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# Fraud Investigation Report Summary October – December 2003

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 and 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 three reports are the data sources for this publication, and are available on the CDSS Research and Data Reports (RADR) internet web site at <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/research>.

- DPA 266 - Fraud Investigation Activity Report
  - *October 2003*
  - *November 2003*
  - *December 2003*
  
- CA 237 CW - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report
  - *October 2003*
  - *November 2003 (used for November and December 2003 data, as December 2003 report had not been released)*
  
- DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Coupon Issuance Report
  - *October 2003 (used for October, November and December 2003 data, as November and December 2003 reports had not been released)*

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 October – December 2003

### Investigation Requests

- 40,853 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 13,618 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.8% of the 492,851 CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during October – December 2003).
- 39,514 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 97% of the 40,853 investigation requests received.
  - ▶ 25,630 (65%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
  - ▶ 6,672 (17%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
  - ▶ 4,479 (11%) 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.
  - ▶ 2,733 (7%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 105,311 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
  - ▶ 65,797 (62%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
  - ▶ 39,514 (38%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

### Investigations Completed and the Results

- 38,680 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 37% of the 105,311 total investigations available.
  - ▶ 14,669 (38%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
  - ▶ 24,011 (62%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 38,680 completed investigations, the **results** included:
  - ▶ 6,788 (18%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
  - ▶ 3,543 (9%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
  - ▶ 3,203 (8%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
  - ▶ 1,273 (3%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
  - ▶ 749 (2%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
  - ▶ 123 (.32%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
  - ▶ 101 (.26%) 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 38,680 are not shown in this report.

### Prosecution Activity

- 3,409 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
  - ▶ 2,667 (78%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
  - ▶ 742 (22%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were 3,409 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
  - ▶ 721 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 21% of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were 721 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
  - ▶ 758 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

### Overpayments and Collections

- \$5,366,368 **fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- \$5,460,379 **collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overpayments identified in prior quarters.

## Food Stamp Statewide Highlights October – December 2003

### Investigation Requests

- 56,562 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 18,854 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.9% of the 653,787 Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during October – December 2003).
- 54,723 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 97% of the 56,562 investigation requests received.
  - ▶ 32,641 (60%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
  - ▶ 12,283 (22%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
  - ▶ 6,707 (12%) 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.
  - ▶ 3,092 (6%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 148,474 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
  - ▶ 93,751 (63%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
  - ▶ 54,723 (37%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

### Investigations Completed and the Results

- 51,283 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 35% of the 148,474 total investigations available.
  - ▶ 18,641 (36%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
  - ▶ 32,642 (64%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 51,283 completed investigations, the **results** included:
  - ▶ 9,780 (19%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
  - ▶ 3,994 (8%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
  - ▶ 2,947 (6%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
  - ▶ 1,910 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
  - ▶ 889 (2%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
  - ▶ 214 (.42%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
  - ▶ 129 (.25%) 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 51,283 are not shown in this report.

### Prosecution Activity

- 4,160 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
  - ▶ 3,282 (79%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
  - ▶ 878 (21%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were 4,160 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
  - ▶ 781 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 19% of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were 781 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
  - ▶ 775 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

### Overissuances and Collections

- \$3,658,254 **fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- \$1,841,130 **collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overissuances identified in prior quarters.

**Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units****October – December 2003**

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
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
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	✓			

**CaIWORKs**

**Tables**

**TABLE 1**  
**California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program**  
**FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS**  
**October – December 2003**

