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Fraud Investigation Report Summary January – March 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
January, February and March 2004
- CA 237 CW - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report
January, February and March 2004
- DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Coupon Issuance Report
January and February 2004 (February 2004 data used for March 2004)

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 2004

Investigation Requests

- 36,388 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 12,129 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.4% of the 496,754 CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during January – March 2004).
- 35,260 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 97% of the 36,388 investigation requests received.
 - ▶ 22,877 (65%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
 - ▶ 4,835 (14%) 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.
 - ▶ 4,561 (13%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - ▶ 2,987 (8%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 105,716 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - ▶ 66,456 (65%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ 35,260 (35%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 36,699 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 36% of the 105,716 total investigations available.
 - ▶ 14,099 (38%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - ▶ 22,600 (62%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 36,699 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - ▶ 6,608 (18%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - ▶ 3,075 (8%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - ▶ 2,910 (8%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - ▶ 1,608 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - ▶ 746 (2%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - ▶ 437 (1%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - ▶ 96 (.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 36,699 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 3,285 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - ▶ 2,566 (78%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ 719 (22%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were 3,285 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
 - ▶ 670 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 20% of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were 670 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
 - ▶ 658 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overpayments and Collections

- \$5,561,091 **fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- \$6,602,242 **collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overpayments identified in prior quarters.

Food Stamp Statewide Highlights January – March 2004

Investigation Requests

- 51,351 requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of 17,117 investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents 2.4% of the 710,257 Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during January – March 2004).
- 49,746 investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is 97% of the 51,351 investigation requests received.
 - ▶ 30,358 (61%) were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
 - ▶ 8,556 (17%) were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
 - ▶ 7,488 (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.
 - ▶ 3,344 (7%) were family (household) composition requests.
- 146,883 investigations were **available** during the quarter.
 - ▶ 97,137 (66%) of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ 49,746 (34%) of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

Investigations Completed and the Results

- 50,435 investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is 34% of the 146,883 total investigations available.
 - ▶ 19,273 (38%) of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
 - ▶ 31,162 (62%) of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the 50,435 completed investigations, the **results** included:
 - ▶ 9,176 (18%) of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
 - ▶ 3,997 (8%) of the cases had restitution action taken.
 - ▶ 3,717 (7%) of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
 - ▶ 2,209 (4%) of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
 - ▶ 893 (2%) of the cases were referred for prosecution.
 - ▶ 453 (1%) of the cases had expiration of statutes.
 - ▶ 118 (.23%) 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 50,435 are not shown in this report.

Prosecution Activity

- 4,112 referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
 - ▶ 3,246 (79%) were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
 - ▶ 866 (21%) were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were 4,112 referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
 - ▶ 766 **prosecutions** were filed. This is 19% of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were 766 prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
 - ▶ 707 **convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

Overissuances and Collections

- \$3,720,931 **fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- \$1,909,598 **collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overissuances identified in prior quarters.

Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units**January – March 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
Statewide	26	21	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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TABLE 1
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
January – March 2004

