

Public Assistance Facts and Figures

For the Month of
December 2008

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Monthly Caseload Trend Graphs with Current Month Value Displayed

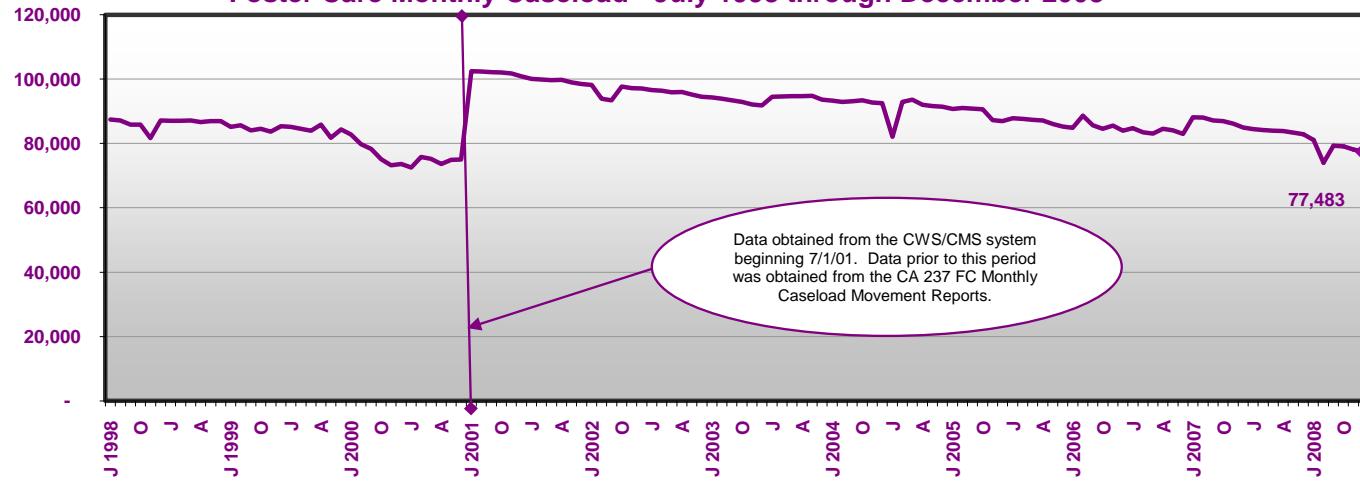
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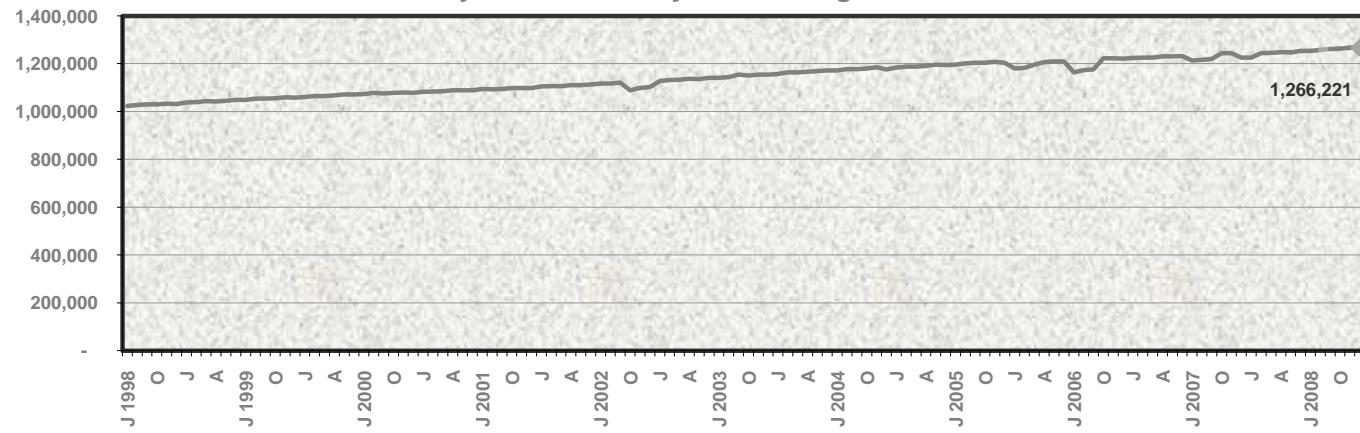
AFDC/CalWORKs Monthly Caseload - July 1998 through December 2008