County	CalWORKs Caseload <sup>a/</sup>	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter <sup>b/</sup>
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>492,851</b>	<b>40,853</b>	<b>39,514</b>	<b>38,680</b>	<b>14,669</b>	<b>24,011</b>	<b>66,552</b>
Alameda	17,855	967	962	889	517	372	895
Alpine	12	4	4	0	0	0	1
Amador	260	60	60	61	16	45	76
Butte	4,035	345	345	364	140	224	607
Calaveras	374	177	177	177	48	129	3
Colusa	182	11	11	4	0	4	36
Contra Costa	8,304	401	394	418	226	192	433
Del Norte	818	17	17	23	5	18	56
El Dorado	975	64	64	47	10	37	424
Fresno	23,790	594	579	422	184	238	1,076
Glenn	474	145	145	142	26	116	163
Humboldt	1,882	114	114	113	46	67	71
Imperial	4,016	175	175	151	130	21	475
Inyo	131	7	7	3	1	2	43
Kern	16,917	1,662	1,635	1,573	809	764	1,390
Kings	2,478	512	512	565	117	448	554
Lake	1,394	95	95	92	55	37	120
Lassen	453	153	153	155	29	126	23
Los Angeles	171,725	9,938	9,159	8,131	2,434	5,697	37,708
Madera	3,175	695	695	576	54	522	207
Marin	887	47	47	43	29	14	437
Mariposa	185	12	12	6	4	2	32
Mendocino	1,503	95	91	87	50	37	450
Merced	5,885	482	482	489	274	215	645
Modoc	185	2	2	4	1	3	3
Mono	55	2	2	0	0	0	2
Monterey	4,417	328	312	113	33	80	886
Napa	461	23	23	12	6	6	158
Nevada	538	24	17	25	15	10	84
Orange	18,835	2,504	2,500	2,513	1,418	1,095	2,957
Placer	1,304	41	41	87	23	64	107
Plumas	154	20	20	18	12	6	4
Riverside	20,732	4,794	4,777	4,828	964	3,864	1,105
Sacramento	28,517	1,734	1,611	1,903	904	999	1,966
San Benito	635	25	25	24	15	9	16
San Bernardino	35,784	4,043	4,041	3,731	1,893	1,838	329
San Diego	25,188	3,866	3,664	3,920	1,233	2,687	2,926
San Francisco	6,342	252	252	309	296	13	2,091
San Joaquin	13,113	173	173	160	114	46	427
San Luis Obispo	1,677	148	148	155	112	43	222
San Mateo	2,432	219	219	129	61	68	110
Santa Barbara	4,002	138	138	156	66	90	248
Santa Clara	14,069	738	656	590	226	364	498
Santa Cruz	1,755	435	432	424	34	390	59
Shasta	3,169	245	245	252	191	61	743
Sierra	31	3	3	2	1	1	7
Siskiyou	800	211	211	258	156	102	57
Solano	4,342	1,446	1,434	1,591	552	1,039	1,435
Sonoma	2,657	182	181	256	113	143	618
Stanislaus	8,655	455	446	494	289	205	1,100
Sutter	1,057	277	277	308	142	166	81
Tehama	1,216	87	87	77	15	62	44
Trinity	190	27	27	9	1	8	55
Tulare	12,145	214	200	479	26	453	1,208
Tuolumne	619	189	179	164	85	79	150
Ventura	5,921	353	353	326	145	181	479
Yolo	2,230	172	172	136	66	70	368
Yuba	1,913	711	711	696	257	439	84

a/ Effective with the January 2003 report month, the source form (CA 237 CW) was changed to collect families data from Two Parent Families, Zero Parent Families, All Other Families, TANF Timed-Out Cases and Safety Net Cases. 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 December 2003 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 October 2003 Item 4, was 65,797.

