

# Public Assistance Facts and Figures

For the Month of  
**September 2003**

## Cash Grant Programs

California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs)  
Foster Care (FC)  
Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP)  
General Relief (GR)

## Non-Cash Grant Programs

Federal Food Stamp Program (FS)  
California Food Assistance Program (CFAP)  
In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)  
Adult Protective Services (APS)

# Public Assistance Facts and Figures

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September 2003

| Programs  | Recipients        |                               |                     |                   | Average Monthly Benefits |                   |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
|   | September<br>2003 | Change from<br>August<br>2003 | Percent Change from |                   | September<br>2003        | September<br>2002 |
|   |                   |                               | August<br>2003      | September<br>2002 |                          |                   |
| California Work Opportunity and<br>Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) - persons a/       | 1,252,597         | (6,511)                       | (0.5)               | (5.2)             | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Children.....   | 976,981           | (4,527)                       | (0.5)               | (2.1)             | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Cases.....  | 477,486           | (1,179)                       | (0.3)               | (1.8)             | 532.94                   | 515.82            |
| CalWORKs payments (\$ in millions).....   | \$254.5           | (\$0.2)                       | (0.1)               | 1.4               | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Two Parent Families - persons.....  | 164,024           | (2,395)                       | (1.4)               | (21.7)            | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Children.....   | 98,744            | (1,659)                       | (1.7)               | (21.0)            | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Cases.....  | 40,017            | (513)                         | (1.3)               | (17.1)            | 532.74                   | 575.55            |
| Payments (\$ in millions).....  | \$21.3            | (\$0.3)                       | (1.5)               | (23.2)            | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Zero Parent Families - persons.....   | 311,450           | (974)                         | (0.3)               | 2.7               | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Children.....   | 311,450           | (974)                         | (0.3)               | 2.7               | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Cases.....  | 160,362           | (449)                         | (0.3)               | 1.8               | 459.52                   | 462.11            |
| Payments (\$ in millions).....  | \$73.7            | (\$0.7)                       | (0.9)               | 1.3               | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| All Other Families - persons.....   | 575,008           | (3,048)                       | (0.5)               | (18.5)            | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Children.....   | 401,454           | (2,760)                       | (0.7)               | (19.3)            | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Cases.....  | 209,817           | (468)                         | (0.2)               | (16.2)            | 526.24                   | 533.05            |
| Payments (\$ in millions).....  | \$110.4           | \$0.8                         | 0.7                 | (17.3)            | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| TANF Timed-Out - persons b/.....  | 136,991           | (2,866)                       | (2.0)               | 33.7              | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Children.....   | 100,209           | (1,906)                       | (1.9)               | 37.9              | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Cases.....  | 43,844            | (744)                         | (1.7)               | 44.8              | 900.14                   | 557.50            |
| Payments (\$ in millions).....  | \$39.5            | (\$0.5)                       | (1.3)               | 133.7             | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Safety Net - persons.....   | 65,124            | 2,772                         | 4.4                 | c/                | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Children.....   | 65,124            | 2,772                         | 4.4                 | c/                | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Cases.....  | 23,446            | 995                           | 4.4                 | c/                | 408.71                   | c/                |
| Payments (\$ in millions).....  | \$9.6             | \$0.5                         | 5.6                 | c/                | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Foster Care (FC) Program - children.....  | 93,453            | (431)                         | (0.5)               | (4.6)             | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Relative Home placements.....   | 31,984            | (317)                         | (1.0)               | (8.0)             | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Foster Family Agency placements.....  | 22,929            | 35                            | 0.2                 | (2.6)             | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Foster Family Home placements.....  | 14,225            | (28)                          | (0.2)               | (1.8)             | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Group Home placements.....  | 14,160            | (49)                          | (0.3)               | 1.7               | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Guardian Home placements.....   | 7,773             | 32                            | 0.4                 | 0.1               | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Other home placements.....  | 1,072             | (55)                          | (4.9)               | (32.8)            | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Unspecified home placements.....  | 1,310             | (49)                          | (3.6)               | (27.2)            | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary<br>Payment (SSI/SSP) - persons d/..... | 1,154,606         | 10,465                        | 0.9                 | 2.9               | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| Aged.....   | 347,236           | 1,651                         | 0.5                 | 1.6               | 556.99                   | 486.13            |
| Blind.....  | 21,891            | 145                           | 0.7                 | 0.2               | 676.17                   | 597.06            |
| Disabled.....   | 785,479           | 8,669                         | 1.1                 | 3.6               | 653.15                   | 580.76            |
| SSI/SSP payments (\$ in millions).....  | \$721.2           | \$86.7                        | 13.7                | 16.4              | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx            |
| General Relief (GR) - persons.....  | 97,745            | 385                           | 0.4                 | 4.4               | 230.48                   | 223.65            |
|   | September<br>2003 | August<br>2003                | September<br>2002   |                   |                          |                   |
| California unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted).....                                 | 6.5%              | 6.7%                          | 6.7%                |                   |                          |                   |
| California population on assistance e/.....   | 7.2               | 7.2                           | 7.4                 |                   |                          |                   |

