

# Characteristics and Employment of Current and Former CalWORKs Recipients:

## What We Know From Statewide Administrative Data

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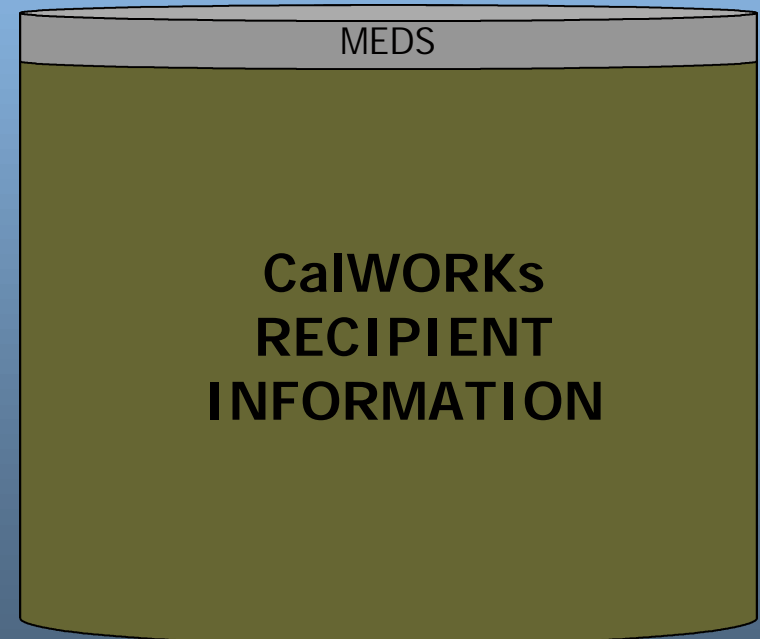
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# DATA SOURCES:

Medi-Cal Eligibility Determination System (MEDS) contains virtually all CalWORKs recipients. Information is limited but includes:

- Personal Identifiers
- Address
- Race/ethnicity
- Primary Language
- Gender
- Date of Birth
- Case Composition
- Months on AFDC/TANF/CalWORKS



# DATA SOURCES:

Employment Development Department  
Unemployment and Disability Insurance Base  
Wage File contains quarterly earnings for every  
covered employee in California as reported by  
their employer -- 95% of the State's workforce.



## EDD Base Wage File:

- Social Security Number
- quarterly earnings
- Employer Account number

# DATA SOURCES:

Employment Development Department  
Unemployment Insurance Quarterly Employer  
Address File contains information on every  
California employer participating in the UI  
System.



## UI Quarter Employer File:

- Employer Account Number
- Industrial Activity
- Monthly Employment
- Total Payroll

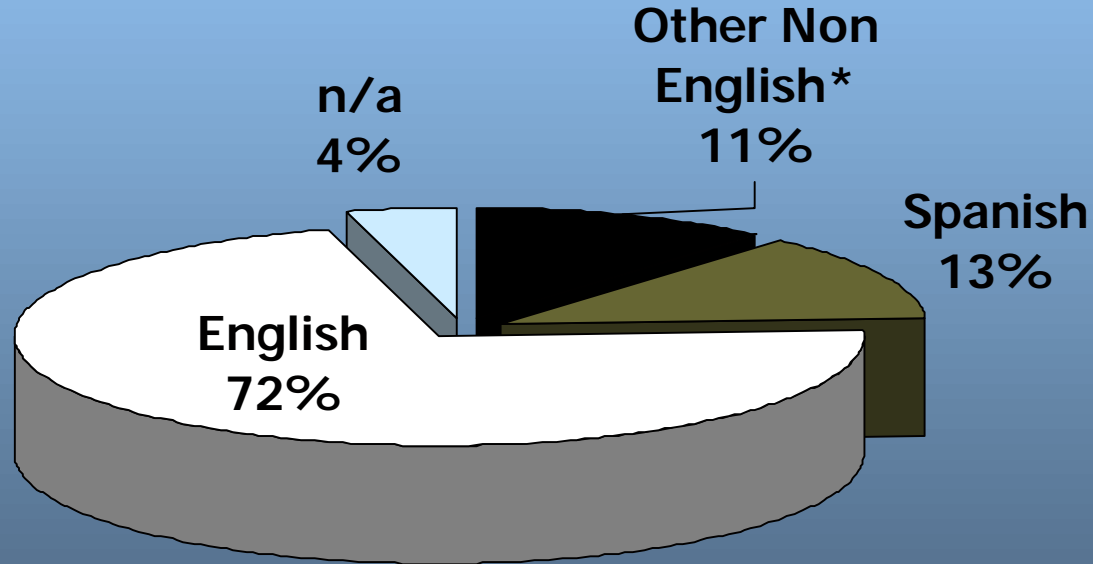
# CalWORKs Adult Recipients On Aid in 1998

All adult recipients who had been on aid at least one month in 1998 were selected for this analysis. The primary language and length of time on aid since 1987 of this cohort of 770,665 adults follows.