**TABLE 2**  
**California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program**  
**REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD**  
**October – December 2003**

County	Early Fraud Prevention/Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/Assets	Other <sup>a/</sup>
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>25,630</b>	<b>6,672</b>	<b>2,733</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>2,621</b>
Alameda	495	212	73	10	12	6	154
Alpine	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
Amador	0	2	6	5	5	0	42
Butte	5	13	134	18	15	6	154
Calaveras	133	1	11	4	1	9	18
Colusa	0	1	2	1	0	0	7
Contra Costa	240	43	14	18	0	2	77
Del Norte	1	0	10	4	0	1	1
El Dorado	3	9	17	19	3	0	13
Fresno	200	164	114	82	13	1	5
Glenn	88	2	25	8	9	4	9
Humboldt	48	0	35	6	2	1	22
Imperial	101	0	41	6	22	3	2
Inyo	0	4	0	2	0	1	0
Kern	945	27	334	117	28	14	170
Kings	436	0	44	11	12	3	6
Lake	4	10	39	4	9	1	28
Lassen	134	0	12	0	2	1	4
Los Angeles	4,328	4,278	128	121	0	29	275
Madera	623	9	26	18	3	3	13
Marin	1	21	8	3	3	0	11
Mariposa	1	3	3	1	0	1	3
Mendocino	9	59	9	5	2	2	5
Merced	251	69	88	37	12	0	25
Modoc	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Monterey	183	7	17	8	5	5	87
Napa	0	5	11	2	1	0	4
Nevada	4	0	8	4	0	0	1
Orange	2,272	92	30	30	2	2	72
Placer	0	0	24	6	3	3	5
Plumas	13	1	6	0	0	0	0
Riverside	4,326	140	125	67	6	7	106
Sacramento	954	345	82	15	34	15	166
San Benito	0	5	3	5	1	2	9
San Bernardino	2,727	9	527	97	105	44	532
San Diego	3,312	196	54	46	18	5	33
San Francisco	55	162	0	0	2	0	33
San Joaquin	121	31	6	5	0	0	10
San Luis Obispo	47	15	44	14	4	3	21
San Mateo	42	9	64	56	2	5	41
Santa Barbara	54	15	26	19	8	1	15
Santa Clara	498	85	52	10	1	6	4
Santa Cruz	150	262	9	4	2	1	4
Shasta	111	3	73	32	2	4	20
Sierra	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Siskiyou	72	0	41	24	15	35	24
Solano	1,261	88	51	21	8	0	5
Sonoma	36	94	21	16	2	1	11
Stanislaus	145	89	69	20	70	0	53
Sutter	218	1	21	17	2	0	18
Tehama	8	1	33	10	9	7	19
Trinity	18	0	0	3	1	3	2
Tulare	0	53	85	33	6	4	19
Tuolumne	131	11	16	7	2	0	12
Ventura	323	0	3	15	0	0	12
Yolo	82	17	28	16	11	4	14
Yuba	417	8	30	20	7	4	225

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<sup>a/</sup>**  
**October – December 2003**

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				
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>6,788</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>3,203</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>3,543</b>	<b>123</b>
Alameda	254	47	0	182	1	33	12
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	16	0	0
Butte	60	15	1	13	45	6	0
Calaveras	34	0	0	0	9	5	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	50	7	3	55	0	111	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	1	4	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	4	5	10	0
Fresno	47	66	38	1	32	6	24
Glenn	11	0	0	2	9	4	0
Humboldt	15	4	0	16	18	7	0
Imperial	22	4	0	2	4	4	0
Inyo	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	515	28	1	36	173	53	3
Kings	101	3	0	3	7	3	0
Lake	6	12	0	18	17	14	1
Lassen	26	0	0	0	3	0	0
Los Angeles	1,280	152	0	1,023	25	790	0
Madera	2	17	0	5	29	1	0
Marin	0	0	0	7	13	9	2
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Mendocino	1	4	0	42	1	2	11
Merced	18	27	0	91	98	10	0
Modoc	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	59	5	0	3	8	4	6
Napa	1	3	0	2	0	0	0
Nevada	3	0	0	5	1	6	0
Orange	838	33	8	193	334	199	1
Placer	0	6	0	5	11	1	0
Plumas	3	0	0	6	2	2	0
Riverside	757	26	0	164	2	1	0
Sacramento	478	11	0	392	22	1	8
San Benito	5	0	0	2	8	0	0
San Bernardino	0	32	1	96	54	1,710	0
San Diego	881	45	37	274	6	78	0
San Francisco	15	4	0	0	16	0	0
San Joaquin	55	45	0	3	7	15	0
San Luis Obispo	29	7	0	10	60	5	0
San Mateo	25	2	0	16	13	5	0
Santa Barbara	14	10	0	29	22	4	0
Santa Clara	173	21	0	3	1	28	8
Santa Cruz	19	0	0	13	2	0	0
Shasta	53	10	0	20	21	87	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Siskiyou	15	0	0	40	31	70	0
Solano	329	11	0	165	2	45	20
Sonoma	21	1	0	69	16	115	2
Stanislaus	82	12	11	117	92	25	1
Sutter	77	5	0	29	10	28	0
Tehama	6	2	1	0	4	2	0
Trinity	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	0	15	0	8	0	3	24
Tuolumne	52	1	0	6	6	20	0
Ventura	137	8	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	16	22	0	15	3	10	0
Yuba	200	24	0	17	5	11	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**  
**October – December 2003**

