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# Fraud Investigation Report Summary April – June 2004

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 website at <http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/research>.

- DPA 266 - Fraud Investigation Activity Report  
*April, May and June 2004*
- CA 237 CW - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report  
*April 2004 (April 2004 data used for May and June 2004 data)*
- DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Coupon Issuance Report  
*April and May 2004 (May 2004 data used for June 2004 data)*

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

### April – June 2004

#### Investigation Requests

- 35,471 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 11,824 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.36% of the 500,523 CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during April – June 2004).
- 34,324 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 97% of the 35,471 investigation requests received.
  - ▶ 22,664 (66%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
  - ▶ 4,536 (13%) 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.
  - ▶ 3,939 (12%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
  - ▶ 3,185 (9%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 98,795 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
  - ▶ 64,471 (65%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
  - ▶ 34,324 (35%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

#### Investigations Completed and the Results

- 35,478 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 36% of the 98,795 total investigations available.
  - ▶ 13,114 (37%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
  - ▶ 22,364 (63%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 35,478 completed investigations, the **results** included:
  - ▶ 5,839 (16%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
  - ▶ 3,066 (9%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
  - ▶ 2,590 (7%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
  - ▶ 1,497 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
  - ▶ 943 (3%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
  - ▶ 765 (2%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
  - ▶ 68 (.19%) 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 35,478 are not shown in this report.

#### Prosecution Activity

- 3,273 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
  - ▶ 2,529 (77%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
  - ▶ 744 (23%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were 3,273 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
  - ▶ 627 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 19% of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were 627 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
  - ▶ 737 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

#### Overpayments and Collections

- \$5,633,954 **fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- \$6,517,497 **collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overpayments identified in prior quarters.

## Food Stamp Statewide Highlights April – June 2004

### Investigation Requests

- 51,241 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 17,080 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.29% of the 744,759 Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during April – June 2004).
- 49,714 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 97% of the 51,241 investigation requests received.
  - ▶ 29,658 (60%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
  - ▶ 8,980 (18%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
  - ▶ 7,377 (15%) 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.
  - ▶ 3,699 (7%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 145,422 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
  - ▶ 95,708 (66%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
  - ▶ 49,714 (34%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

### Investigations Completed and the Results

- 48,478 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 33% of the 145,422 total investigations available.
  - ▶ 17,450 (36%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
  - ▶ 31,028 (64%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 48,478 completed investigations, the **results** included:
  - ▶ 8,383 (17%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
  - ▶ 4,004 (8%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
  - ▶ 2,817 (6%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
  - ▶ 2,190 (5%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
  - ▶ 1,256 (3%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
  - ▶ 904 (2%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
  - ▶ 92 (.19%) 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 48,478 are not shown in this report.

### Prosecution Activity

- 4,129 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
  - ▶ 3,234 (78%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
  - ▶ 895 (22%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were 4,129 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
  - ▶ 703 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 17% of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were 703 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
  - ▶ 787 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

### Overissuances and Collections

- \$4,095,913 **fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- \$2,461,356 **collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overissuances identified in prior quarters.

**Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units****April – June 2004**

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>21</b>	<b>9</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	✓			

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**Tables**

**TABLE 1**  
**California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program**  
**FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS**  
**April – June 2004**