# CalWORKs ADULTS in 1998

## PRIMARY LANGUAGE

(n=770,665)

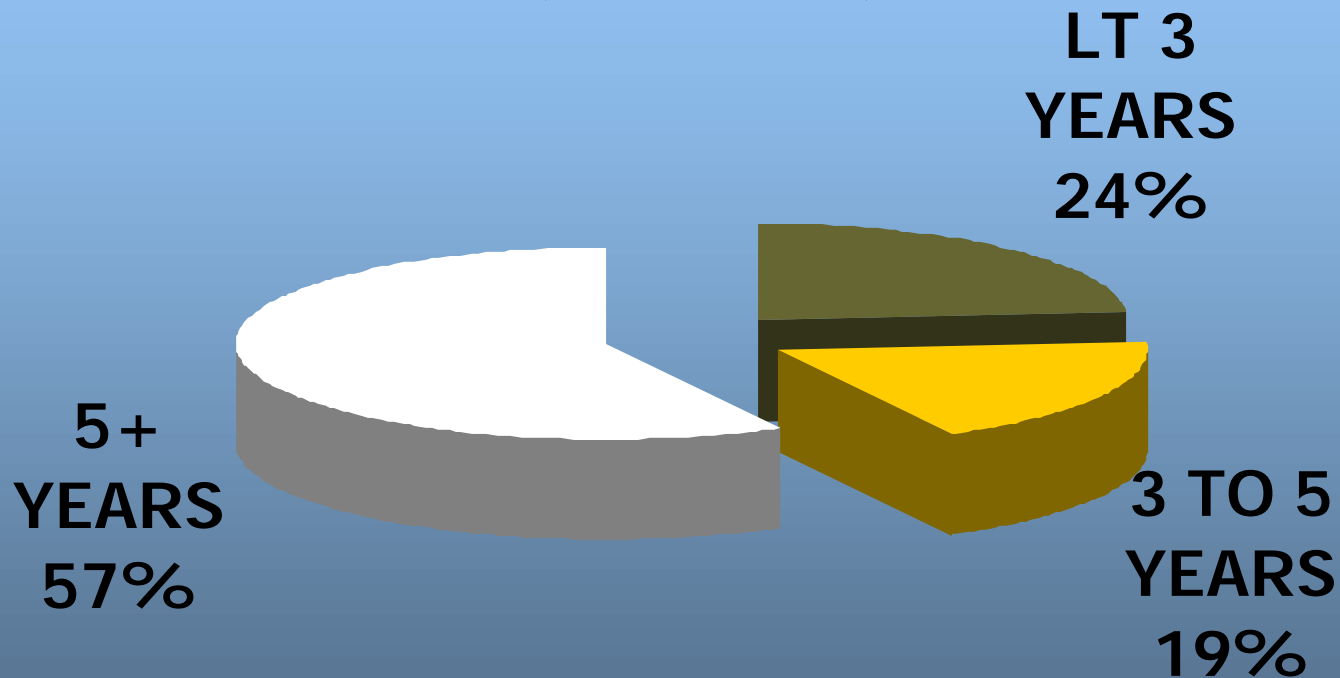


\*Major Non-English Languages:

- Vietnamese
- Armenian
- Russian
- Cambodian

# CalWORKs ADULTS in 1998

MONTHS\* ON AFDC/TANF SINCE 1987  
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\* May not be continuous and includes time on as a child.

# OUTCOMES SEVEN TO NINE MONTHS LATER

(3rd Qtr. 1999) :

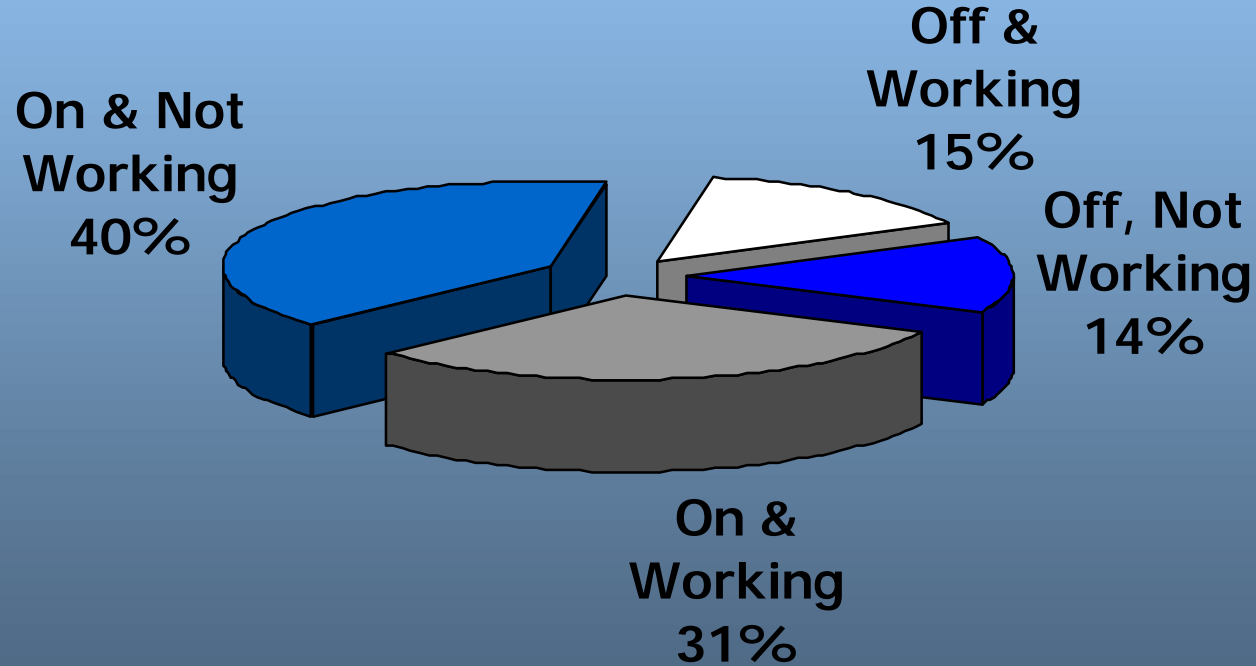
- EXIT AID AND WORKING\*
- ON AID AND WORKING\*
- EXIT AID AND NOT WORKING
- ON AID AND NOT WORKING