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	496,754	36,388	35,260	36,699	14,099	22,600	64,539
Alameda	18,263	644	644	716	319	397	823
Alpine	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	257	49	49	46	15	31	79
Butte	4,065	308	305	339	163	176	573
Calaveras	398	165	165	165	39	126	3
Colusa	209	5	5	2	1	1	39
Contra Costa	8,461	379	371	466	240	226	338
Del Norte	862	25	25	34	23	11	47
El Dorado	1,051	58	58	68	31	37	512
Fresno	24,484	371	351	365	142	223	961
Glenn	495	125	125	112	24	88	176
Humboldt	1,914	142	141	140	51	89	72
Imperial	4,040	192	192	164	137	27	527
Inyo	134	0	0	0	0	0	43
Kern	17,273	1,403	1,366	1,528	861	667	1,228
Kings	2,644	488	488	563	130	433	479
Lake	1,439	127	127	142	82	60	105
Lassen	477	120	120	110	23	87	33
Los Angeles	170,230	7,559	7,002	7,246	2,581	4,665	37,115
Madera	3,272	628	628	612	68	544	223
Marin	904	41	41	35	15	20	443
Mariposa	197	7	7	6	5	1	33
Mendocino	1,504	132	131	80	54	26	501
Merced	6,372	373	371	515	300	215	501
Modoc	218	16	16	16	6	10	3
Mono	55	2	2	4	3	1	1
Monterey	5,206	291	282	134	28	106	877
Napa	501	46	46	26	12	14	178
Nevada	589	35	28	30	15	15	82
Orange	18,619	2,133	2,126	2,325	1,277	1,048	2,758
Placer	1,324	56	56	32	8	24	131
Plumas	167	22	22	20	14	6	6
Riverside	20,565	4,546	4,525	4,799	899	3,900	831
Sacramento	28,640	1,586	1,533	2,069	919	1,150	1,430
San Benito	679	24	24	25	18	7	15
San Bernardino	35,815	4,071	4,071	3,578	1,391	2,187	822
San Diego	24,775	3,667	3,466	3,396	1,081	2,315	2,996
San Francisco	6,291	340	340	267	243	24	2,162
San Joaquin	13,240	191	191	239	148	91	379
San Luis Obispo	1,745	120	120	139	83	56	203
San Mateo	2,555	174	174	164	63	101	120
Santa Barbara	4,204	144	144	156	76	80	236
Santa Clara	14,462	759	621	621	288	333	498
Santa Cruz	1,897	392	392	389	52	337	62
Shasta	3,212	268	268	360	263	97	651
Sierra	35	6	6	8	2	6	5
Siskiyou	858	324	324	309	171	138	72
Solano	4,361	1,045	1,029	1,147	419	728	1,233
Sonoma	2,795	122	122	274	115	159	466
Stanislaus	8,892	431	414	434	280	154	1,080
Sutter	1,109	313	313	330	159	171	64
Tehama	1,258	110	110	106	25	81	49
Trinity	211	30	30	39	1	38	42
Tulare	12,857	259	247	252	62	190	1,203
Tuolumne	638	166	148	196	105	91	102
Ventura	5,813	383	383	387	163	224	475
Yolo	2,253	194	194	155	68	87	407
Yuba	1,951	781	781	819	338	481	46

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 March 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 January 2004 Item 4, was 66,456.

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

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	22,877	4,561	2,987	1,266	610	325	2,634
Alameda	451	77	56	9	0	23	28
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	1	0	2	5	3	2	36
Butte	2	16	115	18	12	3	139
Calaveras	114	8	7	3	5	7	21
Colusa	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Contra Costa	205	100	8	8	0	0	50
Del Norte	4	0	9	5	3	1	3
El Dorado	2	10	12	19	4	0	11
Fresno	104	100	99	40	5	1	2
Glenn	80	1	21	2	7	2	12
Humboldt	54	2	39	12	0	1	33
Imperial	97	0	48	23	20	2	2
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	791	25	267	87	20	6	170
Kings	402	5	44	15	15	0	7
Lake	4	5	54	16	21	2	25
Lassen	102	0	12	1	2	2	1
Los Angeles	3,728	2,497	158	155	0	58	406
Madera	565	5	34	13	1	0	10
Marin	7	11	7	1	3	4	8
Mariposa	2	1	3	0	0	0	1
Mendocino	7	82	21	6	3	0	12
Merced	187	24	78	30	17	3	32
Modoc	11	0	1	0	0	1	3
Mono	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Monterey	111	15	23	6	17	6	104
Napa	1	0	23	10	5	3	4
Nevada	10	0	7	4	4	0	3
Orange	1,950	57	31	30	4	2	52
Placer	0	0	34	9	2	1	10
Plumas	15	0	6	0	1	0	0
Riverside	4,047	179	146	66	13	7	67
Sacramento	966	279	59	46	24	1	158
San Benito	0	5	2	6	2	1	8
San Bernardino	2,352	33	648	109	192	67	670
San Diego	3,047	217	60	74	22	2	44
San Francisco	71	214	3	1	1	0	50
San Joaquin	117	28	17	7	0	0	22
San Luis Obispo	27	5	45	16	1	1	25
San Mateo	29	0	58	46	13	4	24
Santa Barbara	36	16	40	21	9	1	21
Santa Clara	494	51	56	16	0	1	3
Santa Cruz	157	217	8	7	0	1	2
Shasta	113	6	88	29	3	1	28
Sierra	0	0	2	1	2	1	0
Siskiyou	87	0	79	20	36	84	18
Solano	794	113	46	41	11	4	20
Sonoma	38	30	29	14	2	3	6
Stanislaus	123	48	122	30	31	5	55
Sutter	229	6	27	18	8	0	25
Tehama	15	2	26	23	9	2	33
Trinity	4	1	6	4	3	4	8
Tulare	0	31	103	58	28	0	27
Tuolumne	122	2	16	1	2	0	5
Ventura	323	0	3	18	0	0	39
Yolo	97	26	24	19	9	3	16
Yuba	582	11	55	46	15	2	70