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>500,523</b>	<b>35,471</b>	<b>34,324</b>	<b>35,478</b>	<b>13,114</b>	<b>22,364</b>	<b>63,232</b>
Alameda	18,755	607	605	686	330	356	742
Alpine	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	244	71	71	39	23	16	111
Butte	4,082	282	281	276	126	150	578
Calaveras	405	191	191	191	66	125	3
Colusa	202	12	12	5	1	4	46
Contra Costa	8,541	335	322	598	198	400	108
Del Norte	874	43	43	27	17	10	63
El Dorado	1,030	81	81	69	34	35	519
Fresno	25,311	480	406	382	69	313	985
Glenn	492	140	140	239	40	199	77
Humboldt	1,951	136	134	107	41	66	97
Imperial	4,044	189	189	116	101	15	600
Inyo	126	2	2	29	8	21	12
Kern	17,549	1,484	1,477	1,590	939	651	1,115
Kings	2,694	483	483	574	135	439	388
Lake	1,468	118	118	140	62	78	83
Lassen	466	72	72	104	8	96	1
Los Angeles	170,361	7,333	6,789	6,628	2,312	4,316	37,276
Madera	3,333	522	522	500	56	444	245
Marin	929	48	48	46	32	14	445
Mariposa	206	7	7	8	3	5	32
Mendocino	1,501	40	40	126	81	45	415
Merced	6,566	383	382	344	187	157	539
Modoc	252	16	16	15	1	14	4
Mono	57	0	0	0	0	0	1
Monterey	5,266	154	145	78	19	59	853
Napa	492	31	31	20	9	11	189
Nevada	593	23	14	25	13	12	71
Orange	18,415	2,340	2,327	2,603	1,457	1,146	2,482
Placer	1,325	41	41	29	7	22	143
Plumas	171	26	26	24	15	9	8
Riverside	20,649	4,612	4,603	4,520	789	3,731	914
Sacramento	28,686	1,386	1,278	1,643	847	796	1,065
San Benito	707	28	28	23	14	9	20
San Bernardino	36,107	3,844	3,844	3,394	1,117	2,277	1,272
San Diego	24,511	3,731	3,554	3,586	1,163	2,423	2,964
San Francisco	6,206	383	383	714	285	429	1,831
San Joaquin	13,327	191	191	154	114	40	416
San Luis Obispo	1,719	131	131	113	69	44	221
San Mateo	2,630	217	217	208	69	139	129
Santa Barbara	4,218	178	178	196	93	103	218
Santa Clara	14,663	569	468	552	168	384	414
Santa Cruz	2,006	461	461	492	37	455	31
Shasta	3,624	318	318	325	251	74	644
Sierra	32	1	1	0	0	0	6
Siskiyou	881	225	225	221	139	82	76
Solano	4,544	805	799	938	361	577	996
Sonoma	2,887	147	147	243	102	141	370
Stanislaus	9,101	439	397	480	310	170	997
Sutter	1,129	277	277	300	117	183	41
Tehama	1,265	109	107	117	24	93	39
Trinity	217	18	18	19	0	19	41
Tulare	13,134	201	196	202	33	169	1,197
Tuolumne	642	173	151	173	92	81	81
Ventura	5,767	431	431	371	161	210	535
Yolo	2,204	159	159	127	64	63	439
Yuba	1,949	747	747	749	305	444	44

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 June 2004 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 April 2004 Item 4 was 64,471.

**TABLE 2**  
**California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program**  
**REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD**  
**April – June 2004**

