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# **Fraud Investigation Report Summary October – December 2007**

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.cdss.ca.gov/research>.

- DPA 266 - Fraud Investigation Activity Report  
*October, November and December 2007*
- CA 237 CW - CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report  
*October, November and December 2007*
- DFA 256 - Food Stamp Program Participation and Benefit Issuance Report  
*October, November and December 2007*

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 2007

### Investigation Requests

- **34,010** requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of **11,337** investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents **2.44%** of the **464,392** CalWORKs statewide caseload (monthly average during **October - December 2007**).
- **32,890** investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is **97%** of the **34,010** investigation requests received.
  - ▶ **23,868 (72%)** were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
  - ▶ **4,930 (15%)** 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.
  - ▶ **2,600 (8%)** were family (household) composition requests.
  - ▶ **1,492 (5%)** were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
- **87,764** investigations were **available** during the quarter.
  - ▶ **54,874 (63%)** of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
  - ▶ **32,890 (37%)** of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

### Investigations Completed and the Results

- **30,868** investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is **35%** of the **87,764** total investigations available.
  - ▶ **10,691 (35%)** of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
  - ▶ **20,177 (65%)** of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the **30,868** completed investigations, the **results** included:
  - ▶ **6,868 (22%)** of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
  - ▶ **1,728 (6%)** of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
  - ▶ **1,692 (5%)** of the cases had restitution action taken.
  - ▶ **1,592 (5%)** of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
  - ▶ **417 (1%)** of the cases were referred for prosecution.
  - ▶ **100 (.32%)** of the cases had expiration of statutes.
  - ▶ **43 (.14%)** 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 **30,868** are not shown in this report.

### Prosecution Activity

- **2,758** referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
  - ▶ **2,140 (78%)** were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
  - ▶ **618 (22%)** were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were **2,758** referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
  - ▶ **332 prosecutions** were filed. This is **12%** of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were **332** prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
  - ▶ **375 convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

### Overpayments and Collections

- **\$8,321,838 fraud overpayments** were identified during the quarter.
- **\$3,652,748 collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overpayments identified in prior quarters.

## Food Stamp Statewide Highlights October – December 2007

### Investigation Requests

- **50,538** requests for investigation were **received** by California Special Investigative Units (SIUs) during the quarter, with a monthly average during the quarter of **16,846** investigation requests. The monthly average of investigation requests represents **2.03%** of the **827,915** Food Stamp statewide caseload (monthly average during **October – December 2007**).
- **48,725** investigation requests were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter. This is **96%** of the **50,538** investigation requests received.
  - ▶ **31,458 (65%)** were Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program requests.
  - ▶ **10,331 (21%)** 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.
  - ▶ **3,842 (8%)** were family (household) composition requests.
  - ▶ **3,094 (6%)** were Income and Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) requests.
- **151,318** investigations were **available** during the quarter.
  - ▶ **102,593 (68%)** of the available investigations were **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
  - ▶ **48,725 (32%)** of the available investigations were **accepted** for investigation during the quarter.

### Investigations Completed and the Results

- **50,544** investigations were **completed** during the quarter. This is **33%** of the **151,318** total investigations available.
  - ▶ **16,326 (32%)** of the completed cases had evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
  - ▶ **34,218 (68%)** of the completed cases did not have evidence sufficient to support an allegation of fraud.
- Of the **50,544** completed investigations, the **results** included:
  - ▶ **9,728 (19%)** of the cases were denied, reduced or discontinued due to the Early Fraud Prevention/Detection Program.
  - ▶ **3,152 (6%)** of the cases had restitution action taken.
  - ▶ **2,709 (5%)** of the cases were reduced or discontinued in non-Early Fraud cases.
  - ▶ **2,080 (4%)** of the cases had fraud found, but with no adverse financial impact.
  - ▶ **514 (1%)** of the cases were referred for prosecution.
  - ▶ **84 (.17%)** of the cases had expiration of statutes.
  - ▶ **59 (.12%)** 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 **50,544** are not shown in this report.

