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Fraud Investigation Report Summary January – March 2001

In California, fraud prevention and detection is an integral part of the overall management of public assistance programs. The fraud prevention program is administered at the local level by 58 county welfare departments. The California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is responsible for developing regulations and disseminating policy information/interpretation to local entities. Within the county welfare departments, the income maintenance units have primary responsibility for determining eligibility and computing grant amounts. If fraud is suspected, the case is referred for investigation to the Special Investigative Unit (SIU). At the discretion of the county, the SIU may be placed in the county welfare department or within another county law enforcement agency such as the District Attorney's or Sheriff's Office. It is the responsibility of the SIU to conduct an investigation of such cases for the purpose of establishing whether or not evidence exists to support a charge of welfare fraud.

The Fraud Investigation Report provides statewide and county-specific fraud activity data on the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) and Food Stamp programs. Investigation activity by the SIUs is reflected in this report. Data shown represents the most current statistics available at the time of publication.

The following four reports are the data sources for this publication, and are available on the CDSS Research and Development Division (RADD) external web site at <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/research>.

- DPA 266 - Fraud Investigation Activity Report
(January 2001, February 2001 and March 2001 dated August 8, 2001)
- CA 237 CalWORKs - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement and Expenditures Report
(January 2001, February 2001 and March 2001 dated February 22, 2002)
- CA 237 FC - Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) Foster Care (FC) Caseload Movement and Expenditures Report
(January 2001 dated March 26, 2001; February 2001 dated May 11, 2001; and March 2001 dated June 4, 2001)
- DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Coupon Issuance Report
(January 2001, February 2001 and March 2001 dated January 15, 2002)

Unless otherwise stated, each data item in the publication is a quarterly rollup of three months of data from the DPA 266 – Fraud Investigation Activity Report.

CalWORKs Statewide Highlights January – March 2001

Investigation Requests

- 46,166 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 15,389 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 3% of the 620,068 CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during January - March 2001).
- 44,979 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 97% of the 46,166 investigation requests received.
 - ▶ 25,151 (56%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program (EFP/D) requests.
 - ▶ 8,193 (18%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - ▶ 7,354 (16%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, homeless assistance, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced warrants, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - ▶ 4,281 (10%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 131,621 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - ▶ 86,642 (66%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from December 2000).
 - ▶ 44,979 (34%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 51,619 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 39% of the 131,621 total investigations available.
 - ▶ 17,107 (33%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - ▶ 34,512 (67%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 51,619 completed investigations, the results included:
 - ▶ 7,747 (15%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - ▶ 5,345 (10%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - ▶ 3,955 (8%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - ▶ 3,269 (6%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - ▶ 1,817 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - ▶ 1,574 (3%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - ▶ 325 (1%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 51,619 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 6,487 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - ▶ 4,959 (76%) were referrals pending at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from December 2000).
 - ▶ 1,528 (24%) were referrals received during the quarter.
- Of the 6,487 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter,
 - ▶ 1,338 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 21% of the available prosecution referrals.
- Of the 1,338 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter,
 - ▶ 1,085 **convictions** were obtained. This is 81% of the prosecutions filed.

Overpayments and Collections

- \$7,803,950 **fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- \$6,756,195 **collections** were made during the quarter.

Food Stamp Statewide Highlights January – March 2001

Investigation Requests

- 60,757 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 20,252 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 3% of the 653,783 Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during January – March 2001).
- 59,491 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 98% of the 60,757 investigation requests received.
 - ▶ 32,694 (55%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program (EFP/D) requests.
 - ▶ 12,514 (21%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - ▶ 9,395 (16%) were investigation requests for other reasons including other unreported income, unreported resources/assets, duplicate/replaced Food Stamps, duplicate aid, forgery, residence, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.
 - ▶ 4,888 (8%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 162,458 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - ▶ 102,967 (63%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from December 2000).
 - ▶ 59,491 (37%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 65,654 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 40% of the 162,458 total investigations available.
 - ▶ 22,273 (34%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - ▶ 43,381 (66%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 65,654 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - ▶ 10,676 (16%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - ▶ 6,310 (10%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - ▶ 4,873 (7%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - ▶ 3,787 (6%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - ▶ 2,570 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - ▶ 1,793 (3%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - ▶ 376 (1%) of the cases were referred to an Administrative Disqualification Hearing.