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>22,664</b>	<b>3,939</b>	<b>3,185</b>	<b>1,312</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>2,117</b>
Alameda	450	31	49	8	5	15	47
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	1	1	6	5	2	1	55
Butte	1	18	94	18	18	3	129
Calaveras	135	0	17	9	6	9	15
Colusa	0	0	1	8	0	0	3
Contra Costa	165	64	22	16	0	2	53
Del Norte	2	0	18	1	12	4	6
El Dorado	10	7	22	13	7	0	22
Fresno	118	134	95	49	8	1	1
Glenn	56	4	28	22	26	0	4
Humboldt	57	2	36	14	4	1	20
Imperial	125	0	25	15	21	1	2
Inyo	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Kern	697	77	370	157	36	9	131
Kings	376	6	48	22	18	0	13
Lake	1	6	58	9	18	2	24
Lassen	62	0	5	0	2	2	1
Los Angeles	4,002	2,171	102	148	0	119	247
Madera	409	15	49	34	6	1	8
Marin	9	13	7	0	6	9	4
Mariposa	0	2	3	2	0	0	0
Mendocino	2	1	19	5	0	3	10
Merced	228	23	75	17	15	0	24
Modoc	14	0	0	1	0	0	1
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	62	5	11	4	7	1	55
Napa	0	0	17	6	4	1	3
Nevada	6	0	2	2	3	0	1
Orange	2,051	118	35	52	2	4	65
Placer	2	0	31	4	2	0	2
Plumas	11	7	4	2	2	0	0
Riverside	3,963	155	210	54	21	4	196
Sacramento	921	0	99	32	25	4	197
San Benito	0	3	11	8	1	0	5
San Bernardino	2,420	23	735	125	268	61	212
San Diego	3,164	210	54	50	11	3	62
San Francisco	83	260	0	0	2	0	38
San Joaquin	119	30	16	8	2	2	14
San Luis Obispo	43	4	38	12	4	4	26
San Mateo	31	0	76	54	12	6	38
Santa Barbara	58	6	40	23	20	3	28
Santa Clara	332	30	54	34	0	16	2
Santa Cruz	167	275	5	7	2	2	3
Shasta	132	5	114	34	2	0	31
Sierra	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	73	0	44	19	20	42	27
Solano	603	82	63	30	6	2	13
Sonoma	48	32	23	8	1	0	35
Stanislaus	83	62	112	19	54	4	63
Sutter	190	2	30	17	4	3	31
Tehama	16	0	39	14	9	5	24
Trinity	5	8	2	1	0	0	2
Tulare	0	11	87	39	34	0	25
Tuolumne	118	6	11	5	1	1	9
Ventura	409	0	0	10	0	0	12
Yolo	72	17	19	27	6	0	18
Yuba	562	12	53	39	21	0	60

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>**  
**April – June 2004**

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>5,839</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>3,066</b>	<b>1,497</b>	<b>2,590</b>	<b>943</b>
Alameda	247	30	4	34	2	13	19
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	23	0	0
Butte	60	14	0	9	43	2	0
Calaveras	44	0	0	2	13	7	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Contra Costa	44	16	2	58	0	78	246
Del Norte	1	0	0	1	16	0	0
El Dorado	2	4	0	5	8	30	0
Fresno	20	13	19	1	11	5	4
Glenn	7	0	0	17	15	1	5
Humboldt	10	1	0	12	26	1	0
Imperial	43	4	0	0	7	2	0
Inyo	0	4	0	4	0	0	0
Kern	233	42	0	80	223	72	11
Kings	91	15	0	9	12	8	0
Lake	5	10	0	25	31	6	3
Lassen	7	0	0	0	1	0	0
Los Angeles	1,230	107	0	876	40	747	0
Madera	8	14	0	9	22	4	0
Marin	3	1	0	7	15	6	0
Mariposa	1	0	0	2	0	0	2
Mendocino	2	2	0	47	5	25	4
Merced	12	43	0	49	90	4	0
Modoc	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	57	3	0	0	6	0	0
Napa	4	0	0	1	3	1	0
Nevada	2	1	0	4	5	1	0
Orange	855	43	1	192	370	192	1
Placer	2	1	0	4	1	0	0
Plumas	4	0	0	5	2	4	0
Riverside	554	46	0	177	0	2	1
Sacramento	296	21	0	395	91	44	180
San Benito	3	0	0	3	8	0	0
San Bernardino	159	41	1	120	58	738	0
San Diego	770	44	32	283	14	108	0
San Francisco	6	4	0	7	13	0	407
San Joaquin	53	42	0	0	4	16	3
San Luis Obispo	20	2	0	6	22	9	0
San Mateo	27	2	0	5	27	8	0
Santa Barbara	23	17	1	46	25	6	0
Santa Clara	104	34	0	2	0	28	5
Santa Cruz	19	0	0	15	3	0	0
Shasta	64	22	0	40	21	104	1
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	19	0	0	39	29	52	0
Solano	130	11	0	178	7	35	6
Sonoma	29	4	0	82	36	62	24
Stanislaus	51	28	6	129	100	95	14
Sutter	64	2	0	14	15	26	0
Tehama	8	3	0	1	10	2	0
Trinity	2	0	0	0	2	0	1
Tulare	0	28	0	1	1	3	6
Tuolumne	51	5	2	11	3	22	0
Ventura	154	7	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	15	19	0	19	2	9	0
Yuba	223	15	0	40	16	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**  
**April – June 2004**