Foster Care Monthly Caseload - July 1998 through December 2008



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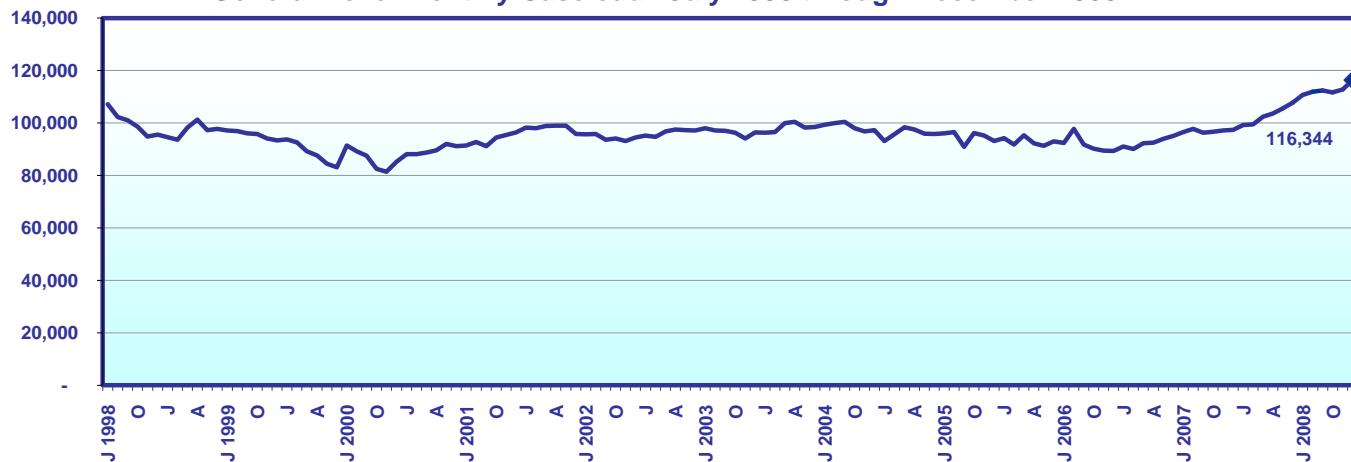
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General Relief Monthly Caseload - July 1998 through December 2008



Food Stamps Monthly Caseload - July 1998 through December 2008



IHSS Monthly Caseload - July 1998 through December 2008



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Programs	Recipients				Average Monthly Benefits	
	December 2008	Change from November 2008	Percent Change from November 2008	December 2007	December 2008	December 2007
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) - persons a/.....	1,247,805	24,236	2.0	8.2	\$	\$
Children.....	978,589	18,279	1.9	7.3		
Cases.....	501,810	9,799	2.1	8.3	533.39	528.99
CalWORKs payments (\$ in millions).....	\$267.7	\$7.1	2.7	9.2		
Two Parent Families - persons.....	159,888	5,610	3.6	19.4		
Children.....	90,148	2,819	3.2	16.9		
Cases.....	40,637	1,363	3.5	20.7	625.23	616.91
Payments (\$ in millions).....	\$25.4	\$1.2	4.8	22.3		
Zero Parent Families - persons.....	344,775	8,893	2.6	7.0		
Children.....	344,775	8,893	2.6	7.0		
Cases.....	176,445	4,442	2.6	6.6	494.59	491.55
Payments (\$ in millions).....	\$87.3	\$2.8	3.3	7.3		
All Other Families - persons.....	542,402	9,228	1.7	8.7		
Children.....	365,605	6,024	1.7	8.2		
Cases.....	208,523	3,665	1.8	9.7	558.94	555.89
Payments (\$ in millions).....	\$116.6	\$2.8	2.4	10.3		
TANF Timed-Out - persons.....	80,503	(210)	(0.3)	(2.3)		
Children.....	57,824	(172)	(0.3)	(2.4)		
Cases.....	27,972	(75)	(0.3)	(1.5)	574.95	569.11
Payments (\$ in millions).....	\$16.1	\$0.0	0.3	(0.4)		
Safety Net - persons	120,237	715	0.6	4.0		
Children.....	120,237	715	0.6	4.0		
Cases.....	48,233	404	0.8	5.5	463.36	463.02
Payments (\$ in millions).....	\$22.3	\$0.3	1.3	5.6		
Foster Care (FC) Program - children	77,483	(650)	(0.8)	(8.8)		
Relative Home placements.....	26,357	(341)	(1.3)	(13.8)		
Foster Family Agency placements.....	20,665	(366)	(1.7)	(4.9)		
Foster Family Home placements.....	7,300	(116)	(1.6)	(10.2)		
Group Home placements.....	13,075	21	0.2	(8.1)		
Guardian Home placements.....	8,214	152	1.9	(1.1)		
Other/Unspecified Home placements.....	1,525	12	0.8	(4.8)		
Other Facility placements.....	347	(12)	(3.3)	(6.5)		
Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) - persons b/.....	1,266,221	(924)	(0.1)	3.4		
Aged.....	371,124	(1,239)	(0.3)	2.5	537.39	530.88
Blind.....	20,394	(96)	(0.5)	(0.6)	672.01	655.19
Disabled.....	874,703	411	0.0	3.8	647.73	618.31
SSI/SSP payments (\$ in millions).....	\$779.7	(\$0.5)	(0.1)	7.3		
General Relief (GR) - persons.....	116,344	3,577	3.2	19.5	224.79	221.54
	December 2008	November 2008	December 2007			
California unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted).....	9.3%	8.4%	5.9%			
California population on assistance c/.....	7.0	7.0	6.7			