*\* Working is with Employer Reported Earnings of \$50 or more in the quarter*



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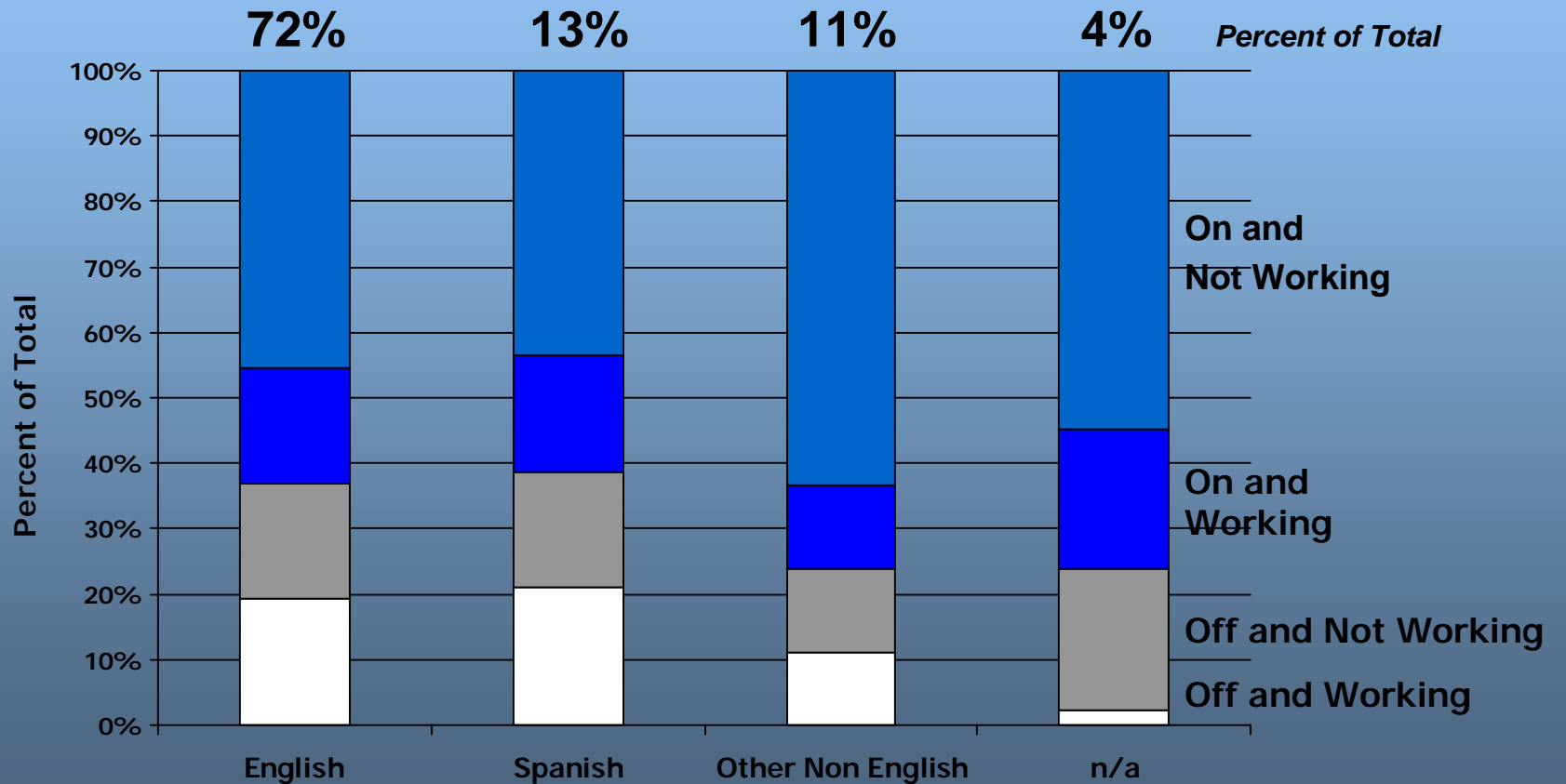
