

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



April 6, 1988

ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 88-34

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY

The Department of Social Services (DSS), Data Processing and Statistical Services Bureau, will be conducting a characteristics survey on food stamp recipients. This survey is being conducted due to recent changes in Federal law which have impacted the Food Stamp Program. In addition, the last Food Stamp Characteristics Survey was conducted in March 1985.

The survey will collect a wide range of economic and demographic data on the food stamp household. The study month will be May 1988. The study population will include both public assistance and nonassistance food stamp households certified eligible to participate in the program during the study month. With the statewide implementation of the Central Data Base, DSS will utilize the Medi-Cal Extract File to identify the study population and to draw the sample cases. The statewide sample size will be approximately 1,400 public assistance and nonassistance food stamp cases. DSS will send the questionnaires, instructions to complete the questionnaire, and the list of sample survey cases to the County Welfare Departments in early June 1988.

As one of the first steps in this project, we request each County to submit the name of a person to act as a survey liaison. The information contained on the attached form should be telephoned or mailed to DSS by April 22, 1988.

Please direct your response, as well as any comments or questions regarding the survey, to:

Department of Social Services  
Data Processing and Statistical  
Services Bureau  
744 P Street, M.S. 19-84  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Attention: Mary Ann Y. Kashiwagi

Phone No.: (916) 323-4374 or (ATSS) 473-4374

Your cooperation is appreciated.



DENNIS J. BOYLE  
Deputy Director

Attachment

cc: CWDA

COUNTY LIAISON INFORMATION  
FOOD STAMP CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

LIAISON NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

DUE DATE: April 22, 1988

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Statistical Services Section  
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Attention: Mary Ann Y. Kashiwagi