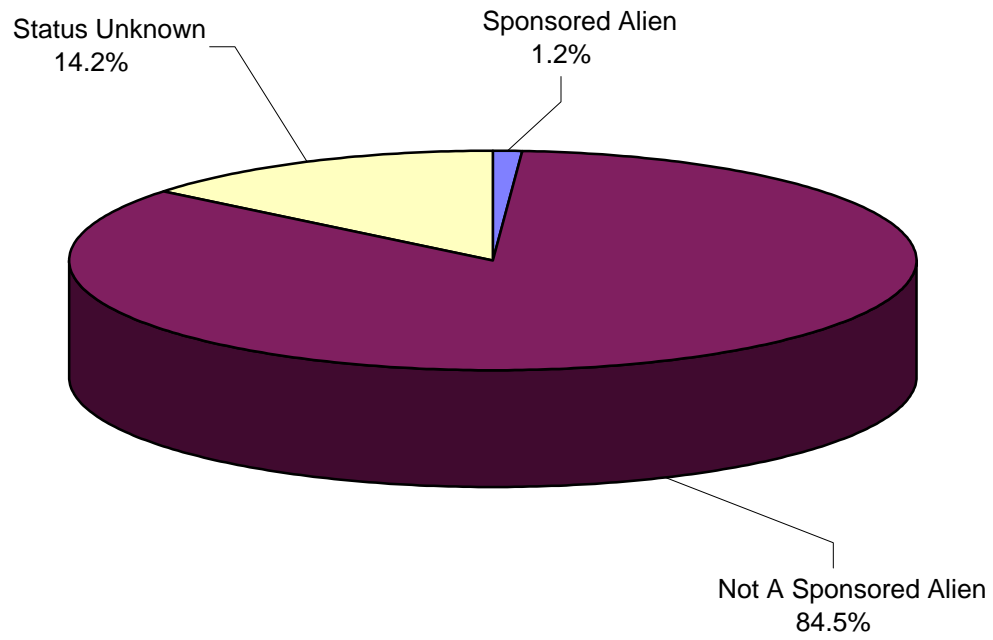
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Citizen	424,421	82.6	252,465	82.3	171,956	83.1
Non-Citizen	<u>89,182</u>	17.4	<u>54,235</u>	17.7	<u>34,947</u>	16.9
Sponsored Alien	1,109	1.2	441	0.8	668	1.9
Not A Sponsored Alien	75,399	84.5	46,205	85.2	29,194	83.5
Status Unknown	12,674	14.2	7,589	14.0	5,085	14.6

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.

- Roughly 1% of non-citizen heads of household had alien sponsors, unchanged from FFY 1999.

CHART 7

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



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TABLE 8

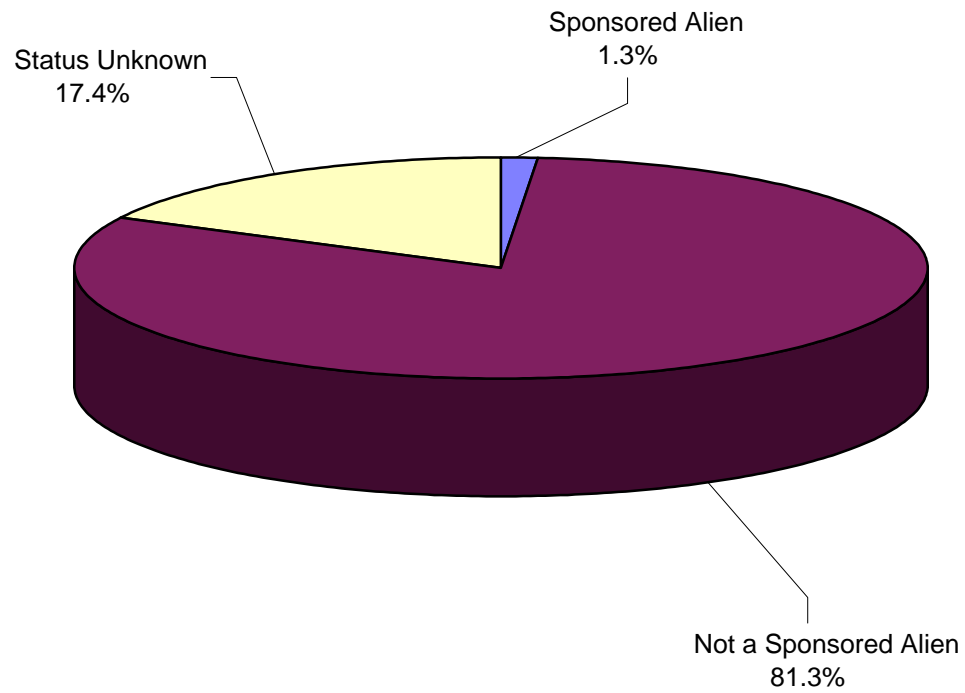
SPONSORED ALIEN STATUS OF THE NON-CITIZEN MEMBERS OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

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Sponsored Alien	2,720	1.3	1,413	1.1	1,307	1.7
Not a Sponsored Alien	164,384	81.3	103,990	82.6	60,394	79.0
Status Unknown	35,177	17.4	20,472	16.3	14,705	19.2

- The 1.3% of recipients with alien sponsors is identical to that for FFY 1999.

CHART 8

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



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TABLE 9

REFUGEE STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

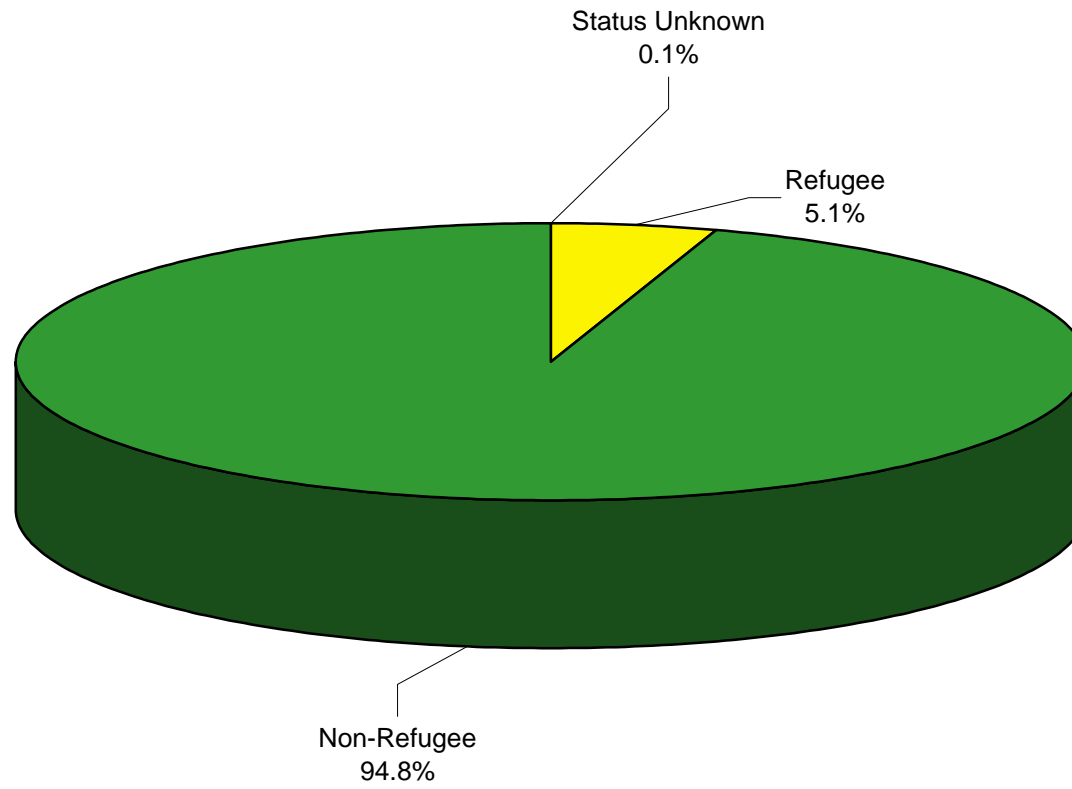
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Refugee	26,182	5.1	19,742	6.4	6,440	3.1
Non-Refugee	487,107	94.8	286,867	93.5	200,240	96.8
Status Unknown	314	0.1	91	0.0	223	0.1

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- In spite of a decreasing caseload, heads of household with refugee status have increased by over 4,000 since FFY 1999, representing a 1.4 percentage point increase. This may be the continued result of the 1999 implementation of AB 1111, which made many previously ineligible non-citizens eligible for the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP).

CHART 9

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TABLE 10

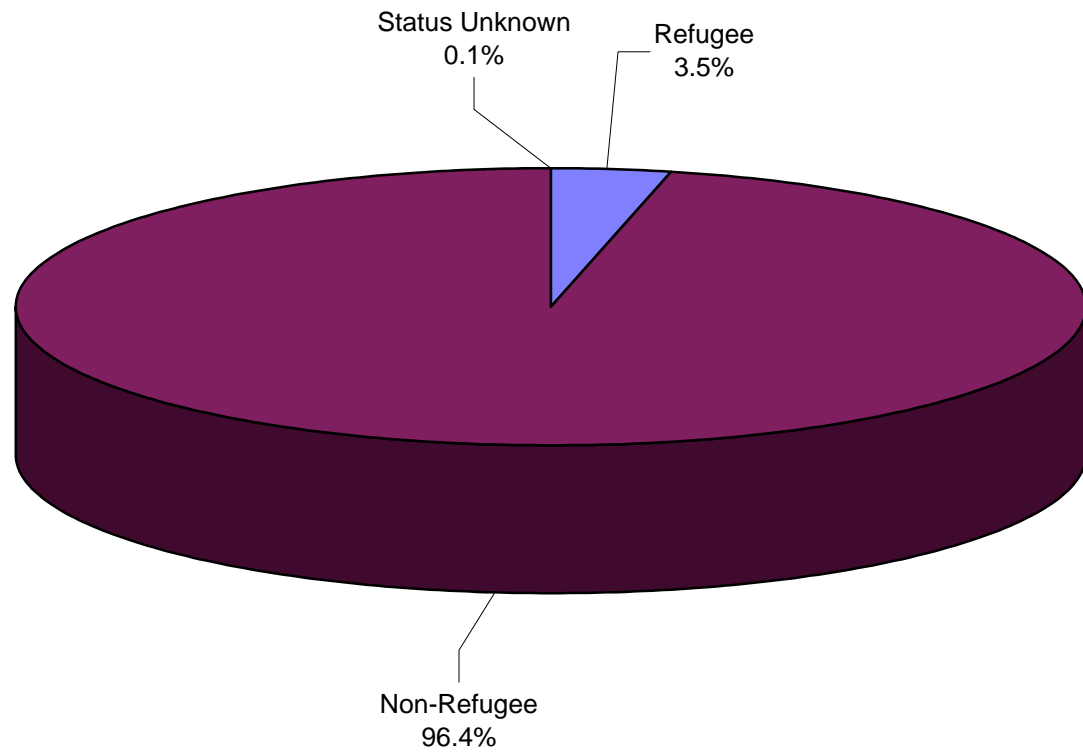
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Refugee	67,604	3.5	51,369	3.8	16,235	2.7
Non-Refugee	1,872,195	96.4	1,290,559	96.1	581,636	97.0
Status Unknown	1,873	0.1	360	0.0	1,513	0.3

- Although decreasing slightly in number, the percentage of food stamp recipients with refugee status has remained virtually unchanged from FFY 1999, when they represented 3.2% of the total. (Heads of household with refugee status showed a slight increase--Table 9.)

CHART 10

REFUGEE STATUS OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS



**AGE/HOUSEHOLD SIZE**

Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey  
Federal Fiscal Year 2000

TABLE 11

AGE OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

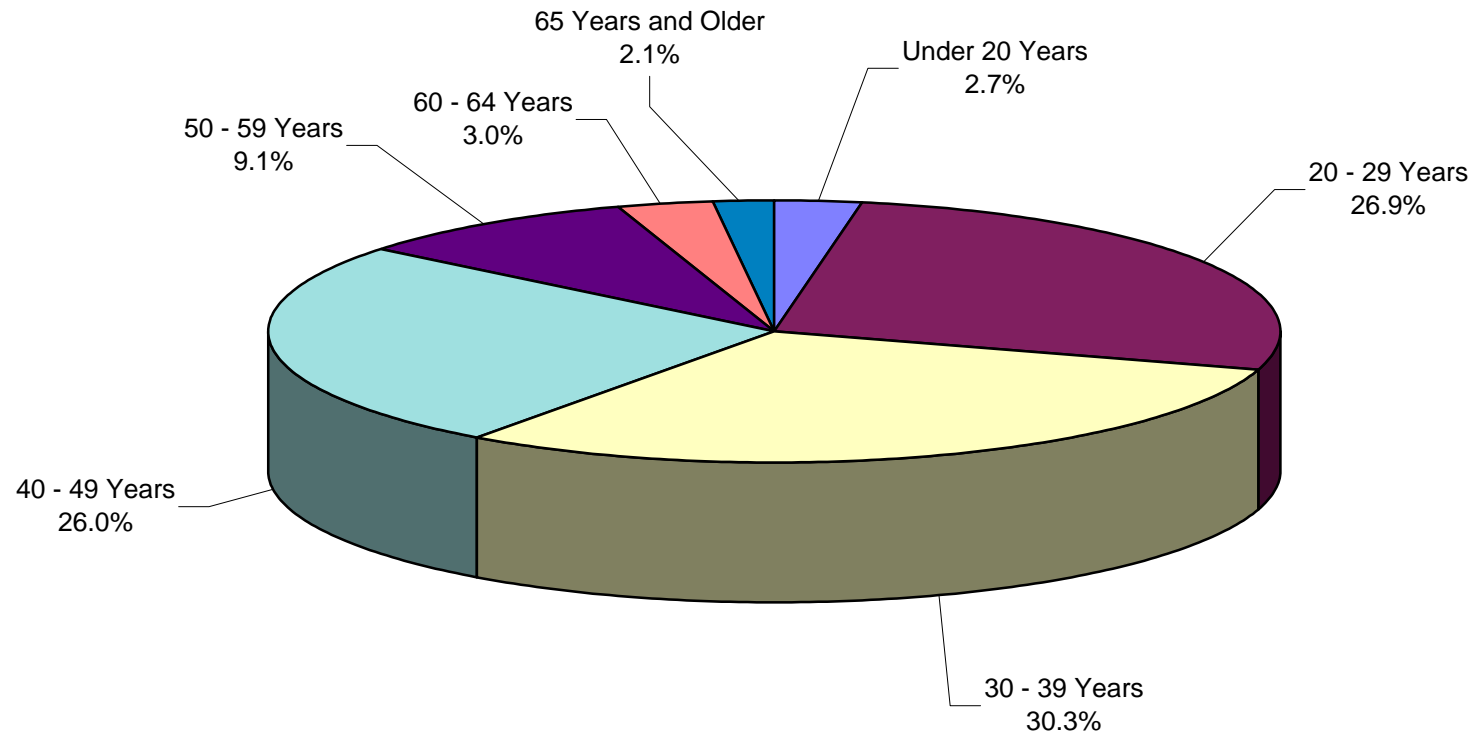
AGE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable 1/	184,852	26.5	131,745	30.0	53,107	20.4
Head of Household:	<u>513,603</u>	73.5	<u>306,700</u>	70.0	<u>206,903</u>	79.6
Under 20 Years	14,057	2.7	10,807	3.5	3,250	1.6
20 - 29 Years	137,989	26.9	106,467	34.7	31,522	15.2
30 - 39 Years	155,812	30.3	106,694	34.8	49,118	23.7
40 - 49 Years	133,284	26.0	66,961	21.8	66,323	32.1
50 - 59 Years	46,770	9.1	12,833	4.2	33,937	16.4
60 - 64 Years	15,156	3.0	2,158	0.7	12,998	6.3
65 Years and Older	10,535	2.1	780	0.3	9,755	4.7
Average Age of Head of HH (Years)	37.2		33.6		42.5	

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.

- While the average age of PAFS heads of household has remained virtually unchanged--it was 34.3 years for FFY 1999--the average age for NAFS heads of household has increased by 2.1 years.
- Roughly 83% of heads of household are between the ages of 20 - 49 years old.

**CHART 11**

**AGE OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD**



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Federal Fiscal Year 2000

TABLE 12

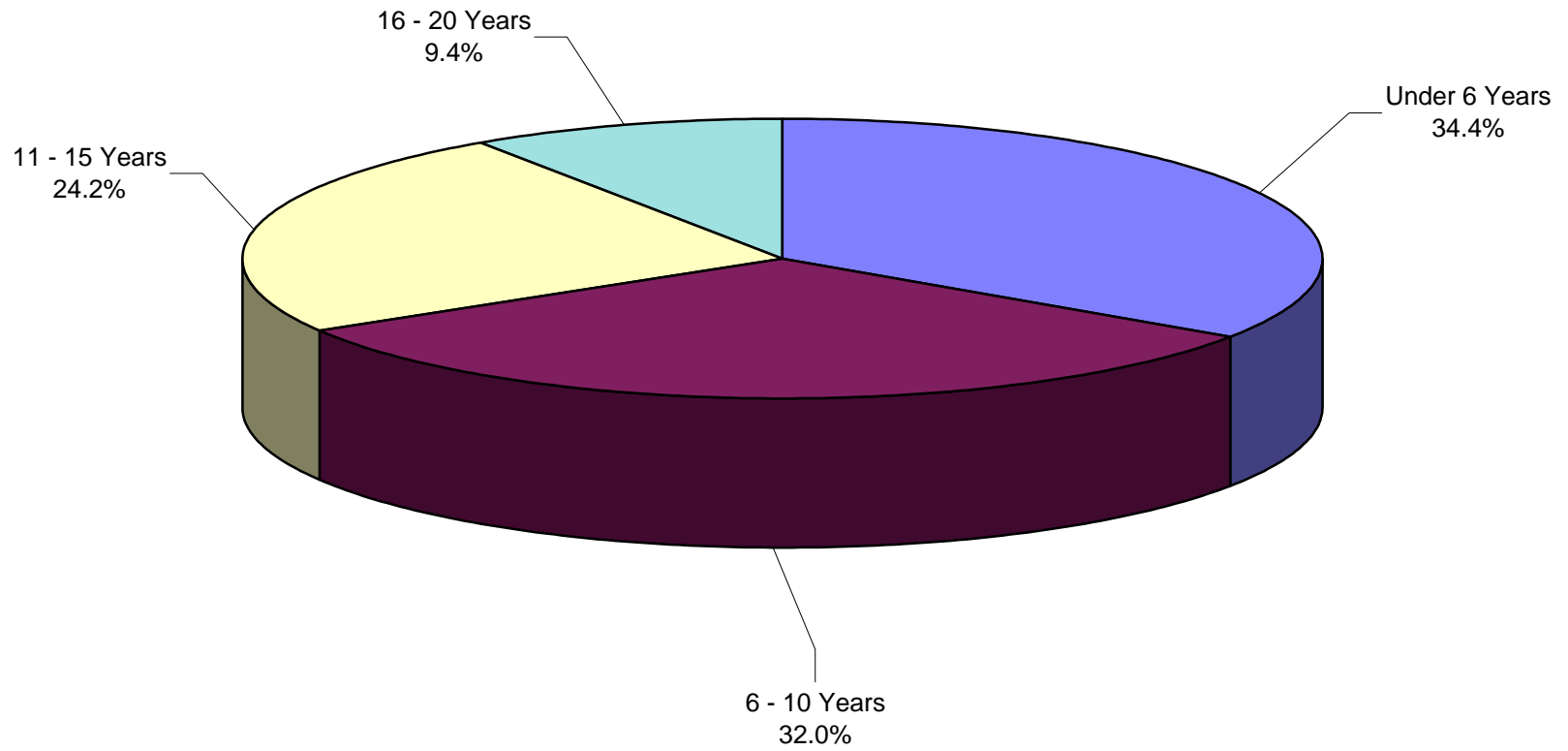
AGE OF CHILDREN OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS

AGE	TOTAL RECIPIENTS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>1,941,672</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,342,288</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>599,384</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Adults in the F/S Household	628,284	32.4	367,208	27.4	261,076	43.6
Children in the F/S Household:	<u>1,313,388</u>	67.6	<u>975,080</u>	72.6	<u>338,308</u>	56.4
Under 6 Years	452,111	34.4	328,395	33.7	123,716	36.6
6 - 10 Years	419,781	32.0	312,704	32.1	107,077	31.7
11 - 15 Years	318,290	24.2	246,703	25.3	71,587	21.2
16 - 20 Years	123,206	9.4	87,278	9.0	35,928	10.6
Average Age of Child (Years)		8.2		8.3		8.0

- The average age of recipient children has not changed since FFY 1999.
- Consistent with prior years, there are more children under 6-years-old in the food stamp household than any of the other listed age brackets.