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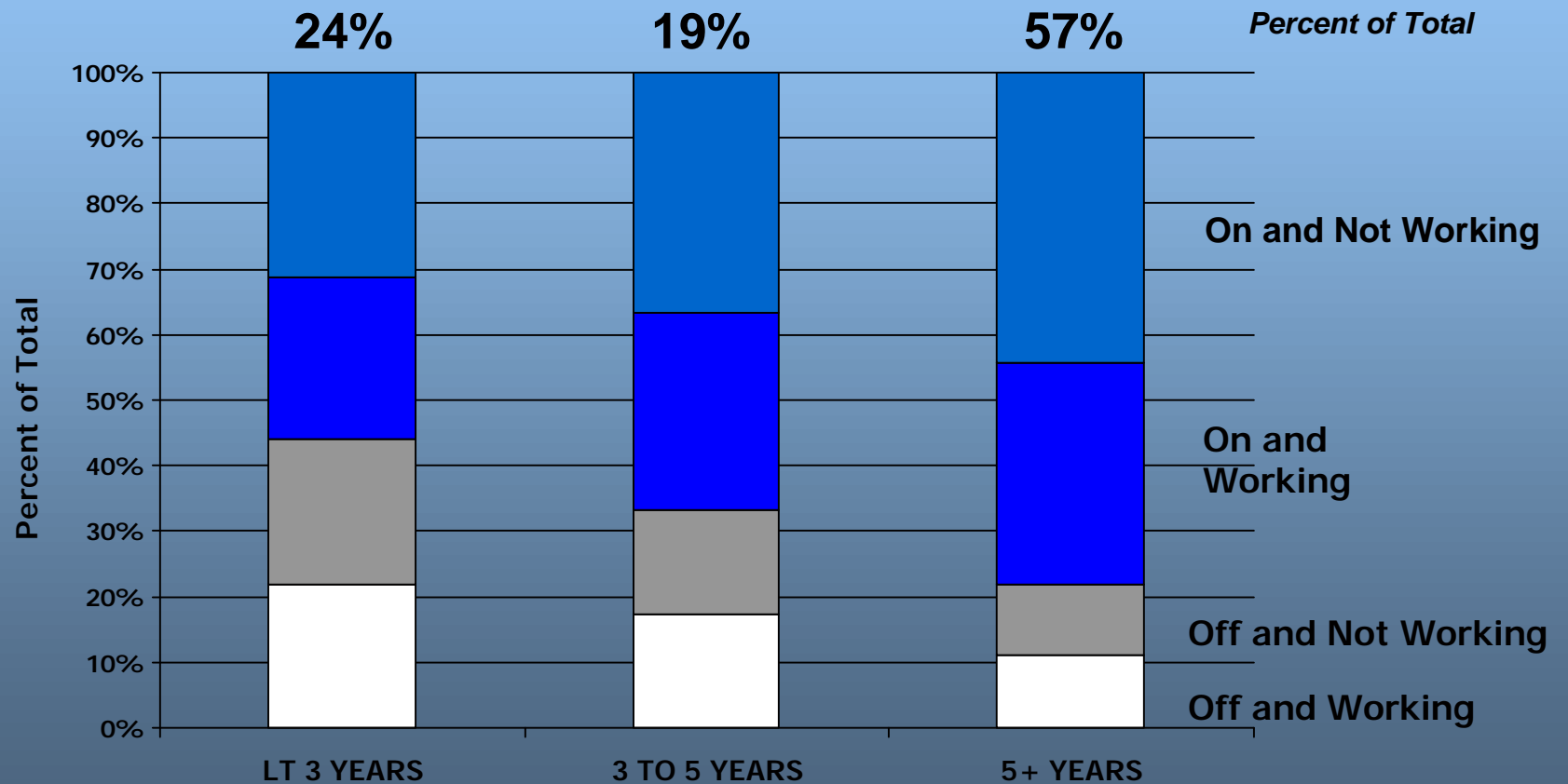
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PRIMARY LANGUAGE