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 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				
Statewide	6,608	746	96	3,075	1,608	2,910	437
Alameda	205	29	0	51	2	32	11
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	15	0	0
Butte	74	16	0	23	42	8	0
Calaveras	27	0	0	0	12	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Contra Costa	55	7	3	67	0	108	61
Del Norte	4	0	1	0	17	0	0
El Dorado	1	0	0	8	3	31	0
Fresno	31	49	43	0	19	0	7
Glenn	17	0	0	1	6	0	0
Humboldt	18	1	0	10	26	5	0
Imperial	29	2	0	0	10	4	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	449	34	1	68	196	69	0
Kings	94	10	0	11	13	2	0
Lake	7	10	0	32	30	12	1
Lassen	19	0	0	0	4	0	0
Los Angeles	1,247	120	0	879	66	938	0
Madera	3	17	0	16	27	5	0
Marin	0	0	0	3	9	3	0
Mariposa	1	0	0	0	3	1	0
Mendocino	2	7	0	33	1	11	4
Merced	14	40	1	52	138	18	0
Modoc	5	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mono	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	57	3	0	2	7	0	1
Napa	1	0	0	3	2	6	0
Nevada	5	3	0	4	3	0	0
Orange	713	37	5	123	392	192	4
Placer	4	0	0	1	7	0	0
Plumas	8	0	0	2	3	1	0
Riverside	612	38	0	239	0	5	12
Sacramento	467	21	0	305	118	8	233
San Benito	6	0	0	7	4	1	0
San Bernardino	423	36	0	110	55	768	0
San Diego	714	44	32	370	10	97	0
San Francisco	5	3	0	17	31	0	2
San Joaquin	84	41	0	1	9	15	43
San Luis Obispo	19	9	0	11	36	8	1
San Mateo	24	1	0	9	28	1	0
Santa Barbara	25	7	0	29	21	4	0
Santa Clara	191	35	0	16	2	44	4
Santa Cruz	31	5	0	15	1	0	0
Shasta	59	16	0	47	22	119	0
Sierra	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	13	0	0	32	40	86	0
Solano	203	13	0	160	7	36	27
Sonoma	23	1	2	81	21	99	6
Stanislaus	48	9	8	139	91	43	3
Sutter	82	1	0	26	9	44	0
Tehama	9	1	0	1	10	6	0
Trinity	2	1	0	0	3	1	0
Tulare	0	29	0	0	0	33	12
Tuolumne	58	4	0	10	9	25	0
Ventura	158	5	0	0	0	0	5
Yolo	22	20	0	11	7	8	0
Yuba	240	16	0	50	20	12	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 2004

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	719	3,285	670	95
Alameda	29	428	33	5
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	3	0	0
Butte	10	17	10	2
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	4	79	2	2
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0
Fresno	49	116	48	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	1	3	1	0
Imperial	5	43	1	1
Inyo	0	1	2	0
Kern	34	41	39	1
Kings	10	11	5	3
Lake	10	34	1	9
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	120	254	115	33
Madera	18	18	18	0
Marin	0	1	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	8	28	2	0
Merced	40	729	18	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	4	4	1	2
Monterey	3	46	4	1
Napa	0	28	5	0
Nevada	3	3	0	0
Orange	40	103	55	0
Placer	0	56	0	0
Plumas	0	4	0	0
Riverside	39	48	34	2
Sacramento	21	410	11	4
San Benito	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	33	36	32	3
San Diego	41	94	61	4
San Francisco	3	100	4	0
San Joaquin	42	141	33	17
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	1	7	0	0
Santa Barbara	7	7	5	2
Santa Clara	35	38	30	0
Santa Cruz	5	5	5	0
Shasta	16	21	13	0
Sierra	2	2	1	0
Siskiyou	0	4	0	0
Solano	13	161	14	3
Sonoma	1	5	1	0
Stanislaus	9	9	9	0
Sutter	1	1	1	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	1	1	1	0
Tulare	29	29	28	1
Tuolumne	4	21	1	0
Ventura	6	39	5	0
Yolo	20	20	20	0
Yuba	2	36	1	0