### Prosecution Activity

- **4,969** referrals were **available** to the District Attorney for prosecution during the quarter.
  - ▶ **3,982 (80%)** were referrals **pending** at the beginning of the quarter.
  - ▶ **987 (20%)** were referrals **received** during the quarter.
- There were **4,969** referrals available to the District Attorney for prosecution consideration during the quarter.
  - ▶ **383 prosecutions** were filed. This is **8%** of the available prosecution referrals.
- There were **383** prosecutions filed by the District Attorney during the quarter.
  - ▶ **437 convictions** were obtained. Some convictions obtained were from prosecutions filed in prior quarters.

### Overissuances and Collections

- **\$3,748,318 fraud overissuances** were identified during the quarter.
- **\$1,689,928 collections** were made during the quarter. Some collections obtained were from overissuances identified in prior quarters.

**Welfare Fraud Special Investigative Units****October - December 2007**

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**  
**October - December 2007**

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>464,392</b>	<b>34,010</b>	<b>32,890</b>	<b>30,868</b>	<b>10,691</b>	<b>20,177</b>	<b>52,029</b>
Alameda	17,976	617	617	598	320	278	1,186
Alpine	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	283	13	13	18	10	8	26
Butte	3,609	431	426	348	78	270	536
Calaveras	423	248	248	247	86	161	0
Colusa	180	2	2	1	0	1	4
Contra Costa	9,004	212	193	216	129	87	135
Del Norte	797	12	12	34	10	24	62
El Dorado	917	50	50	78	42	36	194
Fresno	24,988	299	299	195	107	88	1,300
Glenn	458	227	227	169	32	137	505
Humboldt	1,714	216	216	229	57	172	59
Imperial	4,125	124	124	66	49	17	863
Inyo	129	20	11	16	2	14	24
Kern	17,238	1,154	1,136	1,117	476	641	1,040
Kings	2,570	432	432	424	127	297	196
Lake	1,122	44	44	42	19	23	3
Lassen	460	73	73	64	12	52	12
Los Angeles	141,141	5,184	4,663	6,992	1,850	5,142	24,208
Madera	2,708	1,060	1,059	554	176	378	661
Marin	917	52	52	37	19	18	382
Mariposa	160	5	5	13	1	12	45
Mendocino	1,331	57	57	4	1	3	481
Merced	7,115	365	345	296	132	164	367
Modoc	147	84	42	26	0	26	33
Mono	34	0	0	3	3	0	2
Monterey	4,136	343	342	243	43	200	407
Napa	537	29	29	16	10	6	175
Nevada	587	15	15	10	9	1	74
Orange	15,650	2,472	2,472	2,410	1,431	979	1,763
Placer	1,502	37	37	39	14	25	185
Plumas	151	16	16	17	9	8	2
Riverside	22,005	4,877	4,835	4,743	507	4,236	1,933
Sacramento	28,960	944	905	610	449	161	3,874
San Benito	663	25	25	19	13	6	23
San Bernardino	34,184	3,920	3,920	1,550	718	832	1,046
San Diego	24,070	4,106	3,959	3,854	1,222	2,632	1,166
San Francisco	4,575	49	49	339	249	90	1,947
San Joaquin	14,786	215	210	166	107	59	140
San Luis Obispo	1,737	53	53	58	27	31	283
San Mateo	2,145	114	114	36	21	15	41
Santa Barbara	4,021	270	135	140	62	78	99
Santa Clara	14,047	344	309	224	112	112	503
Santa Cruz	2,043	559	559	555	148	407	33
Shasta	3,181	215	215	210	129	81	219
Sierra	21	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	808	791	791	668	320	348	158
Solano	5,644	964	959	965	295	670	1,055
Sonoma	2,940	81	80	86	35	51	381
Stanislaus	9,961	803	732	566	362	204	1,707
Sutter	1,337	150	150	137	79	58	87
Tehama	1,199	147	147	146	45	101	24
Trinity	195	25	25	24	0	24	62
Tulare	12,620	255	255	137	24	113	1,117
Tuolumne	499	53	49	41	21	20	22
Ventura	6,801	227	227	193	101	92	393
Yolo	2,039	153	153	103	50	53	761
Yuba	1,799	777	777	776	341	435	25

<sup>a/</sup> 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 may not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

<sup>b/</sup> Data is from DPA 266 December 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 2007 Item 4 was 58,874.