Note: Completed investigations could have multiple results. Completed investigations with allegation unfounded, insufficient evidence, and other miscellaneous results included in the 65,654 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 6,353 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - ▶ 4,631 (73%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter (carried over from December 2000).
 - ▶ 1,722 (27%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- Of the 6,353 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter,
 - ▶ 1,446 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 23% of the available prosecution referrals.
- Of the 1,446 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter,
 - ▶ 1,149 **convictions** were obtained. This is 79% of the prosecutions filed.

Overissuances and Collections

- \$7,056,983 **fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- \$2,035,763 **collections** were made during the quarter.

Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units**January – March 2001**

Below is a listing of the locations of each county's Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Unit(s).

County	County Welfare Department	District Attorney's Office	County Welfare Department and District Attorney's Office	Sheriff's Office
Statewide	28	19	9	2
Alameda			✓	
Alpine	✓			
Amador	✓			
Butte		✓		
Calaveras			✓	
Colusa		✓		
Contra Costa			✓	
Del Norte	✓			
El Dorado	✓			
Fresno		✓		
Glenn	✓			
Humboldt	✓			
Imperial		✓		
Inyo		✓		
Kern		✓		
Kings	✓			
Lake				✓
Lassen				✓
Los Angeles			✓	
Madera		✓		
Marin	✓			
Mariposa	✓			
Mendocino	✓			
Merced			✓	
Modoc		✓		
Mono		✓		
Monterey			✓	
Napa	✓			
Nevada	✓			
Orange		✓		
Placer	✓			
Plumas	✓			
Riverside	✓			
Sacramento	✓			
San Benito	✓			
San Bernardino	✓			
San Diego		✓		
San Francisco		✓		
San Joaquin			✓	
San Luis Obispo	✓			
San Mateo	✓			
Santa Barbara		✓		
Santa Clara		✓		
Santa Cruz	✓			
Shasta		✓		
Sierra	✓			
Siskiyou		✓		
Solano	✓			
Sonoma	✓			
Stanislaus	✓			
Sutter			✓	
Tehama		✓		
Trinity	✓			
Tulare		✓		
Tuolumne	✓			
Ventura		✓		
Yolo			✓	
Yuba	✓			

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Tables

TABLE 1
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
January – March 2001

County	CalWORKs Caseload ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	620,068	46,166	44,979	51,619	17,107	34,512	80,093
Alameda	22,724	939	906	1,278	612	666	1,673
Alpine	35	2	2	6	2	4	11
Amador	282	43	43	38	13	25	144
Butte	5,574	361	270	418	91	327	1,473
Calaveras	613	183	183	183	45	138	2
Colusa	243	16	16	18	2	16	103
Contra Costa	10,596	520	445	474	250	224	464
Del Norte	991	58	58	47	19	28	18
El Dorado	1,297	148	148	158	70	88	348
Fresno	26,511	1,262	1,144	1,319	679	640	4,838
Glenn	625	234	234	179	34	145	78
Humboldt	2,989	149	149	204	74	130	170
Imperial	4,593	186	182	192	170	22	318
Inyo	265	2	2	7	0	7	10
Kern	19,506	3,299	3,272	3,205	817	2,388	1,359
Kings	2,654	630	630	622	132	490	410
Lake	1,980	104	104	152	62	90	109
Lassen	602	21	21	31	3	28	41
Los Angeles	236,464	10,410	10,211	10,798	4,189	6,609	39,232
Madera	3,411	546	546	897	66	831	137
Marin	929	55	55	72	55	17	204
Mariposa	222	14	14	44	15	29	29
Mendocino	2,482	82	82	175	103	72	158
Merced	6,672	569	569	527	149	378	490
Modoc	249	31	31	19	1	18	13
Mono	66	5	3	1	1	0	2
Monterey	5,413	222	216	205	65	140	2,043
Napa	598	16	16	98	52	46	225
Nevada	645	39	35	30	15	15	54
Orange	22,598	2,158	2,063	2,208	1,236	972	2,978
Placer	1,682	74	74	88	40	48	241
Plumas	264	37	37	34	23	11	4
Riverside	24,335	6,094	6,092	6,063	1,664	4,399	904
Sacramento	36,912	1,665	1,492	1,723	776	947	4,446
San Benito	569	39	39	35	7	28	24
San Bernardino	42,717	2,713	2,700	2,859	677	2,182	1,706
San Diego	34,055	5,385	5,084	5,129	1,694	3,435	2,539
San Francisco	8,024	315	315	358	250	108	1,609
San Joaquin	15,237	206	206	240	149	91	304
San Luis Obispo	2,123	192	192	162	79	83	153
San Mateo	2,040	276	270	193	84	109	149
Santa Barbara	4,167	226	226	241	89	152	207
Santa Clara	12,638	547	547	4,918	224	4,694	2,095
Santa Cruz	2,048	490	484	498	68	430	52
Shasta	4,303	314	314	321	203	118	763
Sierra	32	1	1	2	0	2	7
Siskiyou	1,022	276	276	269	104	165	52
Solano	5,041	1,118	1,111	1,029	413	616	1,590
Sonoma	2,993	214	208	252	146	106	1,603
Stanislaus	10,283	865	847	805	528	277	1,143
Sutter	1,381	240	240	238	103	135	125
Tehama	1,527	70	70	31	3	28	633
Trinity	309	58	58	35	19	16	53
Tulare	12,345	1,413	1,412	1,463	310	1,153	1,902
Tuolumne	949	247	247	241	101	140	164
Ventura	6,226	126	126	164	60	104	115
Yolo	2,704	222	222	213	90	123	307
Yuba	2,315	439	439	410	181	229	69