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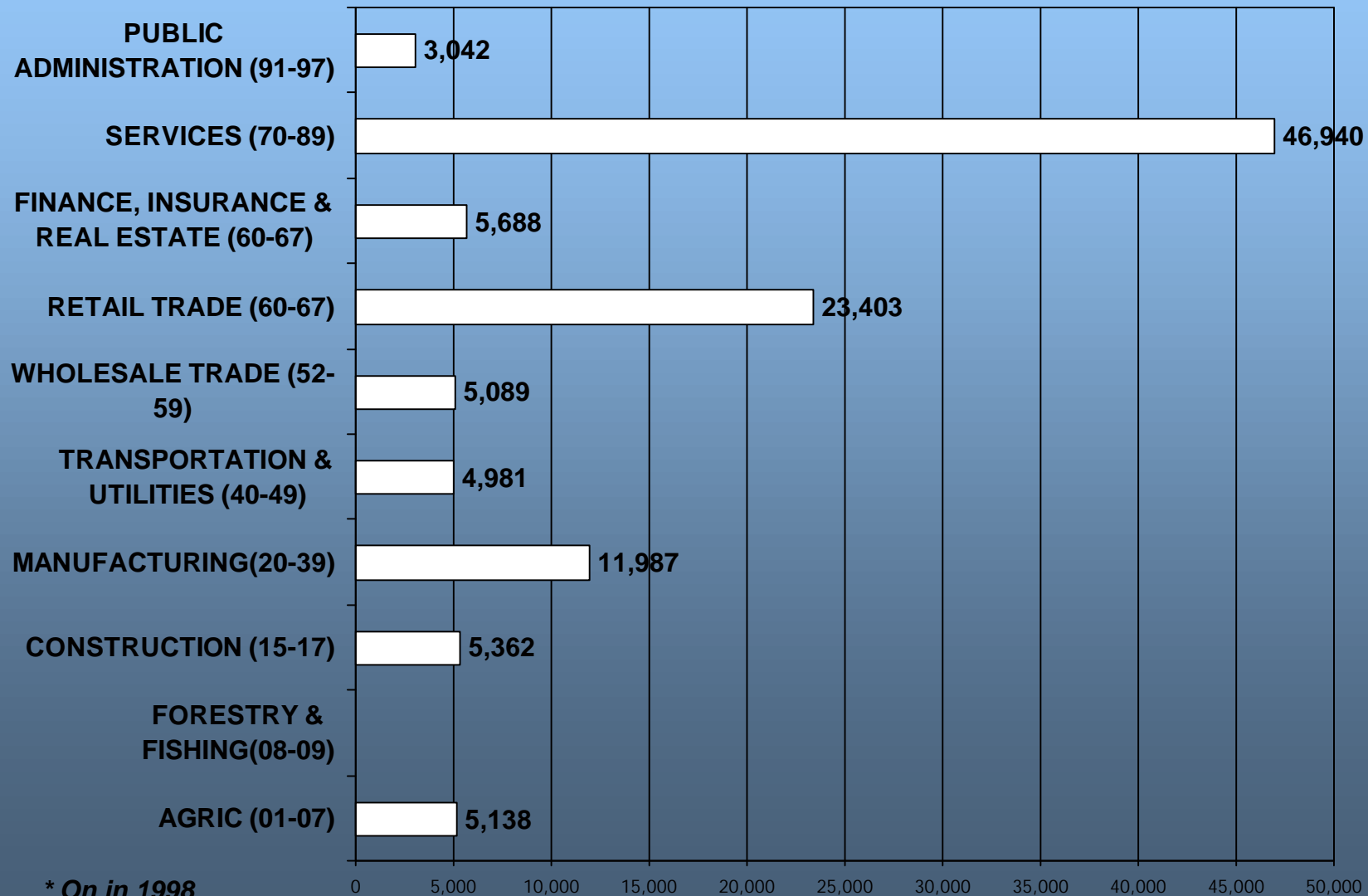
IN WHAT INDUSTRIES ARE  
THE FORMER CalWORKs  
RECIPIENTS WORKING?

WHAT ARE THEIR  
EARNINGS?

ARE EARNINGS INCREASING?