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available <sup>a/</sup>	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>3,273</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>78</b>
Alameda	30	420	20	2
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	3	0	0
Butte	5	10	3	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	9	84	2	6
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	4	4	1	0
Fresno	13	81	19	1
Glenn	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	1	3	1	0
Imperial	4	45	4	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0
Kern	56	57	42	7
Kings	15	18	14	2
Lake	10	34	15	6
Lassen	2	2	2	0
Los Angeles	107	213	74	16
Madera	14	14	14	0
Marin	1	2	1	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	2	28	11	11
Merced	43	749	21	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	1	3	0	0
Monterey	2	43	4	0
Napa	0	23	2	0
Nevada	1	4	0	0
Orange	41	89	39	1
Placer	1	57	3	0
Plumas	0	4	0	0
Riverside	46	58	45	2
Sacramento	21	416	7	3
San Benito	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	41	42	41	3
San Diego	42	71	55	1
San Francisco	4	100	3	0
San Joaquin	42	145	31	2
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	2	9	3	3
Santa Barbara	17	17	9	8
Santa Clara	34	42	27	1
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0
Shasta	22	30	21	0
Sierra	0	1	1	0
Siskiyou	0	4	0	0
Solano	11	155	0	0
Sonoma	4	8	2	0
Stanislaus	28	28	27	0
Sutter	2	2	2	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	28	28	28	0
Tuolumne	5	25	1	0
Ventura	8	42	7	1
Yolo	19	19	19	0
Yuba	6	41	6	2

a/ Data is from DPA 266 April 2004 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus April, May and June 2004's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

**TABLE 5**  
**California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program**  
**PROSECUTION OUTCOMES<sup>a/</sup>**  
**April – June 2004**

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>
Alameda	31	0	0	0	33	0	2	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	10	0	1	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	0	0	1	1	0	4	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	63	1	0	1	4	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	3	0	4	0	3	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kern	44	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Kings	7	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Lake	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	171	0	0	0	38	0	0	0
Madera	27	6	4	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
Merced	10	0	0	0	8	0	3	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	1	7	8	0	0	0
Napa	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	54	3	0	0	3	3	0	0
Placer	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	40	0	0	43	6	0	0	0
Sacramento	40	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
San Benito	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	38	0	0	0	26	0	0	0
San Diego	40	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	40	0	0	0	7	0	2	1
San Luis Obispo	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	6	4	8	2	4	0	0	0
Santa Clara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	18	0	2	0	7	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Sutter	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	19	0	0	18	0	0	0	0
Tuolumne	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Ventura	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Yolo	23	0	0	0	4	2	0	0
Yuba	2	0	11	2	4	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**  
**April – June 2004**