CHART 12

AGE OF CHILDREN OF THE FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey  
Federal Fiscal Year 2000

TABLE 13

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

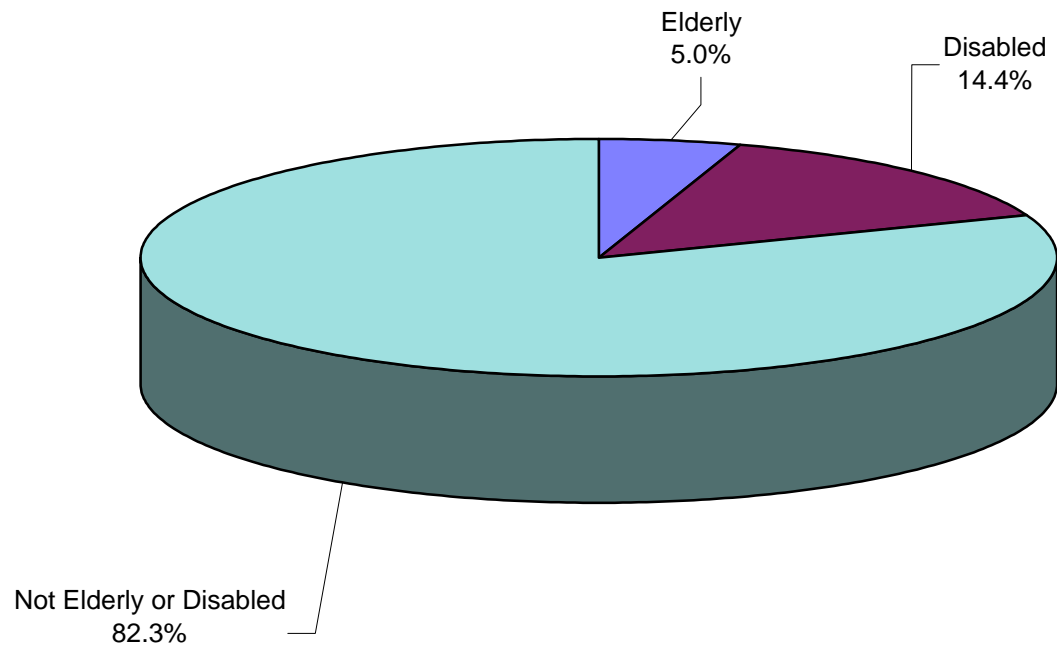
ELDERLY OR DISABLED STATUS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable 1/	184,852	26.5	131,745	30.0	53,107	20.4
Head of Household: 2/	<u>513,603</u>	73.5	<u>306,700</u>	70.0	<u>206,903</u>	79.6
Elderly 3/	25,692	5.0	2,938	1.0	22,754	11.0
Disabled 4/	73,888	14.4	20,118	6.6	53,770	26.0
Not Elderly or Disabled	422,808	82.3	283,645	92.5	139,163	67.3

- 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.
- 4/ The "Disabled" category includes those who are deemed physically/mentally unfit for employment.

- The "Disabled" category has increased from 11.4% for FFY 1999 to 14.4% for FFY 2000.

CHART 13

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



Note: See footnote 2/, Table 13.

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Federal Fiscal Year 2000

TABLE 14

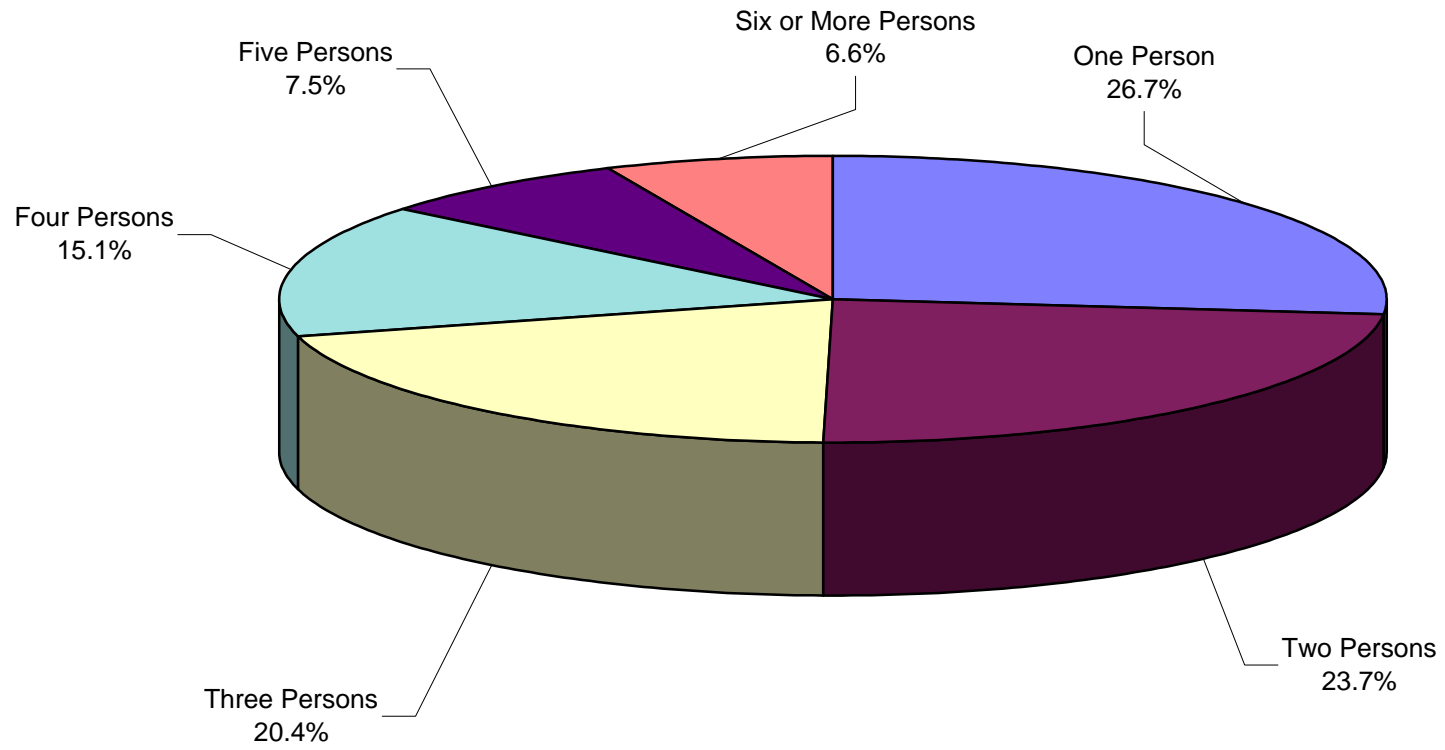
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
One Person	186,259	26.7	57,244	13.1	129,015	49.6
Two Persons	165,699	23.7	126,904	28.9	38,795	14.9
Three Persons	142,254	20.4	107,940	24.6	34,314	13.2
Four Persons	105,673	15.1	78,160	17.8	27,513	10.6
Five Persons	52,591	7.5	36,522	8.3	16,069	6.2
Six or More Persons	45,979	6.6	31,675	7.2	14,304	5.5
Avg./Median Number of Persons	2.8 / 2.0		3.1 / 3.0		2.3 / 2.0	

- The 2.8 average number of persons in the food stamp household remains the same as that for FFY 1999. It was 2.7 persons in FFY 1998.
- In spite of a declining overall caseload, single-person households increased in number from 182,518 in FFY 1999 to 186,259, representing the greatest number of food stamp households for FFY 2000.

CHART 14

NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey  
Federal Fiscal Year 2000

TABLE 15

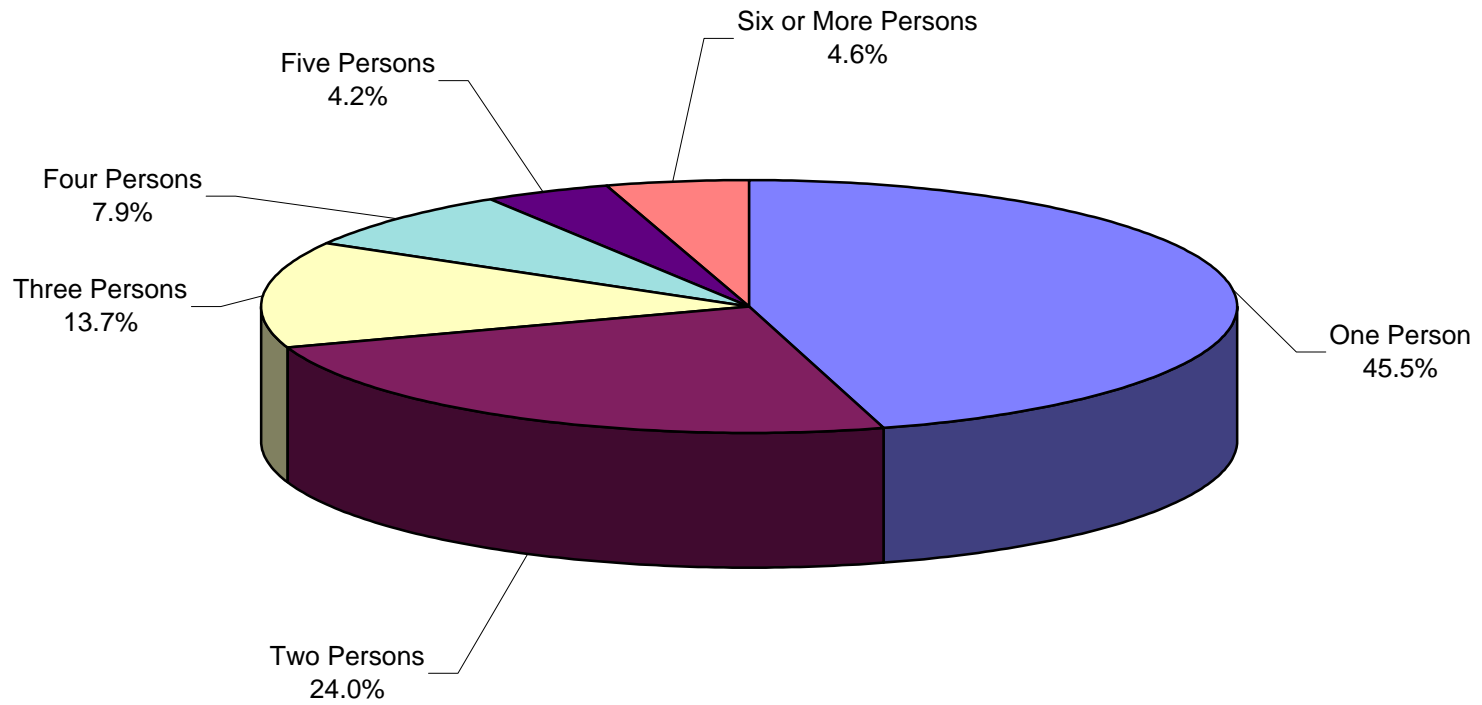
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE SAME LIVING QUARTERS  
NOT INCLUDED IN THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

HOUSEHOLDS WITH OTHER PERSONS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Households With No Other Persons	320,616	45.9	190,413	43.4	130,203	50.1
Households With Other Persons:	<u>377,839</u>	54.1	<u>248,032</u>	56.6	<u>129,807</u>	49.9
One Person	172,104	45.5	115,763	46.7	56,341	43.4
Two Persons	90,869	24.0	60,144	24.2	30,725	23.7
Three Persons	51,745	13.7	32,466	13.1	19,279	14.9
Four Persons	29,840	7.9	16,566	6.7	13,274	10.2
Five Persons	15,959	4.2	11,209	4.5	4,750	3.7
Six or More Persons	17,322	4.6	11,884	4.8	5,438	4.2
Average Number of Other Persons	2.2		2.2		2.3	

- The 2.2 average number of persons in the same living quarters (not included in the food stamp household) is the same as that reported for FFY 1999. Households that included other persons increased from 47.5% of total households in FFY 1999 to 54.1% for FFY 2000.

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 2000

TABLE 16

SOURCE OF UNEARNED INCOME

INCOME SOURCE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS			CLASSIFICATION							
	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			NON-ASSISTANCE				
				Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.		
Total	698,455	100.0		438,445	100.0		260,010	100.0			
No Unearned Income	119,724	17.1		4,001	0.9		115,723	44.5			
Unearned Income: 1/	578,731	82.9	100.0 \$518 / \$505	434,444	99.1	100.0 \$537 / \$505	144,287	55.5	100.0	\$459 / \$364	
Public Assistance Grant	481,399		83.2 \$548 / \$505	434,444		100.0 \$547 / \$505	46,955		32.5	\$556 / \$505	
General Assistance/General Relief	52,772		9.1 \$228 / \$221	0		0.0 \$0	52,772		36.6	\$228 / \$221	
Worker's Compensation	1,916		0.3 \$623 / \$569	642		0.1 \$571 / \$407	1,274		0.9	\$649 / \$610	
Social Security	1,262		0.2 \$429 / \$593	711		0.2 \$550 / \$593	551		0.4	\$274 / \$234	
Unemployment Compensation	25,051		4.3 \$424 / \$403	8,735		2.0 \$357 / \$332	16,316		11.3	\$460 / \$424	
Other Unearned Income 2/	49,358		8.5 \$482 / \$423	18,087		4.2 \$253 / \$176	31,271		21.7	\$614 / \$582	

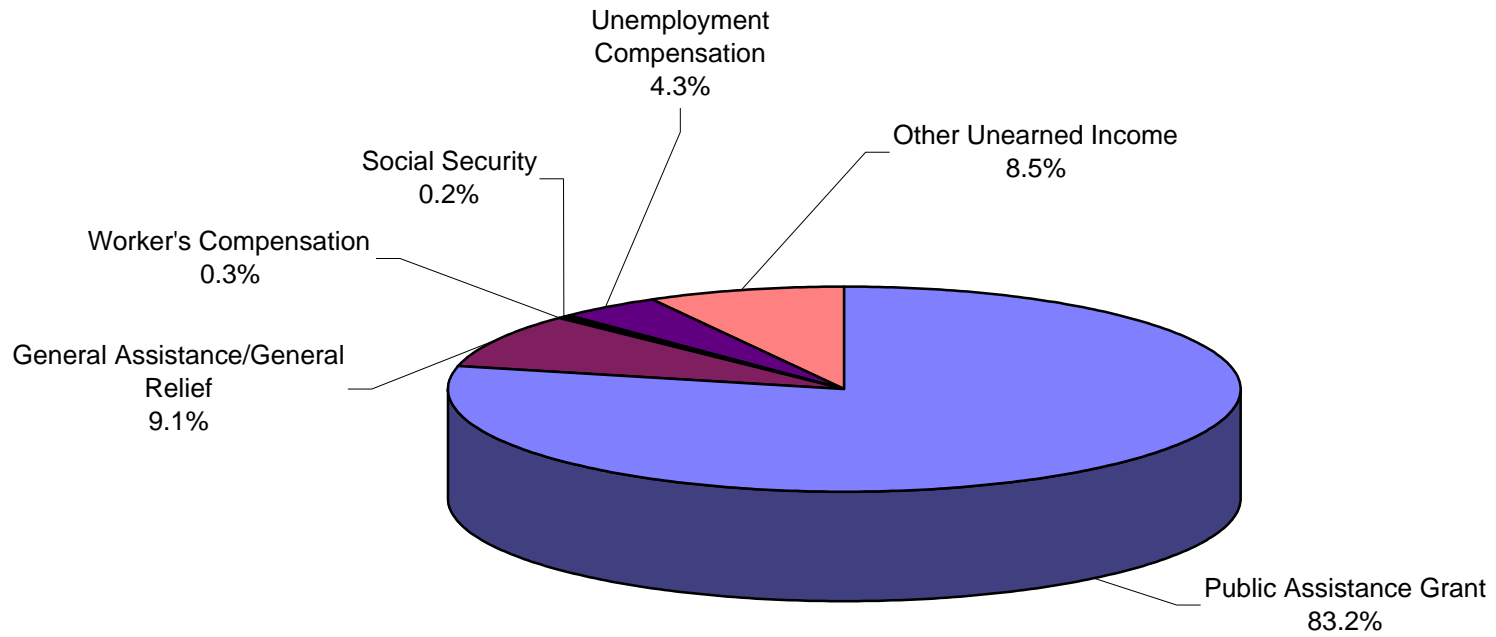
1/ Because a case may fall into more than one of the listed categories, the sum of the corresponding numbers exceeds the Unearned Income subtotal. The corresponding percentages are calculated to that subtotal.

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

- The average amount of the public assistance grant, \$548, remains the same as that for FFY 1999 and continues as the primary source of unearned income for food stamp households.

CHART 16

SOURCE OF UNEARNED INCOME



Note: See footnote 1/, Table 16.

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TABLE 17  
SOURCE OF EARNED INCOME

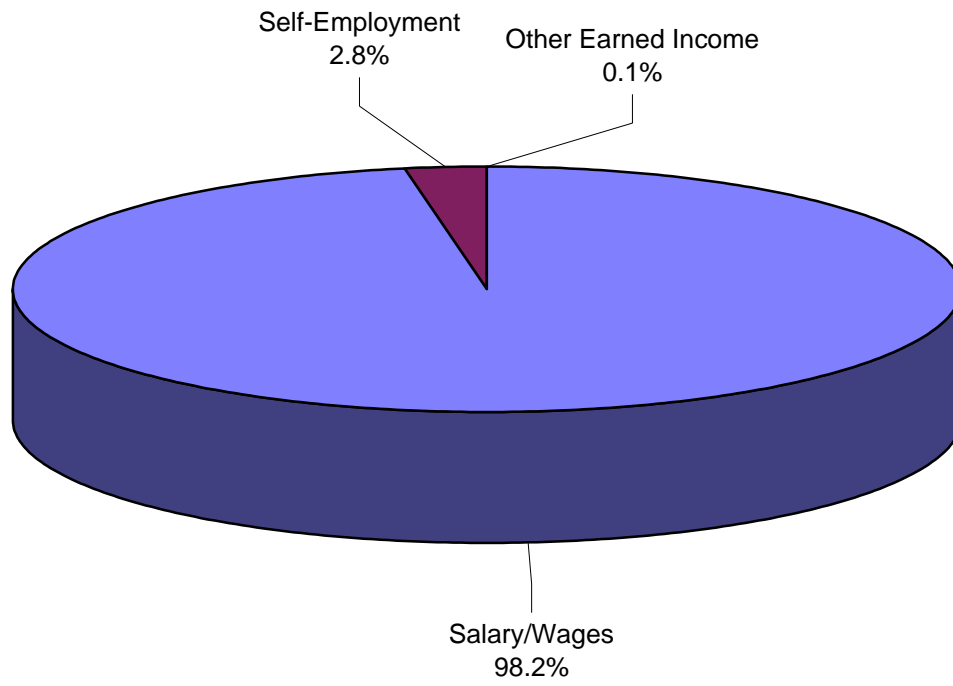
INCOME SOURCE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS			CLASSIFICATION					
				PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			NON-ASSISTANCE		
	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>		<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>		<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>	
No Earned Income	425,841	61.0		265,302	60.5		160,539	61.7	
Earned Income: 1/	<u>272,614</u>	39.0	<u>100.0</u> \$748 / \$741	<u>173,144</u>	39.5	<u>100.0</u> \$684 / \$673	<u>99,470</u>	38.3	<u>100.0</u> \$859 / \$872
Salary/Wages	267,714	98.2	\$747 / \$742	170,690	98.6	\$679 / \$673	97,024	97.5	\$865 / \$897
Self-Employment	7,593	2.8	\$511 / \$390	4,834	2.8	\$490 / \$455	2,759	2.8	\$548 / \$390
Other Earned Income	374	0.1	\$302 / \$252	353	0.2	\$307 / \$252	21	0.0	\$226 / \$226

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.

- Roughly 98% of earned income was from salaries and wages.
- Sixty-one percent of food stamp recipients had no earned income.
- As in past years, earned income data were supplemented with data from the Employment Development Department. For FFY 2000, however, the methodology for treatment of that data was changed to minimize the effect of multiple use of a single social security number and to limit the recognition of household income to members aged 18 and older. Accordingly, comparison of FFY 2000 data with data from past years may be misleading.

**CHART 17**

**SOURCE OF EARNED INCOME**



Note: See footnote 1/, Table 17.

Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey  
Federal Fiscal Year 2000

TABLE 18

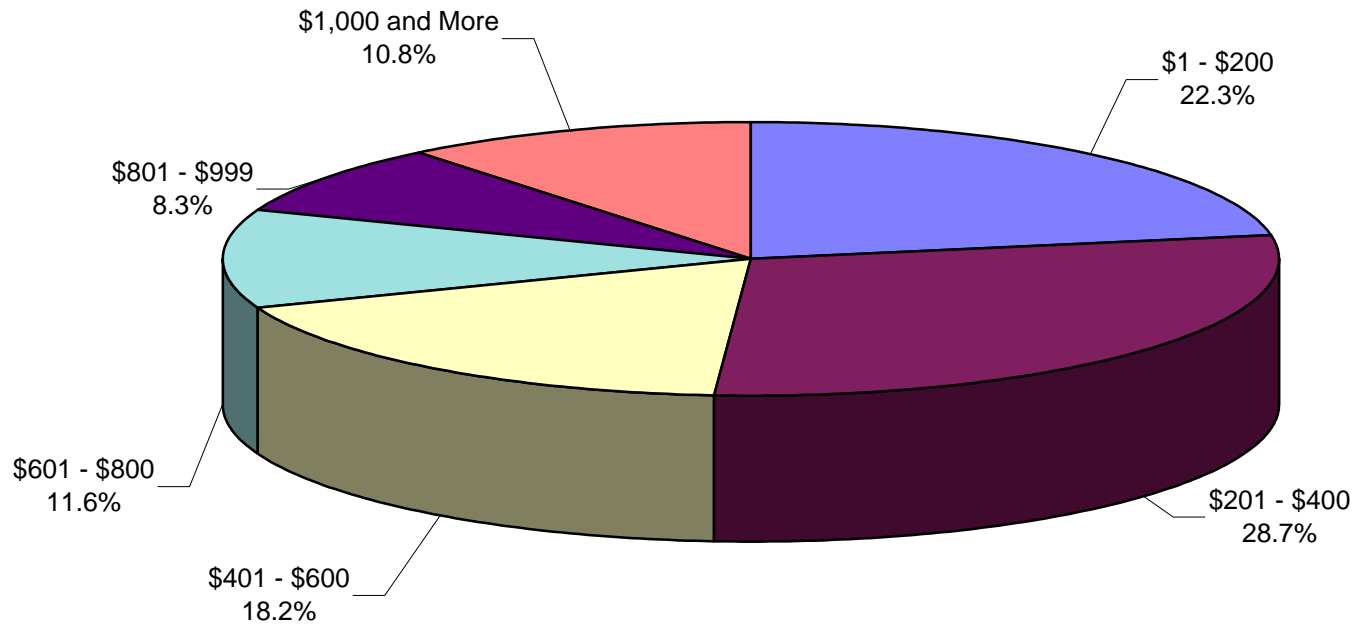
NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT

NET INCOME	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Net Income	115,405	16.5	25,437	5.8	89,968	34.6
Net Income:	<u>583,050</u>	83.5	<u>413,008</u>	94.2	<u>170,042</u>	65.4
\$1 - \$200	130,036	22.3	82,375	19.9	47,661	28.0
\$201 - \$400	167,521	28.7	132,019	32.0	35,502	20.9
\$401 - \$600	106,371	18.2	78,186	18.9	28,185	16.6
\$601 - \$800	67,895	11.6	51,187	12.4	16,708	9.8
\$801 - \$999	48,321	8.3	30,857	7.5	17,464	10.3
\$1,000 and More	62,906	10.8	38,384	9.3	24,522	14.4
Avg./Median Amount of Net Income	\$492 / \$390		\$480 / \$373		\$519 / \$425	

- The average amount of net income for PAFS households increased slightly from \$476 in FFY 1999 to \$480 for FFY 2000. Adjusted for inflation, however, this amounts to a reduction of about \$14 in real purchasing power. On the other hand, net income for NAFS households--which increased from \$490 to \$519--saw an inflation-adjusted increase of nearly \$11 in real purchasing power.