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available <sup>a/</sup>	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>3,409</b>	<b>721</b>	<b>96</b>
Alameda	47	447	34	14
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	3	0	0
Butte	8	16	9	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	3	77	1	1
Del Norte	0	7	0	0
El Dorado	0	1	0	0
Fresno	66	136	67	2
Glenn	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	5	8	4	2
Imperial	1	39	3	1
Inyo	1	2	2	0
Kern	28	28	21	0
Kings	3	8	7	0
Lake	10	33	9	0
Lassen	1	1	1	0
Los Angeles	152	317	145	38
Madera	17	17	17	0
Marin	0	1	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	4	17	3	0
Merced	27	710	35	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	5	48	5	0
Napa	3	30	2	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0
Orange	36	82	19	0
Placer	7	60	4	0
Plumas	0	8	0	4
Riverside	25	34	24	1
Sacramento	11	413	20	4
San Benito	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	32	40	37	0
San Diego	37	118	61	4
San Francisco	4	98	1	0
San Joaquin	78	176	30	5
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	2	9	3	0
Santa Barbara	10	10	9	1
Santa Clara	21	60	57	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0
Shasta	10	17	11	1
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	4	0	0
Solano	11	159	2	9
Sonoma	1	8	4	0
Stanislaus	12	12	12	0
Sutter	4	4	3	1
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	1	1	1	0
Tulare	15	15	15	0
Tuolumne	1	17	0	0
Ventura	10	46	13	0
Yolo	22	22	22	0
Yuba	11	50	8	8

<sup>a/</sup> Data is from DPA 266 October 2003 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus October, November and December 2003's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

**TABLE 5**  
**California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program**  
**PROSECUTION OUTCOMES<sup>a/</sup>**  
**October – December 2003**

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>
Alameda	77	0	0	0	111	0	14	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	7	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	52	4	0	0	2	0	2	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	7	0	8	0	5	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kings	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	149	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
Madera	23	1	2	0	2	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Merced	26	0	0	0	7	0	2	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	3	24	1	0	0
Napa	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	35	2	0	0	13	5	0	0
Placer	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	47	0	0	94	1	0	0	0
Sacramento	64	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
San Benito	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	36	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
San Diego	40	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
San Francisco	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	29	0	0	0	8	0	5	0
San Luis Obispo	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Santa Clara	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	11	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	17	0	0	0	0	0	9	0
Sonoma	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sutter	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	24	0	0	19	4	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	20	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	14	7	6	0	2	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**  
**October – December 2003**

