



WORK FIRST NJ

Quarterly Progress Update December 2013

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Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) Quarterly Progress Update

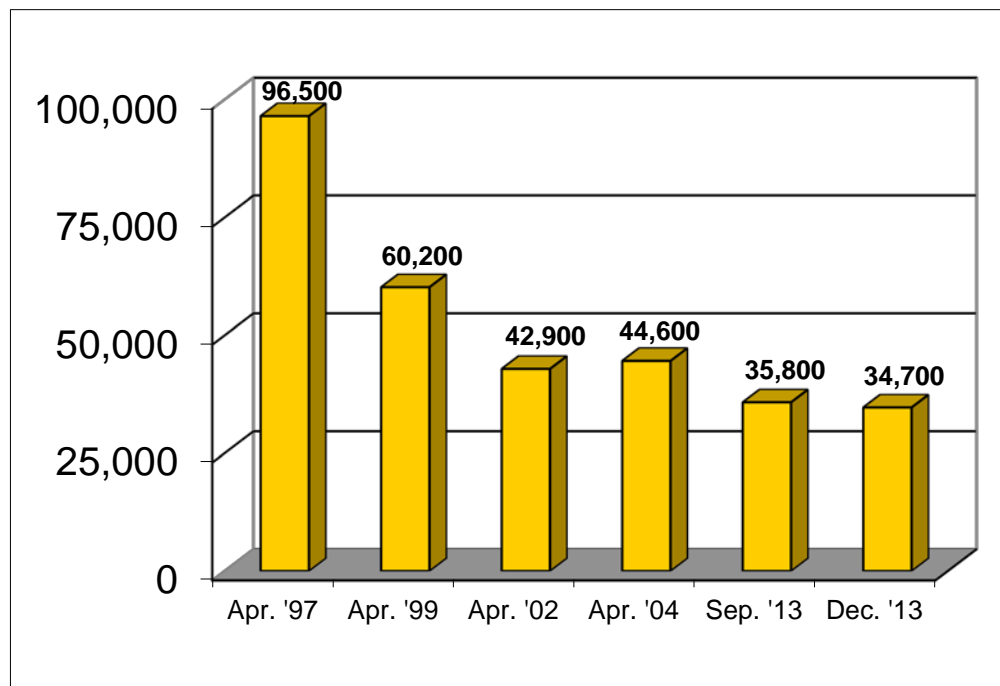
Quarter Ending December 2013

1. Work First NJ Caseload

•Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

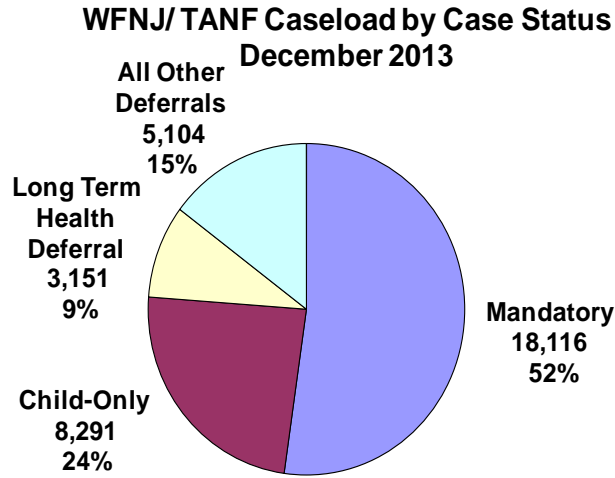
The number of families receiving WFNJ/TANF totaled approximately 34,700 as of December 2013, a slight decline from the September 2013 caseload.