a/ All CalWORKs data is for cash grant cases only.  
b/ Reporting began December 2001 and took several months to implement. Data is still incomplete.  
c/ Reporting began January 2003. Prior year information will not be available until January 2004.  
d/ Estimate based on preliminary data from the Social Security Administration.  
e/ Persons receiving CalWORKs, SSI/SSP, or GR.

Data represents the most current statistics available at the time of publication. Current month data includes prior month(s) data if current month is not reported timely by the County. Prior period data is updated to include the most current information, including County reported changes/updates, for all but the Foster Care data.

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| Programs  | Recipients     |             |                     |                | Average Monthly Benefits |                |
|---|----------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
|   | Change from    |             | Percent Change from |                | September 2003           | September 2002 |
|   | September 2003 | August 2003 | August 2003         | September 2002 |                          |                |
|   |                |             |                     |                | \$                       | \$             |
| <b>Federal and State Food Stamp (FS) Program</b>    |                |             |                     |                |                          |                |
| Average Coupon Value                                |                |             |                     |                |                          |                |
| Persons.....  | 1,784,484      | (10,668)    | (0.6)               | 1.3            | 84.68                    | 79.23          |
| Assistance: persons.....                            | 839,345        | (11,057)    | (1.3)               | (11.3)         | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx         |
| households.....                                     | 307,875        | (3,663)     | (1.2)               | (7.1)          | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx         |
| Nonassistance: persons.....                         | 945,139        | 389         | 0.0                 | 16.0           | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx         |
| households.....                                     | 389,647        | 545         | 0.1                 | 14.2           | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx         |
| Expenditures paid (\$ in millions).....             | \$151.1        | (\$1.9)     | (1.2)               | 8.3            | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx         |
| <b>Federal Food Stamp (FS) Program</b>              |                |             |                     |                |                          |                |
| Persons.....  | 1,760,727      | (8,836)     | (0.5)               | 5.4            | 84.76                    | 80.09          |
| Assistance: persons.....                            | 831,531        | (10,407)    | (1.2)               | (8.7)          | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx         |
| households f/.....                                  | 305,590        | (3,448)     | (1.1)               | (5.0)          | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx         |
| Nonassistance: persons.....                         | 929,196        | 1,571       | 0.2                 | 22.4           | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx         |
| households f/.....                                  | 382,271        | 842         | 0.2                 | 20.4           | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx         |
| Expenditures paid (\$ in millions).....             | \$149.2        | (\$1.8)     | (1.2)               | 11.6           | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx         |
| <b>California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) g/</b> |                |             |                     |                |                          |                |
| Persons.....  | 23,757         | (1,832)     | (7.2)               | (74.0)         | 78.81                    | 63.46          |
| Assistance: persons.....                            | 7,814          | (650)       | (7.7)               | (78.1)         | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx         |
| households h/.....                                  | 2,285          | (215)       | (8.6)               | (76.5)         | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx         |
| Nonassistance: persons.....                         | 15,943         | (1,182)     | (6.9)               | (71.4)         | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx         |
| households h/.....                                  | 7,376          | (297)       | (3.9)               | (69.1)         | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx         |
| Expenditures paid (\$ in millions).....             | \$1.9          | (\$0.1)     | (5.3)               | (67.7)         | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx         |
| <b>In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)</b>           |                |             |                     |                |                          |                |
| Average Cost Per Person i/                          |                |             |                     |                |                          |                |
| Persons receiving paid services.....                | 308,515        | 3,640       | 1.2                 | 10.9           | 734.79                   | 670.72         |
| Hours of service paid.....                          | 26,309,388     | 1,052,073   | 4.2                 | 12.6           | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx         |
| Expenditures paid (\$ in millions).....             | \$226.7        | \$8.5       | 3.9                 | 21.5           | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx         |
| <b>Adult Protective Services (APS)</b>              |                |             |                     |                |                          |                |
| Cases opened during the month.....                  | 6,873          | (51)        | (0.7)               | 1.0            | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx         |
| Cases carried forward to next month.....            | 11,697         | (140)       | (1.2)               | (16.9)         | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx         |
| Confirmed Investigations of self neglect j/.....    | 1,836          | (38)        | (2.0)               | (6.4)          | xxxxxx                   | xxxxxx         |
| Confirmed Investigations of abuse by others j/..... | 1,324          | 39          | 3.0                 | 0.8            | 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/ Large fluctuations in data due to continuing implementation of the Los Angeles County LEADER system.  
h/ 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.  
i/ Based on paid cases for the month.  
j/ Confirmed and unduplicated investigations.

