

Public Assistance Facts and Figures

August 14, 2000

February 2000

Cash Grant Programs	Recipients				Average Monthly Benefits	
	February 2000	Change from January 2000	Percent Change from January 2000	Percent Change from February 1999	February 2000	February 1999
Total cash grant recipients a/.....	2,840,593	(19,120)	11.8	5.4	\$ xxxxxx	\$ xxxxxx
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) b/ - persons....	1,954,302	(21,473)	(1.3)	(11.9)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Children.....	1,178,423	(12,298)	(1.0)	(10.1)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Cases.....	565,452	(7,750)	(1.4)	(10.1)	488.68	443.15
CalWORKs payments (\$ in millions).....	\$276.3	(\$5.0)	(1.8)	(0.9)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Two Parent Families - persons.....	290,776	(996)	(0.3)	c/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Children.....	175,552	450	0.3	c/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Cases.....	65,829	154	0.2	c/	499.85	c/
Payments (\$ in millions).....	\$32.9	(\$4.5)	(12.1)	c/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Zero Parent Families - persons.....	273,808	(40,612)	(12.9)	c/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Children.....	273,808	(40,612)	(12.9)	c/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Cases.....	143,286	(19,101)	(11.8)	c/	451.49	c/
Payments (\$ in millions).....	\$64.7	\$3.6	5.9	c/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
All Other Families - persons.....	1,033,381	20,135	2.0	c/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Children.....	729,063	27,864	4.0	c/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Cases.....	356,337	11,197	3.2	c/	501.58	c/
Payments (\$ in millions).....	\$178.7	(\$4.1)	(2.2)	c/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Foster Care Program (FC) - children d/.....	84,536	(578)	(0.7)	(2.9)	1,260.18	1,275.23
Foster Family Home Placements.....	58,262	(536)	(0.9)	12.5	603.72	568.89
Foster Family Agency Placements.....	16,229	153	1.0	(28.0)	1,717.97	1,442.43
Group Home Placements.....	10,045	(195)	(1.9)	(21.1)	4,565.77	3,852.38
Foster Care Payments (\$ in millions).....	\$106.5	\$0.28	0.3	(4.0)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) - persons e/.....	1,065,531	4,115	0.4	2.5	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Aged.....	330,165	652	0.2	1.5	446.76	434.12
Blind.....	21,835	41	0.2	0.6	546.20	535.99
Disabled.....	713,531	3,422	0.5	3.0	536.94	523.26
SSI/SSP payments (\$ in millions).....	\$542.6	\$14.2	2.7	5.3	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
General Relief - (GR) persons.....	92,561	(1,184)	(1.3)	(1.1)	246.52	229.30
	February 2000	January 2000	February 1999			
California unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted).....	4.6%	4.8%	5.5%			
California population on assistance a/.....	9.3	8.3	9.0			

a/ Persons receiving CalWORKs, FC, SSI/SSP, or GR.

b/ All CalWORKs data is for cash grant cases only.

c/ Effective with the October 1999 report month, the source form (CA 237 CalWORKs) was changed to collect families data. Comparison to prior year data and prior year average monthly benefits will appear on the October 2000 PAFF.

d/ Number of children for whom foster care payments have been made. Does not include services only children.

e/ Estimate based on preliminary data from the Social Security Administration.

Data represents the most current statistics available at the time of publication. Current month includes prior period and preliminary data if current month is not reported timely by CWD. Prior period data is updated to include the most current information, including county reported changes/updates.

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Non-Cash Grant Programs	Recipients				Average Monthly Benefits	
	February 2000	Change from	Percent Change from		February 2000	February 1999
		January 2000	January 2000	February 1999		
					\$	\$
Federal Food Stamp (FS) Program					Average Coupon Value	
Persons.....	1,837,914	(28,629)	(1.5)	(9.8)	72.98	72.44
Assistance: persons.....	1,218,973	(18,147)	(1.5)	(12.4)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
households f/.....	408,818	(6,715)	(1.6)	(11.1)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Nonassistance: persons.....	618,941	(10,482)	(1.7)	(4.1)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
households f/.....	266,108	(6,091)	(2.2)	(7.2)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Expenditures paid (\$ in millions).....	\$134.1	\$0.3	0.2	(9.1)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
California Food Assistance Program (CFAP)						
Persons.....	88,151	(2,167)	(2.4)	(6.3)	47.37	46.90
Assistance: persons.....	58,414	(1,787)	(3.0)	(9.5)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
households g/.....	15,022	(607)	(3.9)	(17.2)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Nonassistance: persons.....	29,737	(380)	(1.3)	0.8	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
households g/.....	11,304	(477)	(4.0)	15.2	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Expenditures paid (\$ in millions).....	\$4.2	\$0.1	2.0	(5.3)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)					Average Cost Per Person h/	
Cases open at end of month.....	232,291	621	0.3	7.9	542.67	499.32
Hours of service paid.....	17,864,550	56,001	0.3	10.7	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Expenditures paid (\$ in millions) i/.....	\$118.8	(\$0.7)	(0.6)	16.7	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Adult Protective Services (APS)						
Cases open during the month.....	5,454	(382)	(6.5)	j/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Cases carried forward to next month.....	12,877	(653)	(4.8)	j/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Investigations of self neglect i/.....	1,618	10	0.6	j/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Investigations of abuse perpetrated by others i/.....	969	28	3.0	j/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx

f/ Combined count of Federal only and a portion of Federal-CFAP mixed households based on the percentage of Federal persons in Federal-CFAP mixed households.

g/ Combined count of State only and a portion of Federal-CFAP mixed households based on the percentage of State persons in Federal-CFAP mixed households.

h/ Based on paid cases for the month.

i/ Confirmed and unduplicated investigations.

j/ Effective with the September 1999 report month, the source form (CA 237 FC) was changed. Comparison to prior year data will appear on the September 2000 PAFF.