# CalWORKs ADULTS\*

## OUTCOMES SEVEN TO NINE MONTHS LATER (3rd Qtr. 1999) INDUSTRIES EMPLOYING FORMER RECIPIENTS

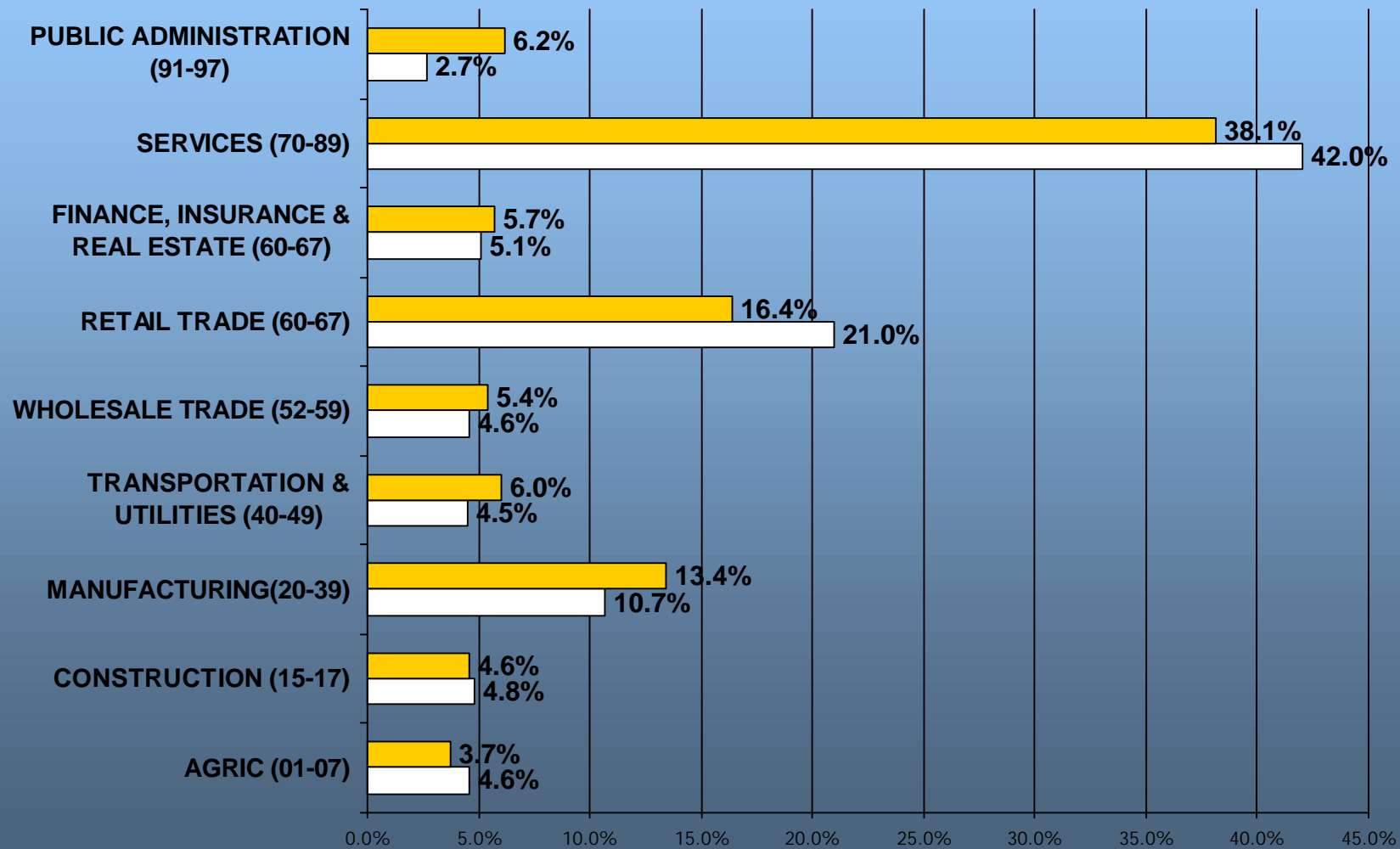


\* On in 1998

N=111,641

# CalWORKs ADULTS\*

## EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (3rd Qtr. 1999) FORMER RECIPIENTS AND ALL CALIFORNIA WORKERS



\* On in 1998



CalWORKs