**TABLE 2**  
**California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program**  
**REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD**  
**October - December 2007**

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>23,868</b>	<b>1,492</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>1,094</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>2,661</b>
Alameda	555	28	10	20	1	0	3
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	1	0	1	0	11
Butte	237	0	36	19	7	3	124
Calaveras	198	0	15	7	4	3	21
Colusa	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Contra Costa	157	18	3	14	0	0	1
Del Norte	3	2	2	3	0	0	2
El Dorado	5	23	9	5	4	0	4
Fresno	86	44	72	24	48	0	25
Glenn	162	4	24	8	10	3	16
Humboldt	16	0	47	25	1	102	25
Imperial	43	2	25	18	26	4	6
Inyo	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	614	44	260	45	63	38	72
Kings	343	0	41	31	12	1	4
Lake	0	0	18	9	8	0	9
Lassen	61	0	9	0	3	0	0
Los Angeles	3,395	437	104	41	0	32	654
Madera	971	3	41	19	3	3	19
Marin	4	36	0	2	2	1	7
Mariposa	0	2	2	0	0	0	1
Mendocino	5	7	25	12	0	2	6
Merced	73	20	69	33	25	1	124
Modoc	36	0	3	1	2	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	95	1	9	0	66	0	171
Napa	0	0	14	4	0	2	9
Nevada	4	0	6	2	1	1	1
Orange	2,378	32	7	12	2	8	33
Placer	0	0	21	2	7	2	5
Plumas	11	0	4	0	1	0	0
Riverside	4,172	336	146	27	20	6	128
Sacramento	722	0	52	31	22	0	78
San Benito	0	3	9	2	0	1	10
San Bernardino	2,293	5	693	150	355	2	422
San Diego	3,771	108	16	32	2	0	30
San Francisco	2	24	0	0	9	0	14
San Joaquin	96	8	33	34	2	1	36
San Luis Obispo	25	0	5	0	1	5	17
San Mateo	41	8	19	25	11	2	8
Santa Barbara	59	2	35	11	4	0	24
Santa Clara	163	85	44	4	8	2	3
Santa Cruz	542	0	9	0	0	0	8
Shasta	134	4	38	10	6	2	21
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	351	0	89	0	155	52	144
Solano	722	103	57	26	32	1	18
Sonoma	21	18	18	6	1	2	14
Stanislaus	227	33	267	18	113	13	61
Sutter	104	8	17	11	6	0	4
Tehama	13	1	46	16	9	2	60
Trinity	4	1	5	1	5	1	8
Tulare	0	13	65	60	5	0	112
Tuolumne	11	0	9	1	9	1	18
Ventura	203	10	0	8	0	3	3
Yolo	81	19	24	16	4	0	9
Yuba	648	0	26	28	17	0	58