CalWORKs Non-Exempt Assistance Units Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) and Food Stamp (FS) Allotment

MAP Effective (7/1/99)			FS Allotments (10/1/99 - 9/30/00)	
Eligible persons in the same home	Region 1	Region 2	Eligible persons in the FS household	Maximum Coupon Allotment
1	\$310	\$294	1	\$127
2	505	481	2	234
3	626	596	3	335
4	746	710	4	426
5	849	808	5	506
6	953	907	6	607
7	1,048	996	7	671
8	1,141	1,086	8	767
9	1,233	1,173	9	863
10+	1,324	1,260	10+	959

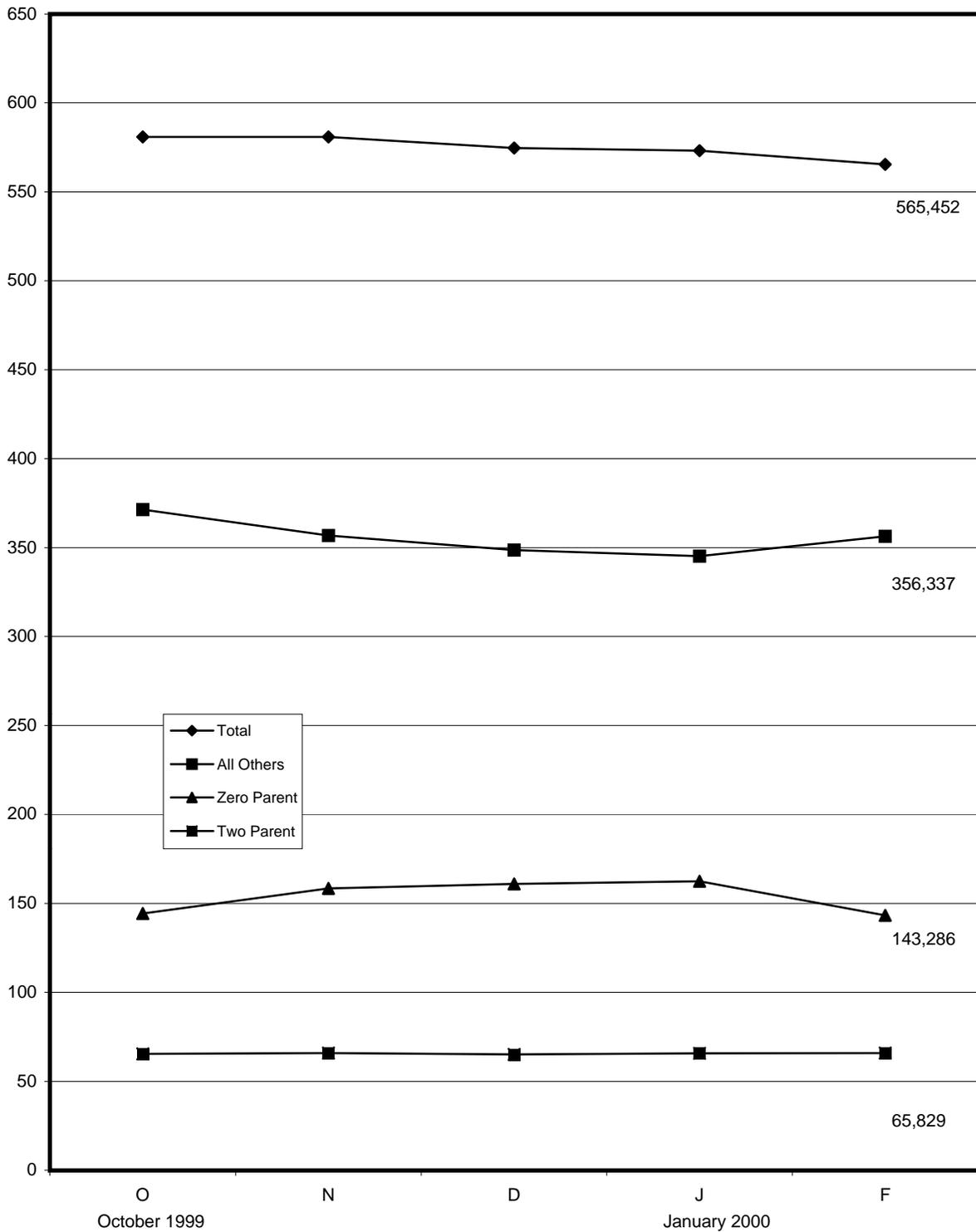
SSI/SSP Grant Levels (effective 1/1/00)

	Aged or Disabled			Blind		
	Total	SSI	SSP	Total	SSI	SSP
Individual	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Independent.....	692.00	512.00	180.00	749.00	512.00	237.00
Household of another.....	529.00	341.34	187.66	599.00	341.34	257.66
Nonmedical Out-of-Home Care.....	847.00	512.00	335.00	847.00	512.00	335.00
Couple						
Independent, neither member blind.....	1,229.00	769.00	460.00	xxx	xxx	xxx
Independent, one member blind.....	xxx	xxx	xxx	1,351.00	769.00	582.00
Independent, both members blind.....	xxx	xxx	xxx	1,424.00	769.00	655.00
Nonmedical Out-of-Home Care.....	1,694.00	769.00	925.00	1,694.00	769.00	925.00