CHART 18

NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT



**EDUCATION**

Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey  
Federal Fiscal Year 2000

TABLE 19

STUDENT STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

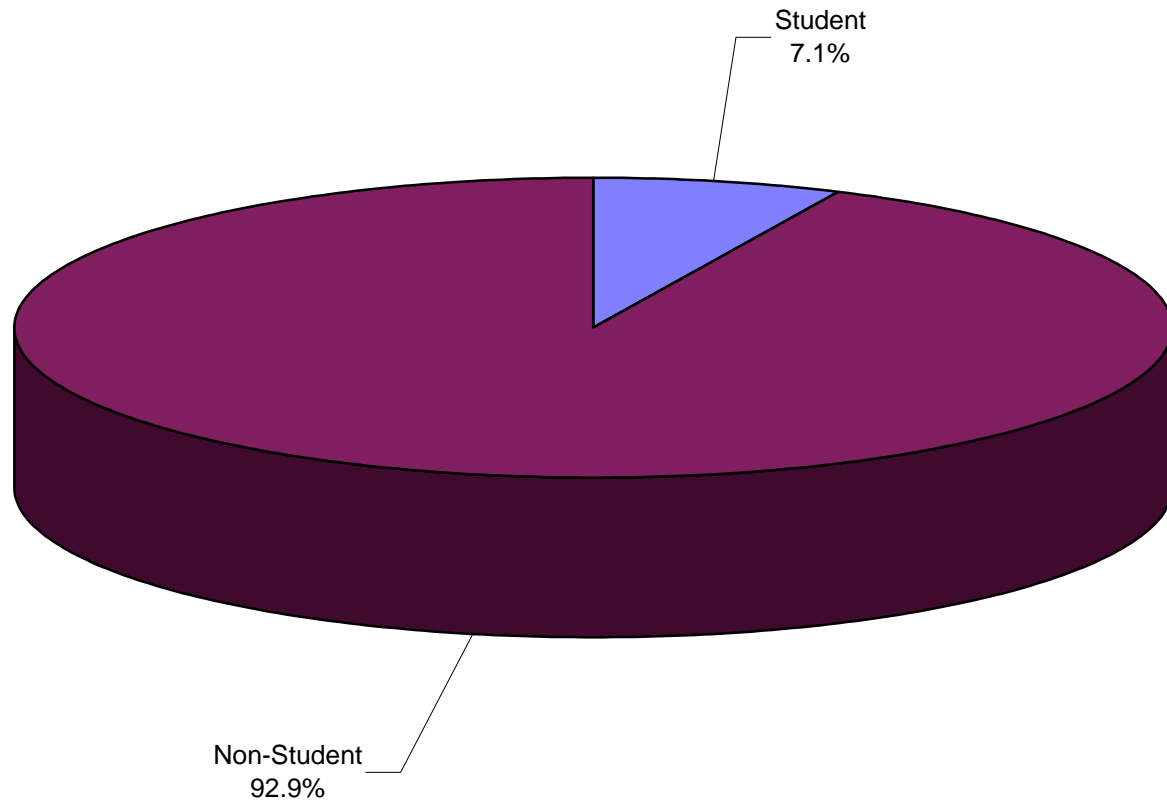
STUDENT STATUS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable 1/	184,852	26.5	131,745	30.0	53,107	20.4
Head of Household:	<u>513,603</u>	73.5	<u>306,700</u>	70.0	<u>206,903</u>	79.6
Student	36,287	7.1	29,189	9.5	7,098	3.4
Non-Student	477,316	92.9	277,511	90.5	199,805	96.6

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.

- Student heads of household remained virtually unchanged from FFY 1999, when they were 7.8% of the total.

CHART 19

STUDENT STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey  
Federal Fiscal Year 2000

TABLE 20

EDUCATION LEVEL OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

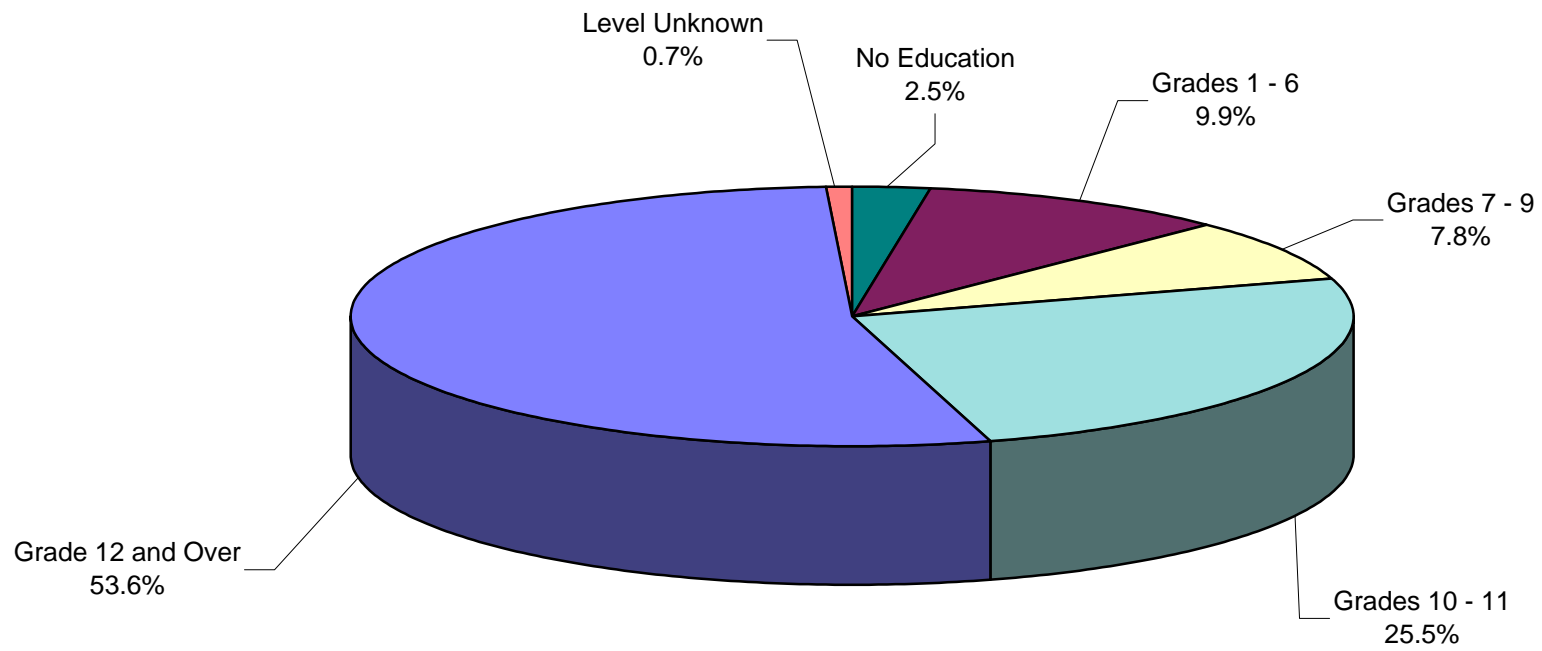
EDUCATION LEVEL	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable 1/	184,852	26.5	131,745	30.0	53,107	20.4
Head of Household:	<u>513,603</u>	73.5	<u>306,700</u>	70.0	<u>206,903</u>	79.6
No Education	12,586	2.5	7,179	2.3	5,407	2.6
Grades 1 - 6	50,990	9.9	27,107	8.8	23,883	11.5
Grades 7 - 9	40,236	7.8	26,078	8.5	14,158	6.8
Grades 10 - 11	130,792	25.5	92,675	30.2	38,117	18.4
Grade 12 and Over	275,231	53.6	153,601	50.1	121,630	58.8
Level Unknown	3,768	0.7	60	0.0	3,708	1.8

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.

- Heads of household finishing 12 or more years of education increased from 49.8% in FFY 1999 to 53.6% for FFY 2000. Much of the perceived increase, however, may in fact be due to improved reporting in that the "Level Unknown" category decreased from 21,920 in FFY 1999 to 3,768 for FFY 2000.

CHART 20

EDUCATION LEVEL OF THE HEAD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey  
Federal Fiscal Year 2000

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>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable 1/	184,852	26.5	131,745	30.0	53,107	20.4
Head of Household:	<u>513,603</u>	73.5 <u>100.0</u>	<u>306,700</u>	70.0 <u>100.0</u>	<u>206,903</u>	79.6 <u>100.0</u>
Grade 12 and Over	275,231	53.6	153,601	50.1	121,630	58.8
Education Unknown	3,768	0.7	60	0.0	3,708	1.8
Less than 12 Years: 2/	<u>234,604</u>	45.7 <u>100.0</u>	<u>153,039</u>	49.9 <u>100.0</u>	<u>81,565</u>	39.4 <u>100.0</u>
Hispanic	105,540	45.0	67,146	43.9	38,394	47.1
White	48,155	20.5	28,572	18.7	19,583	24.0
Black	48,118	20.5	34,363	22.5	13,755	16.9
Vietnamese	13,093	5.6	9,700	6.3	3,393	4.2
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	19,698	8.4	13,258	8.7	6,440	7.9

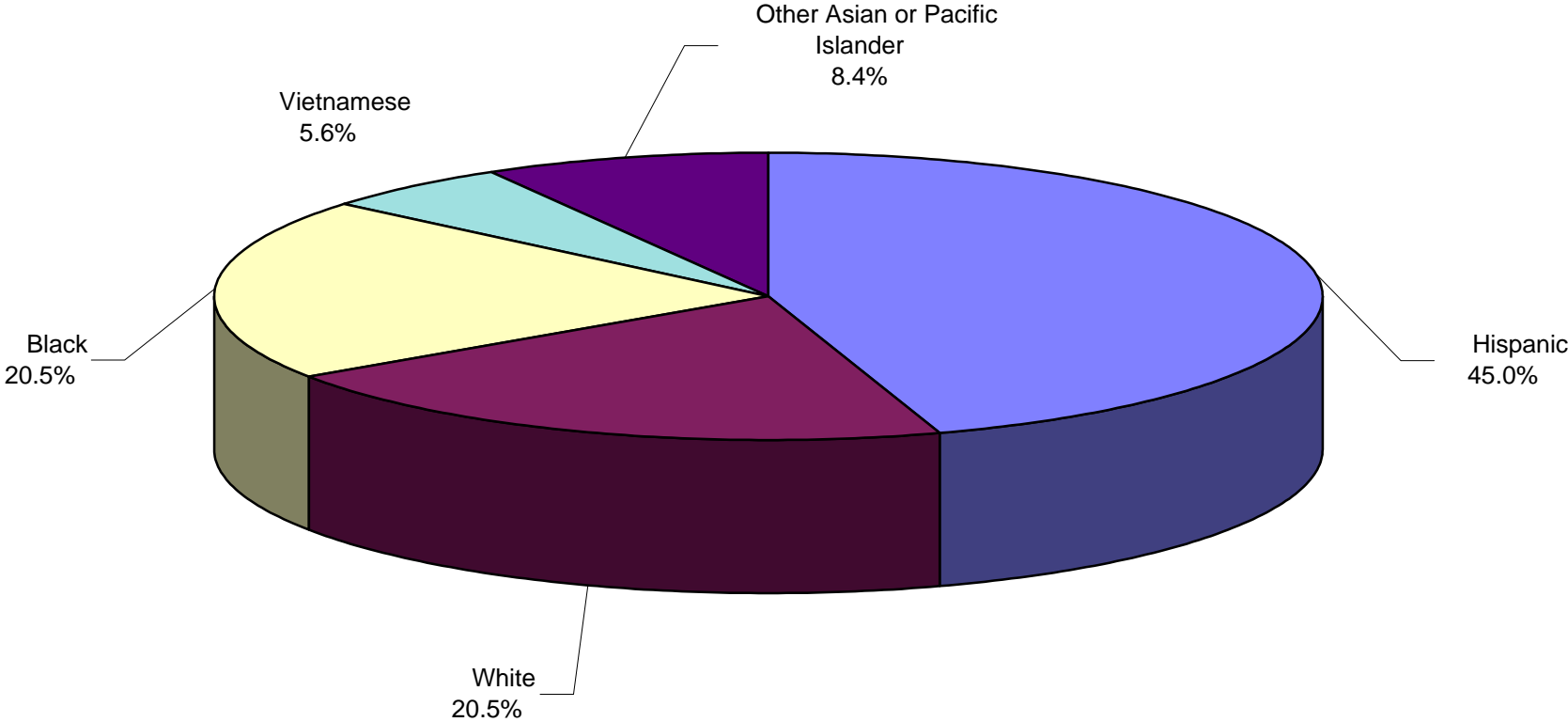
1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

2/ From Table 20: (12,586 + 50,990 + 40,236 + 130,792 = 234,604)

- Although constituting 32% of total heads of household (see Table 5), Hispanics make up 45% of those heads of household with less than 12 years of education.

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 2000

TABLE 20b

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

F/S HOUSEHOLD SIZE/ETHNICITY	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS			CLASSIFICATION					
				PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			NON-ASSISTANCE		
	Number	Percent	HH Size	Number	Percent	HH Size	Number	Percent	HH Size
Head of Household: 1/	<u>234,604</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>Avg./Median</u> <u>2.8 / 2.0</u>	<u>153,039</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>Avg./Median</u> <u>2.9 / 3.0</u>	<u>81,565</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>Avg./Median</u> <u>2.5 / 2.0</u>
Hispanic	105,540	45.0	2.9 / 3.0	67,146	43.9	2.9 / 3.0	38,394	47.1	2.9 / 2.0
White	48,155	20.5	2.4 / 2.0	28,572	18.7	2.6 / 2.0	19,583	24.0	2.0 / 1.0
Black	48,118	20.5	2.5 / 2.0	34,363	22.5	2.8 / 2.0	13,755	16.9	1.4 / 1.0
Vietnamese	13,093	5.6	3.2 / 3.0	9,700	6.3	3.6 / 3.0	3,393	4.2	2.0 / 1.0
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	19,698	8.4	3.7 / 3.0	13,258	8.7	4.0 / 4.0	6,440	7.9	2.9 / 1.0

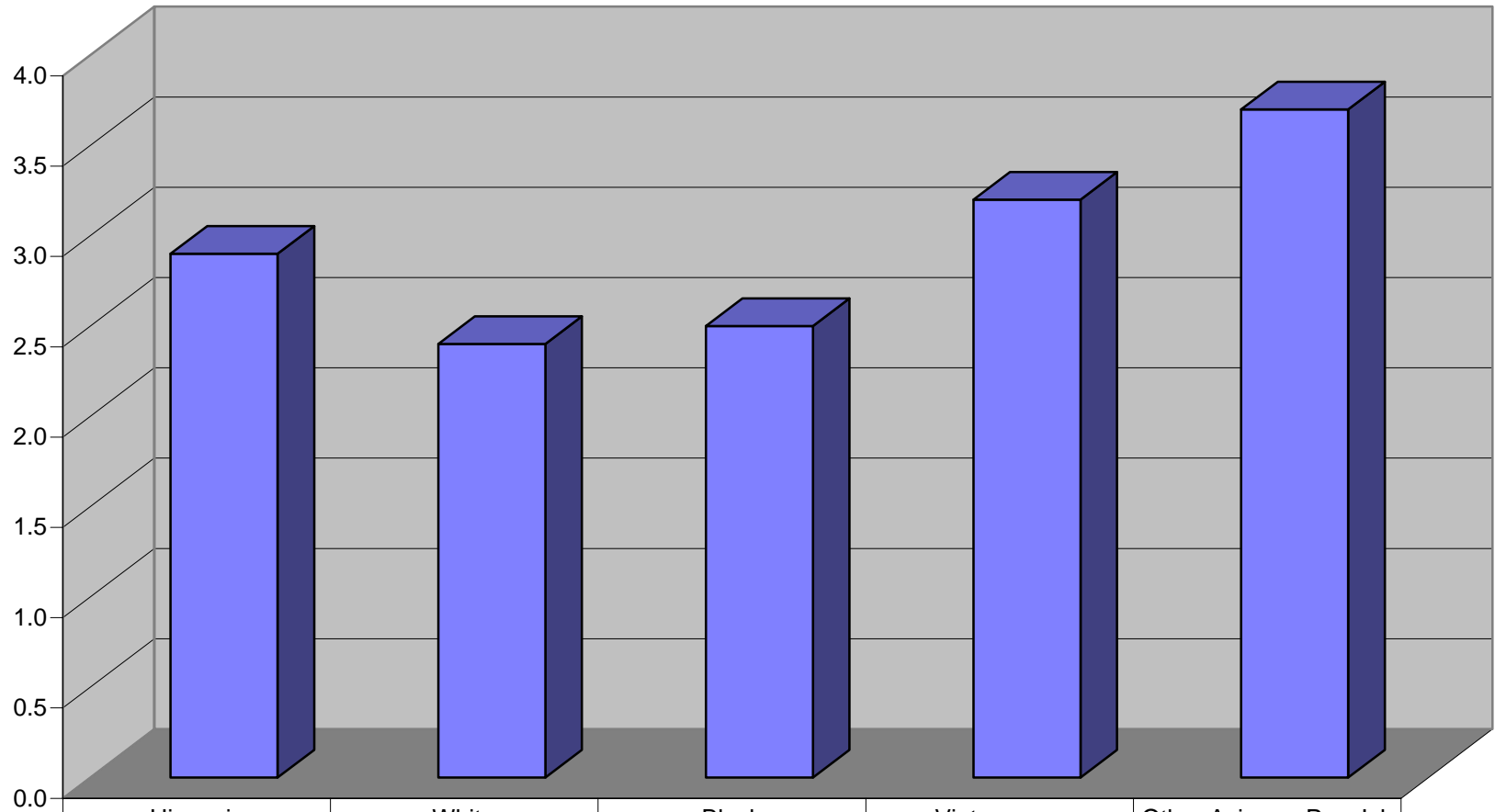
1/ From Table 20A.

- 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**



	Hispanic	White	Black	Vietnamese	Other Asian or Pac. Isl.
Household Size	2.9	2.4	2.5	3.2	3.7

Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey  
Federal Fiscal Year 2000

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

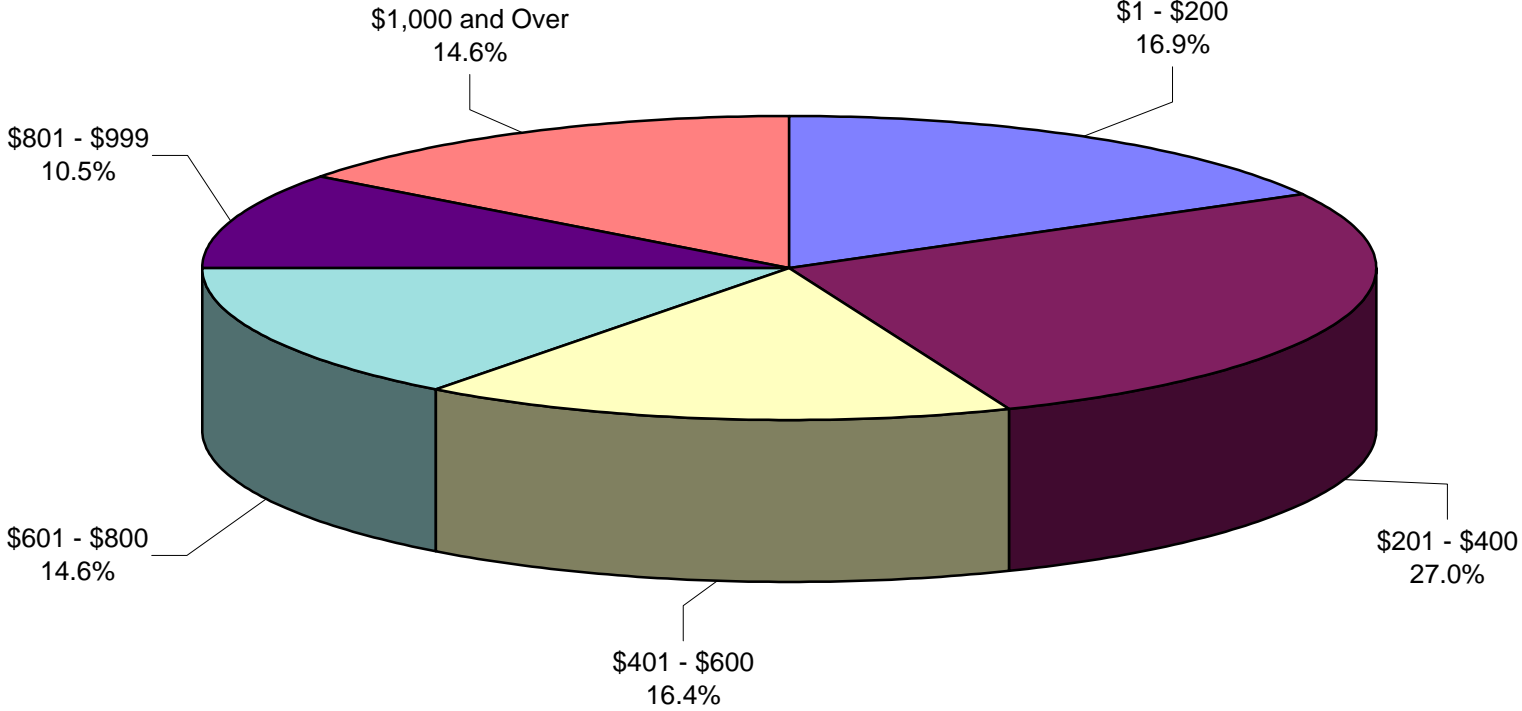
NET INCOME	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Head of Household 1/	<u>234,604</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>153,039</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>81,565</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Net Income	29,326	12.5	5,388	3.5	23,938	29.3
Net Income:	<u>205,278</u>	87.5	<u>147,651</u>	96.5	<u>57,627</u>	70.7
\$1 - \$200	34,752	16.9	19,115	12.9	15,637	27.1
\$201 - \$400	55,369	27.0	44,884	30.4	10,485	18.2
\$401 - \$600	33,667	16.4	26,933	18.2	6,734	11.7
\$601 - \$800	29,923	14.6	21,967	14.9	7,956	13.8
\$801 - \$999	21,559	10.5	14,343	9.7	7,216	12.5
\$1,000 and Over	30,008	14.6	20,409	13.8	9,599	16.7
Avg./Median Amount of Net Income	\$562 / \$471		\$564 / \$466		\$556 / \$493	

1/ From Table 20A.