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 2007**

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>6,868</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1,692</b>	<b>1,728</b>	<b>1,592</b>	<b>100</b>
Alameda	269	8	0	36	0	7	4
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	2	0	0	4	5	0
Butte	73	1	0	1	8	5	0
Calaveras	71	0	0	0	15	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	34	3	0	25	0	9	0
Del Norte	4	0	0	1	4	0	0
El Dorado	4	2	0	0	9	27	1
Fresno	33	9	3	0	60	2	58
Glenn	6	0	0	1	10	15	0
Humboldt	22	2	0	14	21	5	1
Imperial	0	24	0	1	17	18	0
Inyo	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	180	46	0	49	121	50	13
Kings	88	5	0	5	12	17	0
Lake	5	1	0	4	8	6	1
Lassen	7	1	0	0	4	0	0
Los Angeles	1,227	84	0	618	9	615	0
Madera	387	3	0	8	16	0	0
Marin	4	0	0	3	6	6	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
Mendocino	0	1	0	12	0	2	0
Merced	28	13	0	19	79	8	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mono	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	38	3	0	1	22	3	1
Napa	5	0	0	2	0	3	0
Nevada	4	0	0	0	5	0	0
Orange	998	9	0	29	379	168	0
Placer	4	0	0	1	6	3	0
Plumas	0	0	0	2	4	3	0
Riverside	274	38	0	188	0	7	0
Sacramento	322	24	31	2	72	1	1
San Benito	0	1	0	0	10	1	0
San Bernardino	498	18	0	41	363	129	0
San Diego	982	13	0	147	56	125	0
San Francisco	2	2	0	239	1	1	0
San Joaquin	41	9	0	0	34	23	0
San Luis Obispo	12	0	0	6	12	1	0
San Mateo	29	1	0	5	18	5	0
Santa Barbara	21	6	0	15	24	4	0
Santa Clara	81	10	0	2	4	21	1
Santa Cruz	141	0	0	5	4	0	0
Shasta	62	13	0	10	21	23	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	150	0	3	46	36	85	0
Solano	166	6	0	25	49	17	0
Sonoma	10	1	0	21	15	23	0
Stanislaus	106	11	6	84	129	93	0
Sutter	50	3	0	4	7	15	0
Tehama	8	13	0	0	16	8	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Tulare	0	7	0	1	3	13	5
Tuolumne	2	5	0	6	4	4	0
Ventura	101	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	29	7	0	4	9	1	0
Yuba	290	7	0	9	21	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 1.

**TABLE 4**  
**California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program**  
**DISTRICT ATTORNEY PROSECUTION ACTIVITY**  
**October - December 2007**

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available <sup>a/</sup>	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>2,758</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>103</b>
Alameda	8	21	6	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	3	0	0
Butte	1	7	1	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	1	9	3	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	2	13	1	1
Fresno	9	10	8	0
Glenn	0	1	0	0
Humboldt	2	6	2	1
Imperial	0	47	0	0
Inyo	20	21	2	13
Kern	41	95	32	14
Kings	5	12	9	0
Lake	1	20	2	2
Lassen	0	5	2	0
Los Angeles	84	440	90	2
Madera	5	5	5	0
Marin	0	3	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	5	1	1
Merced	13	108	1	0
Modoc	0	1	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	3	59	2	0
Napa	0	12	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0
Orange	10	59	3	0
Placer	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	3	0	0
Riverside	36	53	51	2
Sacramento	8	350	20	1
San Benito	1	7	0	1
San Bernardino	18	88	5	0
San Diego	13	13	11	0
San Francisco	2	205	0	3
San Joaquin	9	99	5	0
San Luis Obispo	53	341	0	58
San Mateo	1	1	1	0
Santa Barbara	6	6	4	2
Santa Clara	10	11	7	2
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0
Shasta	13	14	13	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	196	348	0	0
Solano	6	156	0	0
Sonoma	1	4	1	0
Stanislaus	11	12	12	0
Sutter	3	3	3	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	1	1	0
Tulare	7	7	7	0
Tuolumne	5	25	0	0
Ventura	3	27	14	0
Yolo	7	7	7	0
Yuba	4	15	0	0

<sup>a/</sup> Data is from DPA 266 October 2007 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus October, November and December 2007'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 2007**

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
Alameda	10	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	2	0	0	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	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Fresno	29	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	40	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Kings	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lake	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lassen	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	81	0	0	0	7	0	0	0
Madera	4	0	3	0	1	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merced	8	0	0	0	18	0	0	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	8	0	0	16	0	0	0	0
Placer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	28	0	0	29	1	0	0	0
Sacramento	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
San Benito	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	36	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
San Diego	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
San Joaquin	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solano	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	18	0	0	46	8	0	0	0
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	23	0	0	22	0	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Ventura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Yuba	0	0	3	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**  
**October - December 2007**