<b>County</b>	<b>Fraud Overpayments Identified</b>	<b>Total Collections</b>
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>\$5,633,954</b>	<b>\$6,517,497</b>
Alameda	310,637	555,663
Alpine	0	0
Amador	3,559	1,954
Butte	18,605	14,402
Calaveras	2,539	3,661
Colusa	0	3,121
Contra Costa	80,167	104,954
Del Norte	12,219	6,556
El Dorado	9,537	50,398
Fresno	126,452	231,449
Glenn	24,542	8,620
Humboldt	12,949	12,331
Imperial	13,177	860
Inyo	0	0
Kern	272,514	99,265
Kings	22,043	77,637
Lake	0	4,556
Lassen	26,215	1,244
Los Angeles	1,049,092	1,896,118
Madera	28,966	29,850
Marin	11,946	40,412
Mariposa	1,529	951
Mendocino	52,619	44,109
Merced	66,340	0
Modoc	479	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	30,971	69,907
Napa	2,790	2,441
Nevada	8,519	5,456
Orange	389,062	87,689
Placer	17,109	56,988
Plumas	2,071	5,425
Riverside	224,402	269,127
Sacramento	794,279	592,828
San Benito	6,373	30,244
San Bernardino	67,340	211,534
San Diego	413,651	467,143
San Francisco	153,067	191,038
San Joaquin	131,313	56,621
San Luis Obispo	17,757	4,502
San Mateo	14,194	4,099
Santa Barbara	55,459	153,306
Santa Clara	343,685	368,113
Santa Cruz	17,449	35,301
Shasta	56,416	35,852
Sierra	208	805
Siskiyou	69,000	78,000
Solano	199,903	228,505
Sonoma	64,505	170,439
Stanislaus	115,686	0
Sutter	12,554	6,583
Tehama	0	3,218
Trinity	0	3,433
Tulare	129,576	0
Tuolumne	19,317	17,881
Ventura	50,194	106,348
Yolo	52,890	47,626
Yuba	28,088	18,934

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**TABLE 7**  
**Food Stamp Program**  
**FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS**  
**April – June 2004**

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>744,759</b>	<b>51,241</b>	<b>49,714</b>	<b>48,478</b>	<b>17,450</b>	<b>31,028</b>	<b>96,831</b>
Alameda	25,004	1,205	1,203	1,406	586	820	736
Alpine	35	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	440	98	98	61	29	32	135
Butte	6,609	306	305	306	169	137	563
Calaveras	761	353	353	353	120	233	10
Colusa	437	17	17	8	2	6	58
Contra Costa	10,430	482	467	714	286	428	146
Del Norte	1,444	49	49	36	24	12	71
El Dorado	1,713	159	159	113	52	61	588
Fresno	34,343	545	461	389	74	315	736
Glenn	790	345	345	577	69	508	207
Humboldt	4,473	187	184	147	57	90	119
Imperial	5,273	217	217	124	108	16	660
Inyo	399	3	3	32	10	22	20
Kern	25,417	1,697	1,687	1,798	1,121	677	1,961
Kings	4,652	660	660	767	197	570	495
Lake	2,153	198	198	212	85	127	122
Lassen	750	94	94	132	12	120	1
Los Angeles	278,066	13,879	13,044	10,169	3,299	6,870	63,675
Madera	5,206	770	770	727	79	648	346
Marin	2,105	114	114	113	55	58	1,117
Mariposa	327	12	12	16	7	9	47
Mendocino	3,153	73	72	162	92	70	501
Merced	6,781	561	560	566	325	241	454
Modoc	315	131	131	130	26	104	58
Mono	130	0	0	0	0	0	1
Monterey	7,069	314	303	226	41	185	598
Napa	1,026	61	61	34	15	19	289
Nevada	939	40	30	35	20	15	92
Orange	29,712	2,910	2,894	3,030	1,860	1,170	2,110
Placer	2,100	52	52	33	9	24	168
Plumas	259	38	38	30	20	10	17
Riverside	25,741	8,388	8,379	8,213	1,476	6,737	1,224
Sacramento	37,838	1,089	1,008	1,362	813	549	3,367
San Benito	1,076	35	35	25	15	10	32
San Bernardino	47,691	1,742	1,742	1,645	768	877	188
San Diego	29,873	3,664	3,478	3,471	1,287	2,184	3,958
San Francisco	19,808	890	890	1,430	537	893	3,693
San Joaquin	17,179	216	216	203	160	43	425
San Luis Obispo	2,951	189	189	172	111	61	290
San Mateo	3,689	318	318	293	87	206	195
Santa Barbara	6,960	400	400	315	159	156	300
Santa Clara	22,058	1,221	1,076	1,256	365	891	444
Santa Cruz	4,244	1,655	1,655	1,701	171	1,530	80
Shasta	5,225	438	438	441	332	109	768
Sierra	49	1	1	0	0	0	6
Siskiyou	1,551	608	608	581	347	234	119
Solano	6,199	975	970	1,104	332	772	1,170
Sonoma	5,526	354	354	436	159	277	634
Stanislaus	4,630	562	519	558	354	204	1,299
Sutter	1,722	371	371	380	187	193	72
Tehama	2,136	109	107	117	24	93	39
Trinity	336	36	36	36	0	36	57
Tulare	19,432	230	224	238	34	204	1,119
Tuolumne	1,000	351	290	303	162	141	124
Ventura	9,609	441	441	429	146	283	416
Yolo	3,288	282	282	217	102	115	659
Yuba	2,637	1,106	1,106	1,106	473	633	52