- The average 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 exceeds the average for all households; i.e., on average, households with fewer years of education had more net income (\$562) than the overall caseload (\$492--Table 18).

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**

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TABLE 21

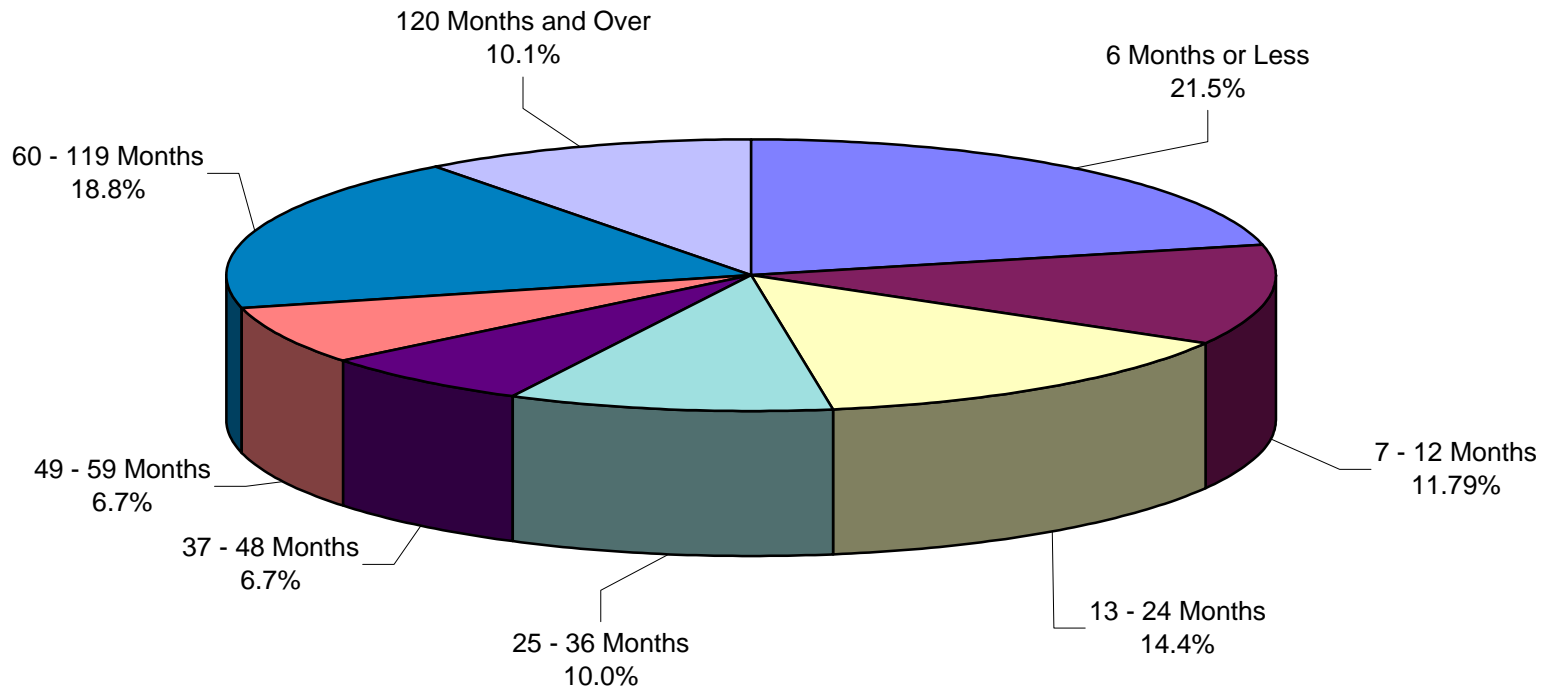
NUMBER OF UNINTERRUPTED MONTHS SINCE THE INITIAL FOOD STAMP APPLICATION

MONTHS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
6 Months or Less	149,929	21.5	63,566	14.5	86,363	33.2
7 - 12 Months	82,339	11.8	41,172	9.4	41,167	15.8
13 - 24 Months	100,429	14.4	56,932	13.0	43,497	16.7
25 - 36 Months	69,694	10.0	45,582	10.4	24,112	9.3
37 - 48 Months	46,466	6.7	35,661	8.1	10,805	4.2
49 - 59 Months	47,089	6.7	34,227	7.8	12,862	4.9
60 - 119 Months	131,631	18.8	100,389	22.9	31,242	12.0
120 Months and Over	70,878	10.1	60,916	13.9	9,962	3.8
Avg./Median Uninterrupted Months	47.1 / 27.0		57.2 / 40.0		30.0 / 13.0	

- The average length of time all food stamp households continuously received food stamps for FFY 2000 was 47.1 months. This compares to 41.4 months for FFY 1999. The upward shift of the average can be traced to a reduction of over 60,000 households receiving food stamps for 12 months or less and an increase of nearly 2,000 households receiving food stamps for more than 48 months.
- Nearly 29% of food stamp households have received food stamps for 60 months or more, including 10% that have received such stamps for 10 years (120 months) or more.

Chart 21

NUMBER OF UNINTERRUPTED MONTHS SINCE THE INITIAL FOOD STAMP APPLICATION



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TABLE 21a

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

ETHNICITY	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total 1/	<u>202,509</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>161,305</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>41,204</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable 2/	61,759	30.5	50,423	31.3	11,336	27.5
Head of Household:	<u>140,750</u>	69.5	<u>110,882</u>	68.7	<u>29,868</u>	72.5
Hispanic	47,666	33.9	35,121	31.7	12,545	42.0
White	29,767	21.1	23,171	20.9	6,596	22.1
Black	40,911	29.1	33,439	30.2	7,472	25.0
Vietnamese	8,750	6.2	7,434	6.7	1,316	4.4
Other Asian or Pacific Islander	13,656	9.7	11,717	10.6	1,939	6.5

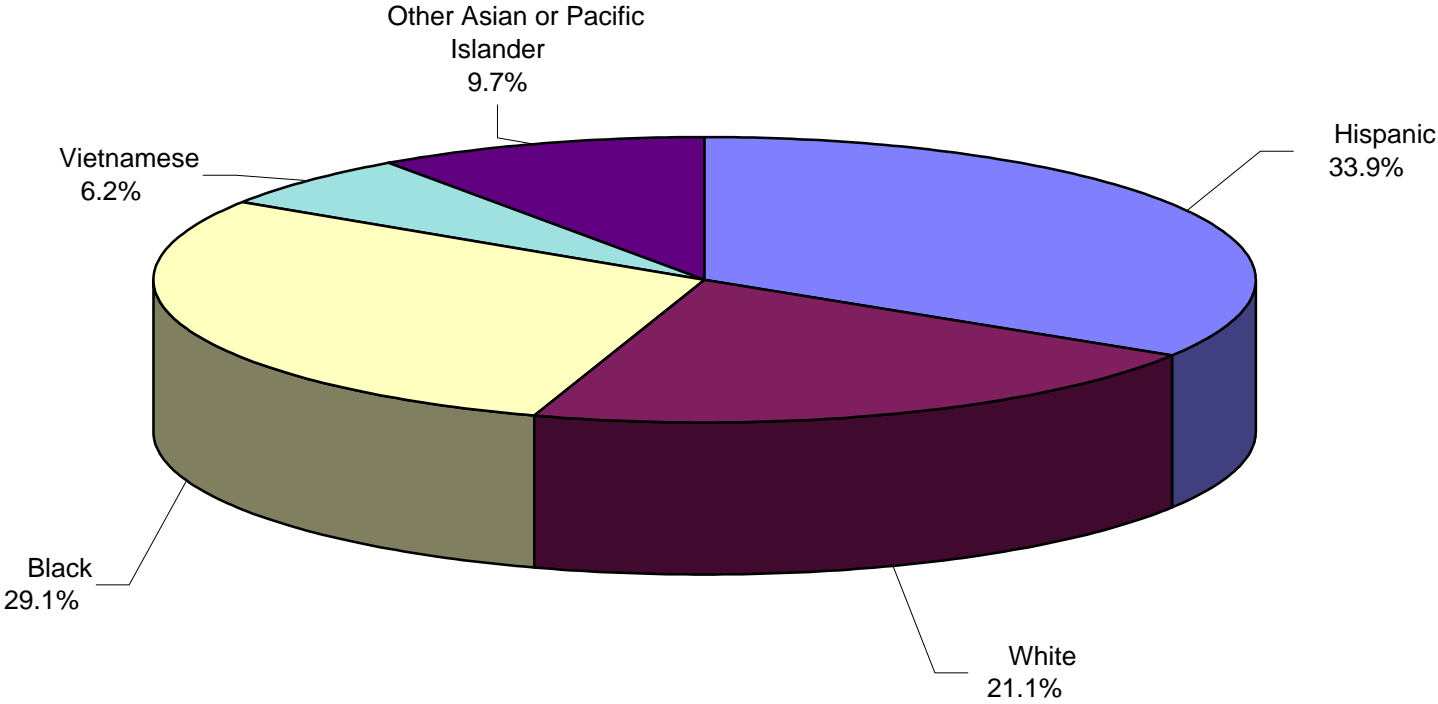
1/ From Table 21: (131,631 + 70,878 = 202,509)

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.

- Blacks and Hispanics constitute 63% of heads of household that have received food stamps continuously for five years or more, while making up roughly 58% of all food stamp heads of household (Table 5).

CHART 21a

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



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TABLE 21b

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

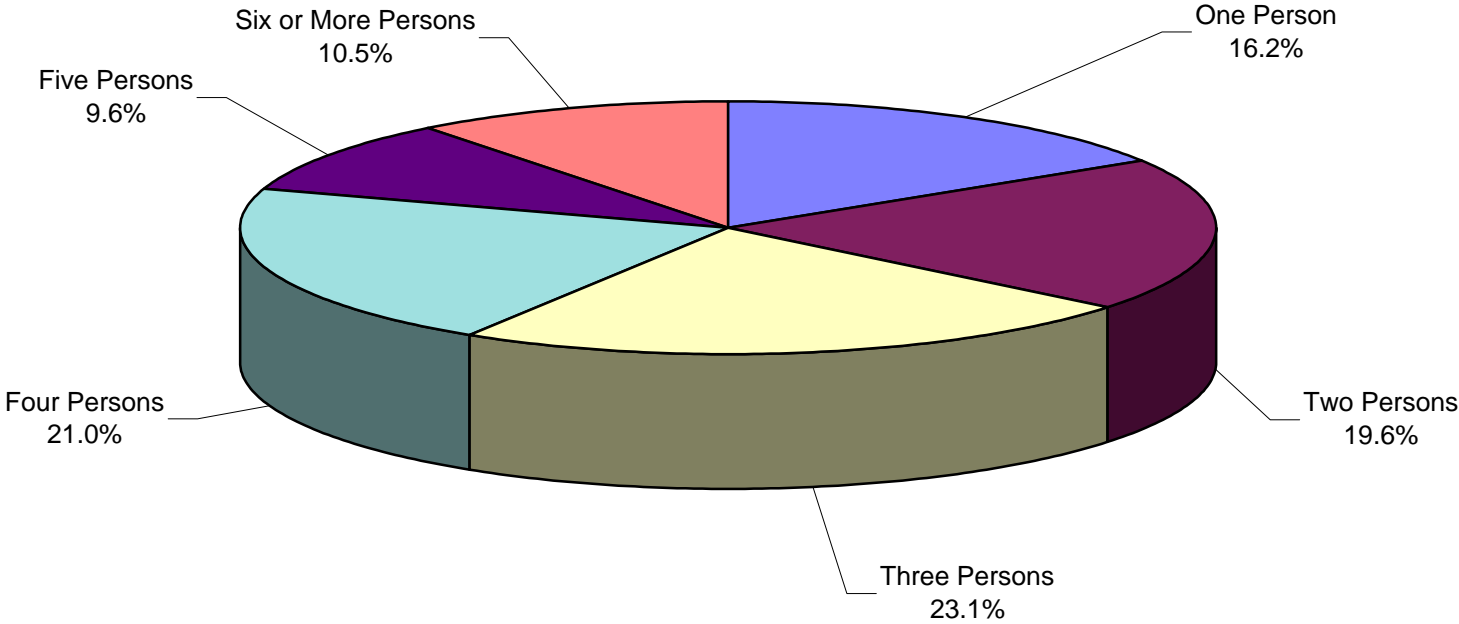
PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total 1/	<u>202,509</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>162,189</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>40,320</u>	<u>100.0</u>
One Person	32,907	16.2	19,198	11.8	13,709	34.0
Two Persons	39,718	19.6	35,637	22.0	4,081	10.1
Three Persons	46,775	23.1	41,576	25.6	5,199	12.9
Four Persons	42,564	21.0	34,304	21.2	8,260	20.5
Five Persons	19,352	9.6	16,300	10.1	3,052	7.6
Six or More Persons	21,193	10.5	15,174	9.4	6,019	14.9
Avg./Median Number of Persons	3.3 / 3.0		3.2 / 3.0		3.3 / 3.0	

1/ From Table 21a

- The average household size for households that received food stamps continuously for five or more years is 3.3 persons, this compares to 2.8 persons for all food stamp households (Table 14).

CHART 21b

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



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey  
Federal Fiscal Year 2000

TABLE 21c

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

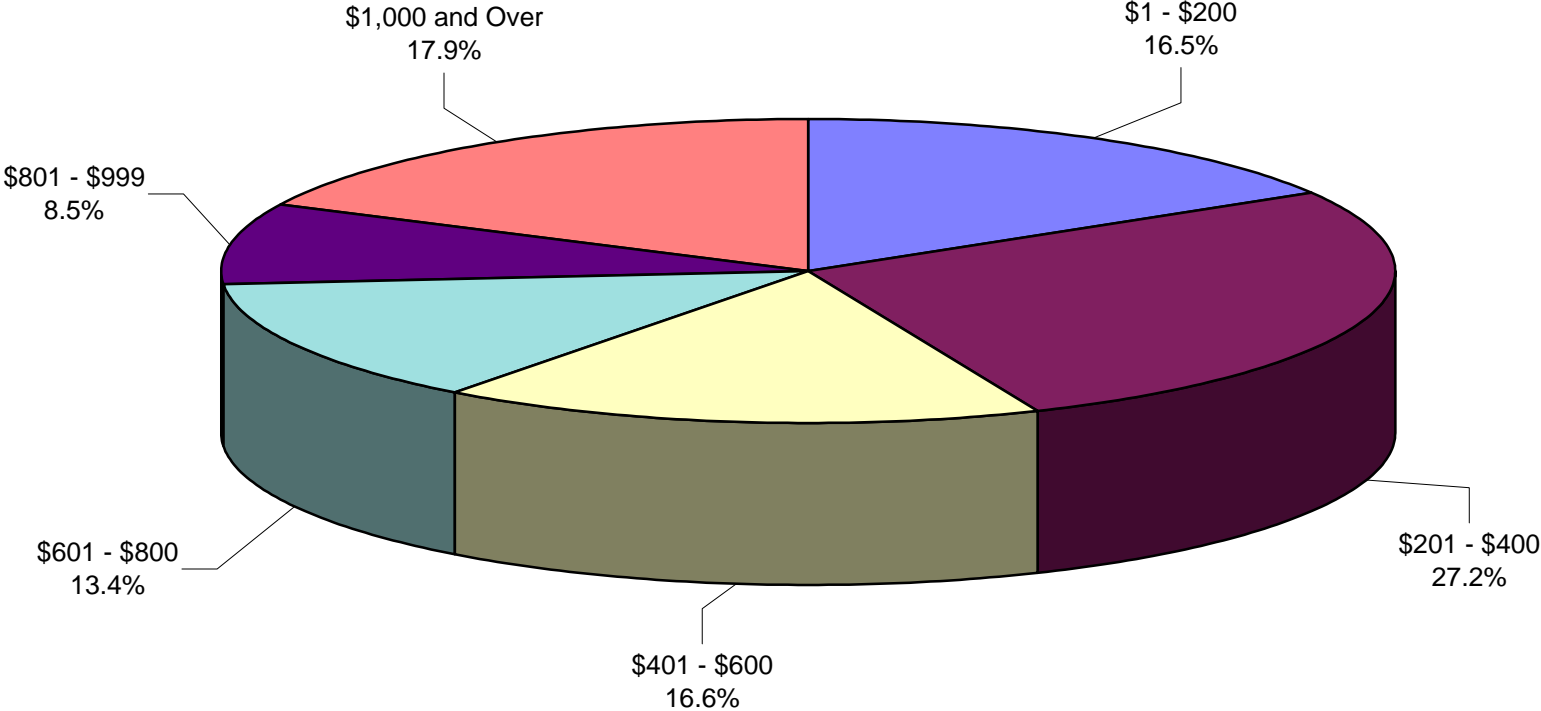
NET INCOME	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total 1/	<u>202,509</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>161,305</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>41,204</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Net Income	17,222	8.5	7,568	4.7	9,654	23.4
Net Income:	<u>185,287</u>	91.5	<u>153,736</u>	95.3	<u>31,551</u>	76.6
\$1 - \$200	30,528	16.5	25,772	16.8	4,756	15.1
\$201 - \$400	50,467	27.2	45,304	29.5	5,163	16.4
\$401 - \$600	30,672	16.6	27,039	17.6	3,633	11.5
\$601 - \$800	24,747	13.4	20,797	13.5	3,950	12.5
\$801 - \$999	15,727	8.5	12,319	8.0	3,408	10.8
\$1,000 and Over	33,146	17.9	22,505	14.6	10,641	33.7
Avg./Median Amount of Net Income	\$572 / \$461		\$539 / \$438		\$714 / \$634	

1/ From Table 21a

- The average net income used to determine the food stamp allotment for households that received food stamps continuously for five or more years (\$572) exceeds that for all households (\$492--Table 18). It is also greater than the average for households in which the head of the household has less than 12 years of education (\$562--Table 20c).

CHART 21c

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



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TABLE 21d

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

EDUCATION LEVEL	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total 1/	<u>202,509</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>161,305</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>41,204</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable 2/	61,759	30.5	50,423	31.3	11,336	27.5
Head of Household:	<u>140,750</u>	69.5	<u>110,882</u>	68.7	<u>29,868</u>	72.5
No Education	5,068	3.6	4,322	3.9	746	2.5
Grades 1 - 6	21,622	15.4	15,847	14.3	5,775	19.3
Grades 7 - 9	15,470	11.0	11,165	10.1	4,305	14.4
Grades 10 - 11	35,184	25.0	31,292	28.2	3,892	13.0
Grade 12 and Over	63,350	45.0	48,256	43.5	15,094	50.5
Level Unknown	55	0.0	0	0.0	55	0.2

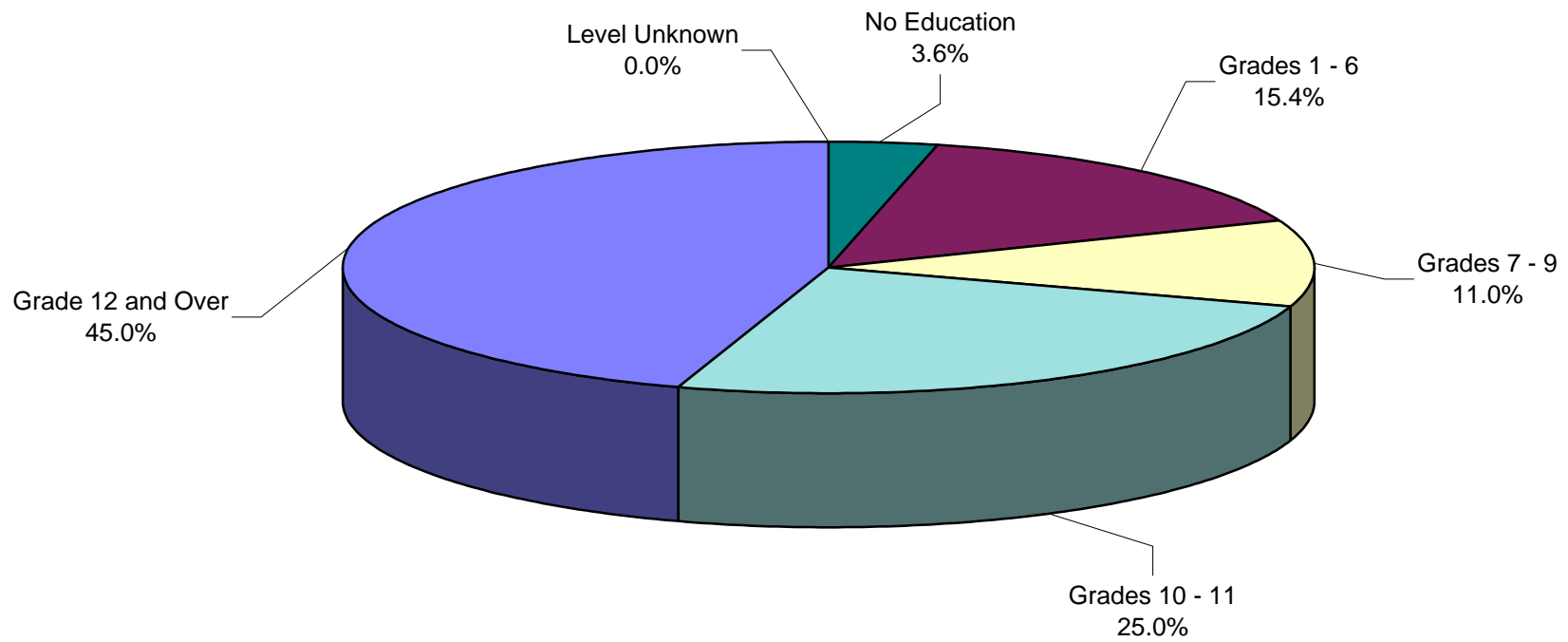
1/ From Table 21a

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.