<b>County</b>	<b>Fraud Overpayments Identified</b>	<b>Total Collections</b>
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>\$8,321,838</b>	<b>\$3,652,748</b>
Alameda	216,336	154,908
Alpine	0	0
Amador	129	712
Butte	8,567	3,252
Calaveras	4,918	1,749
Colusa	0	632
Contra Costa	73,747	26,501
Del Norte	9,396	16,055
El Dorado	5,207	16,931
Fresno	51,505	96,299
Glenn	1,314	4,902
Humboldt	13,530	9,068
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	0	0
Kern	179,954	122,125
Kings	11,229	39,559
Lake	10	2,335
Lassen	830	702
Los Angeles	5,379,433	1,269,080
Madera	7,124	6,436
Marin	9,907	14,193
Mariposa	996	516
Mendocino	22,995	13,304
Merced	28,921	25,874
Modoc	0	6,410
Mono	0	0
Monterey	8,797	82,353
Napa	2,987	3,742
Nevada	0	3,811
Orange	97,660	92,889
Placer	0	17,650
Plumas	2,674	1,301
Riverside	336,436	303,061
Sacramento	443,322	220,510
San Benito	1,816	14,977
San Bernardino	174,766	117,238
San Diego	354,035	104,425
San Francisco	126,302	116,372
San Joaquin	56,656	33,478
San Luis Obispo	7,766	1,481
San Mateo	28,821	5,482
Santa Barbara	22,427	98,946
Santa Clara	61,846	250,205
Santa Cruz	0	1,531
Shasta	48,304	12,359
Sierra	378	1,140
Siskiyou	9,810	7,100
Solano	70,525	93,271
Sonoma	31,706	59,962
Stanislaus	239,068	103,015
Sutter	1,631	7,193
Tehama	0	1,461
Trinity	0	763
Tulare	112,910	17,198
Tuolumne	9,116	2,784
Ventura	9,879	400
Yolo	18,030	32,542
Yuba	18,122	12,565

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**TABLE 7**  
**Food Stamp Program**  
**FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BY SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE UNITS**  
**October - December 2007**

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>827,915</b>	<b>50,538</b>	<b>48,725</b>	<b>50,544</b>	<b>16,326</b>	<b>34,218</b>	<b>94,092</b>
Alameda	33,743	1,344	1,344	1,435	683	752	1,319
Alpine	39	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	649	43	43	50	18	32	26
Butte	8,051	592	585	472	118	354	636
Calaveras	971	561	561	560	182	378	0
Colusa	466	9	9	8	0	8	5
Contra Costa	14,861	274	250	302	197	105	233
Del Norte	1,753	24	24	69	20	49	146
El Dorado	2,005	151	151	151	83	68	232
Fresno	0	367	366	226	127	99	1,147
Glenn	850	431	431	307	80	227	867
Humboldt	4,723	355	355	369	135	234	76
Imperial	7,292	131	131	66	49	17	936
Inyo	459	14	14	17	0	17	25
Kern	30,135	1,597	1,571	1,518	842	676	1,462
Kings	5,456	812	812	773	188	585	297
Lake	2,462	110	110	102	54	48	8
Lassen	902	162	162	143	27	116	19
Los Angeles	280,058	8,626	7,794	12,674	2,707	9,967	55,090
Madera	5,536	1,534	1,533	929	278	651	942
Marin	2,573	133	133	106	39	67	905
Mariposa	358	16	16	29	6	23	77
Mendocino	3,722	112	112	11	1	10	1,502
Merced	11,492	664	635	535	245	290	595
Modoc	268	172	83	63	1	62	61
Mono	119	0	0	1	1	0	1
Monterey	7,450	603	602	490	69	421	525
Napa	1,191	63	63	57	25	32	270
Nevada	1,369	22	22	17	15	2	85
Orange	32,708	3,549	3,549	3,479	1,939	1,540	1,901
Placer	3,378	54	54	51	23	28	234
Plumas	277	24	24	38	14	24	14
Riverside	34,961	8,408	8,353	8,001	808	7,193	3,247
Sacramento	48,552	860	806	674	532	142	4,518
San Benito	1,430	40	40	35	24	11	39
San Bernardino	56,590	2,818	2,817	2,817	1,170	1,647	758
San Diego	37,358	4,023	3,875	3,775	1,236	2,539	1,120
San Francisco	19,616	791	791	1,096	797	299	4,344
San Joaquin	21,768	235	229	199	134	65	138
San Luis Obispo	3,992	107	107	110	54	56	388
San Mateo	4,023	280	280	130	45	85	53
Santa Barbara	7,549	630	315	322	117	205	92
Santa Clara	26,102	466	390	288	122	166	704
Santa Cruz	5,582	1,520	1,520	1,527	194	1,333	21
Shasta	6,274	403	403	373	220	153	329
Sierra	68	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	1,643	1,555	1,555	1,299	610	689	359
Solano	9,495	1,128	1,124	1,072	353	719	1,617
Sonoma	7,019	177	174	186	65	121	798
Stanislaus	17,586	1,410	1,275	882	609	273	2,919
Sutter	2,560	331	331	320	177	143	128
Tehama	2,375	146	146	146	45	101	19
Trinity	419	40	40	45	0	45	121
Tulare	24,715	455	455	177	33	144	1,035
Tuolumne	1,348	121	115	105	50	55	43
Ventura	13,989	319	319	299	152	147	521
Yolo	4,147	281	281	185	84	101	1,098
Yuba	3,439	1,445	1,445	1,433	529	904	47