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

TABLE 5
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
January – March 2004

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	658	9	42	56	113	6	36	7
Alameda	53	0	0	0	25	0	5	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	6	0	0	3	3	1	2	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	64	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	33	0	0	0	4	0	1	0
Kings	5	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Lake	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	144	0	0	0	15	0	0	0
Madera	21	0	11	0	3	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	4	0	0	5	5	0	0	0
Merced	5	0	0	0	5	0	8	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	1	1	4	0	1	0
Napa	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	32	2	0	0	4	4	0	0
Placer	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	23	0	0	24	0	0	0	0
Sacramento	17	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
San Benito	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	39	0	0	0	10	0	0	0
San Diego	49	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
San Joaquin	23	1	0	0	11	0	18	6
San Luis Obispo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	7	5	5	0	4	0	0	0
Santa Clara	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	10	0	1	0	3	1	0	0
Sierra	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sonoma	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	15	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Sutter	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Tulare	24	0	0	19	1	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	20	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Yuba	1	0	14	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 2004

County	Fraud Overpayments Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$5,561,091	\$6,602,242
Alameda	452,711	391,344
Alpine	0	0
Amador	745	675
Butte	82,414	13,994
Calaveras	0	1,197
Colusa	0	251
Contra Costa	61,995	72,521
Del Norte	5,031	9,380
El Dorado	12,551	31,812
Fresno	78,522	177,981
Glenn	512	13,639
Humboldt	2,935	6,885
Imperial	3,051	0
Inyo	0	400
Kern	146,756	124,775
Kings	30,586	55,472
Lake	0	1,718
Lassen	1,720	930
Los Angeles	1,092,912	2,393,721
Madera	39,237	16,185
Marin	2,967	16,328
Mariposa	490	991
Mendocino	66,129	43,012
Merced	93,599	7,505
Modoc	0	0
Mono	0	0
Monterey	8,341	76,140
Napa	6,260	809
Nevada	13,319	3,890
Orange	265,778	117,556
Placer	59,870	31,340
Plumas	1,279	8,562
Riverside	199,455	213,659
Sacramento	518,594	585,253
San Benito	32,563	25,964
San Bernardino	36,047	234,622
San Diego	275,494	455,667
San Francisco	76,399	144,603
San Joaquin	146,970	54,976
San Luis Obispo	44,412	3,614
San Mateo	13,148	4,820
Santa Barbara	22,181	94,790
Santa Clara	562,677	494,357
Santa Cruz	37,082	31,382
Shasta	73,464	17,795
Sierra	0	875
Siskiyou	72,000	91,000
Solano	171,468	92,308
Sonoma	43,757	110,672
Stanislaus	140,062	109,351
Sutter	31,151	5,791
Tehama	0	1,846
Trinity	0	1,394
Tulare	454,912	0
Tuolumne	9,423	5,048
Ventura	3,758	130,942
Yolo	40,327	45,236
Yuba	26,037	27,264

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TABLE 7
Food Stamp Program
FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS
January – March 2004