- Thirty percent of heads of household from households that received aid continuously for five years or more had finished no more than nine years of education. This compares to only 20% for all heads of household (Table 20). Likewise, while 45% of heads of household in this group finished 12 or more years of education, roughly 54% of all heads of household did so.

CHART 21d

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



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TABLE 22

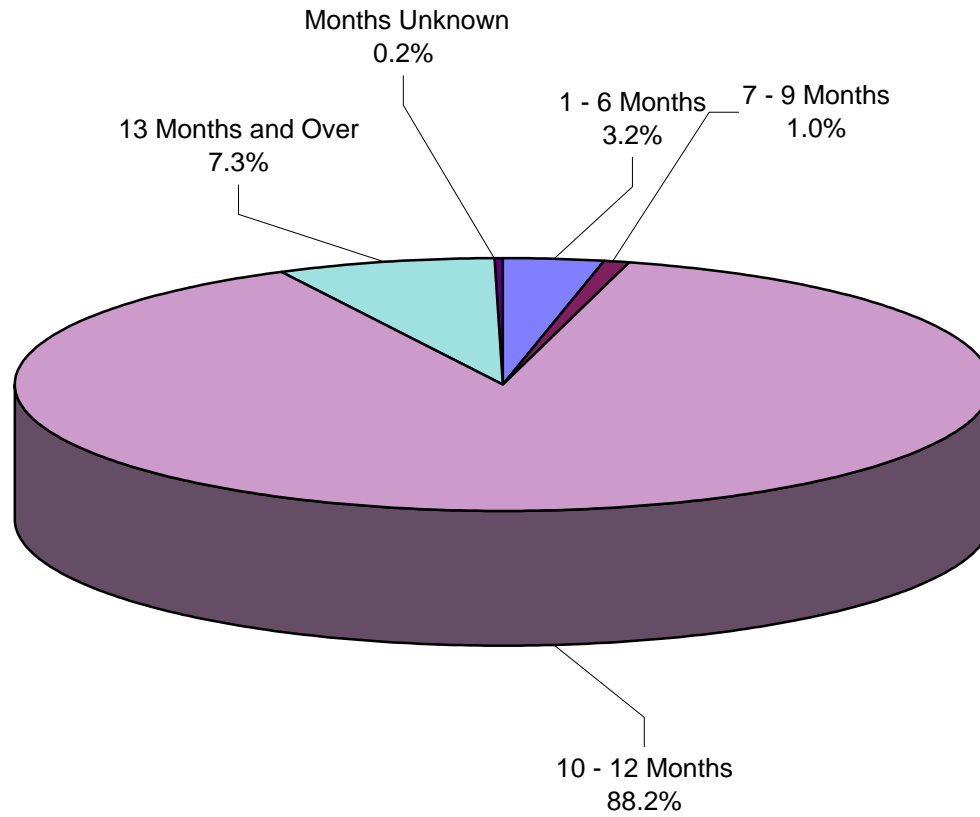
LENGTH OF CERTIFICATION PERIOD OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

CERTIFICATION PERIOD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
1 - 6 Months	22,645	3.2	9,729	2.2	12,916	5.0
7 - 9 Months	7,001	1.0	4,747	1.1	2,254	0.9
10 - 12 Months	616,339	88.2	381,412	87.0	234,927	90.4
13 Months and Over	51,044	7.3	41,540	9.5	9,504	3.7
Months Unknown	1,426	0.2	1,017	0.2	409	0.2
Avg. No. Months of Cert. Period	12.3		12.5		11.9	

- The average number of months of the certification period remained virtually unchanged from FFY 1999.
- 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



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TABLE 23

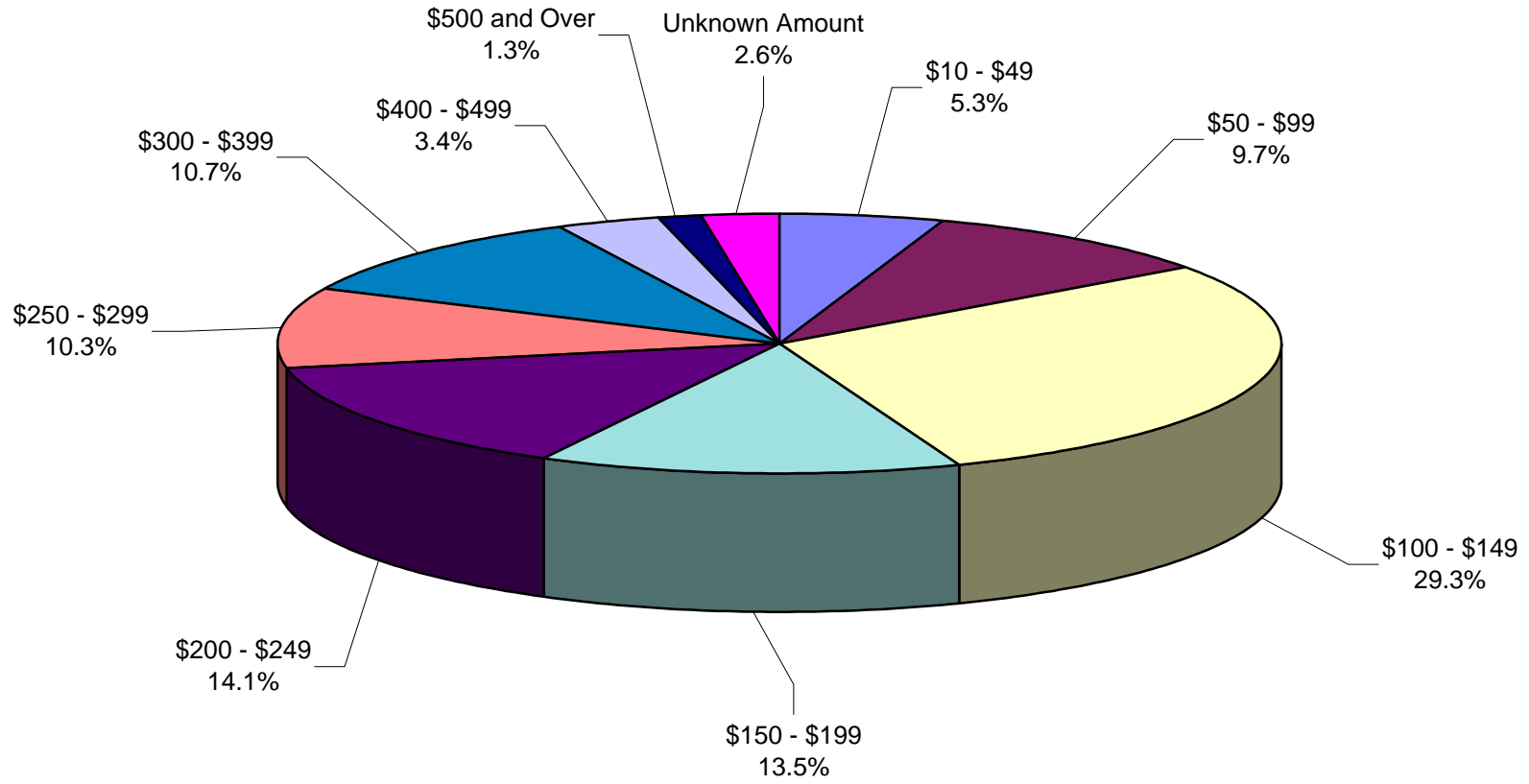
AMOUNT OF FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT PER HOUSEHOLD

ALLOTMENT	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
\$10 - \$49	36,810	5.3	19,678	4.5	17,132	6.6
\$50 - \$99	68,064	9.7	39,280	9.0	28,784	11.1
\$100 - \$149	204,381	29.3	89,061	20.3	115,320	44.4
\$150 - \$199	94,146	13.5	72,976	16.6	21,170	8.1
\$200 - \$249	98,215	14.1	67,775	15.5	30,440	11.7
\$250 - \$299	71,635	10.3	57,152	13.0	14,483	5.6
\$300 - \$399	74,472	10.7	58,079	13.2	16,393	6.3
\$400 - \$499	23,528	3.4	16,067	3.7	7,461	2.9
\$500 and Over	9,344	1.3	4,770	1.1	4,574	1.8
Unknown Amount	17,860	2.6	13,607	3.1	4,253	1.6
Avg./Median Food Stamp Allotment	\$191 / \$168		\$205 / \$196		\$167 / \$127	

- The average food stamp allotment of \$191 is essentially the same as FFY 1999, when it was \$192.
- The single food stamp allotment category comprising the greatest number of households is "\$100 - \$149".

CHART 23

AMOUNT OF FOOD STAMP ALLOTMENT PER HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 24

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

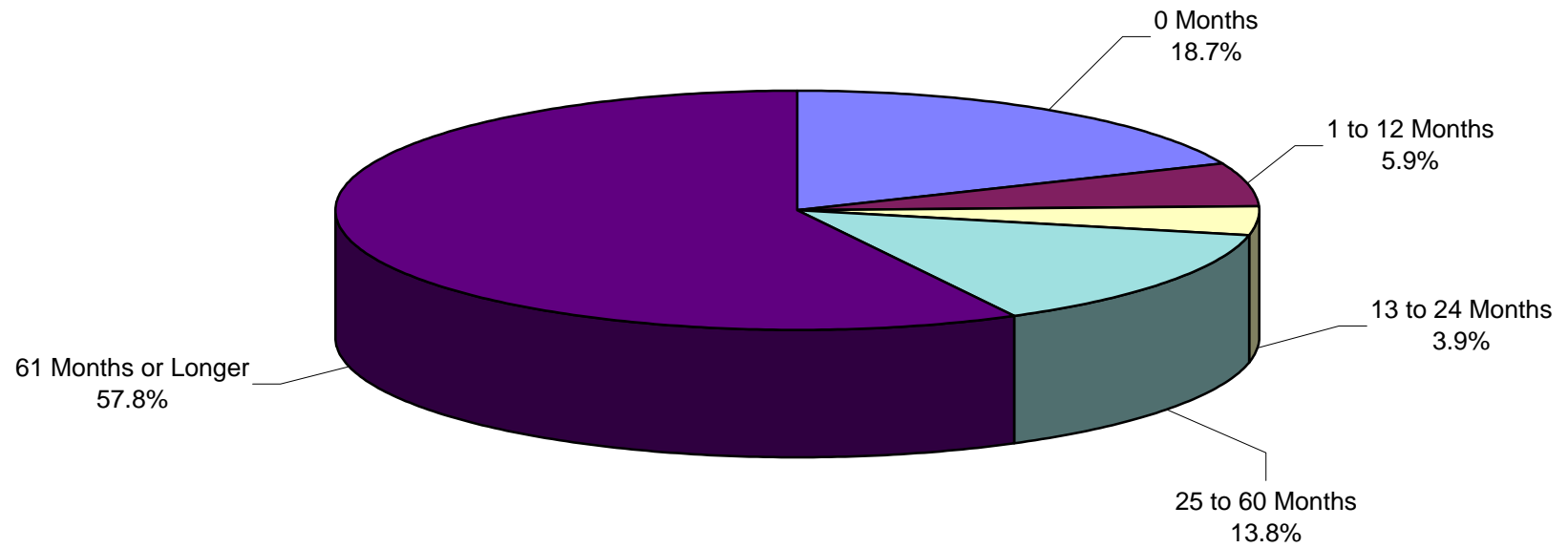
MONTHS RECEIVED AFDC/CALWORKS SINCE 1987	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Months	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
0 Months 1/	130,518	18.7	5,016	1.1	125,502	48.3
1 to 12 Months	40,953	5.9	22,627	5.2	18,326	7.0
13 to 24 Months	27,274	3.9	18,277	4.2	8,997	3.5
25 to 60 Months	96,237	13.8	64,592	14.7	31,645	12.2
61 Months or Longer	403,473	57.8	327,933	74.8	75,540	29.1

1/ Information for this table was obtained by matching the Social Security Numbers of the food stamp recipients with those contained in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS). Either no SSN was available for this category of food stamp recipients or there was no history of their receiving AFDC/CalWORKs since 1/1/87, the earliest entries in the file. In the FFY 1999 publication, the "unavailable" component was separately presented.

- Total Food Stamp households receiving AFDC/CalWORKs for 61 months or longer, the largest category of households, decreased from roughly 437,000 in FFY 1999 to nearly 403,500 for FFY 2000.
- NAFS households in the "61-Months-or-Longer" category decreased from 42.1% in FFY 1999 to 29.1% for FFY 2000.

CHART 24

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



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TABLE 25

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

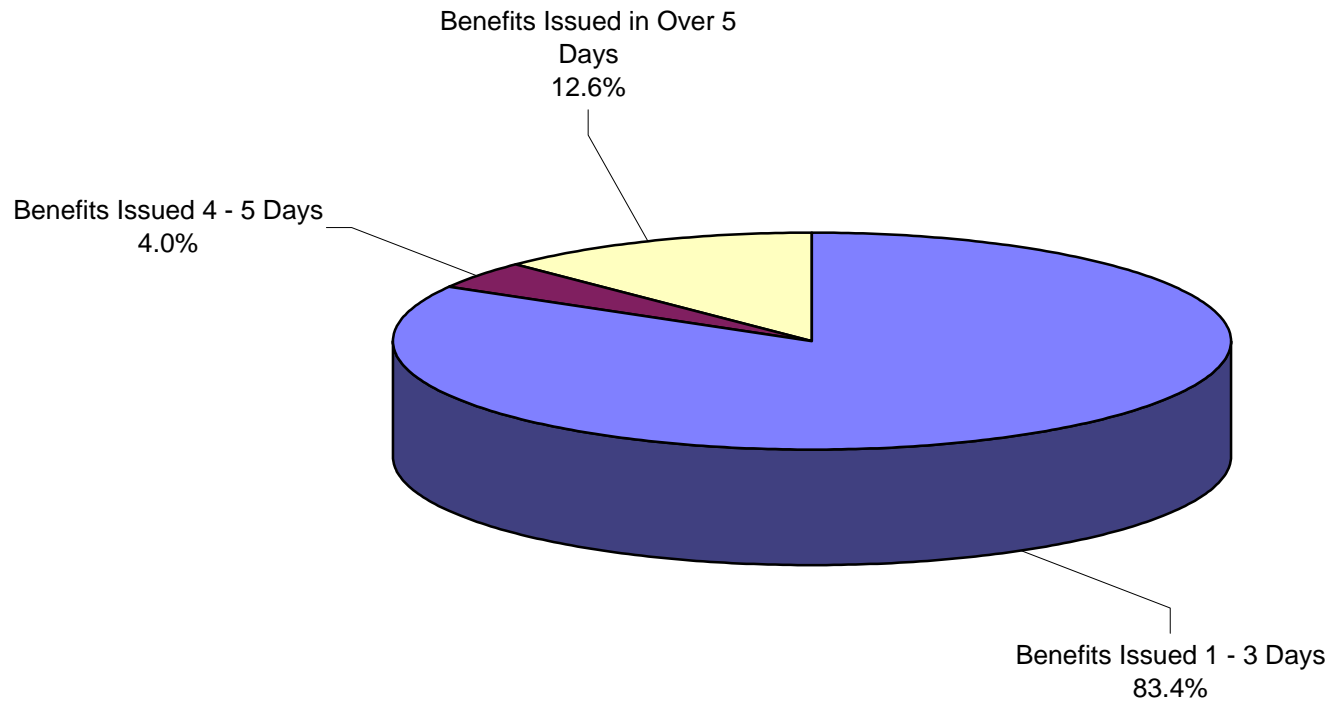
EXPEDITED SERVICES	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Did Not Receive Expedited Services	511,308	73.2	411,133	93.8	100,175	38.5
Received Expedited Services:	<u>187,147</u>	26.8	<u>27,312</u>	6.2	<u>159,835</u>	61.5
Benefits Issued 1 - 3 Days	156,099	83.4	21,695	79.4	134,404	84.1
Benefits Issued 4 - 5 Days	7,427	4.0	1,790	6.6	5,637	3.5
Benefits Issued in Over 5 Days	23,621	12.6	3,827	14.0	19,794	12.4

- The proportion of food stamp households receiving expedited services in FFY 2000 remained virtually unchanged from FFY 1999 when 27.4% 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  
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TABLE 26

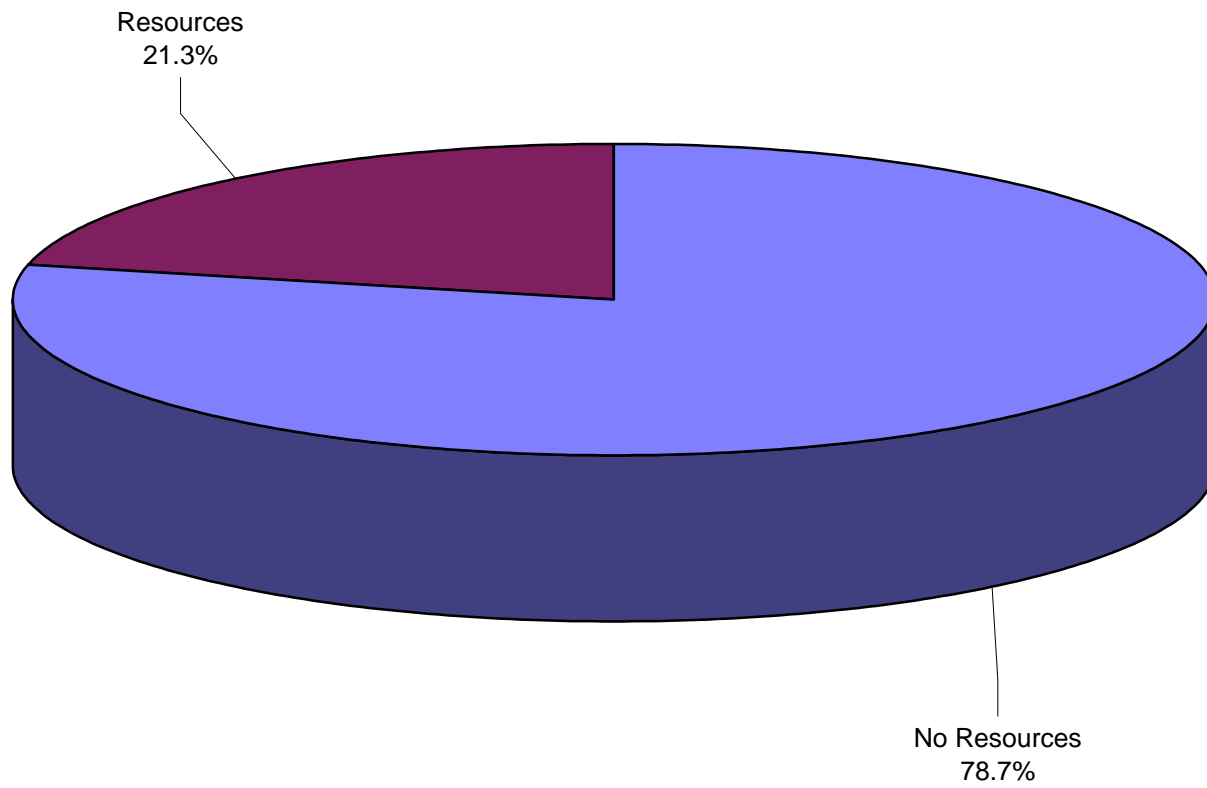
RESOURCES OWNED BY THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

RESOURCES	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS			CLASSIFICATION					
				PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			NON-ASSISTANCE		
	Number	Percent	Avg./Med. Amt.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med. Amt.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med. Amt.
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>		<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>		<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>	
No Resources	549,691	78.7		348,946	79.6		200,745	77.2	
Resources	148,764	21.3	\$512 / \$302	89,499	20.4	\$524 / \$300	59,265	22.8	\$494 / \$333

- Average resources of the food stamp household, consisting primarily of checking and savings accounts, decreased from \$539 in FFY 1999 to \$512 for FFY 2000. This is the second consecutive year of a decline in resources, which stood at \$611 in FFY 1998.
- Households with no reported resources increased from 75.1% in FFY 1999 to 78.7% for FFY 2000.

CHART 26

RESOURCES OWNED BY THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



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TABLE 27

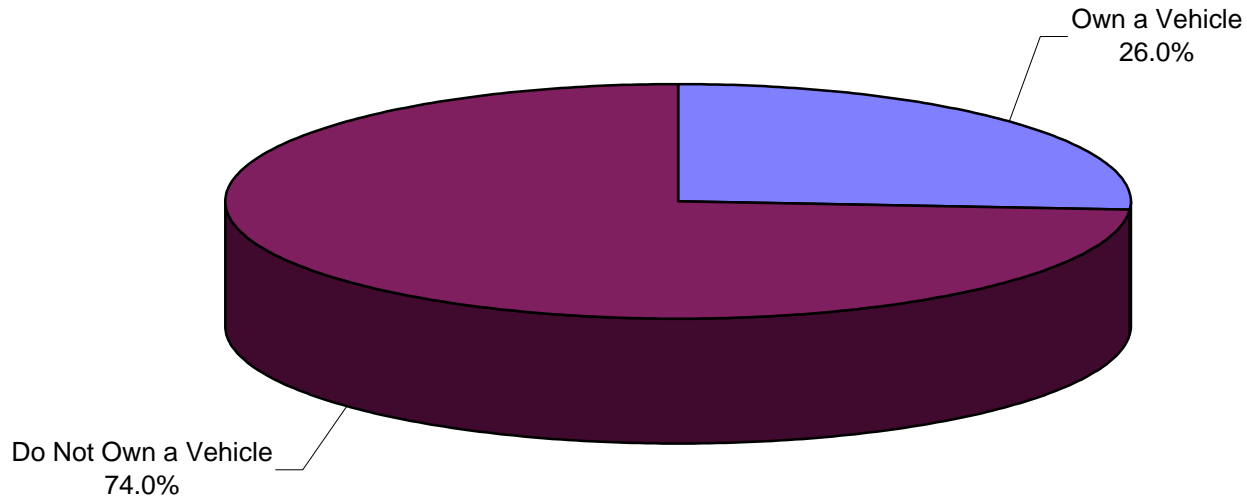
VEHICLES OWNED BY THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

VEHICLE OWNERSHIP	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Own a Vehicle	181,816	26.0	104,434	23.8	77,382	29.5
Do Not Own a Vehicle	516,639	74.0	334,012	76.2	182,627	70.2

- The proportion of households with vehicle ownership showed virtually no change from FFY 1999 when 26.8% of households owned at least one vehicle.