<sup>a/</sup> 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 may not add to Statewide total due to rounding.

<sup>b/</sup> Data is from DPA 266 December 2007 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 2007 Item 4 was 102,593.

**TABLE 8**  
**Food Stamp Program**  
**REQUESTS ACCEPTED FOR INVESTIGATION BY PRIMARY ELEMENT OF FRAUD**  
**October - December 2007**

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>31,458</b>	<b>3,094</b>	<b>3,842</b>	<b>1,382</b>	<b>1,768</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>6,731</b>
Alameda	689	14	11	22	1	0	607
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	2	0	3	0	38
Butte	306	1	45	26	17	4	186
Calaveras	491	0	21	12	9	8	20
Colusa	0	0	1	0	2	0	6
Contra Costa	180	37	8	22	0	0	3
Del Norte	3	3	4	7	1	0	6
El Dorado	33	61	12	6	21	1	17
Fresno	97	54	82	29	76	0	28
Glenn	303	7	30	16	23	4	48
Humboldt	16	0	79	26	1	103	130
Imperial	43	2	29	18	26	5	8
Inyo	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	829	86	309	71	98	55	123
Kings	653	2	54	55	37	2	9
Lake	4	2	25	10	11	0	58
Lassen	149	0	10	0	3	0	0
Los Angeles	5,204	739	143	283	0	60	1,365
Madera	1,386	7	73	20	3	4	40
Marin	4	58	1	5	4	2	59
Mariposa	2	2	5	2	3	0	2
Mendocino	2	20	55	13	5	2	15
Merced	117	39	78	51	66	3	281
Modoc	74	0	6	1	2	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	111	1	13	1	74	0	402
Napa	0	0	14	8	0	3	38
Nevada	8	0	6	2	4	1	1
Orange	3,446	63	9	14	2	8	7
Placer	0	0	23	4	12	2	13
Plumas	17	0	5	0	2	0	0
Riverside	7,001	530	495	32	21	7	267
Sacramento	477	0	58	36	58	0	177
San Benito	0	7	9	1	0	3	20
San Bernardino	3	8	869	212	340	6	1,379
San Diego	3,616	183	15	51	4	0	6
San Francisco	4	587	0	1	81	1	117
San Joaquin	106	9	37	34	2	1	40
San Luis Obispo	58	0	5	1	13	5	25
San Mateo	73	5	24	18	65	1	94
Santa Barbara	201	6	41	15	4	1	47
Santa Clara	174	143	56	3	8	2	4
Santa Cruz	1,417	0	5	0	1	0	97
Shasta	285	7	48	21	13	0	29
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	719	0	204	0	345	124	163
Solano	788	163	61	28	45	1	38
Sonoma	29	41	21	11	1	2	69
Stanislaus	290	96	515	29	168	19	158
Sutter	267	12	17	20	10	1	4
Tehama	13	1	46	16	9	2	59
Trinity	9	1	5	1	5	1	18
Tulare	0	31	81	69	8	0	266
Tuolumne	35	1	10	3	25	3	38
Ventura	291	14	0	9	0	2	3
Yolo	169	42	28	17	5	1	19
Yuba	1,252	9	39	30	31	0	84