CalWORKs Caseload by Category

October 1999 - February 2000

Thousands



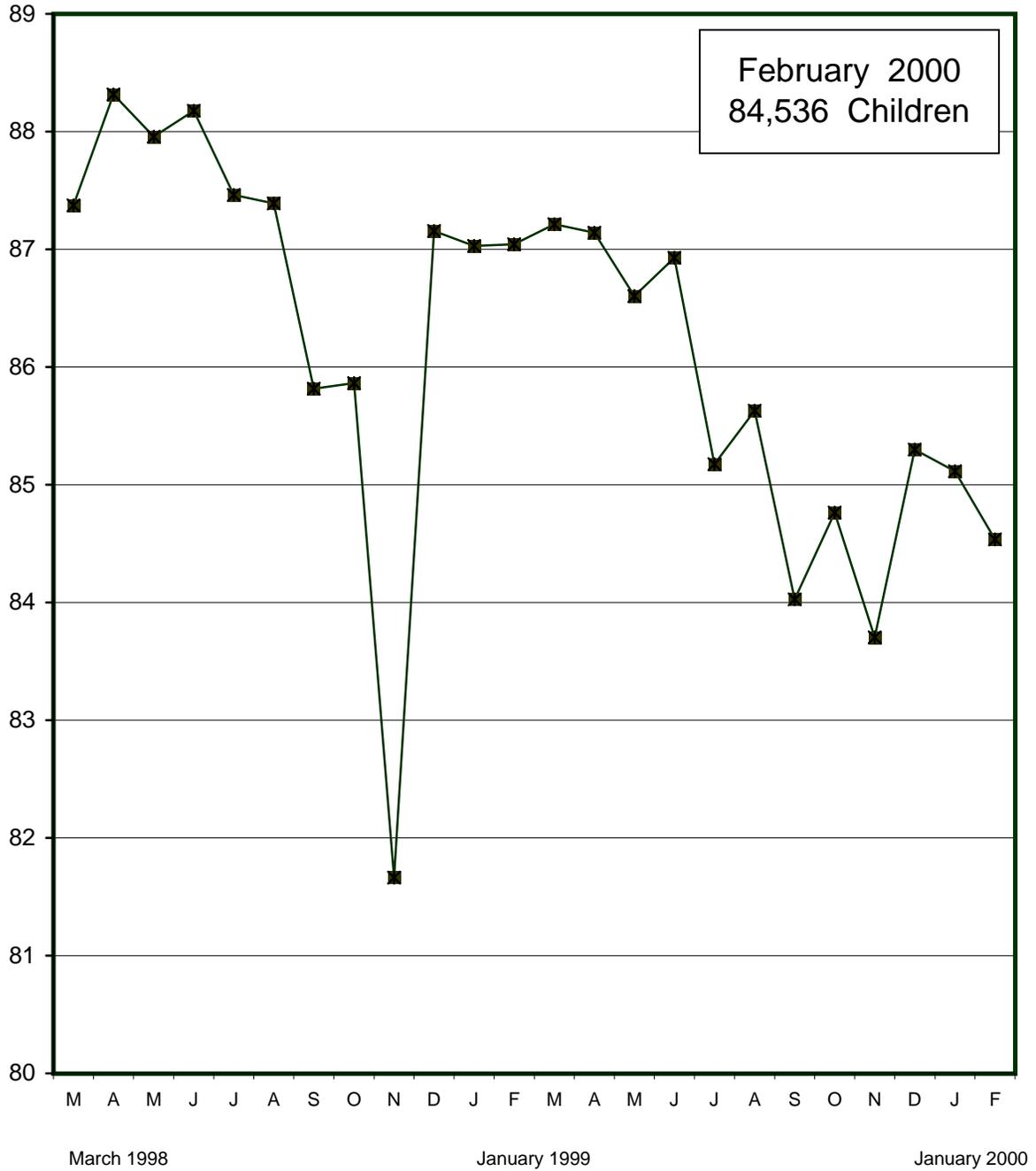
Note: reporting of caseload statistics by the two parent, zero parent, and all others categories began October 1999.

Foster Care Program

Children Placed in Foster Care^{1/}

March 1998 - February 2000

Thousands



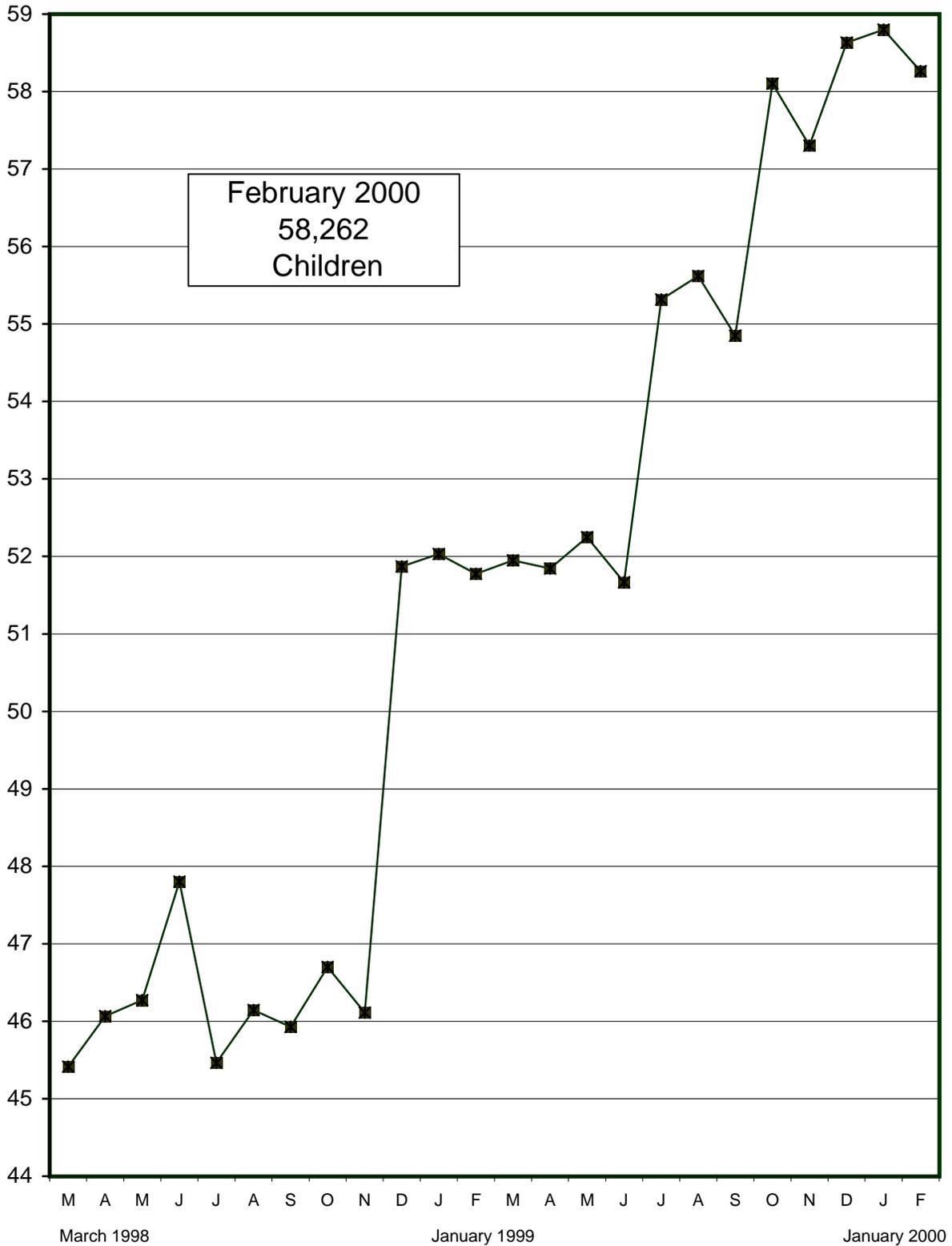
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Foster Care Program