CHART 27

VEHICLES OWNED BY THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD



## **EXPENSES/DEDUCTIONS/REPORTING**

Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey  
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TABLE 28

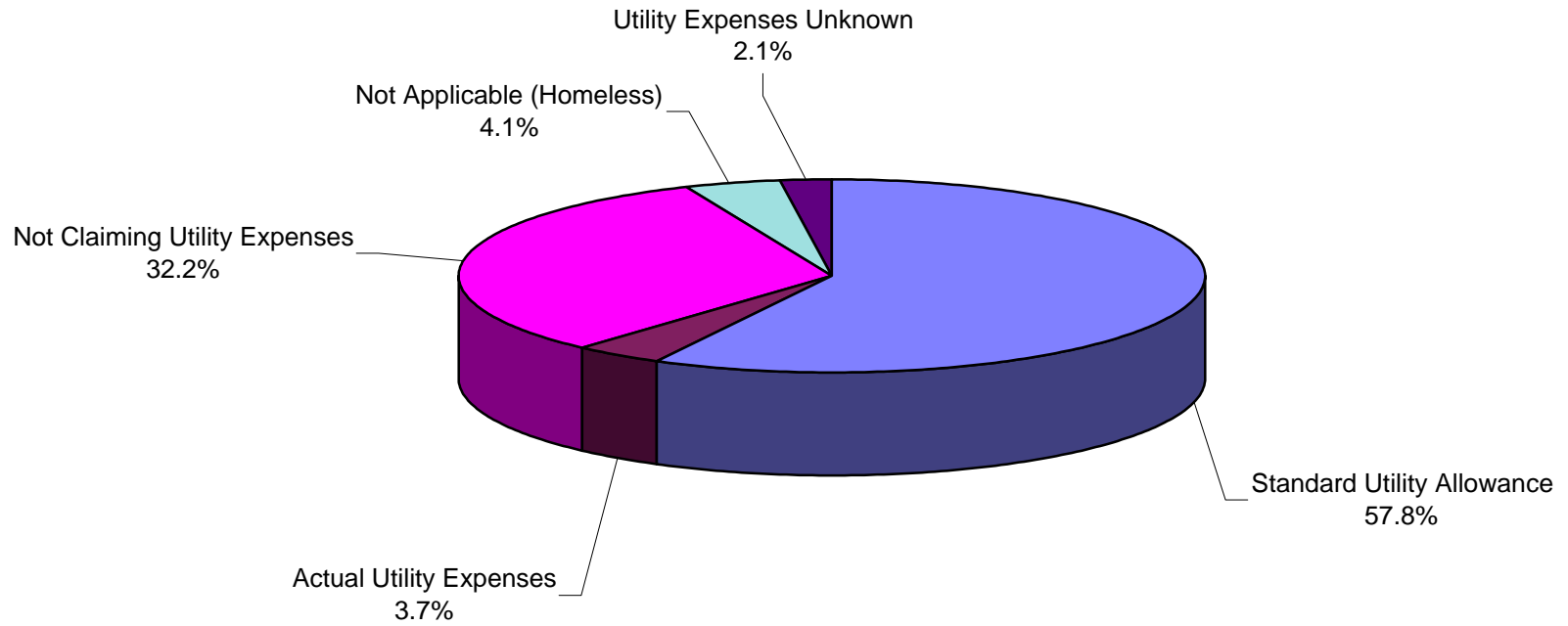
FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS CLAIMING UTILITY EXPENSES

UTILITY EXPENSES	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Standard Utility Allowance	403,866	57.8	279,371	63.7	124,495	47.9
Actual Utility Expenses	26,050	3.7	18,640	4.3	7,410	2.8
Not Claiming Utility Expenses	224,849	32.2	119,458	27.2	105,391	40.5
Not Applicable (Homeless)	28,679	4.1	15,772	3.6	12,907	5.0
Utility Expenses Unknown	15,011	2.1	5,204	1.2	9,807	3.8

- The "Not Applicable" category comprises those who are homeless. This category decreased from 9.5% in FFY 1999 to 4.1% for FFY 2000.

CHART 28

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS CLAIMING UTILITY EXPENSES



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TABLE 29

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS CLAIMING STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE (SUA)

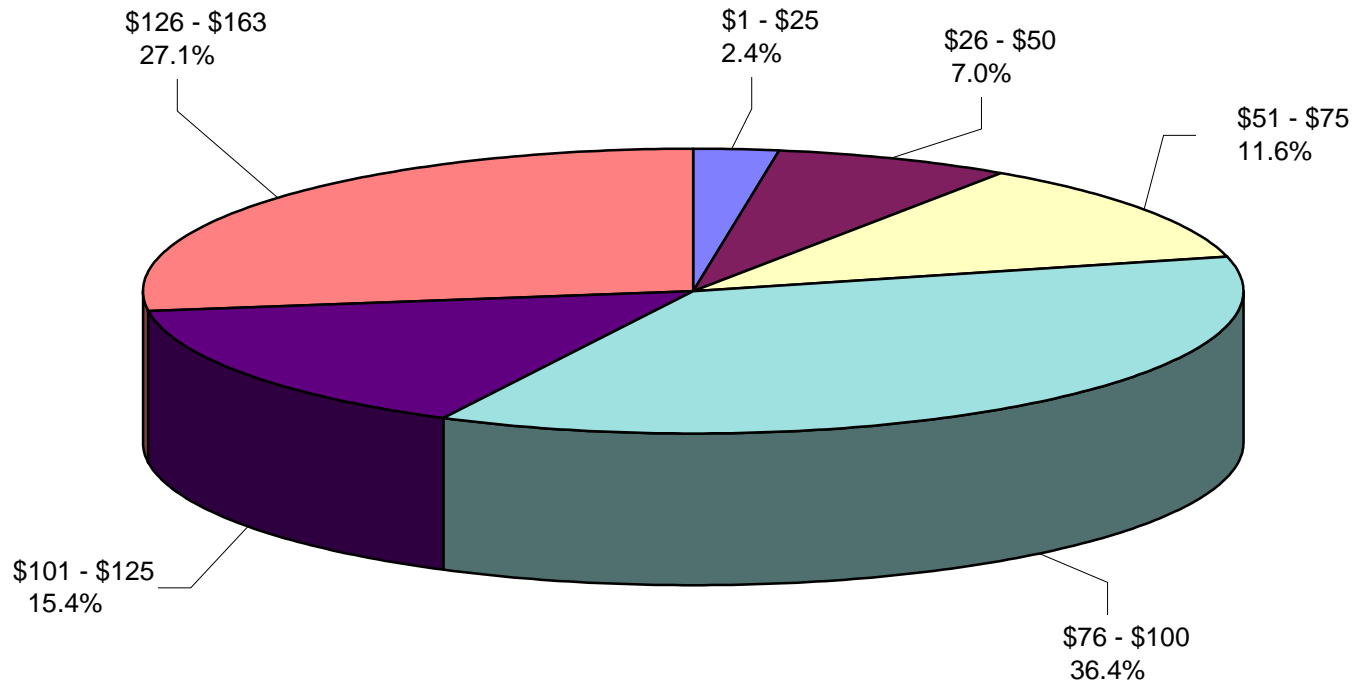
STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	698,455	100.0	438,445	100.0	260,010	100.0
Households Claiming Actual Costs	26,050	3.7	18,640	4.3	7,410	2.8
Households Not Claiming SUA 1/	268,538	38.4	140,434	32.0	128,104	49.3
Households Claiming SUA:	403,867	57.8	279,371	63.7	124,496	48.8
SUA Not Prorated	277,526	68.7	191,761	68.6	85,765	68.9
SUA (\$163) Prorated:	126,341	31.3	87,610	31.4	38,731	31.1
\$1 - \$25	3,088	2.4	1,745	2.0	1,343	3.5
\$26 - \$50	8,887	7.0	4,808	5.5	4,079	10.5
\$51 - \$75	14,696	11.6	8,738	10.0	5,958	15.4
\$76 - \$100	45,983	36.4	30,852	35.2	15,131	39.1
\$101 - \$125	19,427	15.4	14,865	17.0	4,562	11.8
\$126 - \$163	34,260	27.1	26,602	30.4	7,658	19.8
Avg./Median Amount of Prorated SUA	\$99 / \$82		\$103 / \$82		\$90 / \$82	

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

- The Standard Utility Allowance increased from \$158 in FFY 1999 to \$163 for FFY 2000, while the average amount of prorated SUA increased by \$3.
- Households in the maximum prorated bracket (\$126 - \$163) increased from 23.8% in FFY 1999 to 27.1% for FFY 2000.

CHART 29

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS CLAIMING STANDARD UTILITY ALLOWANCE  
(PRORATED AMOUNTS)



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey  
Federal Fiscal Year 2000

TABLE 30

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS WITH SHARED SHELTER AND/OR UTILITY EXPENSES

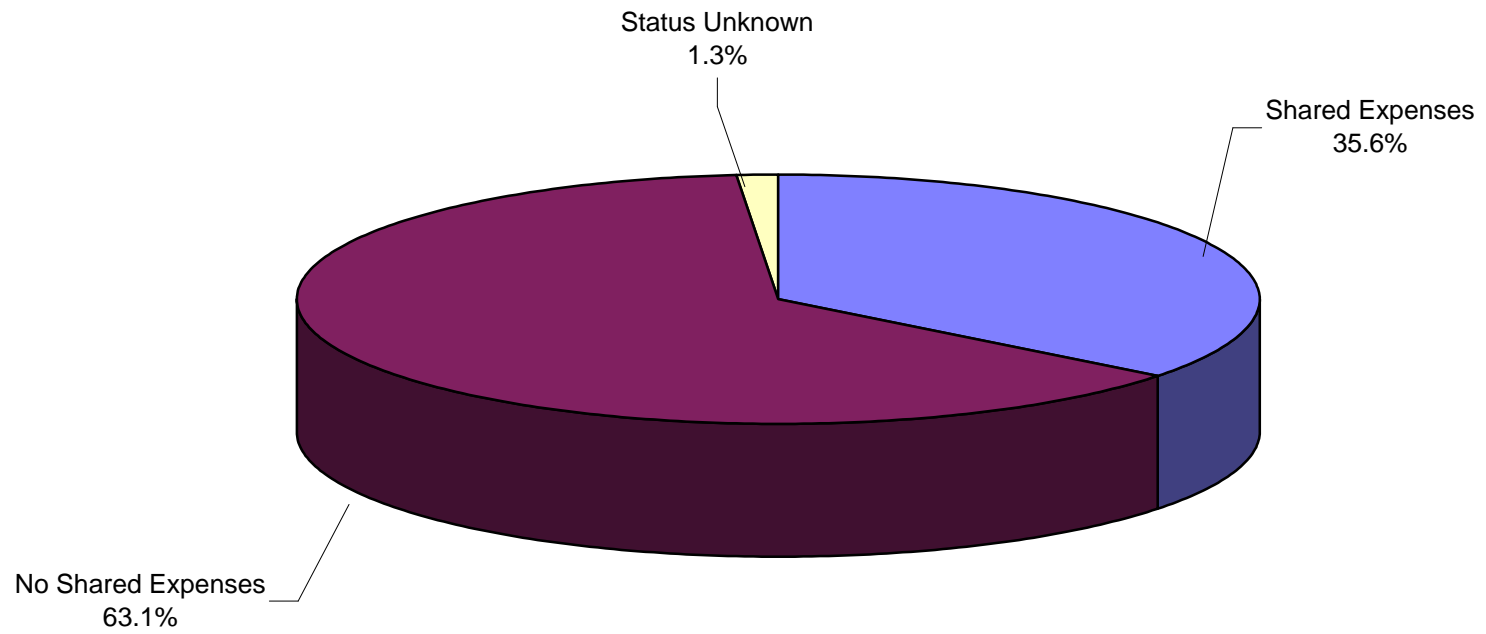
UTILITY/SHELTER EXPENSES	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Shared Expenses	248,790	35.6	166,931	38.1	81,859	31.5
No Shared Expenses 1/	440,873	63.1	270,283	61.6	170,590	65.6
Status Unknown	8,792	1.3	1,231	0.3	7,561	3.7

1/ Includes the homeless. See Table 28.

- Roughly 36% of households had shared expenses in FFY 2000 versus 32.6% for FFY 1999.
- Less than half as many NAFS households had shared expenses than those that did not.

CHART 30

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS WITH SHARED SHELTER AND/OR UTILITY EXPENSES



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey  
Federal Fiscal Year 2000

TABLE 31

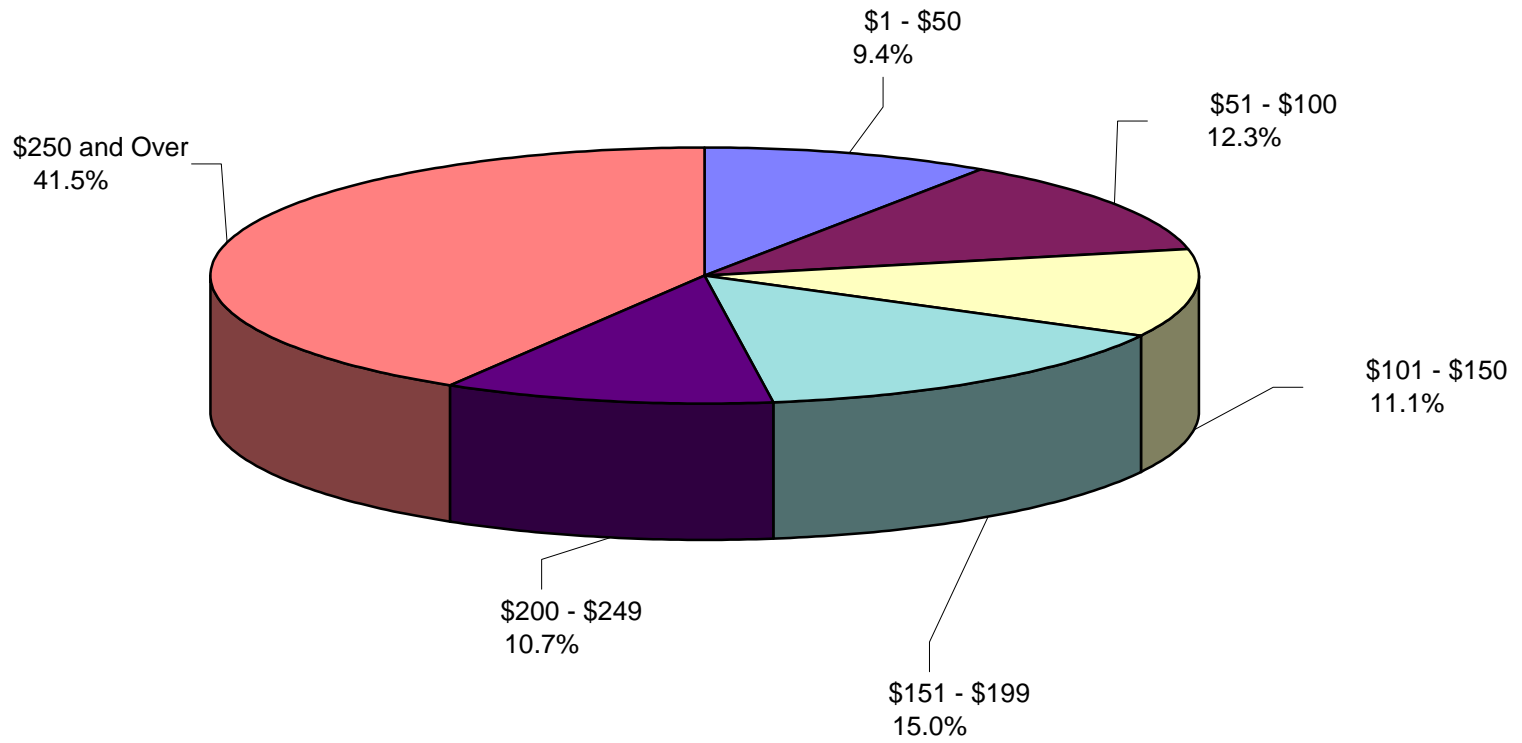
FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED EXCESS SHELTER DEDUCTION

EXCESS SHELTER	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Households Not Reporting Shelter Cost	58,073	8.3	12,544	2.9	45,529	17.5
Households Reporting Shelter Cost;	<u>640,382</u>	<u>91.7</u>	<u>425,901</u>	<u>97.1</u>	<u>214,481</u>	<u>82.5</u>
No Allowable Excess Shelter Cost	200,845	31.4	129,641	30.4	71,204	33.2
Allowable Excess Shelter Cost:	<u>439,537</u>	<u>68.6</u>	<u>296,260</u>	<u>69.6</u>	<u>143,277</u>	<u>66.8</u>
\$1 - \$50	41,364	9.4	28,667	9.7	12,697	8.9
\$51 - \$100	53,939	12.3	36,258	12.2	17,681	12.3
\$101 - \$150	48,819	11.1	33,669	11.4	15,150	10.6
\$151 - \$199	66,107	15.0	38,844	13.1	27,263	19.0
\$200 - \$249	47,005	10.7	34,601	11.7	12,404	8.7
\$250 and Over	182,303	41.5	124,221	41.9	58,082	40.5
Avg./Median Amt. of Allow. Ex. Shelter Cost	\$193 / \$212		\$191 / \$215		\$197 / \$200	

- Nearly 42% of households were allowed an excess shelter deduction of \$250 or more compared to 38.5% for FFY 1999.
- The average allowable excess shelter amount decreased from \$201 in FFY 1999 to \$193 for FFY 2000.

CHART 31

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED EXCESS SHELTER DEDUCTION



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey  
Federal Fiscal Year 2000

TABLE 32

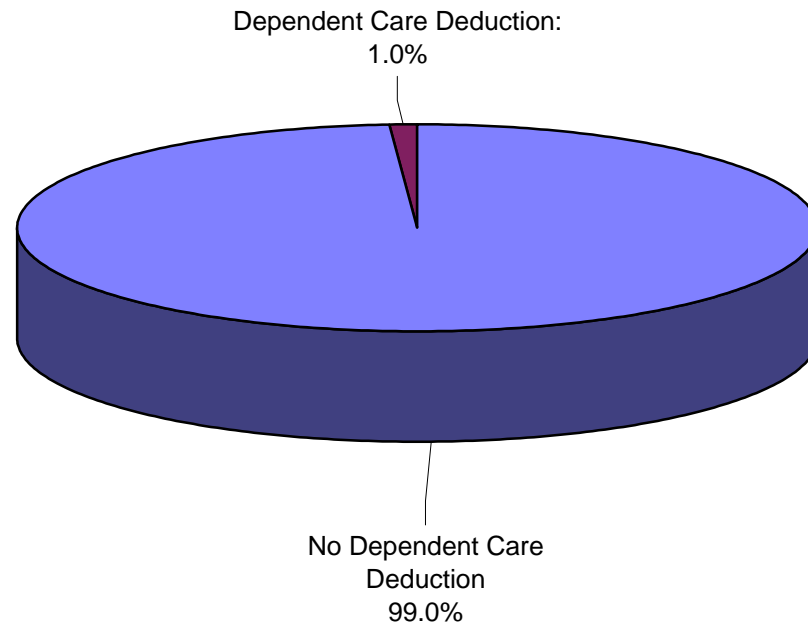
FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED A DEPENDENT CARE DEDUCTION

DEPENDENT CARE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Dependent Care Deduction	691,280	99.0	435,741	99.4	255,539	98.3
Dependent Care Deduction:	7,175	1.0	2,704	0.6	4,471	1.7
Avg./Median Amt. of Dep. Care Deduction	\$225 / \$175		\$175 / \$175		\$254 / \$200	

- The average amount of dependent care (child care) deduction increased from \$160 in FFY 1999 to \$225 for FFY 2000.
- The reason so few PAFS households claim a dependent care deduction (0.6%) is because the CalWORKs program provides for receipt of child care at no cost to the recipients.

CHART 32

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED A DEPENDENT CARE DEDUCTION



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey  
Federal Fiscal Year 2000

TABLE 33

REPORTING STATUS OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

REPORTING STATUS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Monthly Reporting	634,044	90.8	410,535	93.6	223,509	86.0
Change Reporting	32,806	4.7	3,152	0.7	29,654	11.4
Elig. Simplification Project	30,715	4.4	24,706	5.6	6,009	2.3
Time Frame Reporting	838	0.1	0	0.0	838	0.3
Unknown	52	0.0	52	0.0	0	0.0

- Roughly 91% of food stamp households were on monthly reporting status, essentially the same as FFY 1999.