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 June 2004 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 April 2004 Item 4 was 95,708.

**TABLE 8**  
**Food Stamp Program**  
**REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD**  
**April – June 2004**

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>29,658</b>	<b>8,980</b>	<b>3,699</b>	<b>2,113</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>3,732</b>
Alameda	635	31	49	17	5	16	450
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	1	1	8	5	2	2	79
Butte	1	19	119	33	22	4	107
Calaveras	273	0	18	16	7	21	18
Colusa	0	0	1	9	1	0	6
Contra Costa	227	116	38	17	0	2	67
Del Norte	7	0	14	1	16	2	9
El Dorado	27	21	28	21	7	2	53
Fresno	130	159	103	56	8	2	3
Glenn	109	6	57	81	63	7	22
Humboldt	57	2	50	19	5	1	50
Imperial	146	0	27	17	24	1	2
Inyo	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
Kern	759	87	386	190	44	14	207
Kings	506	17	54	44	23	0	16
Lake	13	10	88	18	25	2	42
Lassen	82	0	7	0	2	2	1
Los Angeles	6,081	5,807	134	609	0	138	275
Madera	639	20	54	39	8	1	9
Marin	13	20	8	0	6	10	57
Mariposa	1	3	5	2	0	0	1
Mendocino	5	5	22	6	0	4	30
Merced	316	50	109	21	17	0	47
Modoc	102	0	10	10	2	4	3
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	72	5	12	5	7	1	201
Napa	0	0	21	12	11	1	16
Nevada	18	0	4	3	3	1	1
Orange	2,555	195	40	55	7	7	35
Placer	3	0	33	6	3	0	7
Plumas	14	11	6	2	3	0	2
Riverside	7,512	185	291	64	22	5	300
Sacramento	627	0	97	27	23	4	230
San Benito	0	11	9	8	1	0	6
San Bernardino	0	36	841	141	328	92	304
San Diego	2,956	359	55	65	11	3	29
San Francisco	100	591	0	0	2	0	197
San Joaquin	130	33	16	10	2	2	23
San Luis Obispo	57	7	46	15	5	4	55
San Mateo	38	0	85	76	19	6	94
Santa Barbara	132	14	43	27	23	3	158
Santa Clara	927	37	54	37	0	21	0
Santa Cruz	969	652	6	8	1	6	13
Shasta	227	4	120	47	3	0	37
Sierra	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	295	0	49	33	29	165	37
Solano	723	132	59	30	7	3	16
Sonoma	46	108	21	9	1	2	167
Stanislaus	88	135	136	25	53	4	78
Sutter	285	8	34	31	6	3	4
Tehama	16	0	39	14	9	5	24
Trinity	18	9	2	1	0	2	4
Tulare	0	15	97	42	49	1	20
Tuolumne	244	7	12	8	9	2	8
Ventura	416	0	0	8	0	0	17
Yolo	152	38	26	33	7	0	26
Yuba	908	12	55	40	22	0	69