<b>County</b>	<b>Fraud Overpayments Identified</b>	<b>Total Collections</b>
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>\$5,366,368</b>	<b>\$5,460,379</b>
Alameda	632,300	376,412
Alpine	0	0
Amador	5,772	589
Butte	60,003	7,706
Calaveras	0	1,298
Colusa	0	1,289
Contra Costa	131,059	62,629
Del Norte	3,977	6,186
El Dorado	3,819	23,305
Fresno	81,047	197,202
Glenn	3,020	7,842
Humboldt	2,620	17,192
Imperial	2,890	0
Inyo	0	4,014
Kern	47,395	139,107
Kings	1,387	63,267
Lake	10,879	10,139
Lassen	0	1,249
Los Angeles	1,141,931	1,444,246
Madera	21,536	19,153
Marin	12,698	21,666
Mariposa	7,077	464
Mendocino	68,750	25,444
Merced	42,870	6,222
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	18,664	72,603
Napa	7,345	1,627
Nevada	3,763	4,769
Orange	239,417	109,759
Placer	20,190	32,630
Plumas	1,494	3,185
Riverside	144,421	187,282
Sacramento	838,939	474,101
San Benito	4,195	29,026
San Bernardino	72,409	177,594
San Diego	348,868	457,641
San Francisco	132,690	0
San Joaquin	175,011	50,228
San Luis Obispo	19,981	9,559
San Mateo	36,443	5,190
Santa Barbara	45,622	106,115
Santa Clara	299,841	627,664
Santa Cruz	2,834	28,869
Shasta	51,602	18,075
Sierra	898	541
Siskiyou	70,000	89,000
Solano	180,999	114,484
Sonoma	54,687	108,616
Stanislaus	61,049	113,182
Sutter	4,629	5,629
Tehama	0	1,118
Trinity	871	929
Tulare	178,954	0
Tuolumne	5,042	5,181
Ventura	4,309	132,267
Yolo	28,222	37,955
Yuba	31,949	18,939

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**TABLE 7**  
**Food Stamp Program**  
**FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS**  
**October – December 2003**

County	Participating Households <sup>a/</sup>	Investigation Requests		Investigations Completed	Evidence to Support an Allegation of Fraud		Investigations Pending End of Quarter <sup>b/</sup>
		Received	Accepted		Sufficient	Not Sufficient	
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>653,787</b>	<b>56,562</b>	<b>54,723</b>	<b>51,283</b>	<b>18,641</b>	<b>32,642</b>	<b>97,142</b>
Alameda	23,346	1,221	1,216	1,201	647	554	1,221
Alpine	29	1	1	0	0	0	0
Amador	421	75	75	78	22	56	95
Butte	5,988	352	352	361	166	195	572
Calaveras	604	420	420	420	104	316	10
Colusa	364	15	15	5	0	5	46
Contra Costa	0	516	507	547	320	227	472
Del Norte	1,333	18	18	22	5	17	17
El Dorado	1,607	55	55	68	19	49	395
Fresno	31,294	658	640	407	202	205	776
Glenn	689	324	324	324	51	273	421
Humboldt	4,095	147	147	142	62	80	88
Imperial	5,506	202	202	173	143	30	535
Inyo	389	7	7	5	1	4	55
Kern	22,642	1,846	1,817	1,763	978	785	2,254
Kings	4,063	761	761	799	171	628	715
Lake	2,124	117	117	110	65	45	149
Lassen	666	209	209	215	39	176	28
Los Angeles	267,000	17,293	16,035	11,757	3,289	8,468	60,287
Madera	4,814	866	866	765	71	694	273
Marin	0	109	109	100	68	32	1,108
Mariposa	271	14	14	4	2	2	50
Mendocino	2,892	157	153	95	41	54	515
Merced	8,133	755	755	746	402	344	629
Modoc	0	113	113	202	34	168	66
Mono	130	2	2	0	0	0	2
Monterey	5,758	539	522	247	54	193	653
Napa	877	49	49	28	17	11	234
Nevada	852	36	27	44	23	21	100
Orange	23,889	2,825	2,819	2,878	1,780	1,098	2,366
Placer	1,784	49	49	104	25	79	118
Plumas	213	26	26	29	21	8	8
Riverside	0	9,273	9,255	9,290	1,922	7,368	1,402
Sacramento	34,290	1,701	1,600	1,672	972	700	4,053
San Benito	0	23	23	22	15	7	23
San Bernardino	44,226	1,942	1,940	2,285	1,041	1,244	206
San Diego	28,229	3,717	3,529	3,762	1,354	2,408	3,875
San Francisco	18,916	653	653	694	608	86	4,099
San Joaquin	16,172	183	183	170	120	50	444
San Luis Obispo	2,473	189	189	197	149	48	276
San Mateo	3,255	292	292	183	75	108	149
Santa Barbara	5,981	248	248	267	117	150	233
Santa Clara	20,301	992	883	805	328	477	652
Santa Cruz	3,510	1,211	1,208	1,203	175	1,028	109
Shasta	4,284	385	385	387	271	116	909
Sierra	43	2	2	1	1	0	6
Siskiyou	1,368	552	552	672	402	270	87
Solano	0	1,865	1,852	2,045	628	1,417	1,652
Sonoma	4,637	283	282	271	126	145	793
Stanislaus	11,660	563	552	603	372	231	1,306
Sutter	1,549	362	362	413	192	221	119
Tehama	1,781	87	87	77	15	62	44
Trinity	299	35	35	15	1	14	74
Tulare	16,682	268	253	648	27	621	1,146
Tuolumne	906	343	320	302	177	125	225
Ventura	8,969	342	342	426	158	268	414
Yolo	0	261	261	222	100	122	526
Yuba	2,483	1,013	1,013	1,012	473	539	62