a/ Effective with the October 1999 report month, the source form (CA 237 CalWORKs) was changed to collect families data from Two Parent Families, Zero Parent Families and All Other Families. Foster Care caseload data from the CA 237 FC is also included. The data is a monthly average for the quarter. NOTE: County numbers do not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 March 2001 Item 7 Investigations pending at end of month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the *beginning* of the quarter, from DPA 266 January 2001 Item 4, was 86,642.

TABLE 2
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
January - March 2001

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	25,151	8,193	4,281	1,750	889	513	4,202
Alameda	388	200	90	46	12	10	160
Alpine	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	11	6	6	3	3	14
Butte	24	52	72	34	11	1	76
Calaveras	141	1	16	7	3	3	12
Colusa	0	0	4	3	0	2	7
Contra Costa	165	96	8	23	0	2	151
Del Norte	11	4	22	2	5	7	7
El Dorado	16	13	52	28	6	6	27
Fresno	454	270	175	144	13	4	84
Glenn	97	7	48	22	34	5	21
Humboldt	74	1	37	16	0	2	19
Imperial	96	0	38	14	22	3	9
Inyo	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Kern	1,302	8	371	82	40	19	1,450
Kings	504	1	55	23	22	4	21
Lake	15	13	41	13	9	0	13
Lassen	1	0	15	2	0	1	2
Los Angeles	3,939	4,977	267	205	0	123	700
Madera	436	14	49	16	8	3	20
Marin	6	31	6	5	2	1	4
Mariposa	7	2	4	0	0	0	1
Mendocino	7	51	12	7	1	0	4
Merced	364	67	56	27	10	7	38
Modoc	2	0	6	14	4	2	3
Mono	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
Monterey	93	19	51	15	12	0	26
Napa	2	0	7	3	0	1	3
Nevada	7	3	13	6	5	0	1
Orange	1,742	144	35	53	1	4	84
Placer	20	3	18	16	7	4	6
Plumas	13	14	6	1	3	0	0
Riverside	5,306	176	332	86	12	20	160
Sacramento	1,065	140	92	46	19	14	116
San Benito	25	3	2	2	0	0	7
San Bernardino	821	37	1,005	159	365	121	192
San Diego	4,174	518	114	119	34	2	123
San Francisco	143	134	4	7	3	0	24
San Joaquin	121	24	15	3	0	1	42
San Luis Obispo	41	2	42	27	15	29	36
San Mateo	28	8	44	58	3	3	126
Santa Barbara	48	12	66	33	9	3	55
Santa Clara	164	232	69	40	6	8	28
Santa Cruz	256	203	8	8	2	4	3
Shasta	60	15	179	30	19	1	10
Sierra	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	68	2	86	9	42	45	24
Solano	770	178	77	43	17	3	23
Sonoma	65	85	22	8	0	13	15
Stanislaus	144	262	280	82	38	4	37
Sutter	161	4	21	22	5	1	26
Tehama	4	0	29	15	8	4	10
Trinity	19	13	7	5	4	5	5
Tulare	1,069	95	120	56	17	4	51
Tuolumne	219	13	9	2	3	1	0
Ventura	114	0	4	4	0	0	4
Yolo	130	15	23	6	7	1	40
Yuba	208	19	49	46	28	7	82

a/ "Other" includes homeless assistance, duplicate warrants, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 3
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
January - March 2001