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 2007**

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>9,728</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>3,152</b>	<b>2,709</b>	<b>2,080</b>	<b>84</b>
Alameda	629	10	0	39	0	5	4
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	3	0	0	8	9	0
Butte	132	3	0	1	9	7	0
Calaveras	161	1	0	0	19	1	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	62	5	0	71	0	4	0
Del Norte	8	0	0	1	10	0	2
El Dorado	11	2	0	0	13	57	1
Fresno	37	3	6	0	79	2	7
Glenn	16	0	0	2	24	38	0
Humboldt	67	4	0	27	49	8	1
Imperial	0	24	0	1	17	18	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	381	55	0	115	188	67	16
Kings	124	10	0	6	23	25	0
Lake	24	2	0	10	22	7	3
Lassen	21	1	0	0	5	0	0
Los Angeles	1,763	115	0	948	57	824	0
Madera	553	7	0	14	28	1	0
Marin	5	0	0	5	19	10	0
Mariposa	1	0	0	0	4	1	17
Mendocino	4	1	0	34	0	5	0
Merced	46	19	0	33	131	40	0
Modoc	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Mono	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	52	2	0	2	31	6	3
Napa	10	0	0	4	2	9	1
Nevada	9	0	0	0	8	0	0
Orange	1,446	9	0	33	453	143	0
Placer	5	0	0	1	14	3	0
Plumas	3	0	0	4	4	3	0
Riverside	399	44	0	356	0	9	0
Sacramento	275	23	40	25	184	1	0
San Benito	5	1	0	3	12	2	0
San Bernardino	581	31	0	56	480	36	0
San Diego	858	12	0	233	103	145	0
San Francisco	35	7	0	674	12	63	1
San Joaquin	54	13	0	0	43	24	0
San Luis Obispo	22	0	0	14	27	2	0
San Mateo	59	1	0	5	32	10	0
Santa Barbara	57	9	0	29	40	6	0
Santa Clara	89	9	0	4	5	21	1
Santa Cruz	150	0	0	20	24	0	0
Shasta	128	17	0	11	32	32	0
Sierra	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	302	0	5	68	83	152	0
Solano	197	5	0	27	69	18	8
Sonoma	12	1	0	34	24	33	0
Stanislaus	151	12	8	198	228	136	0
Sutter	110	6	0	8	10	43	0
Tehama	8	13	0	0	16	8	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Tulare	0	7	0	1	5	20	10
Tuolumne	9	6	0	16	12	7	0
Ventura	151	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	53	12	0	6	11	2	0
Yuba	452	8	0	13	39	17	0

<sup>a/</sup> 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 2007**

County	Referrals Received	Referrals Available <sup>a/</sup>	Prosecutions Filed	Decision Made Not to Prosecute
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>4,969</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>173</b>
Alameda	10	354	6	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	5	0	0
Butte	1	7	1	0
Calaveras	0	0	0	0
Colusa	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	2	14	3	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	2	13	1	1
Fresno	3	3	4	0
Glenn	0	1	0	0
Humboldt	4	10	4	2
Imperial	0	48	0	0
Inyo	14	16	0	14
Kern	46	101	35	17
Kings	10	28	14	6
Lake	1	25	2	3
Lassen	0	7	2	0
Los Angeles	115	1,346	99	6
Madera	6	6	6	0
Marin	0	4	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	5	1	1
Merced	19	184	1	0
Modoc	0	1	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0
Monterey	2	64	2	0
Napa	0	14	0	0
Nevada	0	1	0	0
Orange	12	60	5	0
Placer	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	4	0	0
Riverside	46	68	66	2
Sacramento	9	351	20	1
San Benito	1	11	0	1
San Bernardino	31	129	7	0
San Diego	12	71	9	0
San Francisco	7	350	0	3
San Joaquin	13	146	11	0
San Luis Obispo	107	498	0	110
San Mateo	1	3	1	0
Santa Barbara	9	9	7	2
Santa Clara	9	12	7	2
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0
Shasta	17	21	18	2
Sierra	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	424	700	0	0
Solano	5	150	0	0
Sonoma	1	5	1	0
Stanislaus	12	13	13	0
Sutter	4	4	4	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	1	1	0
Tulare	7	7	7	0
Tuolumne	6	47	0	0
Ventura	3	22	15	0
Yolo	10	10	10	0
Yuba	6	20	0	0