a/ Data is the monthly average of the 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 December 2003 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 October 2003 Item 4 was 93,751.

**TABLE 8**  
**Food Stamp Program**  
**REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD**  
**October – December 2003**

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other <sup>a/</sup>
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>32,641</b>	<b>12,283</b>	<b>3,092</b>	<b>1,988</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>3,703</b>
Alameda	589	266	74	49	12	6	220
Alpine	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Amador	0	2	8	5	5	0	55
Butte	10	14	157	22	20	8	121
Calaveras	353	1	15	6	1	13	31
Colusa	0	1	2	2	0	0	10
Contra Costa	267	90	14	23	0	5	108
Del Norte	4	0	5	3	1	1	4
El Dorado	3	9	17	19	3	0	4
Fresno	224	183	125	90	13	2	3
Glenn	155	2	67	30	36	6	28
Humboldt	48	0	37	5	4	5	48
Imperial	109	0	46	10	31	4	2
Inyo	0	4	0	2	0	1	0
Kern	958	45	354	137	27	15	281
Kings	673	3	45	16	15	3	6
Lake	4	14	40	8	11	2	38
Lassen	189	0	10	0	4	2	4
Los Angeles	6,420	8,371	151	743	0	35	315
Madera	783	10	33	22	2	3	13
Marin	3	26	11	3	4	0	62
Mariposa	3	3	3	1	0	2	2
Mendocino	10	101	12	8	4	2	16
Merced	406	134	103	45	16	1	50
Modoc	101	0	2	2	1	1	6
Mono	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Monterey	263	11	17	6	4	5	216
Napa	0	7	16	4	4	1	17
Nevada	10	0	6	8	1	1	1
Orange	2,570	141	30	33	2	4	39
Placer	1	0	27	6	3	3	9
Plumas	17	1	8	0	0	0	0
Riverside	8,675	159	166	75	8	7	165
Sacramento	566	719	80	14	30	13	178
San Benito	0	4	3	5	1	2	8
San Bernardino	39	13	630	119	137	62	940
San Diego	3,069	307	53	59	22	4	15
San Francisco	80	368	0	0	4	0	201
San Joaquin	130	30	6	5	0	0	12
San Luis Obispo	58	16	48	20	6	5	36
San Mateo	49	12	69	61	4	6	91
Santa Barbara	125	25	31	25	9	2	31
Santa Clara	706	103	52	10	1	7	4
Santa Cruz	693	483	13	6	2	5	6
Shasta	229	5	80	38	1	4	28
Sierra	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Siskiyou	290	0	45	39	21	135	22
Solano	1,640	125	50	21	9	0	7
Sonoma	37	184	23	16	2	2	18
Stanislaus	159	157	73	23	75	1	64
Sutter	306	2	23	27	3	0	1
Tehama	8	1	33	10	9	7	19
Trinity	23	0	1	5	1	4	1
Tulare	0	82	98	38	7	5	23
Tuolumne	257	14	17	7	7	2	16
Ventura	314	0	4	10	0	0	14
Yolo	153	24	29	17	11	4	23
Yuba	862	10	29	27	10	4	71