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>**  
**April – June 2004**

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>8,383</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>4,004</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>2,817</b>	<b>1,256</b>
Alameda	433	28	4	72	40	9	18
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	29	0	0
Butte	87	23	0	11	46	3	0
Calaveras	93	1	0	2	14	9	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Contra Costa	58	16	2	126	0	84	228
Del Norte	6	1	0	0	16	1	0
El Dorado	2	4	0	7	8	48	0
Fresno	22	13	22	1	11	5	2
Glenn	12	0	0	23	31	3	8
Humboldt	17	2	0	17	34	2	0
Imperial	47	4	0	0	8	2	0
Inyo	0	4	0	6	0	0	0
Kern	287	41	1	98	297	84	9
Kings	130	30	0	12	18	7	0
Lake	10	11	0	28	38	12	3
Lassen	10	0	0	0	2	0	0
Los Angeles	1,883	115	0	1,112	138	966	0
Madera	10	22	0	9	33	6	0
Marin	5	1	0	11	29	9	0
Mariposa	2	0	0	4	1	0	2
Mendocino	3	2	0	46	6	35	8
Merced	15	84	0	94	175	5	0
Modoc	24	0	0	1	1	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	70	3	0	0	10	3	0
Napa	6	0	0	1	3	5	0
Nevada	9	1	0	2	7	1	0
Orange	1,118	49	7	266	517	61	1
Placer	4	1	0	4	2	0	0
Plumas	8	0	0	10	3	2	0
Riverside	1,189	51	0	217	0	9	2
Sacramento	294	12	0	463	31	13	54
San Benito	5	0	0	4	6	0	0
San Bernardino	0	40	1	182	104	602	0
San Diego	734	51	46	448	25	107	0
San Francisco	10	5	0	14	63	0	765
San Joaquin	65	53	0	1	6	15	3
San Luis Obispo	29	5	0	10	36	18	0
San Mateo	35	2	0	9	31	10	0
Santa Barbara	63	22	1	66	35	11	0
Santa Clara	283	38	0	5	0	39	5
Santa Cruz	118	2	0	42	8	0	0
Shasta	85	38	0	27	28	154	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	54	0	0	42	71	180	0
Solano	150	11	0	125	10	36	97
Sonoma	35	5	0	117	43	79	26
Stanislaus	55	28	7	152	117	100	14
Sutter	116	2	0	31	20	30	0
Tehama	8	3	0	1	10	2	0
Trinity	5	0	0	0	4	0	1
Tulare	0	29	0	1	1	3	10
Tuolumne	108	6	1	17	5	26	0
Ventura	140	6	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	34	24	0	33	2	9	0
Yuba	397	15	0	34	17	10	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**  
**April – June 2004**

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available <sup>a/</sup>	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>4,129</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>110</b>
Alameda	28	319	23	2
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	5	0	0
Butte	13	19	9	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	9	72	2	6
Del Norte	1	1	1	0
El Dorado	4	4	1	0
Fresno	13	48	18	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	2	4	2	0
Imperial	4	46	4	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0
Kern	54	132	43	8
Kings	30	34	24	5
Lake	11	39	15	8
Lassen	2	2	2	0
Los Angeles	115	758	71	16
Madera	22	22	22	0
Marin	1	3	1	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	2	36	15	15
Merced	84	995	23	0
Modoc	0	1	2	0
Mono	1	3	0	0
Monterey	2	47	4	0
Napa	0	27	3	0
Nevada	1	4	0	0
Orange	47	90	43	0
Placer	1	69	3	0
Plumas	0	2	0	0
Riverside	51	65	49	2
Sacramento	12	314	5	0
San Benito	0	1	0	0
San Bernardino	49	52	49	6
San Diego	57	92	58	1
San Francisco	5	145	4	0
San Joaquin	53	173	30	9
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	2	11	3	3
Santa Barbara	22	22	12	10
Santa Clara	38	46	31	1
Santa Cruz	2	2	2	0
Shasta	38	48	24	14
Sierra	0	1	1	0
Siskiyou	0	4	0	0
Solano	11	151	0	0
Sonoma	5	10	3	0
Stanislaus	28	28	27	0
Sutter	2	2	2	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0
Tulare	29	29	29	0
Tuolumne	6	31	1	0
Ventura	7	47	11	2
Yolo	24	24	24	0
Yuba	7	49	7	2