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	7,747	1,574	325	3,955	1,817	3,269	5,345
Alameda	260	244	0	56	2	50	54
Alpine	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Amador	2	0	0	5	6	0	0
Butte	21	10	0	23	35	2	127
Calaveras	32	1	0	4	8	0	0
Colusa	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Contra Costa	40	22	16	51	0	115	57
Del Norte	4	0	0	0	8	7	0
El Dorado	5	4	0	13	6	42	0
Fresno	191	131	112	117	111	17	44
Glenn	8	3	0	7	13	3	2
Humboldt	22	6	0	18	31	9	0
Imperial	16	7	0	3	19	2	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Kern	438	20	0	28	150	181	0
Kings	99	5	0	7	12	9	0
Lake	14	13	0	21	6	15	0
Lassen	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Los Angeles	1,675	298	0	942	80	1,915	0
Madera	3	10	0	17	31	5	0
Marin	2	2	0	36	11	9	1
Mariposa	7	0	0	1	5	0	2
Mendocino	3	3	0	61	2	34	4
Merced	15	61	0	42	86	6	0
Modoc	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	35	6	0	0	25	3	76
Napa	1	0	0	0	66	16	6
Nevada	5	0	0	4	4	2	0
Orange	689	44	33	309	296	146	5
Placer	8	6	0	7	18	1	0
Plumas	3	1	0	8	5	6	1
Riverside	1,399	48	0	213	0	1	0
Sacramento	413	82	0	240	26	15	202
San Benito	2	1	0	1	3	0	1
San Bernardino	133	68	11	218	256	167	0
San Diego	957	71	72	643	30	94	5
San Francisco	65	81	0	69	12	1	2
San Joaquin	70	63	0	3	12	18	4
San Luis Obispo	31	8	0	6	32	2	0
San Mateo	21	7	0	38	14	4	0
Santa Barbara	17	11	0	34	31	14	0
Santa Clara	10	58	60	96	0	0	4,680
Santa Cruz	41	9	0	16	2	0	0
Shasta	42	21	0	17	65	58	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	15	0	0	16	61	23	0
Solano	301	17	0	59	7	29	13
Sonoma	74	11	8	144	18	57	0
Stanislaus	55	13	13	251	165	52	0
Sutter	68	2	0	19	0	23	0
Tehama	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Trinity	5	0	0	2	7	5	0
Tulare	217	53	0	33	0	7	34
Tuolumne	57	0	0	12	12	30	0
Ventura	55	5	0	0	0	0	25
Yolo	22	28	0	17	11	23	0
Yuba	78	15	0	27	13	48	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 1.

TABLE 4
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
January – March 2001

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	1,528	6,487	1,338	193
Alameda	223	639	223	18
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	1	26	1	0
Butte	10	169	9	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	1	1	0	1
Contra Costa	14	66	3	0
Del Norte	0	46	0	0
El Dorado	4	4	4	0
Fresno	131	188	107	2
Glenn	3	6	6	0
Humboldt	7	8	4	0
Imperial	5	28	4	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0
Kern	20	69	14	0
Kings	5	19	6	9
Lake	0	101	6	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	298	662	305	55
Madera	10	10	8	2
Marin	2	2	1	0
Mariposa	0	3	0	0
Mendocino	3	18	4	0
Merced	61	540	18	0
Modoc	1	2	1	0
Mono	1	2	1	1
Monterey	5	41	2	2
Napa	0	39	4	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0
Orange	49	92	37	2
Placer	6	139	9	0
Plumas	0	13	1	0
Riverside	43	78	35	9
Sacramento	82	438	78	3
San Benito	1	2	1	0
San Bernardino	68	502	74	0
San Diego	81	565	88	0
San Francisco	81	173	15	74
San Joaquin	63	106	41	4
San Luis Obispo	8	8	8	0
San Mateo	12	47	5	0
Santa Barbara	11	11	7	4
Santa Clara	58	1,009	39	0
Santa Cruz	9	9	9	0
Shasta	21	29	9	0
Sierra	0	1	1	0
Siskiyou	0	2	0	0
Solano	17	382	29	5
Sonoma	11	25	9	0
Stanislaus	13	13	13	0
Sutter	2	2	0	1
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	1	0	0
Tulare	53	65	64	1
Tuolumne	0	8	0	0
Ventura	6	15	1	0
Yolo	28	28	28	0
Yuba	0	35	6	0

a/ Data is from DPA 266 January 2001 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus January, February and March 2001's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 5
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
January - March 2001