Children Placed in Foster Family Homes^{1/}

March 1998 - February 2000

Thousands



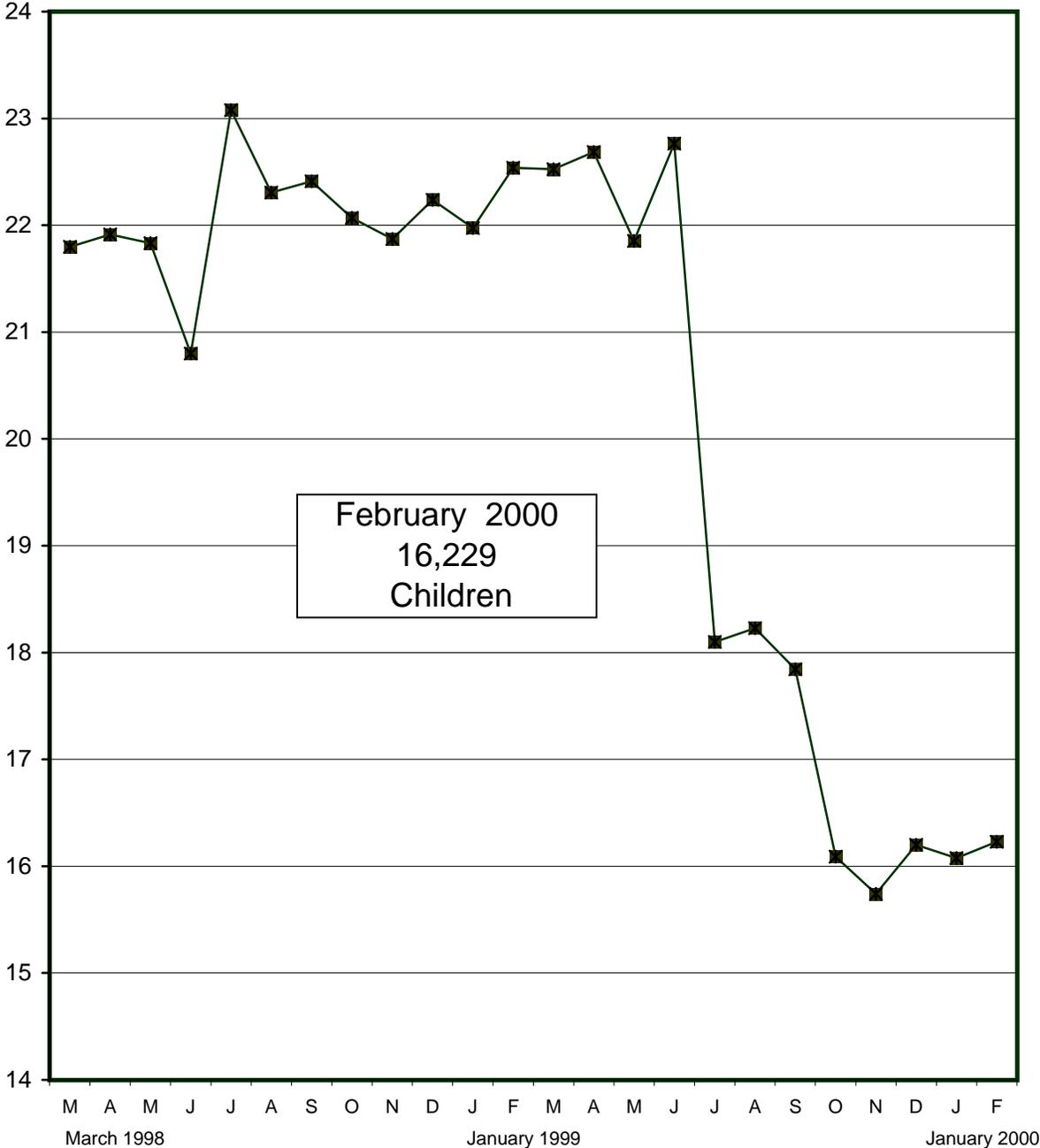
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Foster Care Program