WFNJ TANF Caseload



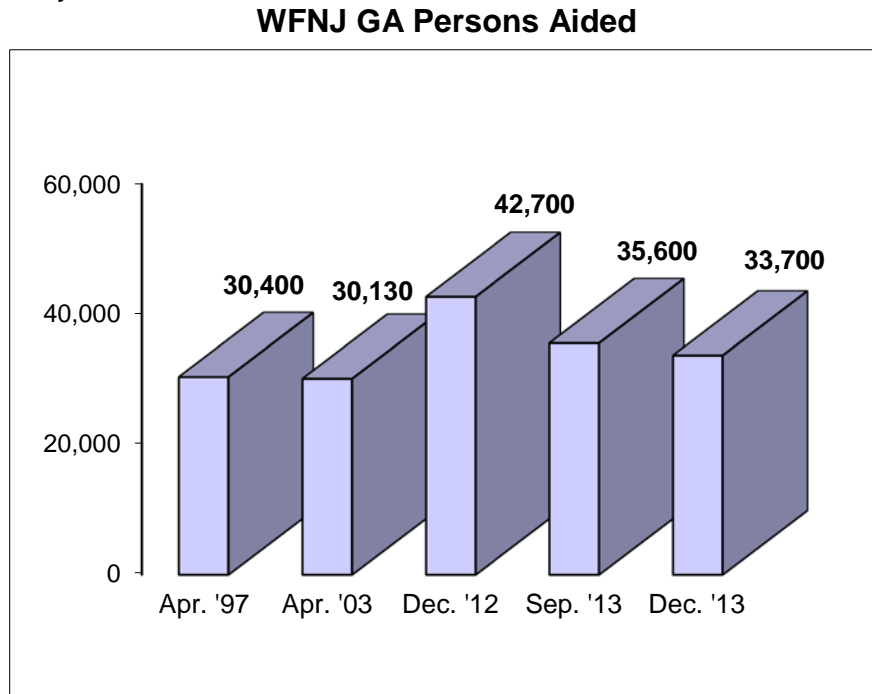
•Client Deferrals and Exemptions

Of the total TANF caseload of 34,700, about 18,100 cases (52 percent) were those with adults in the household who must comply with WFNJ/TANF work requirements.



•General Assistance (GA)

As of December 2013, there were approximately 33,700 General Assistance (GA) persons aided in New Jersey.



•Teenaged Welfare Recipients

Of the WFNJ/TANF population of 34,700 in December 2013, about 878 (2.5%) were teenaged recipients, aged 18 and 19, who were heads of their households.

2. Employment & Work Preparation

•Participation of WFNJ TANF Clients in Employment-Directed Activities

For the month of December 2013, over 13,900 TANF clients were engaged in work activities. About 4,000 (27 percent) of these individuals had begun working but were still receiving a partial cash assistance payment, due to income disregards.



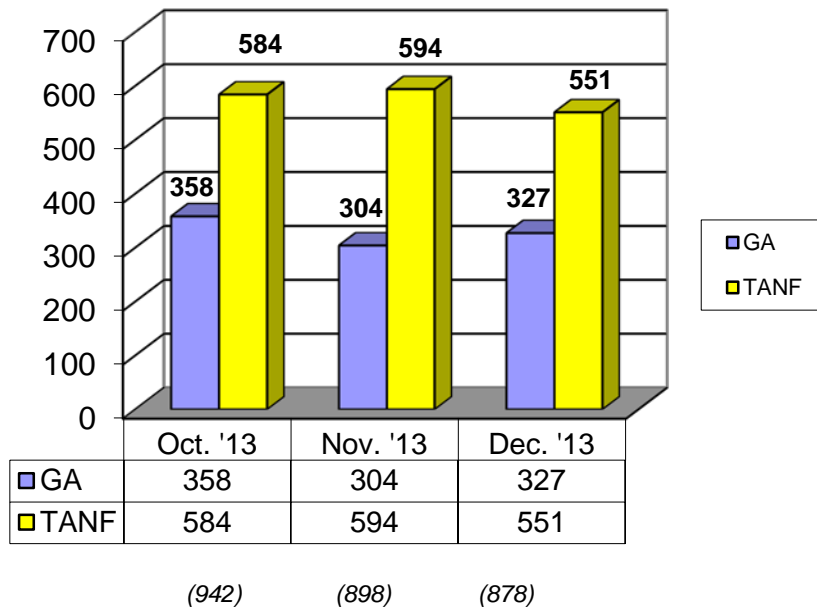
Employed	4,020
Job Search	1,296
Community Work Experience Program (CWEP)	4,859
Other Training -Occupational Training -Education -On the Job Training (OJT)	3,777
Total	13,952

•Cases that met the Federal Participation Requirement

Of the people scheduled to participate in the work-directed activities, 4,559 participated at levels sufficient to satisfy federal requirements.

•Cases Closed Due to Employment

During the quarter, an average of about 906 WFNJ TANF and GA clients left welfare for employment each month.