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	1,085	118	79	146	138	0	44	16
Alameda	118	42	42	0	59	0	18	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	21	0	0	21	8	0	1	15
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	111	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Glenn	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	3	0	5	1	4	0	0	0
Imperial	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	19	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kings	11	0	3	0	4	0	5	0
Lake	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	144	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
Madera	12	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	8	0	0	8	8	0	0	0
Merced	14	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Modoc	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mono	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	4	5	0	0	0
Napa	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nevada	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	46	3	0	0	3	0	0	0
Placer	7	1	4	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	53	0	0	93	0	0	0	0
Sacramento	54	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
San Benito	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	88	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
San Diego	99	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
San Francisco	4	71	0	0	2	0	2	1
San Joaquin	39	0	0	0	7	0	3	0
San Luis Obispo	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
San Mateo	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	12	0	3	0	2	0	1	0
Santa Clara	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	25	0	0	0	4	0	5	0
Sonoma	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	18	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Sutter	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	52	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	6	0	15	0	0	0	0	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 6
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD OVERPAYMENTS AND COLLECTIONS
January – March 2001

County	Fraud Overpayments Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$7,803,950	\$6,756,195
Alameda	1,239,626	423,167
Alpine	0	500
Amador	220	510
Butte	16,672	26,976
Calaveras	1,473	2,610
Colusa	5,234	6,554
Contra Costa	121,299	84,663
Del Norte	0	5,494
El Dorado	30,127	54,490
Fresno	189,640	195,602
Glenn	18,070	13,144
Humboldt	9,811	10,759
Imperial	24,861	7,953
Inyo	276	1,379
Kern	130,242	167,536
Kings	1,958	57,819
Lake	43,254	5,557
Lassen	3,254	2,829
Los Angeles	981,415	1,776,848
Madera	29,510	24,591
Marin	38,605	33,854
Mariposa	0	0
Mendocino	114,914	25,648
Merced	75,863	9,379
Modoc	2,487	135
Mono	0	5,641
Monterey	7,988	86,340
Napa	3,948	4,295
Nevada	3,070	12,248
Orange	325,969	204,450
Placer	20,282	67,509
Plumas	2,600	3,417
Riverside	175,661	224,898
Sacramento	787,340	473,718
San Benito	2,990	22,885
San Bernardino	306,967	391,870
San Diego	878,165	586,508
San Francisco	195,827	241,631
San Joaquin	227,797	60,809
San Luis Obispo	26,997	9,365
San Mateo	71,087	4,727
Santa Barbara	22,039	116,098
Santa Clara	641,736	476,771
Santa Cruz	27,175	49,792
Shasta	64,789	32,006
Sierra	2,329	569
Siskiyou	33,400	35,000
Solano	144,497	119,674
Sonoma	171,843	189,716
Stanislaus	214,909	149,199
Sutter	32,288	4,946
Tehama	0	6,614
Trinity	1,181	1,594
Tulare	285,171	0
Tuolumne	3,347	10,682
Ventura	0	129,911
Yolo	33,842	63,180
Yuba	9,905	32,135

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TABLE 7
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
January – March 2001

County	Participating Households ^{a/}	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter ^{b/}
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
Statewide	653,783	60,757	59,491	65,654	22,273	43,381	96,775
Alameda	21,058	980	946	1,363	666	697	1,327
Alpine	24	3	3	9	2	7	23
Amador	321	54	54	46	12	34	156
Butte	6,107	327	234	400	86	314	1,515
Calaveras	651	305	305	305	77	228	4
Colusa	427	29	29	31	4	27	148
Contra Costa	8,474	582	511	539	293	246	498
Del Norte	1,221	75	75	59	27	32	24
El Dorado	1,432	196	196	217	97	120	411
Fresno	23,951	1,387	1,265	1,394	757	637	2,477
Glenn	775	382	382	284	62	222	231
Humboldt	3,838	218	218	277	90	187	187
Imperial	5,352	221	216	230	204	26	337
Inyo	428	9	8	103	1	102	53
Kern	17,987	3,863	3,836	3,797	1,043	2,754	1,375
Kings	3,608	906	906	893	183	710	481
Lake	2,593	121	121	186	75	111	137
Lassen	692	24	24	31	3	28	62
Los Angeles	267,859	15,724	15,435	14,549	5,287	9,262	53,901
Madera	4,266	758	758	1,067	82	985	125
Marin	1,391	119	119	101	76	25	315
Mariposa	313	20	20	82	16	66	38
Mendocino	2,469	92	92	210	118	92	169
Merced	7,121	860	860	778	210	568	381
Modoc	311	35	35	25	5	20	10
Mono	92	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	6,028	307	301	281	87	194	1,782
Napa	698	34	34	155	67	88	287
Nevada	727	42	37	40	19	21	69
Orange	22,686	2,203	2,094	2,422	1,586	836	2,674
Placer	1,549	95	95	109	55	54	263
Plumas	282	53	53	47	33	14	12
Riverside	20,617	8,960	8,958	8,903	2,697	6,206	1,081
Sacramento	34,334	1,420	1,344	1,548	680	868	4,866
San Benito	614	31	31	28	7	21	34
San Bernardino	43,079	3,283	3,269	3,401	853	2,548	1,833
San Diego	29,941	5,119	4,750	4,802	1,952	2,850	3,130
San Francisco	12,742	926	926	973	704	269	3,267
San Joaquin	14,710	196	196	229	144	85	325
San Luis Obispo	2,525	247	247	214	98	116	199
San Mateo	1,848	525	520	312	94	218	411
Santa Barbara	5,499	290	290	302	110	192	173
Santa Clara	12,343	538	538	5,673	258	5,415	1,841
Santa Cruz	2,753	1,006	999	1,005	138	867	70
Shasta	5,282	450	450	477	262	215	898
Sierra	47	2	2	2	0	2	9
Siskiyou	1,258	574	574	579	219	360	55
Solano	4,759	1,429	1,419	1,542	439	1,103	1,823
Sonoma	3,328	221	218	295	185	110	1,991
Stanislaus	10,382	1,085	1,068	1,019	697	322	1,401
Sutter	1,555	394	394	371	157	214	159
Tehama	1,928	70	70	31	3	28	533
Trinity	358	81	81	53	27	26	60
Tulare	15,075	2,102	2,101	2,137	476	1,661	2,018
Tuolumne	926	439	439	419	195	224	260
Ventura	7,932	320	320	342	131	211	304
Yolo	2,700	386	386	352	127	225	495
Yuba	2,519	639	639	615	297	318	67