<sup>a/</sup> Data is from DPA 266 April 2004 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus April, May and June 2004's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

**TABLE 11**  
**Food Stamp Program**  
**PROSECUTION OUTCOMES<sup>a/</sup>**  
**April – June 2004**

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>787</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>
Alameda	31	0	0	0	35	0	2	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	14	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	1	0	0	1	1	0	4	0
Del Norte	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	66	1	0	1	4	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	4	0	4	0	3	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kern	48	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kings	10	0	5	0	0	0	1	0
Lake	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	165	0	0	0	33	0	0	0
Madera	31	5	6	0	0	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
Merced	11	0	0	0	9	0	3	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	1	6	7	0	0	0
Napa	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	62	3	0	0	3	3	0	0
Placer	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	44	0	0	47	6	0	0	0
Sacramento	36	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
San Benito	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	45	0	0	0	28	0	0	0
San Diego	43	0	0	0	9	0	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Joaquin	35	0	0	0	8	0	9	1
San Luis Obispo	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	7	3	11	1	3	0	1	0
Santa Clara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	19	0	2	0	8	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Sutter	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	16	0	0	15	0	0	0	0
Tuolumne	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Ventura	17	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Yolo	30	0	0	0	4	2	0	0
Yuba	2	0	11	3	4	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**  
**April – June 2004**

<b>County</b>	<b>Fraud Overissuances Identified</b>	<b>Total Collections</b>
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>\$4,095,913</b>	<b>\$2,461,356</b>
Alameda	122,782	270,806
Alpine	0	0
Amador	1,850	526
Butte	17,392	13,312
Calaveras	6,521	1,851
Colusa	0	289
Contra Costa	82,257	37,195
Del Norte	6,794	8,025
El Dorado	8,707	21,710
Fresno	88,510	83,488
Glenn	18,951	3,057
Humboldt	13,473	6,337
Imperial	13,319	650
Inyo	0	117
Kern	202,291	64,471
Kings	27,614	74,317
Lake	0	1,724
Lassen	0	178
Los Angeles	528,312	147,630
Madera	16,960	50,099
Marin	17,666	13,710
Mariposa	978	3,180
Mendocino	23,694	35,777
Merced	131,013	0
Modoc	783	2,400
Mono	0	0
Monterey	13,032	33,725
Napa	704	1,867
Nevada	5,215	2,999
Orange	277,506	36,627
Placer	7,291	25,985
Plumas	1,250	979
Riverside	157,993	143,865
Sacramento	675,767	180,380
San Benito	2,188	25,672
San Bernardino	46,168	178,554
San Diego	345,363	123,662
San Francisco	171,395	111,174
San Joaquin	93,767	88,302
San Luis Obispo	13,539	5,360
San Mateo	13,366	5,163
Santa Barbara	30,185	79,727
Santa Clara	280,678	88,826
Santa Cruz	29,336	11,126
Shasta	32,314	26,050
Sierra	327	543
Siskiyou	99,000	108,000
Solano	74,397	199,022
Sonoma	52,280	44,770
Stanislaus	113,839	0
Sutter	20,002	6,697
Tehama	0	1,456
Trinity	0	277
Tulare	95,662	0
Tuolumne	12,029	4,312
Ventura	47,548	47,212
Yolo	41,994	31,814
Yuba	11,911	6,361



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