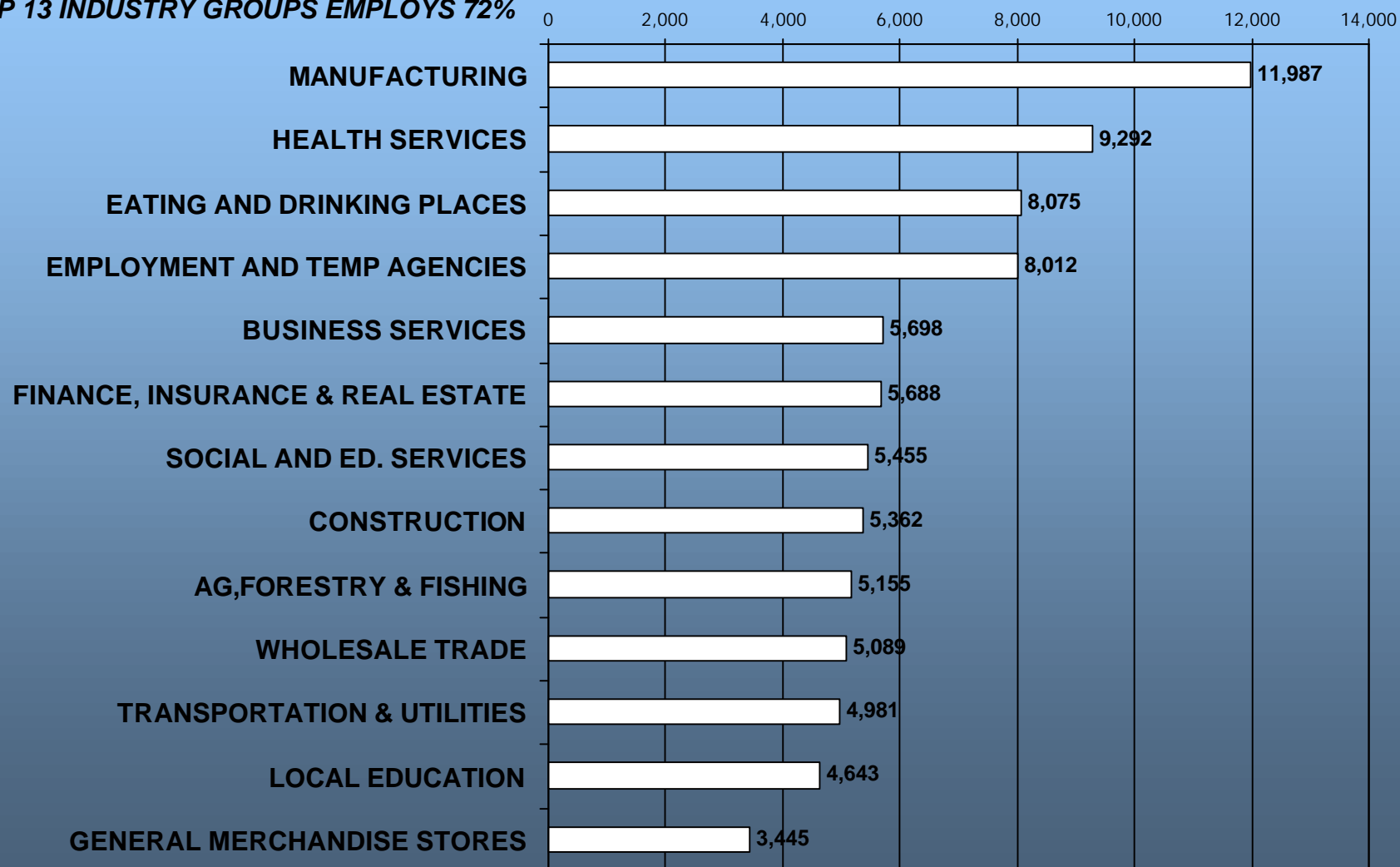


All Workers

# CalWORKs ADULTS\*

## OUTCOMES SEVEN TO NINE MONTHS LATER (3rd Qtr. 1999) EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY OF FORMER RECIPIENTS

TOP 13 INDUSTRY GROUPS EMPLOYS 72%



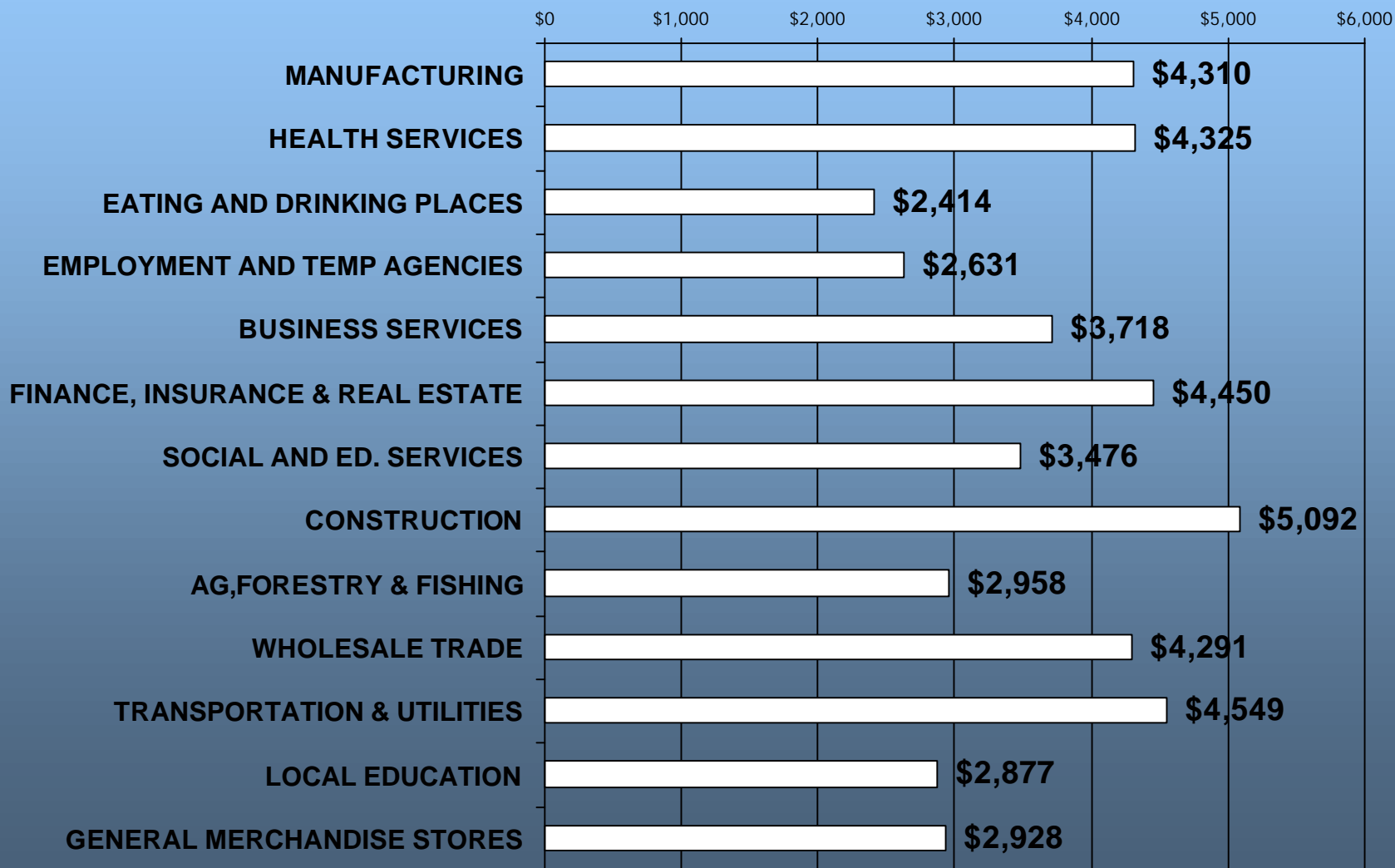
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# CalWORKs ADULTS\*