**CalWORKs Non-Exempt Assistance Unit Maximum Aid Payment (MAP) and Food Stamp (FS) Allotment**

| MAP (Effective 06/1/03)           |          |          | FS Allotments (10/1/02 - 9/30/03)    |                          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Eligible persons in the same home | Region 1 | Region 2 | Eligible persons in the FS household | Maximum Coupon Allotment |
| 1                                 | \$349    | \$331    | 1                                    | \$139                    |
| 2                                 | 568      | 540      | 2                                    | 256                      |
| 3                                 | 704      | 671      | 3                                    | 366                      |
| 4                                 | 839      | 799      | 4                                    | 465                      |
| 5                                 | 954      | 909      | 5                                    | 553                      |
| 6                                 | 1,072    | 1,021    | 6                                    | 663                      |
| 7                                 | 1,178    | 1,119    | 7                                    | 733                      |
| 8                                 | 1,283    | 1,221    | 8                                    | 838                      |
| 9                                 | 1,386    | 1,320    | 9                                    | 943                      |
| 10+                               | 1,489    | 1,417    | each additional person               | 105                      |

|  | Aged or Disabled |        |        | Blind    |        |          |
|--|------------------|--------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
|  | Total            | SSI    | SSP    | Total    | SSI    | SSP      |
| Individual                             | \$               | \$     | \$     | \$       | \$     | \$       |
| Independent.....                       | 757.00           | 552.00 | 205.00 | 819.00   | 552.00 | 267.00   |
| Household of another.....              | 578.66           | 368.00 | 210.66 | 654.66   | 368.00 | 286.66   |
| Non-medical Out-of-Home Care.....      | 925.00           | 552.00 | 373.00 | 925.00   | 552.00 | 373.00   |
| Couple                                 |                  |        |        |          |        |          |
| Independent, neither member blind..... | 1,344.00         | 829.00 | 727.00 | xxx      | xxx    | xxx      |
| Independent, one member blind.....     | xxx              | xxx    | xxx    | 1,477.00 | 829.00 | 648.00   |
| Independent, both members blind.....   | xxx              | xxx    | xxx    | 1,556.00 | 829.00 | 727.00   |
| Non-medical Out-of-Home Care.....      | 1,744.00         | 796.00 | 948.00 | 1,850.00 | 829.00 | 1,021.00 |