<sup>a/</sup> Data is from DPA 266 October 2007 Item 23 Referrals pending beginning of month plus October, November and December 2007's Item 24 Referrals received during the month.

**TABLE 11**  
**Food Stamp Program**  
**PROSECUTION OUTCOMES<sup>a/</sup>**  
**October - December 2007**

County	Convictions	Administrative Action	Disqualification Consent Agreements	Charge Pleaded	Dismissals	Acquittals	Declinations	Expiration of Statutes
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>
Alameda	11	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butte	2	0	0	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	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0
Del Norte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
El Dorado	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Fresno	24	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Glenn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Imperial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inyo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kern	43	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Kings	7	0	2	0	0	0	4	0
Lake	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lassen	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	101	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
Madera	4	0	6	0	1	0	0	0
Marin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mariposa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mendocino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Merced	11	0	0	0	25	0	0	0
Modoc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mono	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monterey	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Napa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orange	12	0	0	20	1	0	0	0
Placer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plumas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	35	0	0	36	1	0	0	0
Sacramento	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
San Benito	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
San Bernardino	49	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
San Diego	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
San Joaquin	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Luis Obispo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Mateo	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Santa Barbara	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Clara	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Santa Cruz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shasta	14	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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanislaus	20	0	0	47	8	0	0	0
Sutter	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Tehama	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulare	25	0	0	24	0	0	0	0
Tuolumne	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Ventura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yolo	14	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Yuba	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>a/</sup> 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 2007**

<b>County</b>	<b>Fraud Overissuances Identified</b>	<b>Total Collections</b>
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>\$3,748,318</b>	<b>\$1,689,928</b>
Alameda	101,643	31,218
Alpine	0	0
Amador	0	668
Butte	5,047	2,181
Calaveras	3,356	1,149
Colusa	0	138
Contra Costa	86,598	2,103
Del Norte	5,092	6,992
El Dorado	10,348	13,381
Fresno	54,802	106,010
Glenn	1,831	6,055
Humboldt	25,350	3,526
Imperial	0	0
Inyo	0	0
Kern	218,219	104,114
Kings	17,251	35,259
Lake	0	1,318
Lassen	0	75
Los Angeles	753,549	123,633
Madera	17,964	8,810
Marin	6,363	6,658
Mariposa	3,000	472
Mendocino	43,673	16,019
Merced	25,151	35,237
Modoc	0	932
Mono	0	0
Monterey	3,038	33,822
Napa	2,377	4,716
Nevada	0	1,174
Orange	81,672	37,144
Placer	0	10,772
Plumas	3,738	938
Riverside	389,941	219,401
Sacramento	394,146	81,516
San Benito	2,705	8,064
San Bernardino	155,377	75,114
San Diego	283,088	93,294
San Francisco	258,418	73,290
San Joaquin	45,454	13,344
San Luis Obispo	7,782	1,581
San Mateo	21,996	2,075
Santa Barbara	18,200	143,555
Santa Clara	108,045	129,643
Santa Cruz	0	1,366
Shasta	46,433	14,195
Sierra	126	52
Siskiyou	14,420	14,200
Solano	42,332	31,926
Sonoma	26,572	28,081
Stanislaus	309,148	87,746
Sutter	8,637	2,050
Tehama	0	941
Trinity	0	233
Tulare	91,470	26,789
Tuolumne	15,170	6,028
Ventura	6,741	4,172
Yolo	20,101	30,534
Yuba	11,954	6,221



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