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<sup>a/</sup>**  
**October – December 2003**

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				
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>9,780</b>	<b>889</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>3,994</b>	<b>1,910</b>	<b>2,947</b>	<b>214</b>
Alameda	318	49	0	234	21	25	14
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	22	0	0
Butte	81	17	1	14	48	5	0
Calaveras	87	0	0	0	9	8	3
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	78	7	5	110	0	120	0
Del Norte	2	0	0	0	3	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	9	7	19	0
Fresno	51	68	45	2	40	5	14
Glenn	16	0	0	2	29	4	0
Humboldt	21	5	0	21	22	8	0
Imperial	26	4	0	2	6	5	0
Inyo	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	640	33	1	48	196	56	3
Kings	151	3	0	4	9	4	0
Lake	8	13	0	19	21	16	1
Lassen	37	0	0	0	2	0	0
Los Angeles	1,789	166	0	1,265	157	1,016	0
Madera	2	18	0	10	39	2	0
Marin	1	0	0	14	36	16	2
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Mendocino	1	3	0	26	2	9	19
Merced	27	57	0	149	156	11	0
Modoc	27	0	0	0	5	2	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	95	7	0	3	12	6	2
Napa	6	6	0	4	1	0	0
Nevada	7	0	0	4	3	9	0
Orange	1,077	44	10	235	441	60	2
Placer	1	6	0	6	11	1	0
Plumas	10	0	0	6	4	3	0
Riverside	1,688	28	0	185	2	1	0
Sacramento	516	9	0	447	0	0	0
San Benito	5	0	0	1	8	1	0
San Bernardino	1	45	4	138	90	763	0
San Diego	894	51	46	386	5	74	0
San Francisco	21	10	0	0	77	0	0
San Joaquin	58	47	0	1	8	15	1
San Luis Obispo	34	9	0	15	87	6	3
San Mateo	30	2	0	17	18	8	0
Santa Barbara	44	14	0	49	27	5	0
Santa Clara	268	24	0	3	1	32	11
Santa Cruz	137	0	0	33	5	0	0
Shasta	79	21	0	12	25	134	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Siskiyou	74	0	0	46	69	213	0
Solano	431	11	0	130	2	54	108
Sonoma	23	2	0	77	15	119	2
Stanislaus	100	14	16	173	104	27	1
Sutter	112	7	0	35	17	31	0
Tehama	6	2	1	0	4	2	0
Trinity	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	0	14	0	8	1	4	28
Tuolumne	127	3	0	7	9	31	0
Ventura	144	14	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	31	29	0	26	4	10	0
Yuba	396	25	0	18	27	7	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**  
**October – December 2003**