Reporting Status Definitions:

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

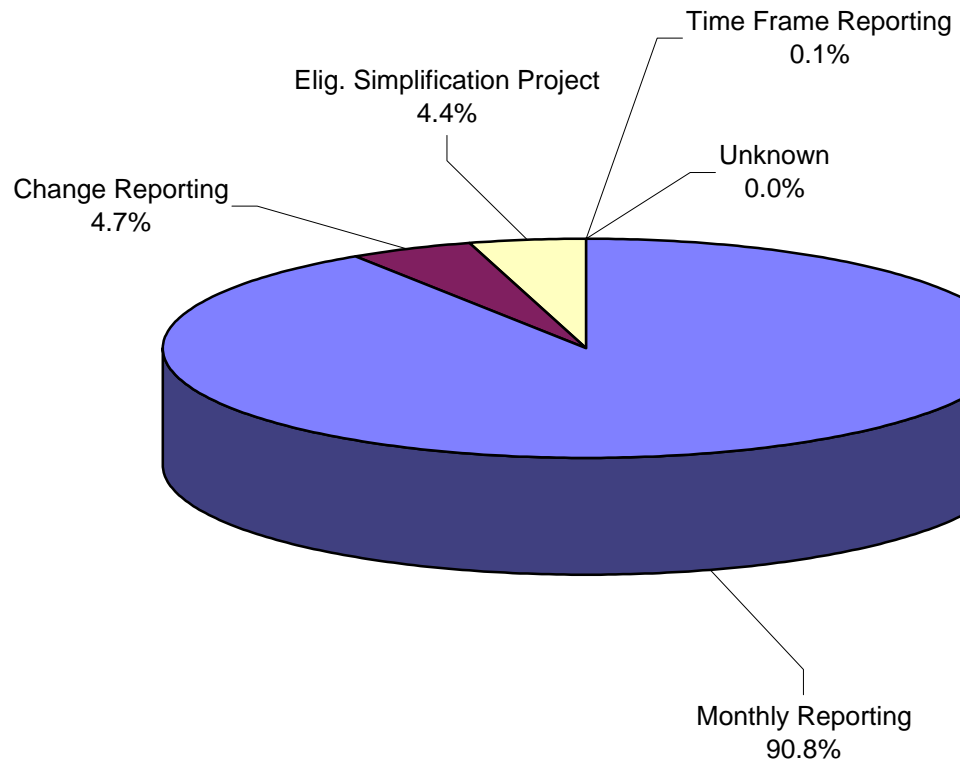
*Change Reporting* - Households subject to the change reporting requirements must report certain changes in circumstances within ten days of becoming aware of change

*Eligibility Simplification Project* - A time-limited federal demo project, which shut down effective 8/1/00.

*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



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey  
Federal Fiscal Year 2000

TABLE 34

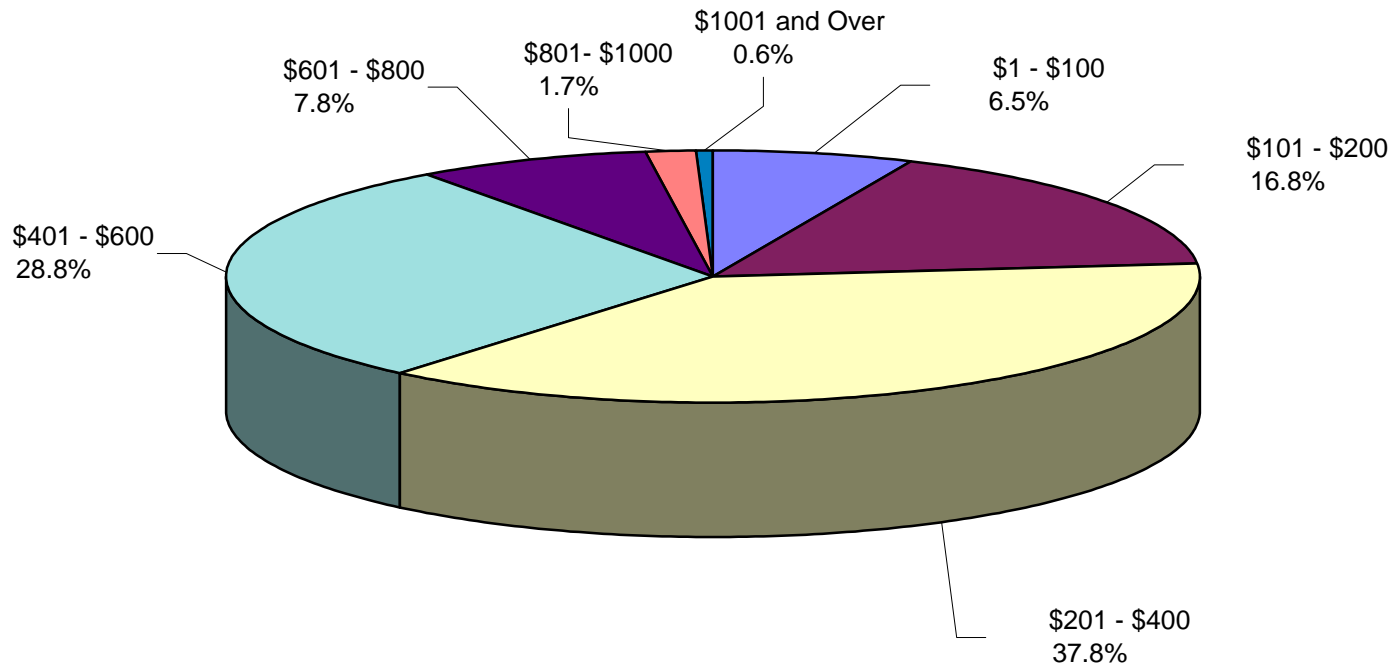
FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD REPORTED BUDGET MONTH SHELTER COST

SHELTER COST	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Households Not Reporting Shelter Cost	58,073	8.3	12,544	2.9	45,529	17.5
Households Reporting Shelter Cost;	<u>640,382</u>	91.7 <u>100.0</u>	<u>425,901</u>	97.1 <u>100.0</u>	<u>214,481</u>	82.5 <u>100.0</u>
\$1 - \$100	41,813	6.5	26,820	6.3	14,993	7.0
\$101 - \$200	107,826	16.8	62,259	14.6	45,567	21.2
\$201 - \$400	242,014	37.8	167,269	39.3	74,745	34.8
\$401 - \$600	184,232	28.8	129,984	30.5	54,248	25.3
\$601 - \$800	50,040	7.8	31,651	7.4	18,389	8.6
\$801- \$1000	10,841	1.7	6,061	1.4	4,780	2.2
\$1001 and Over	3616	0.6	1857	0.4	1,759	0.8
Avg./Median Amt. of Shelter Cost	\$375 / \$350		\$379 / \$375		\$367 / \$339	

- The average amount of shelter cost for food stamp households in FFY 2000 was \$375 per month.
- Nearly 38% of food stamp households paid between \$200 and \$400 per month for shelter.

CHART 34

FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD REPORTED BUDGET MONTH SHELTER COST



Food Stamp Household Characteristics Survey  
Federal Fiscal Year 2000

TABLE 35

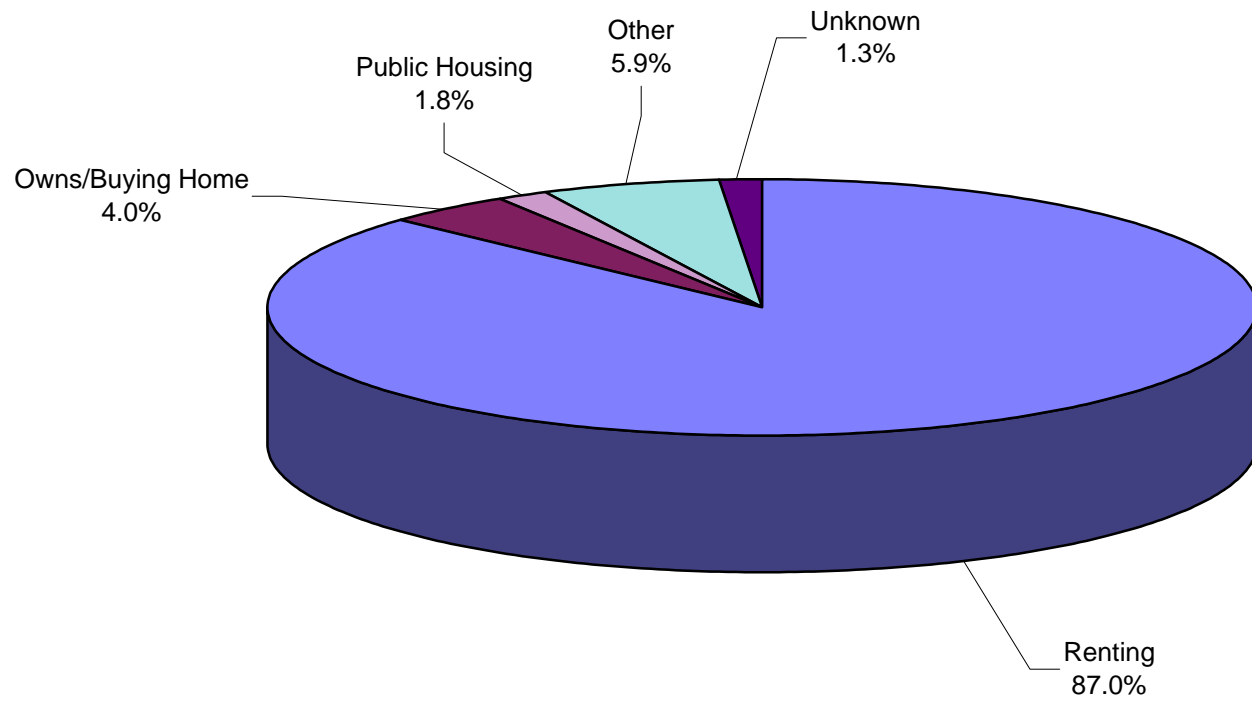
HOUSING TYPE OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

HOUSING TYPE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NON-ASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>698,455</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>438,445</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>260,010</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Renting	607,413	87.0	406,943	92.8	200,470	77.1
Owns/Buying Home	28,159	4.0	11,348	2.6	16,811	6.5
Public Housing	12,640	1.8	10,348	2.4	2,292	0.9
Other	41,451	5.9	8,576	2.0	32,875	12.6
Unknown	8,792	1.3	1,230	0.3	7,562	2.9

- Eighty-seven percent of food stamp households rented their shelter during FFY 2000, while nearly 2% utilized public housing.

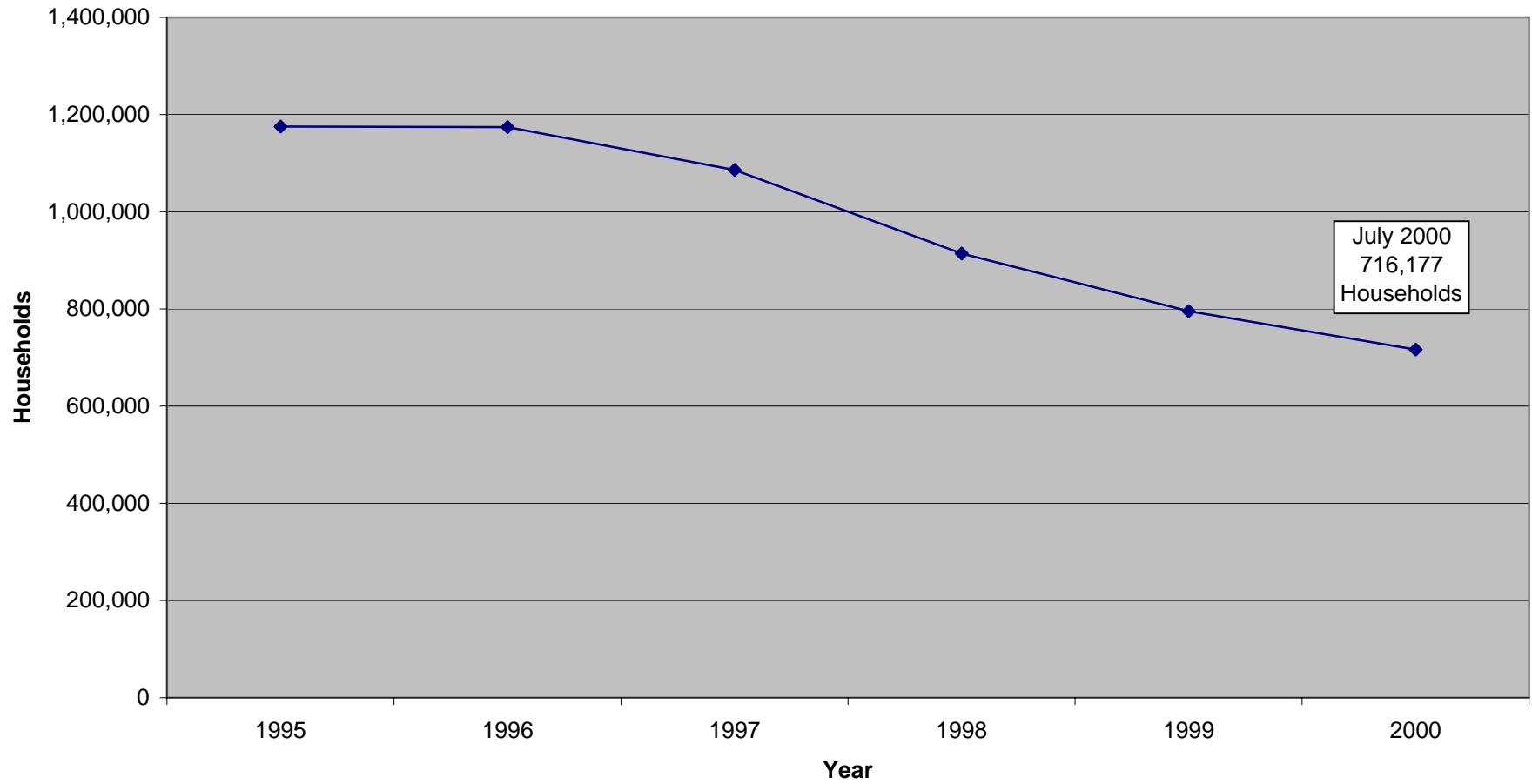
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HOUSING TYPE OF THE FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLD

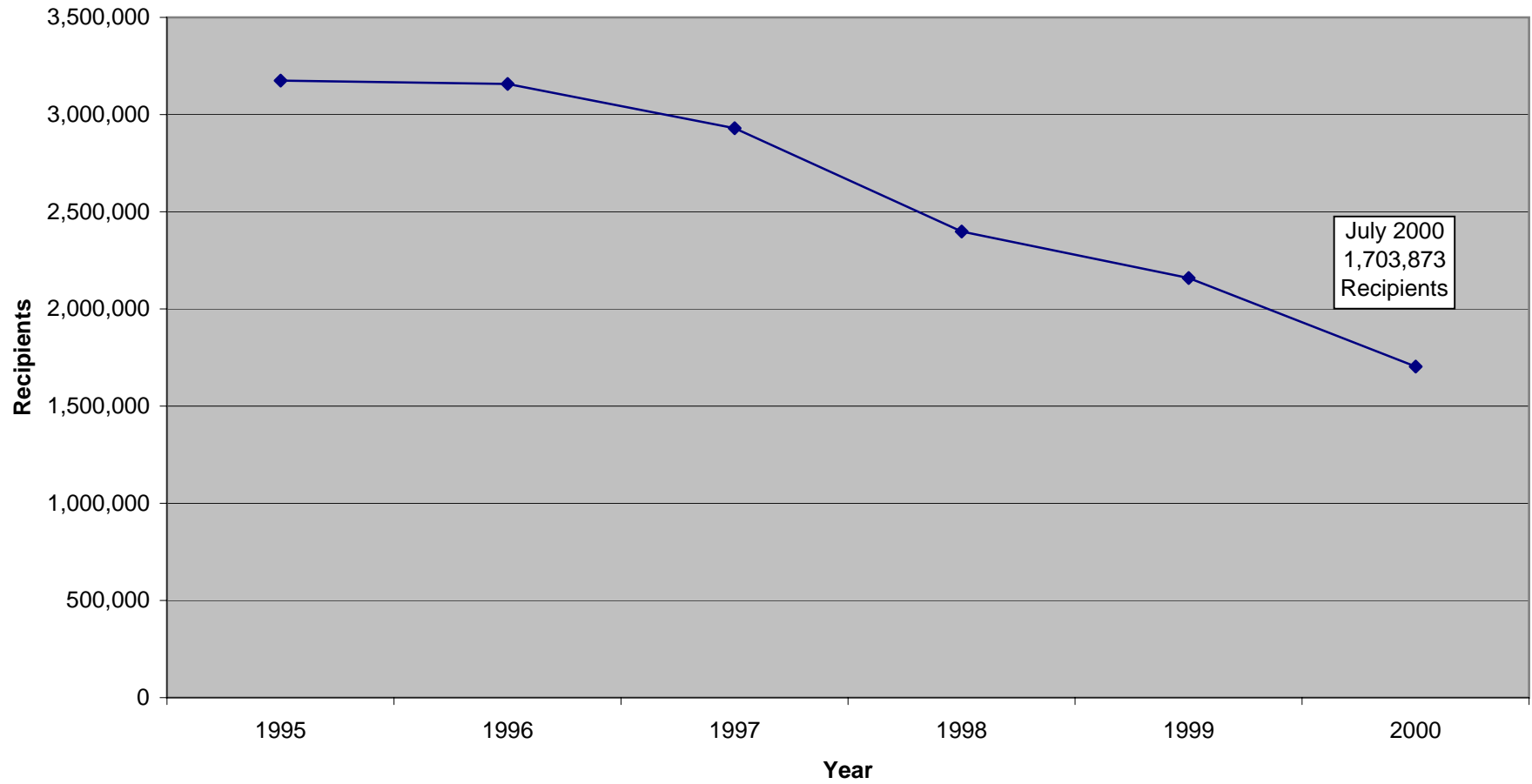


**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM  
TREND CHARTS**

**CHART 36**  
**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM**  
**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND NONASSISTANCE**  
***HOUSEHOLDS***  
**JULY 1995 - JULY 2000**



**CHART 37**  
**FOOD STAMP PROGRAM**  
**PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND NONASSISTANCE**  
**RECIPIENTS**  
**JULY 1995 - JULY 2000**



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

# Appendix A

## National Level Annual Summary Participation and Costs 1969 - 2000

<b>Food Stamp Program Participation and Costs</b>					
(Data as of February 27, 2001)					
		Average		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	228.80	21.70	250.50
1970	4,340	10.55	549.70	27.20	576.90
1971	9,368	13.55	1522.70	53.20	1575.90
1972	11,109	13.48	1797.30	69.40	1866.70
1973	12,166	14.60	2131.40	76.00	2207.40
1974	12,862	17.61	2718.30	119.20	2837.50
1975	17,064	21.40	4385.50	233.20	4618.70
1976	18,549	23.93	5326.50	359.00	5685.50
1977	17,077	24.71	5067.00	394.00	5461.00
1978	16,001	26.77	5139.20	380.50	5519.70
1979	17,653	30.59	6480.20	459.60	6939.80
1980	21,082	34.47	8720.90	485.60	9206.50
1981	22,430	39.49	10629.90	595.40	11225.20
1982 3]	21,717	39.17	10208.30	628.40	10836.70
1983	21,625	42.98	11152.30	694.80	11847.10
1984	20,854	42.74	10696.10	882.60	11578.80
1985	19,899	44.99	10743.60	959.60	11703.20
1986	19,429	45.49	10605.20	1033.20	11638.40
1987	19,113	45.78	10500.30	1103.90	11604.20
1988	18,645	49.83	11149.10	1167.70	12316.80
1989	18,806	51.85	11700.50	1231.80	12932.30
1990	20,067	58.92	14186.70	1304.40	15491.10
1991	22,624	63.86	17338.70	1430.40	18769.10
1992	25,406	68.57	20905.70	1556.60	22462.30
1993	26,982	67.96	22006.00	1647.00	23653.00
1994	27,468	69.01	22748.60	1744.10	24492.70
1995	26,619	71.26	22764.10	1855.50	24619.60
1996	25,542	73.21	22441.50	1885.50	24327.00
1997	22,858	71.27	19550.20	1936.70	21486.90
1998	19,788	71.12	16889.10	2003.50	18892.60
1999	18,183	72.20	15755.40	1942.90	17698.30
2000 (P)	17,161	72.76	14,985.30	2,054.60	17,039.90

Data are subject to revision; changes in preliminary FY 2000 data may be significant.

1] Represents average monthly benefits per person.