a/ Data is the monthly average of the January-March 2001 quarter of Federal and State Public Assistance and Nonassistance Food Stamp participating households from the DFA 256 report. NOTE: County numbers do not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

b/ Data is from DPA 266 March 2001 Item 7 Investigations pending at the end of the month. The investigations pending numbers include county case adjustments that occurred during the quarter. NOTE: The statewide total of Investigations pending at the beginning of the quarter from DPA 266 January 2001 Item 4 was 102,967.

TABLE 8
Food Stamp Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
January – March 2001

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	32,694	12,514	4,888	2,131	1,055	669	5,540
Alameda	433	234	88	86	15	9	81
Alpine	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	11	7	10	3	3	20
Butte	25	50	73	39	20	1	26
Calaveras	263	2	17	7	3	4	9
Colusa	0	0	4	4	0	3	18
Contra Costa	161	124	8	28	0	3	187
Del Norte	17	4	25	2	11	8	8
El Dorado	29	21	56	34	13	10	33
Fresno	510	316	189	158	13	5	74
Glenn	181	10	64	31	45	8	43
Humboldt	75	1	43	18	1	4	76
Imperial	119	0	40	16	27	5	9
Inyo	1	3	2	1	0	1	0
Kern	1,308	8	384	83	40	19	1,994
Kings	733	4	68	31	21	6	43
Lake	14	13	48	16	12	3	15
Lassen	1	0	16	4	0	1	2
Los Angeles	5,785	8,022	294	338	0	185	811
Madera	642	18	50	18	7	3	20
Marin	10	38	7	6	2	1	55
Mariposa	11	3	4	0	0	1	1
Mendocino	9	57	14	7	2	1	2
Merced	633	87	62	25	19	6	28
Modoc	2	0	5	15	5	1	7
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	106	23	53	17	11	1	90
Napa	3	0	9	8	2	1	11
Nevada	8	3	13	7	6	0	0
Orange	1,830	170	31	55	1	4	3
Placer	35	3	20	16	9	4	8
Plumas	21	18	10	1	3	0	0
Riverside	7,740	218	628	93	15	23	241
Sacramento	970	174	95	44	19	15	27
San Benito	24	3	2	2	0	0	0
San Bernardino	1,117	48	1,109	186	409	149	251
San Diego	3,684	755	96	141	33	1	40
San Francisco	214	362	4	9	6	1	330
San Joaquin	116	24	13	3	0	0	40
San Luis Obispo	48	3	50	34	19	45	48
San Mateo	27	14	42	57	4	1	375
Santa Barbara	72	18	70	41	11	4	74
Santa Clara	118	278	65	44	4	8	21
Santa Cruz	652	315	8	9	5	3	7
Shasta	158	19	195	35	25	1	17
Sierra	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Siskiyou	314	2	89	9	53	77	30
Solano	975	294	79	43	18	4	6
Sonoma	76	71	20	10	1	11	29
Stanislaus	186	409	287	93	44	4	45
Sutter	258	6	27	32	17	1	53
Tehama	4	0	29	15	8	4	10
Trinity	29	15	10	9	5	5	8
Tulare	1,615	170	159	62	19	4	72
Tuolumne	402	16	7	7	6	1	0
Ventura	274	0	24	19	0	0	3
Yolo	282	21	23	6	7	1	46
Yuba	371	35	53	46	36	5	93