Children Placed in Foster Family Agencies^{1/}

March 1998 - February 2000

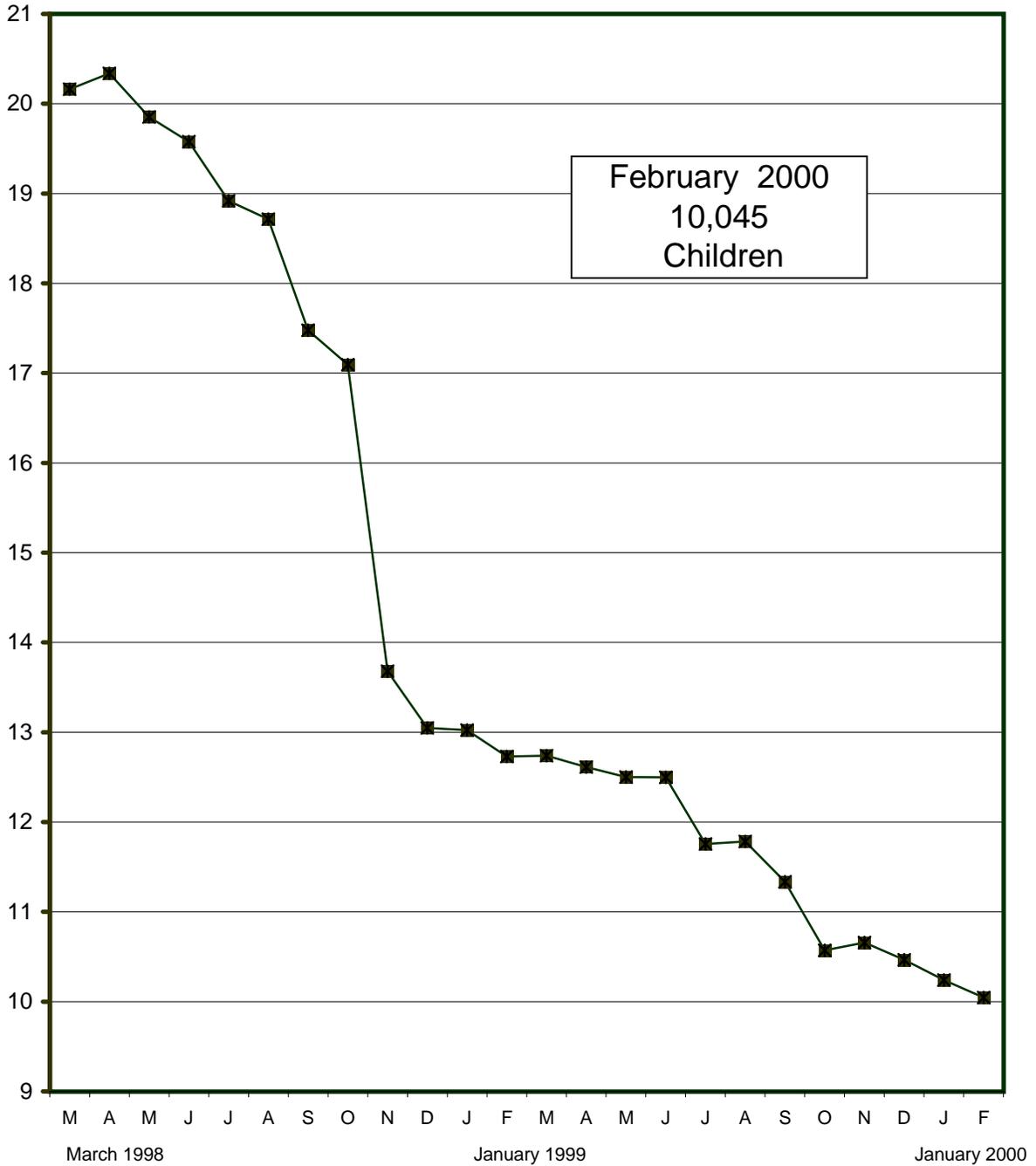
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Foster Care Program Children Placed in Group Homes^{1/} March 1998 - February 2000

Thousands



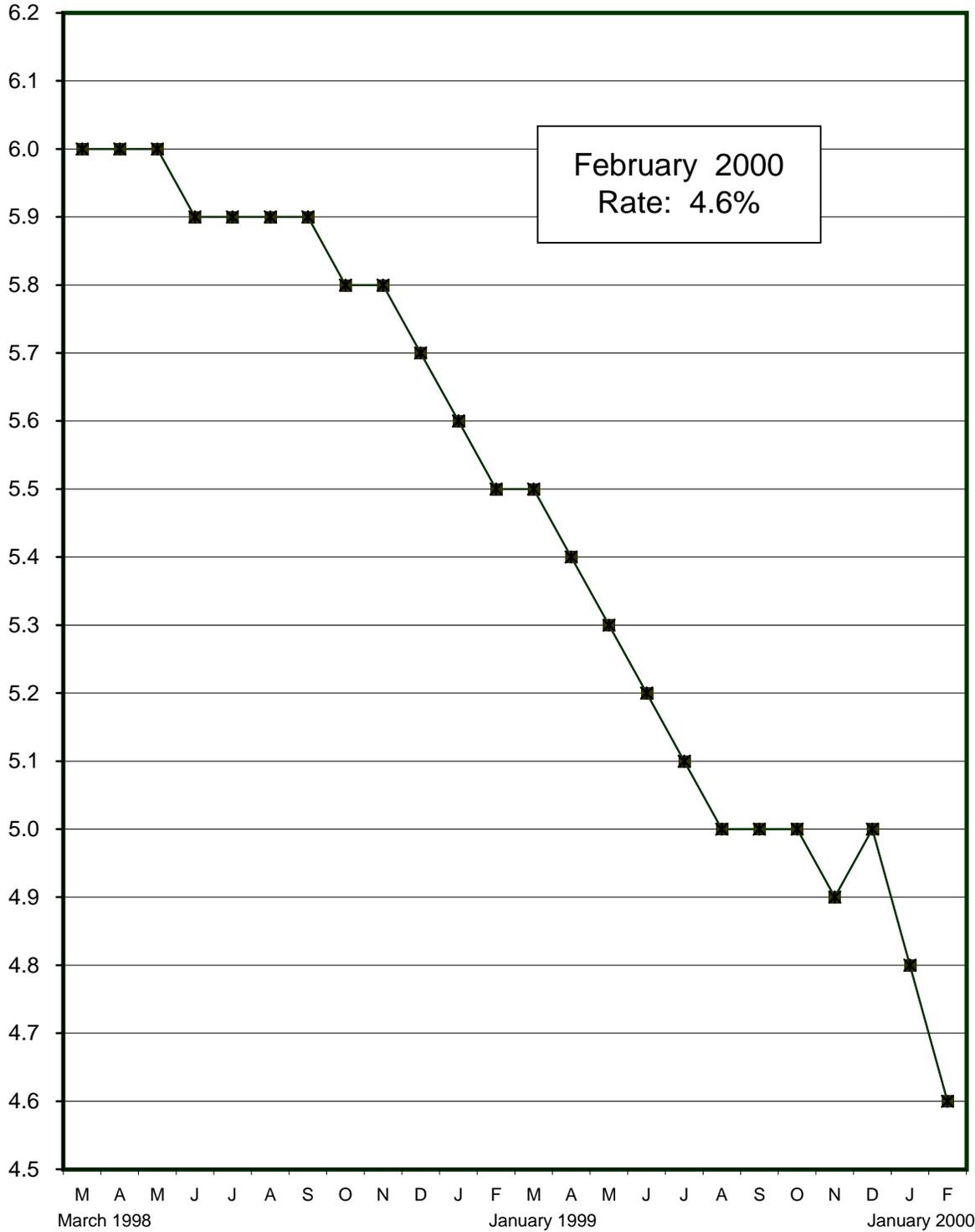
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California Unemployment Rate