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

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

# Appendix B

## National Level Monthly Data Food Stamp Program 1998 through December 2000

<b>FOOD STAMP PROGRAM</b>					
<b>(Data as of February 27, 2001)</b>					
<b>Fiscal</b>	<b>PARTICIPATION</b>		<b>BENEFIT</b>	<b>AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Persons</b>	<b>Households</b>	<b>COSTS</b>	<b>Per Person</b>	<b>Per Household</b>
<b>ANNUAL SUMMARY</b>					
2000	17,161,479	7,333,758	14,985,275,220	72.76	170.27
1999	18,182,595	7,668,372	15,755,368,366	72.20	171.21
1998	19,788,115	8,248,741	16,889,068,862	71.12	170.62
<b>MONTHLY DATA</b>					
<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	173.10
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	1,378,910,572	73.41	175.45
N	18,647,789	7,837,813	1,343,824,577	72.06	171.45
D	18,617,677	7,832,358	1,346,844,137	72.34	171.95
J 1999	18,483,171	7,778,282	1,321,692,272	71.50	169.92
F	18,277,915	7,702,230	1,327,332,446	72.61	172.33
M	18,354,551	7,740,594	1,344,356,705	73.24	173.67
A	18,100,864	7,641,232	1,310,041,656	72.37	171.44
M	17,947,007	7,573,340	1,291,185,901	71.94	170.49
J	17,835,831	7,542,885	1,273,622,266	71.40	168.85
J	17,723,939	7,503,175	1,266,611,913	71.46	168.81
A	17,695,611	7,494,120	1,261,878,582	71.31	168.38
S	17,725,280	7,515,493	1,289,067,339	72.72	171.52
<u>FY 2000</u>					
O 1999	17,524,032	7,437,118	1,288,104,160	73.50	173.19
N	17,568,161	7,448,610	1,277,987,163	72.74	171.57
D	17,256,027	7,356,522	1,283,090,044	74.35	174.41
J 2000	17,124,415	7,299,558	1,240,798,595	72.45	169.98
F	17,193,335	7,360,283	1,248,847,262	72.63	169.67
M	17,291,380	7,396,034	1,263,884,437	73.09	170.88
A	17,040,532	7,310,347	1,241,076,480	72.83	169.76
M	17,016,671	7,293,287	1,228,854,438	72.21	168.49
J	17,037,439	7,299,794	1,231,298,609	72.27	168.67
J	16,876,252	7,235,972	1,216,944,901	72.10	168.17

<b>FOOD STAMP PROGRAM</b>					
<b>(Data as of February 27, 2001)</b>					
<b>Fiscal</b>	<b>PARTICIPATION</b>		<b>BENEFIT</b>	<b>AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT</b>	
<b>Year</b>	<b>Persons</b>	<b>Households</b>	<b>COSTS</b>	<b>Per Person</b>	<b>Per Household</b>
<i>MONTHLY DATA</i>					
A	17,001,364	7,279,612	1,232,739,469	72.50	169.34
S	17,008,138	7,287,958	1,231,649,662	72.41	168.99
<u>FY 2001</u>					
O 2000	17,028,257	7,312,815	1,260,098,642	74.00	172.31
N	17,081,332	7,345,131	1,262,506,126	73.91	171.88
D	17,166,579	7,376,275	1,273,649,747	74.19	172.66
<b>All data are subject to revision; FY 2000-2001 data are subject to significant change.</b>					

# Appendix C

## State Level Annual Data Persons Participating 1996 - 2000

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: AVERAGE MONTHLY PARTICIPATION (PERSONS)						
(Data as of February 27, 2001)						
State / Territory	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	% Change
					<i>Preliminary</i>	
ALABAMA	509,214	469,268	426,819	405,273	396,057	-0.02
ALASKA	46,233	45,234	42,451	41,262	37,524	-0.09
ARIZONA	427,481	363,779	295,703	257,362	259,006	0.01
ARKANSAS	273,900	265,654	255,710	252,957	246,572	-0.03
CALIFORNIA	3,143,390	2,814,761	2,259,069	2,027,089	1,831,697	-0.10
COLORADO	243,692	216,748	191,015	173,497	155,948	-0.10
CONNECTICUT	222,758	209,529	195,866	178,168	165,059	-0.07
DELAWARE	57,836	53,655	45,581	38,571	32,218	-0.16
DISTRICT OF COL	92,751	90,391	85,396	84,082	80,803	-0.04
FLORIDA	1,371,352	1,191,664	990,571	933,435	882,341	-0.05
GEORGIA	792,502	698,323	631,720	616,600	559,468	-0.09
GUAM	17,599	17,783	25,249	19,758	22,234	0.13
HAWAII	130,344	126,901	122,027	125,155	118,041	-0.06
IDAHO	79,855	70,413	62,393	57,201	58,191	0.02
ILLINOIS	1,105,160	1,019,600	922,927	820,034	779,420	-0.05
INDIANA	389,537	347,772	313,116	298,213	300,314	0.01
IOWA	177,283	161,184	141,067	128,790	123,322	-0.04
KANSAS	171,831	148,734	119,218	114,875	116,596	0.01
KENTUCKY	485,628	444,422	412,028	396,440	403,479	0.02
LOUISIANA	670,034	575,411	536,834	516,285	499,851	-0.03
MAINE	130,872	123,767	115,099	108,749	101,665	-0.07
MARYLAND	374,512	354,436	322,653	264,393	219,180	-0.17
MASSACHUSETTS	373,599	339,505	292,997	261,021	231,829	-0.11
MICHIGAN	935,416	838,917	771,580	682,680	609,178	-0.11
MINNESOTA	294,825	260,476	219,744	208,062	196,050	-0.06
MISSISSIPPI	457,106	399,062	329,058	288,057	275,856	-0.04
MISSOURI	553,930	477,703	410,966	408,331	419,959	0.03
MONTANA	70,754	66,605	62,328	60,898	59,466	-0.02
NEBRASKA	101,625	97,176	94,944	92,404	82,414	-0.11
NEVADA	96,712	82,419	71,531	61,673	60,905	-0.01
NEW HAMPSHIRE	52,809	46,000	39,578	37,438	36,266	-0.03
NEW JERSEY	540,452	491,337	424,738	384,888	344,677	-0.10
NEW MEXICO	235,060	204,644	174,699	178,439	169,354	-0.05
NEW YORK	2,098,561	1,913,548	1,627,170	1,540,784	1,438,568	-0.07
NORTH CAROLINA	631,061	586,415	527,790	505,410	488,247	-0.03
NORTH DAKOTA	39,825	37,688	33,801	33,442	31,895	-0.05
OHIO	1,045,066	873,562	733,565	639,786	609,717	-0.05
OKLAHOMA	353,790	321,894	287,577	271,351	253,287	-0.07
OREGON	287,607	258,615	238,446	223,978	234,387	0.05
PENNSYLVANIA	1,123,541	1,008,864	906,735	834,898	777,112	-0.07
RHODE ISLAND	90,873	84,627	72,301	76,394	74,256	-0.03
SOUTH CAROLINA	358,341	349,137	333,017	308,570	295,335	-0.04
SOUTH DAKOTA	48,843	46,901	45,173	44,065	42,962	-0.03
TENNESSEE	637,773	585,889	538,467	510,828	496,031	-0.03

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: AVERAGE MONTHLY PARTICIPATION (PERSONS)						
(Data as of February 27, 2001)						
State / Territory	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	% Change
					<i>Preliminary</i>	
TEXAS	2,371,958	2,033,750	1,636,175	1,400,526	1,332,785	-0.05
UTAH	110,011	98,338	91,764	88,163	81,945	-0.07
VERMONT	56,459	53,005	45,702	44,287	40,829	-0.08
VIRGIN ISLANDS	30,663	20,164	17,283	16,866	15,668	-0.07
VIRGINIA	537,531	476,088	396,581	361,581	336,080	-0.07
WASHINGTON	478,391	448,663	364,418	306,654	295,061	-0.04
WEST VIRGINIA	299,719	287,035	269,140	247,249	226,897	-0.08
WISCONSIN	283,255	232,103	192,887	182,206	193,021	0.06
WYOMING	33,013	28,584	25,452	23,477	22,459	-0.04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,542,331</b>	<b>22,858,137</b>	<b>19,788,115</b>	<b>18,182,595</b>	<b>17,161,479</b>	<b>-0.06</b>
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# Appendix D

## State Level Annual Data Households Participating 1996 - 2000

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: AVERAGE MONTHLY PARTICIPATION (HOUSEHOLDS)						
(Data as of February 27, 2001)						
State / Territory	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	% Change
					<i>Preliminary</i>	
ALABAMA	204,197	185,946	166,822	159,241	156,105	-0.02
ALASKA	15,763	15,351	14,250	13,909	13,208	-0.05
ARIZONA	158,888	133,350	106,943	94,906	95,569	0.01
ARKANSAS	108,867	105,435	100,776	100,305	98,764	-0.02
CALIFORNIA	1,169,132	1,045,260	865,312	745,994	672,198	-0.10
COLORADO	101,394	90,929	81,935	75,981	69,951	-0.08
CONNECTICUT	99,870	94,161	92,813	87,946	84,016	-0.04
DELAWARE	21,421	19,872	16,882	14,286	13,463	-0.06
DISTRICT OF COL	42,351	40,406	37,792	37,349	36,194	-0.03
FLORIDA	590,418	513,784	431,750	426,593	415,788	-0.03
GEORGIA	323,120	284,142	256,429	251,256	229,500	-0.09
GUAM	5,629	5,609	7,030	5,965	6,718	0.13
HAWAII	58,539	56,680	54,248	56,365	54,212	-0.04
IDAHO	30,418	26,711	23,636	22,536	23,174	0.03
ILLINOIS	469,571	433,933	392,747	352,018	338,230	-0.04
INDIANA	154,780	140,331	129,644	125,593	127,875	0.02
IOWA	73,586	66,924	58,852	54,254	52,548	-0.03
KANSAS	71,806	63,607	52,957	52,008	53,383	0.03
KENTUCKY	185,981	173,516	162,697	159,347	167,971	0.05
LOUISIANA	256,382	219,547	202,047	197,520	191,891	-0.03
MAINE	60,746	58,449	55,599	53,719	51,739	-0.04
MARYLAND	164,726	151,910	137,369	117,311	101,048	-0.14
MASSACHUSETTS	163,282	149,114	133,522	121,767	110,234	-0.09
MICHIGAN	409,490	366,414	329,941	297,465	271,338	-0.09
MINNESOTA	125,686	110,395	97,149	94,437	91,099	-0.04
MISSISSIPPI	178,667	155,466	129,979	115,176	108,993	-0.05
MISSOURI	233,326	199,413	173,954	172,499	180,401	0.05
MONTANA	28,559	26,750	25,418	25,334	25,280	0.00
NEBRASKA	42,491	40,602	38,755	37,969	35,130	-0.07
NEVADA	45,849	38,466	32,653	28,736	28,291	-0.02
NEW HAMPSHIRE	23,389	20,775	18,240	17,927	18,095	0.01
NEW JERSEY	232,450	212,474	185,598	169,941	152,358	-0.10
NEW MEXICO	86,586	74,970	64,530	65,520	63,537	-0.03
NEW YORK	984,205	899,035	759,177	747,975	720,035	-0.04
NORTH CAROLINA	265,386	249,829	224,235	214,501	209,232	-0.02
NORTH DAKOTA	16,437	15,559	14,025	13,936	13,624	-0.02
OHIO	459,091	388,708	331,614	293,372	279,174	-0.05
OKLAHOMA	146,897	130,890	119,168	113,313	107,098	-0.05
OREGON	134,869	121,019	110,933	107,458	114,368	0.06
PENNSYLVANIA	492,579	440,167	400,170	373,202	352,491	-0.06
RHODE ISLAND	39,220	36,976	32,399	34,282	33,422	-0.03
SOUTH CAROLINA	139,883	139,762	135,539	126,539	121,945	-0.04
SOUTH DAKOTA	18,493	17,767	16,896	16,448	16,448	0.00
TENNESSEE	274,033	252,698	231,724	219,910	215,336	-0.02

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(Data as of February 27, 2001)						
State / Territory	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	% Change
					<i>Preliminary</i>	
TEXAS	884,777	751,094	601,968	514,786	489,303	-0.05
UTAH	41,754	37,625	35,124	35,206	32,627	-0.07
VERMONT	26,034	24,746	21,479	20,826	19,648	-0.06
VIRGIN ISLANDS	9,748	6,312	5,515	5,429	5,087	-0.06
VIRGINIA	234,757	205,926	170,711	158,842	150,452	-0.05
WASHINGTON	205,287	200,305	164,232	137,341	133,481	-0.03
WEST VIRGINIA	120,789	117,129	110,318	102,925	96,097	-0.07
WISCONSIN	104,529	87,361	75,321	71,662	76,633	0.07
WYOMING	12,715	11,109	9,928	9,248	8,956	-0.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,548,838</b>	<b>9,454,705</b>	<b>8,248,741</b>	<b>7,668,372</b>	<b>7,333,758</b>	<b>-0.04</b>
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# Appendix E

## State Level Annual Data Benefits 1996 - 2000

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM BENEFITS						
(Data as of February 27, 2001)						
State / Territory	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	% Change
					<i>Preliminary</i>	
ALABAMA	439,505,204	392,822,110	357,317,903	346,450,437	343,735,258	-0.01
ALASKA	53,916,257	52,222,298	49,746,822	48,889,936	45,834,562	-0.06
ARIZONA	371,506,309	315,872,252	253,455,437	232,826,572	240,245,624	0.03
ARKANSAS	223,708,323	213,706,577	205,780,188	209,874,168	206,236,378	-0.02
CALIFORNIA	2,554,896,221	2,371,678,336	2,019,720,937	1,796,136,121	1,639,310,579	-0.09
COLORADO	210,444,396	182,025,963	156,916,678	144,720,537	126,585,277	-0.13
CONNECTICUT	175,271,870	169,942,403	161,193,698	149,595,858	138,008,106	-0.08
DELAWARE	47,292,646	41,325,223	33,608,741	32,362,999	31,126,762	-0.04
DISTRICT OF COL	94,953,141	91,057,372	84,857,116	82,496,954	76,672,014	-0.07
FLORIDA	1,295,526,302	1,061,176,745	845,349,552	813,042,471	772,124,436	-0.05
GEORGIA	703,336,676	597,073,335	538,294,023	513,637,274	488,888,524	-0.05
GUAM	26,824,330	27,183,661	34,412,794	31,221,187	35,880,315	0.15
HAWAII	196,040,463	188,852,921	178,216,072	179,884,736	166,259,882	-0.08
IDAHO	61,245,843	53,339,087	46,693,275	45,307,846	46,163,882	0.02
ILLINOIS	1,034,043,236	933,346,461	844,102,292	767,080,093	777,031,218	0.01
INDIANA	329,872,514	292,964,477	263,188,554	255,421,097	269,125,197	0.05
IOWA	141,122,551	124,851,060	109,448,465	103,388,504	100,182,582	-0.03
KANSAS	135,345,219	111,575,951	82,783,169	80,360,213	82,700,978	0.03
KENTUCKY	413,094,849	371,632,575	344,940,784	336,771,715	336,743,372	0.00
LOUISIANA	597,387,053	512,269,336	466,980,753	462,680,491	448,096,963	-0.03
MAINE	113,120,904	103,266,050	100,232,859	89,127,326	81,408,200	-0.09
MARYLAND	361,556,367	319,484,417	281,736,952	237,310,627	199,458,863	-0.16
MASSACHUSETTS	295,092,039	262,265,352	221,815,998	205,051,564	181,517,603	-0.11
MICHIGAN	773,360,253	677,635,885	588,474,335	514,831,200	456,597,027	-0.11
MINNESOTA	221,347,637	193,074,373	180,842,412	172,063,522	164,154,402	-0.05
MISSISSIPPI	375,931,119	313,249,815	254,346,378	231,739,620	226,107,873	-0.02
MISSOURI	479,648,553	400,711,955	345,484,217	348,113,305	358,045,751	0.03
MONTANA	58,387,612	55,413,823	52,373,946	52,398,197	51,307,579	-0.02
NEBRASKA	77,508,320	71,973,914	67,738,363	66,150,346	60,888,562	-0.08
NEVADA	91,214,595	73,918,975	63,224,574	56,059,506	56,642,985	0.01
NEW HAMPSHIRE	41,644,951	35,011,951	30,212,014	30,955,561	28,129,262	-0.09
NEW JERSEY	507,790,724	448,854,530	383,557,420	345,639,729	303,820,932	-0.12
NEW MEXICO	199,137,468	168,046,295	144,404,618	144,187,966	139,569,533	-0.03
NEW YORK	2,053,944,448	1,777,553,900	1,505,332,697	1,464,473,573	1,361,453,901	-0.07
NORTH CAROLINA	546,795,219	478,122,159	421,099,231	434,764,911	403,129,126	-0.07
NORTH DAKOTA	32,266,813	29,119,279	25,123,251	25,689,624	25,295,459	-0.02
OHIO	934,276,932	743,914,105	612,750,217	535,415,498	520,258,638	-0.03
OKLAHOMA	307,753,291	255,512,760	230,899,828	221,447,724	208,701,757	-0.06
OREGON	259,393,703	215,761,637	197,719,414	190,450,933	198,485,589	0.04
PENNSYLVANIA	981,088,691	864,946,388	764,085,110	704,175,016	655,726,257	-0.07
RHODE ISLAND	77,966,164	69,720,627	56,712,236	61,300,107	59,272,157	-0.03
SOUTH CAROLINA	299,356,782	280,830,926	263,759,224	251,171,238	249,259,466	-0.01

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State / Territory	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	% Change
					<i>Preliminary</i>	
SOUTH DAKOTA	40,756,994	38,547,970	36,922,622	36,973,956	36,786,857	-0.01
TENNESSEE	541,572,944	474,606,404	437,307,628	424,613,484	415,088,876	-0.02
TEXAS	2,140,168,464	1,764,540,070	1,424,902,631	1,255,473,491	1,215,160,306	-0.03
UTAH	86,932,208	78,292,517	75,252,157	73,202,676	68,317,065	-0.07
VERMONT	43,078,748	40,090,117	33,758,213	34,293,144	31,996,215	-0.07
VIRGIN ISLANDS	41,835,077	24,859,013	21,851,455	22,193,300	20,936,251	-0.06
VIRGINIA	449,576,596	379,314,304	306,862,153	282,346,203	262,411,777	-0.07
WASHINGTON	425,901,094	385,666,489	308,047,902	260,239,784	241,495,700	-0.07
WEST VIRGINIA	251,844,756	239,064,086	224,256,623	208,102,865	185,496,453	-0.11
WISCONSIN	197,722,160	158,436,712	130,103,649	123,795,156	128,811,293	0.04
WYOMING	28,156,352	23,452,624	20,871,282	19,468,005	18,591,596	-0.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,441,461,381</b>	<b>19,550,177,565</b>	<b>16,889,068,862</b>	<b>15,755,368,366</b>	<b>14,985,275,220</b>	<b>-0.05</b>

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# Appendix F

## State Level Annual Data Average Monthly Benefits Per Person 1996 - 2000

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT PER PERSON						
(Data as of February 27, 2001)						
State / Territory	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000 <i>Preliminary</i>	% Change
ALABAMA	71.92	69.75	69.76	71.23	72.32	0.02
ALASKA	97.18	96.20	97.65	98.73	101.78	0.03
ARIZONA	72.42	72.35	71.42	75.38	77.29	0.03
ARKANSAS	68.06	67.03	67.06	69.14	69.70	0.01
CALIFORNIA	67.73	70.21	74.50	73.83	74.58	0.01
COLORADO	71.96	69.98	68.45	69.51	67.64	-0.03
CONNECTICUT	65.56	67.58	68.58	69.96	69.67	0.00
DELAWARE	68.14	64.18	61.44	69.92	80.51	0.15
DISTRICT OF COL	85.31	83.94	82.80	81.76	79.07	-0.03
FLORIDA	78.72	74.20	71.11	72.58	72.92	0.00
GEORGIA	73.95	71.25	71.00	69.41	72.82	0.05
GUAM	127.01	127.38	113.57	131.67	134.48	0.02
HAWAII	125.33	124.01	121.70	119.77	117.37	-0.02
IDAHO	63.91	63.12	62.36	66.00	66.10	0.00
ILLINOIS	77.97	76.28	76.21	77.95	83.07	0.07
INDIANA	70.56	70.20	70.04	71.37	74.67	0.05
IOWA	66.33	64.54	64.65	66.89	67.69	0.01
KANSAS	65.63	62.51	57.86	58.29	59.10	0.01
KENTUCKY	70.88	69.68	69.76	70.79	69.55	-0.02
LOUISIANA	74.29	74.18	72.48	74.68	74.70	0.00
MAINE	72.03	69.53	72.57	68.29	66.72	-0.02
MARYLAND	80.45	75.11	72.76	74.79	75.83	0.01
MASSACHUSETTS	65.82	64.37	63.08	65.46	65.24	0.00
MICHIGAN	68.89	67.31	63.55	62.84	62.46	-0.01
MINNESOTA	62.56	61.76	68.58	68.91	69.77	0.01
MISSISSIPPI	68.53	65.41	64.41	67.04	68.30	0.02
MISSOURI	72.15	69.90	70.05	71.04	71.04	0.00
MONTANA	68.76	69.33	70.02	71.70	71.90	0.00
NEBRASKA	63.55	61.72	59.45	59.65	61.56	0.03
NEVADA	78.59	74.73	73.65	75.74	77.50	0.02
NEW HAMPSHIRE	65.71	63.42	63.61	68.90	64.63	-0.06
NEW JERSEY	78.29	76.12	75.25	74.83	73.45	-0.02
NEW MEXICO	70.59	68.43	68.88	67.33	68.67	0.02
NEW YORK	81.56	77.41	77.09	79.20	78.86	0.00
NORTH CAROLINA	72.20	67.94	66.48	71.68	68.80	-0.04
NORTH DAKOTA	67.51	64.38	61.93	64.01	66.09	0.03
OHIO	74.49	70.96	69.60	69.73	71.10	0.02
OKLAHOMA	72.48	66.14	66.90	68.00	68.66	0.01
OREGON	75.15	69.52	69.09	70.85	70.56	0.00
PENNSYLVANIA	72.76	71.44	70.22	70.28	70.31	0.00

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM: AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT PER PERSON						
(Data as of February 27, 2001)						
State / Territory	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	% Change
					<i>Preliminary</i>	
RHODE ISLAND	71.49	68.65	65.36	66.86	66.51	-0.01
SOUTH CAROLINA	69.61	67.02	66.00	67.83	70.33	0.04
SOUTH DAKOTA	69.53	68.49	68.11	69.92	71.35	0.02
TENNESSEE	70.76	67.50	67.67	69.26	69.73	0.01
TEXAS	75.18	72.30	72.57	74.70	75.97	0.02
UTAH	65.85	66.34	68.33	69.19	69.47	0.00
VERMONT	63.58	63.02	61.55	64.52	65.30	0.01
VIRGIN ISLANDS	113.69	102.73	105.36	109.65	111.35	0.02
VIRGINIA	69.69	66.39	64.48	65.07	65.06	0.00
WASHINGTON	74.18	71.63	70.44	70.72	68.20	-0.04
WEST VIRGINIA	70.02	69.40	69.43	70.13	68.12	-0.03
WISCONSIN	58.16	56.88	56.20	56.61	55.61	-0.02
WYOMING	71.07	68.37	68.33	69.10	68.98	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73.21</b>	<b>71.27</b>	<b>71.12</b>	<b>72.20</b>	<b>72.76</b>	<b>0.01</b>
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## CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY

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## Appendix G

Reliability Estimates for  
Selected Sample Sizes<sup>1</sup>

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

**Example:** Table 23 shows that roughly 10% (10.3%) of the total households had a food stamp allotment of between \$250 and \$299. The reliability chart shows a reliability of + or - .80% for a sample size of 5600 (rounded--actual sample size:5648). This means we are 95% confident that the true value is between 9.5% and 11.1%. That is, there is 1 chance in 20 (5%) that the true value falls outside this range.

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



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