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available <sup>a/</sup>	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>4,160</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>115</b>
Alameda	49	346	34	14
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	5	0	0
Butte	10	20	11	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	3	65	1	1
Del Norte	0	6	0	0
El Dorado	0	1	0	0
Fresno	68	106	70	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	7	11	6	3
Imperial	1	39	3	1
Inyo	1	2	2	0
Kern	33	112	26	1
Kings	3	6	5	0
Lake	13	37	8	0
Lassen	1	1	1	0
Los Angeles	166	837	144	41
Madera	18	18	18	0
Marin	0	2	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	3	26	1	1
Merced	57	911	42	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	7	54	6	0
Napa	6	37	2	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0
Orange	45	88	25	1
Placer	7	72	4	0
Plumas	0	6	0	4
Riverside	27	37	25	1
Sacramento	9	320	18	5
San Benito	0	1	0	0
San Bernardino	45	53	50	0
San Diego	34	117	63	4
San Francisco	10	149	4	1
San Joaquin	85	193	28	6
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	2	11	3	0
Santa Barbara	14	14	13	1
Santa Clara	24	62	58	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0
Shasta	21	31	15	10
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	4	0	0
Solano	11	153	3	8
Sonoma	2	11	6	0
Stanislaus	14	14	14	0
Sutter	6	6	3	3
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	1	1	1	0
Tulare	14	14	14	0
Tuolumne	3	22	0	0
Ventura	16	50	15	0
Yolo	29	29	29	0
Yuba	13	60	10	9

<sup>a/</sup> Data is from DPA 266 October 2003 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus July, August and September 2003's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

**TABLE 11**  
**Food Stamp Program**  
**PROSECUTION OUTCOMES<sup>a/</sup>**  
**October – December 2003**

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>
Alameda	77	0	0	0	116	0	14	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	9	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	48	4	0	0	2	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	7	0	9	0	7	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	35	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kings	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	139	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
Madera	23	3	4	0	2	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
Merced	29	0	0	0	11	0	2	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	4	21	0	0	0
Napa	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	42	2	0	0	19	5	0	0
Placer	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	53	0	0	100	1	0	0	0
Sacramento	54	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
San Benito	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	46	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
San Diego	44	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
San Francisco	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
San Joaquin	28	0	0	0	7	0	6	0
San Luis Obispo	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	6	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Santa Clara	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	13	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	10	0	0	0	0	0	8	0
Sonoma	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sutter	1	0	5	1	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	24	0	0	19	3	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	26	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Yuba	0	0	15	8	6	0	3	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**  
**October – December 2003**

<b>County</b>	<b>Fraud Overissuances Identified</b>	<b>Total Collections</b>
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>\$3,658,254</b>	<b>\$1,841,130</b>
Alameda	362,710	203,408
Alpine	0	0
Amador	3,991	496
Butte	42,585	9,439
Calaveras	0	209
Colusa	0	1,247
Contra Costa	64,279	14,986
Del Norte	1,972	2,110
El Dorado	6,641	5,904
Fresno	47,516	46,297
Glenn	669	4,940
Humboldt	4,069	9,224
Imperial	831	0
Inyo	358	4,715
Kern	36,660	97,511
Kings	8,083	33,515
Lake	7,822	12,024
Lassen	90	450
Los Angeles	522,209	103,158
Madera	16,304	19,876
Marin	8,171	8,219
Mariposa	3,231	950
Mendocino	25,120	9,654
Merced	85,698	3,596
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	10,459	32,937
Napa	7,789	2,021
Nevada	2,443	5,186
Orange	187,439	49,876
Placer	6,605	9,718
Plumas	609	689
Riverside	111,600	92,648
Sacramento	789,200	225,485
San Benito	4,746	13,186
San Bernardino	53,779	126,020
San Diego	271,089	57,749
San Francisco	125,949	0
San Joaquin	87,694	19,767
San Luis Obispo	10,330	9,153
San Mateo	12,685	4,191
Santa Barbara	29,181	39,801
Santa Clara	170,819	115,645
Santa Cruz	11,293	7,873
Shasta	29,391	9,538
Sierra	263	398
Siskiyou	97,000	127,000
Solano	66,554	75,152
Sonoma	12,296	38,171
Stanislaus	66,241	84,664
Sutter	11,138	4,575
Tehama	0	1,914
Trinity	306	40
Tulare	169,259	0
Tuolumne	17,214	3,126
Ventura	0	54,817
Yolo	29,718	23,869
Yuba	16,156	13,993



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