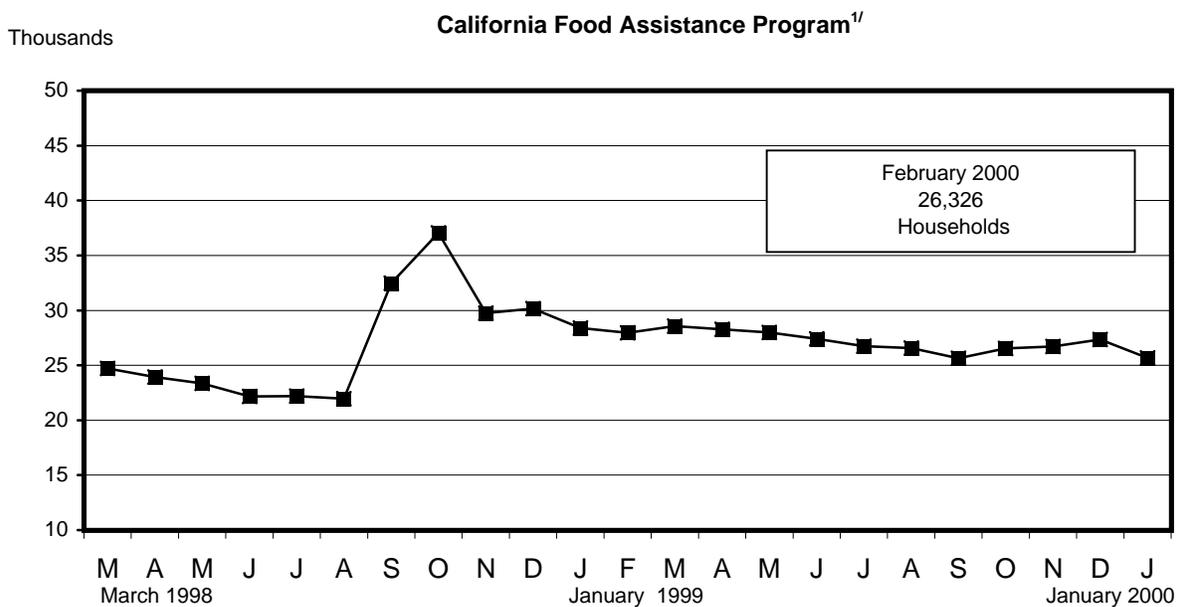
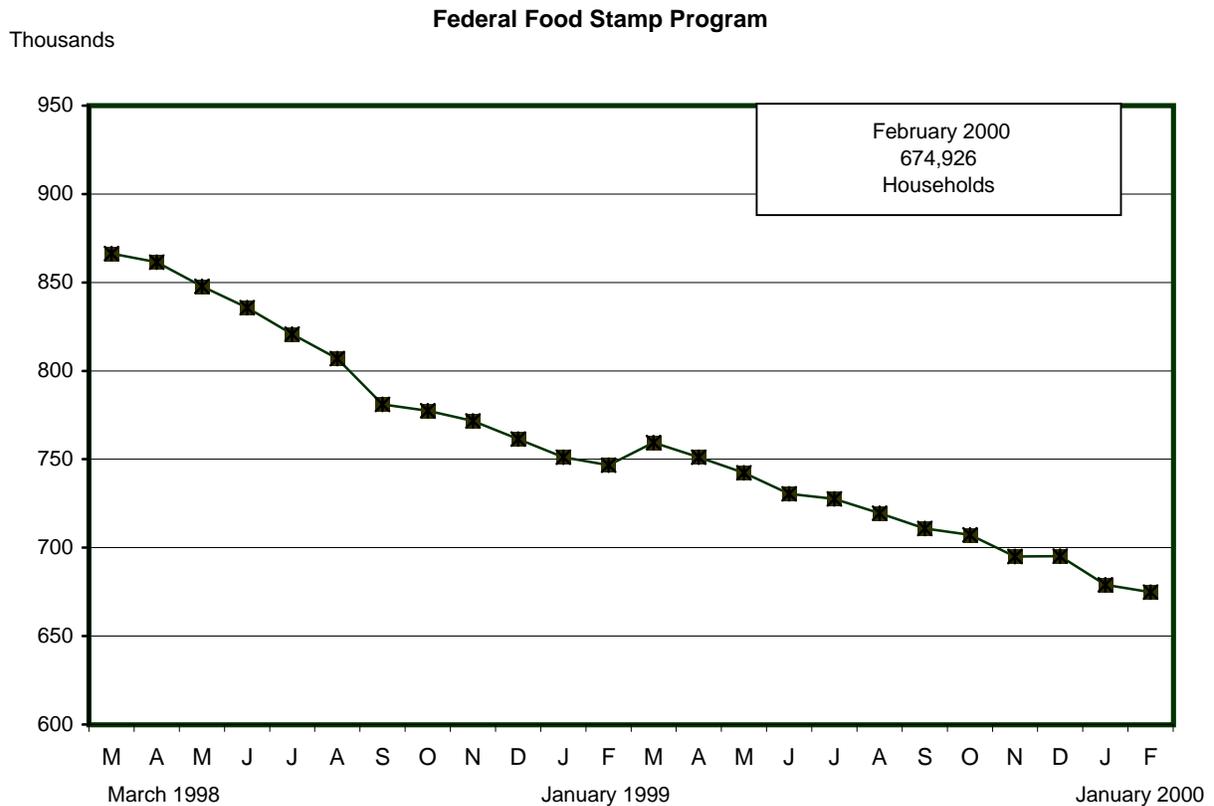
Seasonally Adjusted