a/ "Other" includes replaced lost Food Stamps, duplicate (multiple) aid, forgery, fictitious identity, Food Stamp trafficking, internal affairs, child care, drug felon, fleeing felon, probation/parole violators, and other miscellaneous elements of fraud.

TABLE 9
Food Stamp Program
INVESTIGATION RESULTS^{a/}
January - March 2001

County	Early Fraud (Denials/Benefits Reduced/ Discontinuances)	Referred for		Restitution Action	Benefits Reduced or Discontinued (Non-Early Fraud)	Fraud Found, No Adverse Financial Impact	Expiration of Statutes
		Prosecution	Administrative Disqualification Hearing				
Statewide	10,676	1,793	376	4,873	2,570	3,787	6,310
Alameda	257	296	0	77	8	28	56
Alpine	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Amador	2	0	0	4	6	0	0
Butte	13	10	0	23	38	2	134
Calaveras	65	1	0	3	8	0	0
Colusa	0	1	0	1	1	2	0
Contra Costa	57	15	17	73	0	121	57
Del Norte	8	0	0	0	12	7	0
El Dorado	10	4	0	15	9	59	0
Fresno	219	128	117	160	116	17	34
Glenn	26	3	0	12	16	5	2
Humboldt	37	6	0	20	36	5	0
Imperial	25	8	0	5	20	2	0
Inyo	1	0	0	0	7	0	0
Kern	607	20	3	42	185	186	0
Kings	139	7	0	13	15	9	0
Lake	16	14	0	24	9	18	0
Lassen	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Los Angeles	2,138	315	0	1,117	233	2,434	0
Madera	7	14	0	24	32	5	0
Marin	8	2	0	44	21	11	2
Mariposa	8	0	0	1	5	0	8
Mendocino	4	3	0	67	2	42	15
Merced	33	74	0	60	115	4	0
Modoc	3	1	0	0	1	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	44	7	0	0	34	3	66
Napa	3	0	0	0	79	24	8
Nevada	7	0	0	5	3	4	0
Orange	995	41	33	297	379	21	7
Placer	16	5	0	9	23	2	0
Plumas	9	1	0	10	6	7	1
Riverside	2,331	59	0	304	0	1	0
Sacramento	403	72	0	164	26	15	205
San Benito	2	1	0	2	2	0	1
San Bernardino	183	81	11	260	331	198	0
San Diego	970	62	97	906	43	76	4
San Francisco	147	178	0	174	173	1	2
San Joaquin	69	57	0	2	13	19	3
San Luis Obispo	36	11	0	9	43	4	0
San Mateo	20	8	0	43	17	6	0
Santa Barbara	30	11	0	37	39	14	0
Santa Clara	6	66	70	116	0	0	5,400
Santa Cruz	104	8	0	19	7	0	0
Shasta	60	23	0	18	73	88	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	109	0	0	12	76	38	0
Solano	346	16	0	40	8	29	192
Sonoma	83	12	9	159	23	75	1
Stanislaus	77	17	19	350	208	55	0
Sutter	121	3	0	20	1	23	0
Tehama	0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Trinity	8	0	0	3	9	7	0
Tulare	356	53	0	60	0	7	68
Tuolumne	127	0	0	19	15	41	0
Ventura	115	15	0	0	0	0	44
Yolo	55	29	0	22	11	24	0
Yuba	160	33	0	28	30	46	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of an investigation. In some instances an investigation may have more than one outcome reported. Therefore, the data displayed on this table may not correspond to the numbers on Table 7.