•Major Reasons for TANF Case Closings

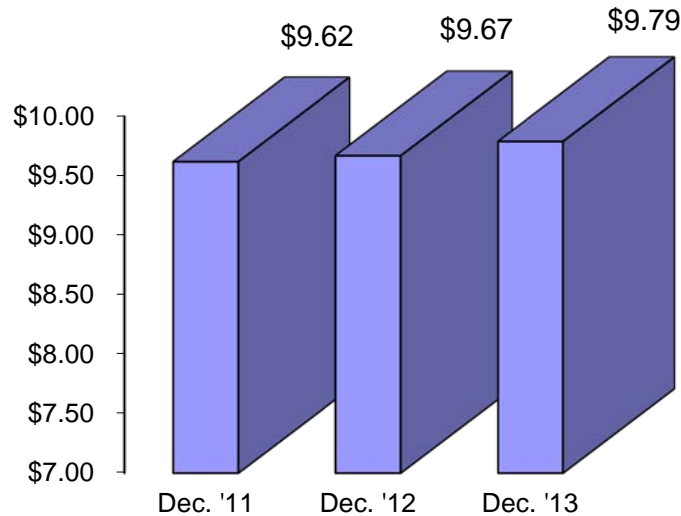
October to December 2013				
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Due to Employment	584	594	551	1,729
No Eligible Children	184	207	169	560
No Redetermination	144	120	92	356
Moved Out of State	101	91	82	274
All Other Closed	1,366	1,589	1,419	4,374
<i>(Unemployment Ins. Benefits)</i>	75	72	75	222
<i>(Recipient Withdrawal)</i>	151	131	121	403
<i>(Recipient Initiative)</i>	61	53	38	152
<i>(Moved to Another County)</i>	41	50	46	137
<i>(Unable to Verify Residence)</i>	58	70	50	178
<i>(Other Closed Cases)</i>	980	1,213	1,089	3,282
Total Closed Cases	2,379	2,601	2,313	7,293

About 24 percent of all TANF cases closed during the quarter were closed due to employment.

•Earnings of Former TANF Recipients

During the fourth quarter of 2013, WFNJ TANF recipients who were working were earning an average of \$9.79 per hour.

Average Hourly Wages of Former TANF Recipients



•Statewide Job Openings

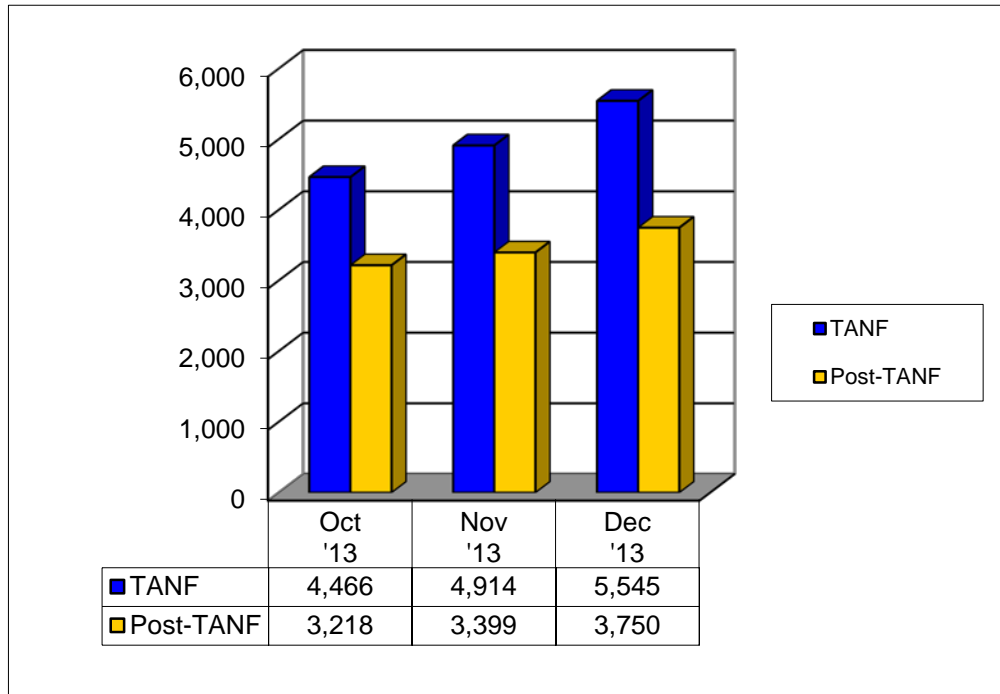
According to the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, there were 136,781 job openings statewide during the period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013. The majority of positions available were in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services category, followed by the Administration and Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services and Health Care and Social Assistance.