March 1998 - February 2000

Percent

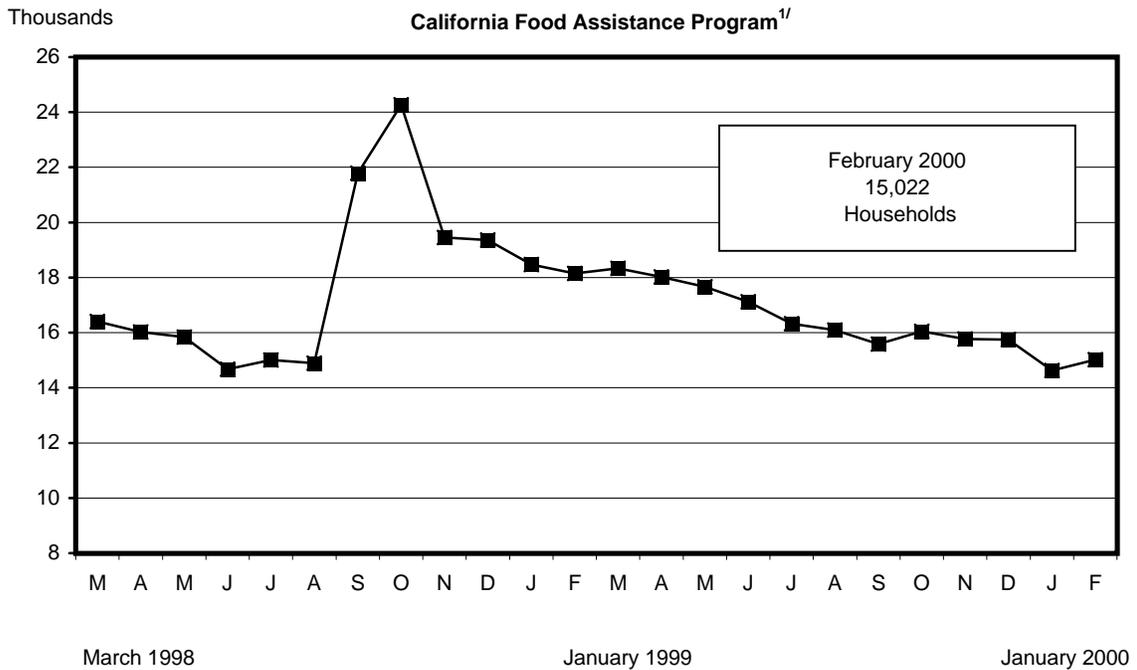
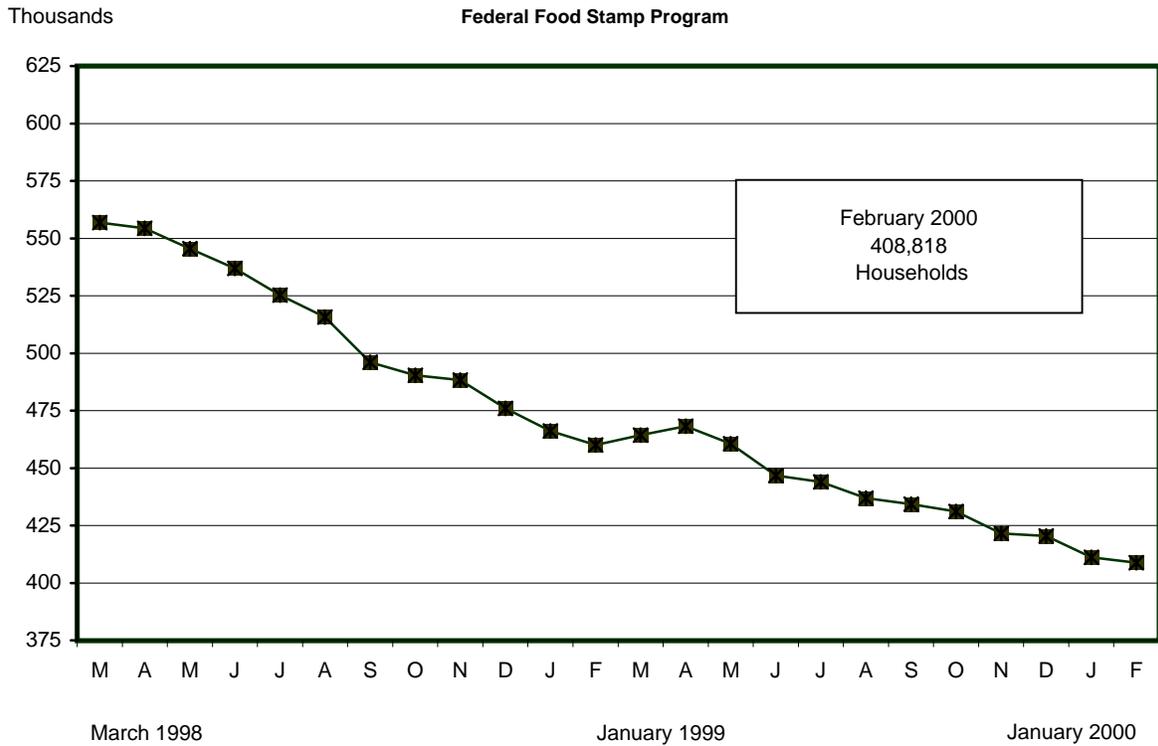