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	710,257	51,351	49,746	50,435	19,273	31,162	95,784
Alameda	23,756	1,076	1,076	1,358	586	772	939
Alpine	33	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	422	56	56	53	18	35	98
Butte	6,439	349	346	353	213	140	565
Calaveras	690	408	408	408	97	311	10
Colusa	448	13	13	10	3	7	49
Contra Costa	6,542	496	491	602	348	254	361
Del Norte	1,415	14	14	24	12	12	7
El Dorado	1,698	58	58	108	41	67	569
Fresno	32,776	408	387	390	153	237	663
Glenn	786	297	297	279	43	236	439
Humboldt	4,221	171	170	177	71	106	81
Imperial	5,318	209	209	177	148	29	567
Inyo	411	0	0	0	0	0	55
Kern	24,084	1,603	1,563	1,745	1,061	684	2,072
Kings	4,453	679	679	792	191	601	602
Lake	1,867	164	164	175	96	79	138
Lassen	720	169	169	158	34	124	39
Los Angeles	268,438	13,222	12,272	11,275	3,904	7,371	60,800
Madera	5,052	853	853	793	93	700	333
Marin	1,357	98	98	90	39	51	1,116
Mariposa	309	11	11	10	7	3	51
Mendocino	3,008	186	185	109	62	47	591
Merced	5,981	556	554	723	392	331	460
Modoc	316	157	157	169	49	120	57
Mono	122	2	2	4	3	1	1
Monterey	6,794	469	462	275	52	223	632
Napa	948	69	69	41	18	23	262
Nevada	912	55	42	45	23	22	97
Orange	26,316	2,601	2,594	2,714	1,666	1,048	2,246
Placer	1,884	70	70	39	9	30	149
Plumas	262	26	26	25	17	8	9
Riverside	23,643	8,475	8,454	8,798	1,614	7,184	1,058
Sacramento	34,467	1,647	1,607	1,939	1,039	900	3,721
San Benito	675	21	21	22	17	5	22
San Bernardino	44,562	2,343	2,343	2,458	1,202	1,256	91
San Diego	28,485	3,589	3,386	3,310	1,217	2,093	3,951
San Francisco	19,034	802	802	666	553	113	4,233
San Joaquin	16,647	202	202	234	152	82	412
San Luis Obispo	2,809	174	174	177	104	73	273
San Mateo	3,276	239	239	218	80	138	170
Santa Barbara	6,525	252	252	270	132	138	215
Santa Clara	20,953	1,150	968	996	448	548	624
Santa Cruz	4,040	1,584	1,584	1,567	225	1,342	126
Shasta	4,822	383	383	521	360	161	771
Sierra	52	6	6	7	2	5	5
Siskiyou	1,507	689	689	684	394	290	92
Solano	5,501	1,279	1,261	1,415	454	961	1,403
Sonoma	4,953	217	217	294	131	163	716
Stanislaus	12,383	561	542	510	338	172	1,338
Sutter	1,740	433	433	471	238	233	81
Tehama	2,014	110	110	106	25	81	49
Trinity	320	37	37	54	1	53	57
Tulare	18,369	297	280	293	69	224	1,133
Tuolumne	936	360	305	394	197	197	136
Ventura	9,012	436	436	448	162	286	403
Yolo	3,157	321	321	253	120	133	594
Yuba	2,595	1,199	1,199	1,209	550	659	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 March 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 January 2004 Item 4 was 97,137.

TABLE 8
Food Stamp Program
REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD
January – March 2004

County	Early Fraud Prevention/ Detection	Income and Eligibility Verification System	Family (Household) Composition	Other Unreported Income	Residence	Unreported Resources/ Assets	Other ^{a/}
Statewide	30,358	8,556	3,344	2,045	762	538	4,143
Alameda	551	84	56	42	0	26	317
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	1	1	3	5	5	2	39
Butte	3	18	146	21	16	6	136
Calaveras	337	9	16	4	8	11	23
Colusa	0	0	0	2	0	0	11
Contra Costa	264	143	7	11	0	0	66
Del Norte	8	0	1	0	1	0	4
El Dorado	3	12	14	20	4	1	4
Fresno	114	110	105	53	5	0	0
Glenn	163	1	54	24	29	8	18
Humboldt	54	2	40	13	0	2	59
Imperial	105	0	50	25	22	3	4
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	793	28	290	115	24	7	306
Kings	574	8	47	21	18	0	11
Lake	6	6	42	21	19	1	69
Lassen	148	0	13	1	3	3	1
Los Angeles	5,671	5,147	198	674	0	88	494
Madera	773	8	42	16	2	0	12
Marin	14	20	9	2	4	5	44
Mariposa	4	1	4	0	0	1	1
Mendocino	7	110	22	13	6	1	26
Merced	320	44	87	26	16	5	56
Modoc	134	0	8	7	0	2	6
Mono	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Monterey	154	18	19	5	19	6	241
Napa	1	0	26	16	8	3	15
Nevada	14	0	11	6	8	0	3
Orange	2,400	97	31	29	10	5	22
Placer	0	0	34	10	4	1	21
Plumas	20	0	5	0	1	0	0
Riverside	7,867	208	175	78	16	7	103
Sacramento	898	459	54	46	21	1	128
San Benito	0	6	2	4	2	0	7
San Bernardino	23	41	752	129	240	104	1,054
San Diego	2,823	359	56	90	20	3	35
San Francisco	106	456	3	2	3	0	232
San Joaquin	120	32	16	10	0	0	24
San Luis Obispo	46	8	58	24	2	3	33
San Mateo	36	1	59	58	20	7	58
Santa Barbara	100	23	43	27	12	1	46
Santa Clara	819	67	61	17	0	1	3
Santa Cruz	982	563	11	13	1	7	7
Shasta	195	7	104	33	3	1	40
Sierra	0	0	2	1	2	1	0
Siskiyou	316	0	85	35	49	184	20
Solano	997	141	43	41	12	5	22
Sonoma	47	103	35	17	3	3	9
Stanislaus	138	105	135	33	37	9	85
Sutter	348	12	29	29	10	0	5
Tehama	15	2	26	23	9	2	33
Trinity	10	1	6	4	3	4	9
Tulare	0	43	114	65	31	1	26
Tuolumne	269	1	18	2	6	1	8
Ventura	383	0	1	10	0	0	42
Yolo	191	32	27	29	10	3	29
Yuba	993	19	49	42	18	3	75