## AVERAGE QUARTERLY EARNINGS (3rd Qtr. 1999) EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY OF FORMER RECIPIENTS

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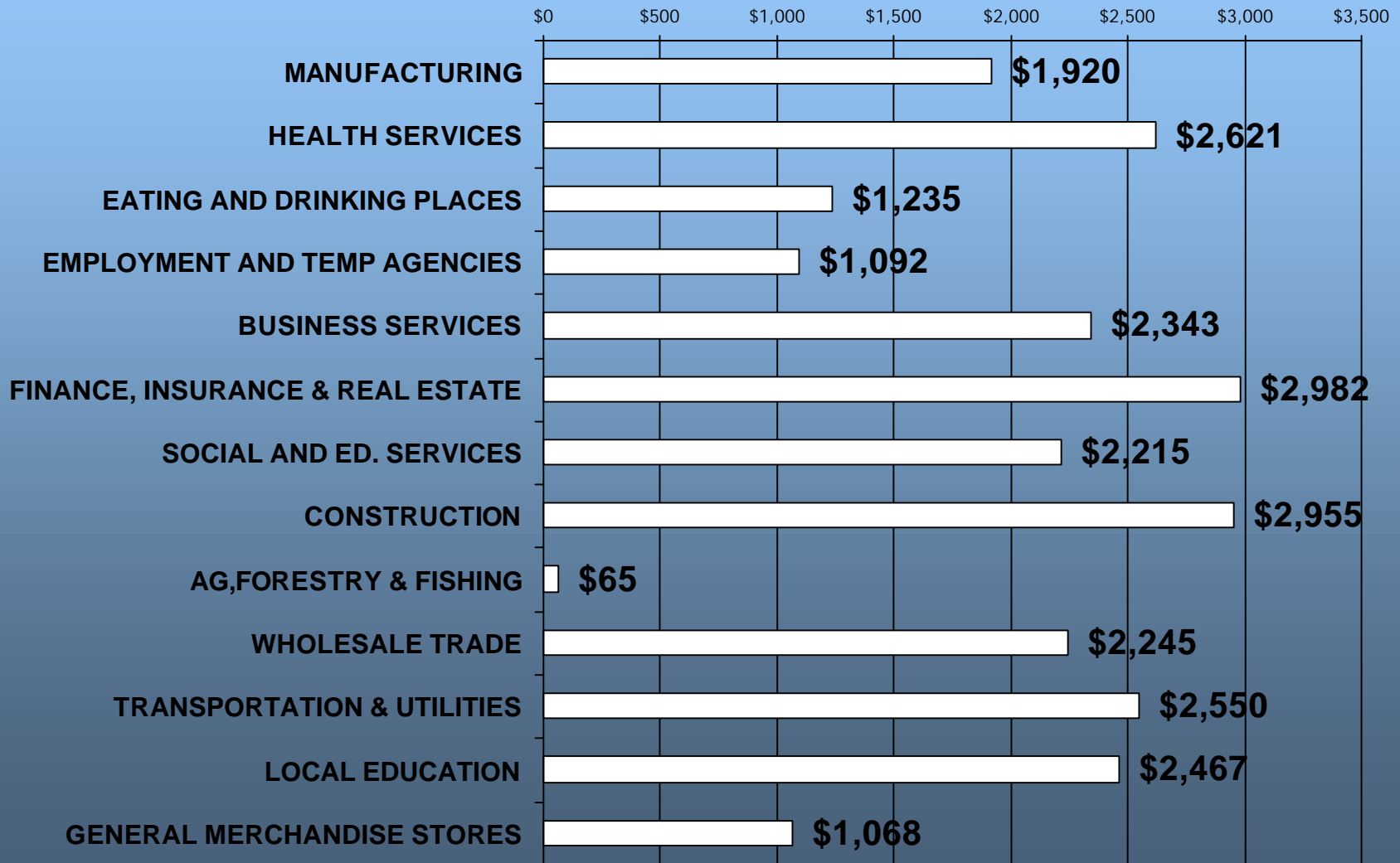
AVERAGE ALL INDUSTRIES = \$3,665



# CalWORKs ADULTS\*

AVERAGE INCREASE IN EARNINGS (1998 TO 1999\*\*)  
FORMER RECIPIENTS (3rd Qtr. 1999)

TOP 13 INDUSTRY GROUPS EMPLOYS 72%



\* On in 1998

\*\* 1st 3 Quarters of 1999 over  
last 3 Quarters of 1998

AVERAGE INCREASE ALL INDUSTRIES = \$1,894