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

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

c/ Persons receiving CalWORKs, SSI/SSP, or GR.

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

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Federal and State Food Stamp (FS) Program						
Persons.....	2,527,979	69,613	2.8	17.1	126.59	112.93
Assistance: persons.....	714,028	13,929	2.0	8.2		
households.....	280,470	5,766	2.1	8.0		
Nonassistance: persons.....	1,813,951	55,684	3.2	21.1		
households.....	772,529	27,001	3.6	24.1		
Expenditures paid (\$ in millions).....	\$320.0	\$10.9	3.5	31.3		
Federal Food Stamp (FS) Program						
Persons.....	2,502,271	68,532	2.8	17.1	126.82	113.13
Assistance: persons.....	708,647	13,787	2.0	8.1		
households d/.....	278,924	5,731	2.1	8.0		
Nonassistance: persons.....	1,793,624	54,745	3.1	21.0		
households d/.....	763,992	26,595	3.6	24.1		
Expenditures paid (\$ in millions).....	\$317.3	\$10.8	3.5	31.2		
California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) e/						
Persons.....	25,708	1,081	4.4	24.0	104.26	91.79
Assistance: persons.....	5,381	142	2.7	15.0		
households f/.....	1,546	35	2.3	14.2		
Nonassistance: persons.....	20,327	939	4.8	26.7		
households f/.....	8,537	406	5.0	25.2		
Expenditures paid (\$ in millions).....	\$2.7	\$0.1	4.7	40.9		
In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)						
Persons receiving paid services.....	444,133	39,141	9.7	13.2	877.74	881.52
Hours of service paid.....	37,625,563	1,826,086	5.1	10.2		
Expenditures paid (\$ in millions).....	\$389.8	\$17.2	4.6	12.7		

d/ 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.

e/ 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.

f/ Based on paid cases for the month.

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

MAP (Effective 7/1/08 - 8/30/09)			FS Allotments (10/1/08 - 9/30/09)		
Eligible persons in the same home	Region 1	Region 2	Eligible persons in the FS household	Maximum Coupon Allotment	
1	\$359	\$340	1	\$176	
2	584	555	2	323	
3	723	689	3	463	
4	862	821	4	588	
5	980	934	5	698	
6	1,101	1,049	6	838	
7	1,210	1,150	7	926	
8	1,318	1,255	8	1058	
9	1,424	1,356	9	1190	
10+	1,530	1,456	each additional person	1322	

SSI/SSP Grant Levels (Effective 1/1/08)

	Aged or Disabled			Blind		
	Total	SSI	SSP	Total	SSI	SSP
Individual	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Independent.....	870.00	637.00	233.00	935.00	637.00	298.00
Household of another.....	659.00	425.00	234.00	740.00	425.00	315.00
Non-medical Out-of-Home Care.....	1,049.00	637.00	412.00	1,049.00	637.00	412.00
Couple						
Independent, neither member blind.....	1,524.00	956.00	568.00	xxx	xxx	xxx
Independent, one member blind.....	xxx	xxx	xxx	1,666.00	956.00	710.00
Independent, both members blind.....	xxx	xxx	xxx	1,751.00	956.00	795.00
Non-medical Out-of-Home Care.....	2,092.00	956.00	1,136.00	2,098.00	956.00	1,142.00