LWD statewide job openings	
Occupation	Openings
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	36,972
Admin. & Support, Waste Mgt. & Remediation Services	21,238
Health Care & Social Assistance	17,814
Finance & Insurance	9,954
Transportation and Warehousing	9,689
Retail Trade	9,585
Other Services	6,294
Manufacturing	5,579
Information	3,989
Construction	2,973
Wholesale Trade	2,687
Accommodation and Food Services	2,587
Educational Services	2,299
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,280
Management of Companies & Enterprises	954
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	942
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	729
Public Administration	613
Utilities	475
Mining	128
Total	136,781

3. Child Care

As of December 2013, over 5,500 WFNJ TANF clients received child care benefits. Post-TANF child care benefits were issued to nearly 3,800 families who had become employed and were no longer receiving cash assistance.

WFNJ TANF Cases Receiving Child Care Benefits, December 2013



4. WFNJ Program Expenditures

The attached Appendix provides a summary of WFNJ program expenditures for the quarter.

**NOTE: ALL CHARTS AND GRAPHS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED BY
THE DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING CHARTS AND GRAPHS
OR PROGRAM EXPENDITURES, PLEASE CONTACT
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**THE DIVISION OF FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
WORK FIRST NEW JERSEY (WFNJ) EXPENDITURES
Quarter Ending December 31, 2013**

	Actual Dec. 31, 2012	Actual Mar. 31, 2013	Actual June 30, 2013	Actual Sept. 30, 2013	Estimated Dec. 31, 2013	TOTAL COSTS CY 2012 1/12 – 12/12	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2013 7/12 – 6/13	TOTAL COSTS CY 2013 1/13 – 12/13	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2014 7/12 – 12/13
(A) CASE MANAGEMENT									
TANF	\$9,708,730	\$8,489,796	\$8,878,743	\$11,253,147	\$9,582,604	\$37,735,916	\$38,097,407	\$38,204,290	\$20,835,751
SNAP/Able Bodied Adults w/o Dependents	\$4,847,210	\$3,640,557	\$3,994,024	\$4,096,135	\$4,144,482	\$17,354,669	\$17,610,493	\$15,875,198	\$8,240,617
GA	\$1,636,007	\$1,513,534	\$1,708,097	\$1,435,468	\$1,573,277	\$7,365,676	\$6,815,300	\$6,230,376	\$3,008,745
(B) SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICE									
Special Initiative	\$0				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(C) CHILD CARE	\$19,998,251	\$21,122,284	\$21,982,409	\$22,360,533	\$21,365,869	\$82,252,976	\$81,757,140	\$86,831,096	\$43,726,403
(D) TRAINING RELATED EXPENSE, PARTICIPANT ALLOWANCE AND TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT									
TANF	\$2,578,060	\$2,899,948	\$2,200,446	\$2,813,753	\$2,623,052	\$10,806,245	\$10,331,195	\$10,537,200	\$5,436,805
SNAP	\$1,210,182	\$1,299,227	\$1,328,589	\$1,298,461	\$1,284,115	\$4,622,043	\$4,992,566	\$5,210,391	\$2,582,576
GA	\$126,978	\$162,783	\$135,173	\$137,807	\$140,685	\$557,694	\$569,591	\$576,448	\$278,492
(E) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT - EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING									
TANF	\$9,535,334	\$12,617,140	\$14,408,195	\$14,357,112	\$12,729,445	\$45,563,506	\$44,398,219	\$54,111,892	\$27,086,557
SNAP/Able Bodied Adults w/o Dependents	\$4,084,643	\$5,037,733	\$6,282,117	\$4,295,330	\$4,924,956	\$18,258,328	\$21,018,475	\$20,540,136	\$9,220,286
GA	\$1,508,971	\$1,859,138	\$2,224,556	\$1,363,746	\$1,739,103	\$7,906,181	\$8,020,095	\$7,186,542	\$3,102,849
(F) OMEGA SYSTEM	\$489,149	\$489,635	\$490,121	\$490,607	\$489,878	\$1,953,683	\$1,957,569	\$1,960,241	\$980,485
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$55,723,515	\$59,131,776	\$63,632,470	\$63,902,100	\$60,597,465	\$234,376,918	\$235,568,050	\$247,263,812	\$124,499,565

FOOTNOTES:

ACTUAL expenditures are subject to subsequent adjustment and reconciliation to be reflected on future reports.

ACTUAL expenditures for OMEGA SYSTEM have been revised to reflect actual expenditures.