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 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				
Statewide	9,176	893	118	3,997	2,209	3,717	453
Alameda	348	30	0	131	32	45	11
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	18	0	0
Butte	120	22	0	23	42	6	0
Calaveras	79	0	0	1	17	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Contra Costa	89	7	5	121	0	126	61
Del Norte	6	0	0	0	5	0	0
El Dorado	3	0	0	13	5	41	0
Fresno	34	52	45	0	21	0	2
Glenn	21	0	0	1	21	0	0
Humboldt	17	3	0	18	39	8	0
Imperial	33	2	0	0	10	5	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	574	40	0	87	230	82	0
Kings	137	16	0	13	20	5	0
Lake	13	10	0	35	30	12	1
Lassen	29	0	0	0	5	0	0
Los Angeles	1,913	141	0	1,152	151	1,468	0
Madera	2	23	0	27	35	6	0
Marin	3	0	0	4	26	6	0
Mariposa	1	0	0	0	3	3	0
Mendocino	3	7	0	27	1	24	4
Merced	18	56	1	78	193	18	0
Modoc	38	1	0	0	3	7	2
Mono	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	92	3	0	3	11	0	1
Napa	3	0	0	5	3	7	0
Nevada	9	3	0	5	6	0	0
Orange	954	44	9	169	510	45	4
Placer	9	0	0	0	9	0	0
Plumas	10	0	0	1	4	2	0
Riverside	1,271	47	0	281	0	9	16
Sacramento	477	20	0	456	86	0	176
San Benito	5	0	0	5	6	1	0
San Bernardino	0	51	0	184	115	852	0
San Diego	684	49	50	423	12	110	0
San Francisco	16	4	0	31	127	0	4
San Joaquin	84	42	0	1	9	17	42
San Luis Obispo	24	9	0	13	47	6	1
San Mateo	29	1	0	12	34	4	0
Santa Barbara	59	9	0	42	30	8	0
Santa Clara	340	39	0	20	3	46	4
Santa Cruz	192	6	0	22	5	0	0
Shasta	99	33	0	36	26	166	0
Sierra	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	70	0	0	46	59	219	0
Solano	250	13	0	144	8	39	94
Sonoma	26	1	2	82	23	113	5
Stanislaus	59	9	6	176	95	45	3
Sutter	123	4	0	43	12	59	0
Tehama	9	1	0	1	10	6	0
Trinity	2	1	0	0	3	1	0
Tulare	0	30	0	0	0	39	17
Tuolumne	139	4	0	9	10	36	0
Ventura	151	11	0	0	0	0	5
Yolo	55	24	0	19	11	11	0
Yuba	454	20	0	35	27	14	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 2004

