

Public Assistance Facts and Figures

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October 1999

Cash Grant Programs	Recipients				Average Monthly Benefits	
	October 1999	Change from		October 1998	October 1999	October 1998
		September 1999	Percent Change from September 1999			
Total recipients a/.....	2,899,916	(2,790)	(0.1)	(6.7)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) /b persons.....	1,663,605	(4,568)	(0.3)	(12.2)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Children.....	1,217,702	(732)	(0.1)	(10.2)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Cases receiving cash grant.....	587,914	(4,063)	(0.7)	(9.9)	475.76	412.42
CalWORKs payments (\$ in millions)	\$279.7	\$22.3	8.7	3.9	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Two Parent Families - persons.....	291,701	c/	c/	c/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Children.....	175,073	c/	c/	c/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Cases.....	66,390	c/	c/	c/	567.06	c/
Two Parent Families payments (\$ in millions)	\$37.6	c/	c/	c/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Zero Parent Families - persons.....	286,470	c/	c/	c/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Children.....	286,470	c/	c/	c/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Cases.....	146,935	c/	c/	c/	359.16	c/
Zero Parent Families payments (\$ in millions)	\$52.8	c/	c/	c/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
All Other Families - persons.....	1,085,434	c/	c/	c/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Children.....	756,159	c/	c/	c/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Cases.....	374,589	c/	c/	c/	505.32	c/
All Other Families payments (\$ in millions).....	\$189.3	c/	c/	c/	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Foster Care Program (FC) (children) d/.....	84,763	706	0.8	(1.3)	1,280.56	1,239.35
Foster Family Homes (CWD Placements).....	58,102	3,233	5.9	24.4	593.11	497.01
Foster Family Agency Placements.....	16,090	(1,757)	(9.8)	(27.1)	1,674.95	1,332.31
Group Home Placements.....	10,571	(770)	(6.8)	(38.3)	4,448.04	3,040.14
Foster Care Payments (\$ in millions).....	\$105.8	\$3.0	2.9	3.4	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) (persons) e/.....	1,055,694	1,298	0.1	2.5	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Aged.....	328,637	551	0.2	1.6	436.90	414.20
Blind.....	21,854	3	0.0	1.0	534.17	512.64
Disabled.....	705,203	744	0.1	3.0	519.85	501.63
SSI/SSP payments (\$ in millions).....	\$521.9	\$0.8	0.2	6.8	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
General Relief (GR) (persons)	95,854	(226)	(0.2)	(2.9)	235.34	225.28
	October 1999	September 1999	October 1998			
Unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted).....	4.9	4.9	5.9			
Percentage of California population on assistance a/.....	8.5	8.5	9.2			

a/ Food Stamps and IHSS recipients are excluded from total recipient counts. Assistance is defined as receiving CalWORKs, FC, SSI/SSP or GR.

b/ All CalWORKs recipients and cases are based on cash grant only.

c/ Effective with the October 1999 report month, the source form was changed to collect Families data. Comparison to prior month data will appear on the November 1999 PAFF; comparison to prior year data and prior year average monthly benefits will appear on the October 2000 PAFF.

d/ Number of children for whom Foster Care payments have been made. Does not include services only children.

e/ Estimate based on preliminary data from the Social Security Administration.

Data represents the most current statistics available at the time of publication. Current month includes prior month and preliminary data if current month is not reported timely by CWD. Prior month data is updated to include the most current information, including county reported changes/updates.

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Non-Cash Grant Programs	Recipients				Average Monthly Benefits	
	October 1999	Change from September 1999	Percent Change from		October 1999	October 1998
			September 1999	October 1998		
					\$	\$
					Average Coupon Value	
Federal Food Stamp Program (FS)						
Persons.....	1,913,514	(11,624)	(0.6)	(8.4)	72.06	76.41
Assistance: persons.....	1,282,040	(15,114)	(1.2)	(12.6)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
households f/.....	431,108	(3,207)	(0.7)	(12.1)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Nonassistance: persons.....	631,474	3,490	0.6	1.5	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
households f/.....	276,097	(360)	(0.1)	(3.8)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Expenditures paid (\$ in millions).....	\$137.9	\$3.1	2.3	(13.6)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
California Food Assistance Program (CFAP)						
Persons.....	89,163	5,157	6.1	(28.8)	44.53	54.47
Assistance: persons.....	62,452	2,871	4.8	(30.4)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
households g/.....	16,047	459	2.9	(33.9)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Nonassistance: persons.....	26,711	2,286	9.4	(24.8)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
households g/.....	10,496	437	4.3	(17.8)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Expenditures paid (\$ in millions).....	\$4.0	\$0.2	6.4	(41.8)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
					Average Cost Per Person h/	
In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)						
Cases open at end of month.....	227,797	2,272	1.0	7.9	528.22	482.16
Hours of service paid.....	17,704,269	314,700	1.8	9.5	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
Expenditures paid (\$ in millions).....	\$113.6	\$3.9	3.5	13.2	xxxxxx	xxxxxx

f/ Combined count of Federal only and a portion of Federal-CFAP mixed households based on the percentage of Federal persons in Federal-CFAP mixed households.

g/ Combined count of State only and a portion of Federal-CFAP mixed households based on the percentage of State persons in Federal-CFAP mixed households.

h/ Based on paid cases for the month.

CalWORKs Non-Exempt Assistance Units Maximum Aid Payments (MAP) and Food Stamp (FS) Allotments

(MAP) Effective 7/1/99			FS Allotments 10/1/99 - 9/30/00	
Eligible persons in the same home	Region 1	Region 2	Eligible persons in the FS household	Maximum Coupon Allotment
1	\$310	\$294	1	\$127
2	505	481	2	234
3	626	596	3	335
4	746	710	4	426
5	849	808	5	506
6	953	907	6	607
7	1,048	996	7	671
8	1,141	1,086	8	767
9	1,233	1,173	9	863
10+	1,324	1,260	10+	959

SSI/SSP Grant Levels (effective 1/1/99)

	Aged or Disabled			Blind		
	Total	SSI	SSP	Total	SSI	SSP
Individual	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Independent.....	676.00	500.00	176.00	732.00	500.00	232.00
Household of another.....	517.00	333.34	183.66	585.00	333.34	251.66
Nonmedical Out-of-Home Care.....	802.00	500.00	302.00	827.00	500.00	327.00
Couple						
Independent, neither member blind.....	1,201.00	751.00	450.00	xxx	xxx	xxx
Independent, one member blind.....	xxx	xxx	xxx	1,320.00	751.00	569.00
Independent, both members blind.....	xxx	xxx	xxx	1,391.00	751.00	640.00
Nonmedical Out-of-Home Care.....	1,654.00	751.00	903.00	1,654.00	751.00	903.00