TABLE 10
Food Stamp Program
DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY
January - March 2001

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	1,722	6,353	1,446	328
Alameda	268	624	267	56
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	1	6	1	0
Butte	10	187	9	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	1	1	0	1
Contra Costa	12	60	3	0
Del Norte	0	47	0	0
El Dorado	4	4	4	0
Fresno	128	172	108	2
Glenn	3	4	4	0
Humboldt	7	9	5	0
Imperial	5	29	4	0
Inyo	0	1	0	0
Kern	20	66	15	0
Kings	7	20	6	8
Lake	0	144	6	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	315	908	297	56
Madera	16	16	13	3
Marin	2	2	1	0
Mariposa	0	3	0	0
Mendocino	3	28	5	0
Merced	74	649	24	0
Modoc	1	2	1	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	6	40	2	2
Napa	0	39	4	0
Nevada	0	1	1	0
Orange	44	92	35	1
Placer	5	167	9	0
Plumas	0	11	1	0
Riverside	51	84	38	10
Sacramento	72	357	74	3
San Benito	1	3	0	1
San Bernardino	81	561	86	0
San Diego	77	456	79	0
San Francisco	178	312	24	167
San Joaquin	57	93	39	6
San Luis Obispo	12	12	12	0
San Mateo	9	42	4	0
Santa Barbara	11	11	8	3
Santa Clara	66	463	78	0
Santa Cruz	8	8	8	0
Shasta	23	30	8	1
Sierra	0	1	1	0
Siskiyou	0	2	0	0
Solano	16	364	29	5
Sonoma	12	27	9	1
Stanislaus	17	17	17	0
Sutter	3	3	1	1
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	1	0	0
Tulare	53	69	69	0
Tuolumne	0	9	0	0
Ventura	14	27	2	1
Yolo	29	29	29	0
Yuba	0	40	6	0

a/ Data is from DPA 266 January 2001 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus January, February and March 2001's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 11
Food Stamp Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
January - March 2001

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	1,149	215	105	161	147	0	86	19
Alameda	141	49	49	0	69	0	56	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	17	0	0	17	8	0	1	16
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	101	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Glenn	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	3	0	5	1	4	0	0	0
Imperial	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kern	23	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kings	10	0	2	0	4	0	5	0
Lake	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	135	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
Madera	14	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	9	0	0	9	9	0	0	0
Merced	18	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Modoc	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0
Napa	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nevada	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	47	2	0	0	3	0	0	0
Placer	2	1	2	7	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	59	0	0	103	0	0	0	0
Sacramento	52	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
San Benito	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	93	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
San Diego	92	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
San Francisco	5	162	0	0	3	0	3	2
San Joaquin	34	0	0	0	9	0	5	0
San Luis Obispo	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
San Mateo	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	14	0	2	0	2	0	1	0
Santa Clara	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	14	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	24	0	0	0	3	0	5	0
Sonoma	7	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Stanislaus	19	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Sutter	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	62	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Yolo	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yuba	6	0	33	0	0	0	0	0

a/ This table reflects the outcome of a prosecution. In some instances a prosecution may have more than one outcome reported.

TABLE 12
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD OVERISSUANCES AND COLLECTIONS
January – March 2001

County	Fraud Overissuances Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$7,056,983	\$2,035,763
Alameda	637,418	279,336
Alpine	0	0
Amador	876	221
Butte	7,188	12,279
Calaveras	894	344
Colusa	2,380	2,868
Contra Costa	67,857	19,683
Del Norte	3,925	4,831
El Dorado	18,094	18,814
Fresno	132,265	42,826
Glenn	16,000	7,363
Humboldt	2,236	4,270
Imperial	6,909	0
Inyo	1,290	18,457
Kern	111,798	93,073
Kings	5,357	42,148
Lake	19,222	2,012
Lassen	513	340
Los Angeles	3,286,552	63,184
Madera	20,335	35,985
Marin	13,458	8,032
Mariposa	0	0
Mendocino	48,233	26,188
Merced	65,350	8,327
Modoc	1,872	450
Mono	0	0
Monterey	2,413	77,621
Napa	3,058	573
Nevada	3,725	1,652
Orange	151,471	46,902
Placer	7,524	33,973
Plumas	1,487	3,053
Riverside	190,312	39,092
Sacramento	293,323	173,105
San Benito	1,213	15,723
San Bernardino	209,421	273,693
San Diego	602,067	49,477
San Francisco	206,854	103,118
San Joaquin	103,550	22,715
San Luis Obispo	13,755	3,902
San Mateo	31,732	4,228
Santa Barbara	13,256	35,851
Santa Clara	200,758	87,852
Santa Cruz	11,155	9,551
Shasta	23,178	14,192
Sierra	1,435	99
Siskiyou	5,050	23,400
Solano	53,860	63,942
Sonoma	49,857	60,017
Stanislaus	206,680	83,359
Sutter	9,539	2,700
Tehama	0	2,487
Trinity	690	596
Tulare	148,275	0
Tuolumne	5,491	6,078
Ventura	0	46,138
Yolo	26,517	35,446
Yuba	9,315	24,197