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available ^{a/}	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
Statewide	866	4,112	766	120
Alameda	30	328	32	5
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	5	0	0
Butte	14	23	15	2
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	4	67	2	2
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	0	0	0	0
Fresno	52	88	53	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	3	5	3	0
Imperial	6	44	1	1
Inyo	0	1	2	0
Kern	40	125	45	2
Kings	16	17	8	4
Lake	10	39	1	10
Lassen	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	141	795	117	35
Madera	29	29	29	0
Marin	0	2	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	8	36	2	0
Merced	56	944	26	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0
Mono	4	4	1	2
Monterey	3	51	5	1
Napa	0	35	8	0
Nevada	3	3	0	0
Orange	44	106	63	0
Placer	0	68	0	0
Plumas	0	2	0	0
Riverside	46	57	41	2
Sacramento	20	317	11	4
San Benito	0	1	0	0
San Bernardino	48	51	44	4
San Diego	54	104	63	6
San Francisco	4	148	8	0
San Joaquin	41	159	36	17
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	1	10	1	0
Santa Barbara	9	9	7	2
Santa Clara	39	43	34	1
Santa Cruz	6	6	6	0
Shasta	33	39	14	15
Sierra	2	2	1	0
Siskiyou	0	4	0	0
Solano	13	155	12	3
Sonoma	1	6	1	0
Stanislaus	9	9	9	0
Sutter	4	4	3	1
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	1	1	1	0
Tulare	30	30	29	1
Tuolumne	4	26	1	0
Ventura	12	47	6	0
Yolo	24	24	24	0
Yuba	2	43	1	0

^{a/} Data is from DPA 266 January 2004 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus January, February and March 2004's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

TABLE 11
Food Stamp Program
PROSECUTION OUTCOMES^{a/}
January - March 2004

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
Statewide	707	11	59	64	126	6	39	6
Alameda	53	0	0	0	32	0	5	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	9	0	6	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	6	0	0	3	3	1	1	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fresno	66	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	36	0	0	0	4	0	2	0
Kings	8	0	2	0	1	0	2	0
Lake	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1
Lassen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	142	0	0	0	14	0	0	0
Madera	22	1	17	0	3	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	4	4	0	0	0
Merced	10	0	0	0	7	0	9	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	1	2	5	0	1	0
Napa	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	40	2	0	0	4	4	0	0
Placer	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	26	0	0	28	0	0	0	0
Sacramento	14	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
San Benito	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	49	0	0	0	11	0	0	0
San Diego	50	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
San Francisco	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
San Joaquin	26	1	0	0	13	0	19	5
San Luis Obispo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	7	5	5	0	4	0	0	0
Santa Clara	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	11	0	1	0	4	1	0	0
Sierra	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sonoma	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	18	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Sutter	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Tulare	27	0	0	23	1	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ventura	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	23	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Yuba	1	0	18	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 2004

County	Fraud Overissuances Identified	Total Collections
Statewide	\$3,720,931	\$1,909,598
Alameda	298,605	169,330
Alpine	0	0
Amador	232	456
Butte	44,393	7,715
Calaveras	0	403
Colusa	578	629
Contra Costa	64,523	12,728
Del Norte	5,302	5,600
El Dorado	10,089	8,282
Fresno	52,308	46,434
Glenn	470	7,072
Humboldt	6,385	6,004
Imperial	2,777	0
Inyo	0	400
Kern	88,891	88,207
Kings	24,650	29,156
Lake	0	1,506
Lassen	860	304
Los Angeles	468,201	229,842
Madera	17,426	20,384
Marin	4,493	10,337
Mariposa	1,514	338
Mendocino	32,494	15,959
Merced	96,979	2,374
Modoc	1,425	300
Mono	0	0
Monterey	6,217	36,646
Napa	2,485	449
Nevada	8,030	248
Orange	207,879	46,071
Placer	19,806	9,061
Plumas	0	996
Riverside	177,514	54,644
Sacramento	579,076	187,125
San Benito	8,904	10,383
San Bernardino	45,930	148,127
San Diego	293,220	49,749
San Francisco	102,111	72,327
San Joaquin	62,899	19,345
San Luis Obispo	24,630	4,192
San Mateo	7,106	4,763
Santa Barbara	34,769	46,952
Santa Clara	296,376	99,365
Santa Cruz	20,367	7,938
Shasta	41,743	9,262
Sierra	0	543
Siskiyou	103,000	123,000
Solano	78,210	57,666
Sonoma	12,053	39,191
Stanislaus	151,304	80,912
Sutter	25,842	4,126
Tehama	0	1,488
Trinity	0	28
Tulare	136,498	0
Tuolumne	5,866	3,424
Ventura	5,782	83,545
Yolo	25,559	18,942
Yuba	15,160	25,330



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