Food Stamp Program Public Assistance and Non-Assistance Households March 1998 - February 2000



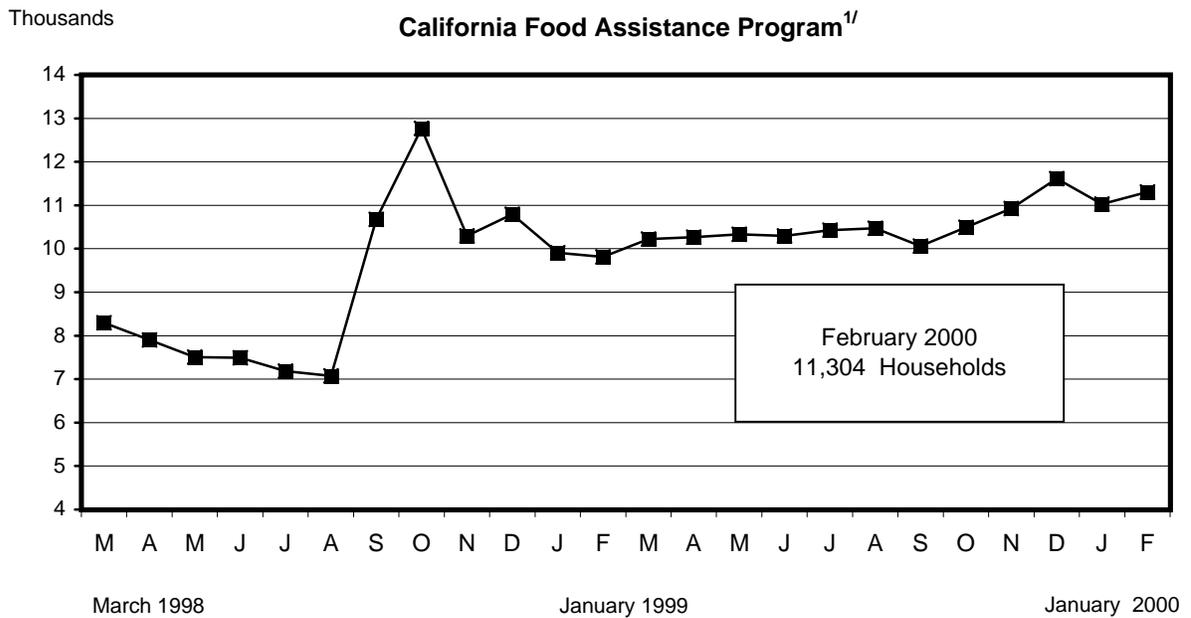
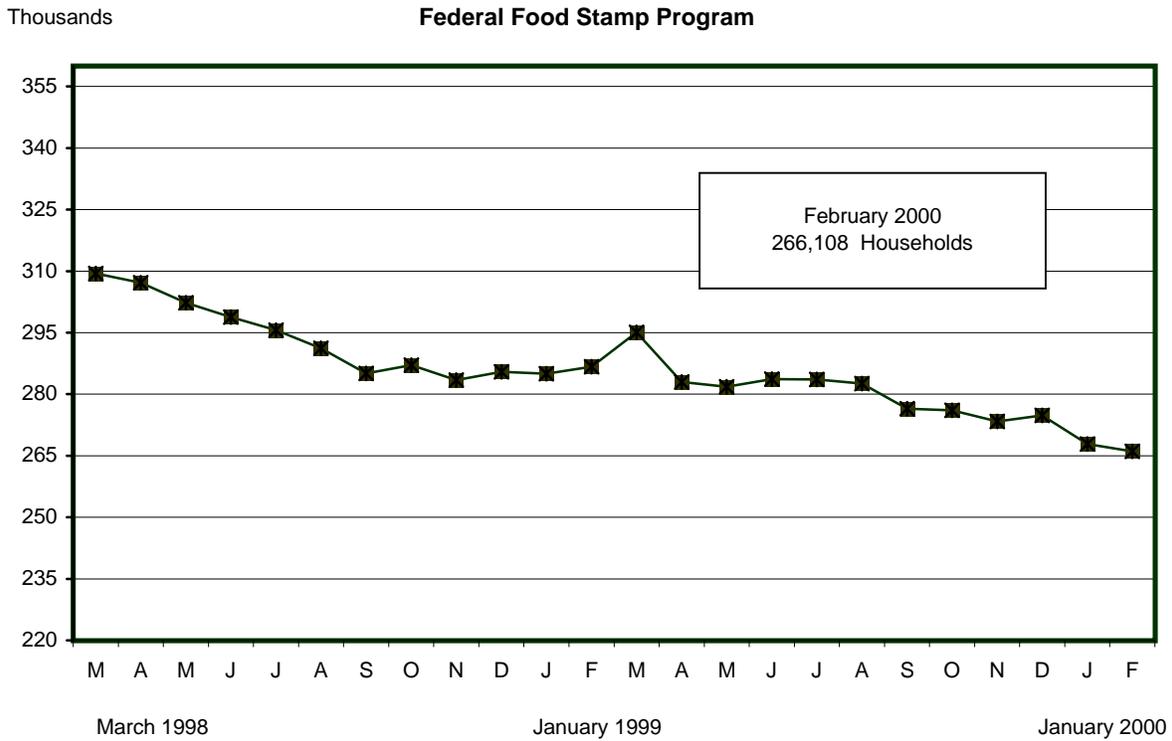
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Food Stamp Program Households Also Receiving Public Assistance March 1998 - February 2000



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Food Stamp Program Non-Assistance Households March 1998 - February 2000



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