



WORK FIRST NJ

Quarterly Progress Update September 2012

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
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Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) Quarterly Progress Update

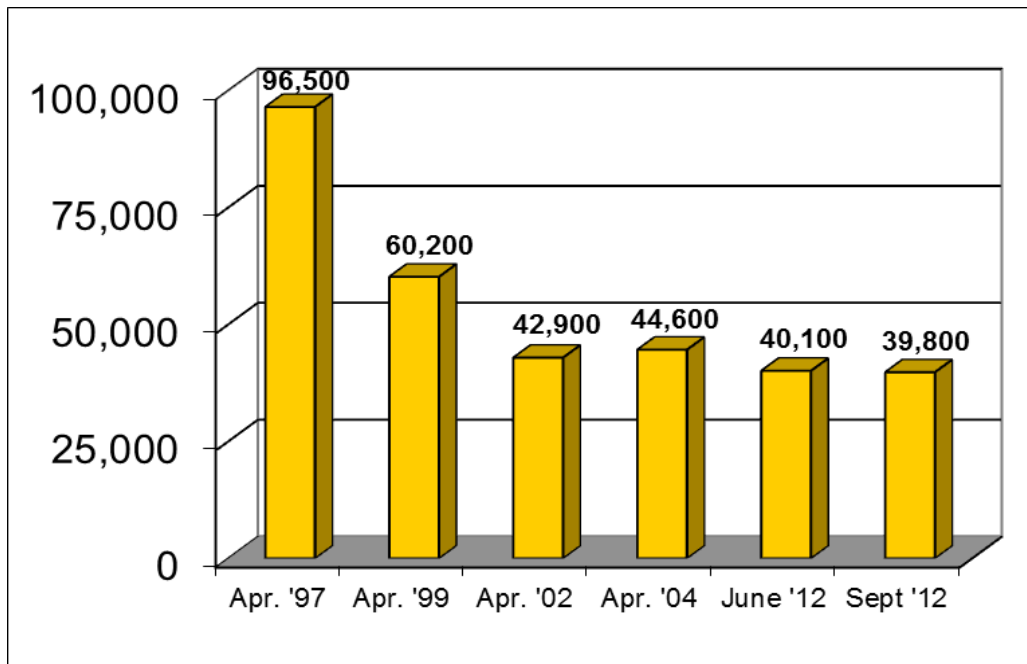
Quarter Ending September 2012

1. Work First NJ Caseload

•Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

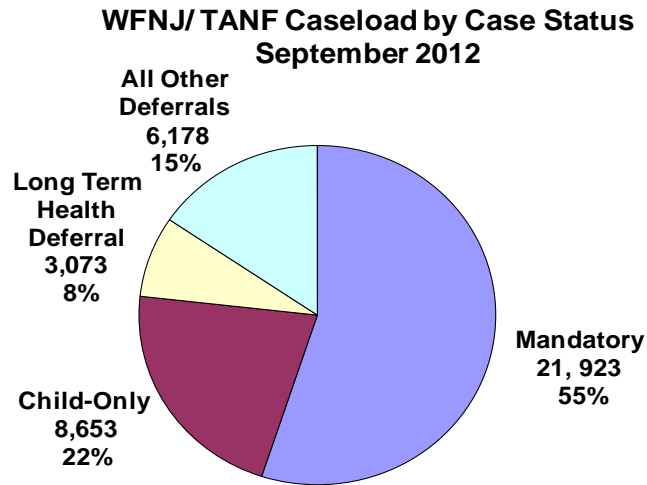
The number of families receiving WFNJ/TANF totaled approximately 39,800 as of September 2012, a slight decline from the June 2012 caseload.

WFNJ TANF Caseload



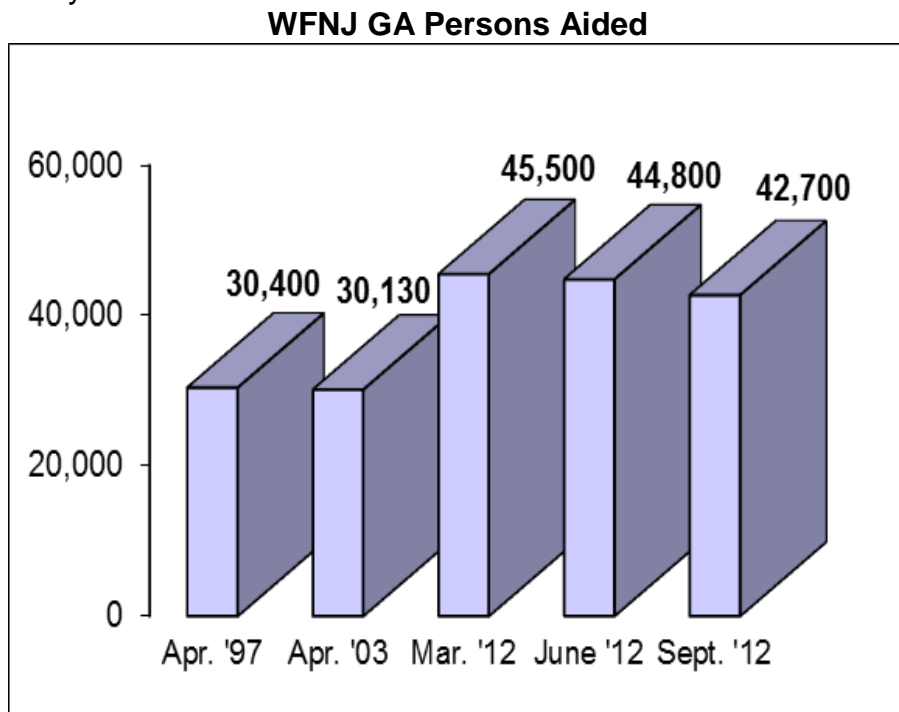
•Client Deferrals and Exemptions

Of the total TANF caseload of 39,800, about 21,900 cases (55 percent) were those with adults in the household who must comply with WFNJ/TANF work requirements.



•General Assistance (GA)

As of September 2012, there were approximately 42,700 General Assistance (GA) persons aided in New Jersey.



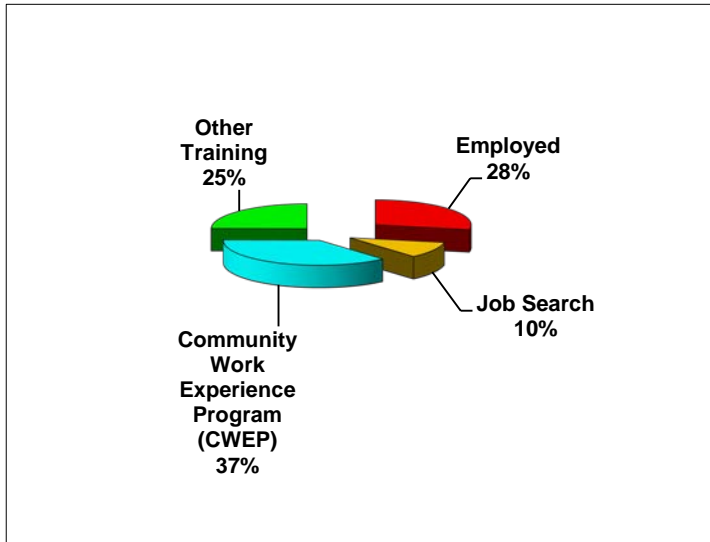
•Teenaged Welfare Recipients

Of the WFNJ/TANF population of 39,800 in September 2012, about 1,211 (3.0%) 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 September 2012, over 15,000 TANF clients were engaged in work activities. About 4,300 (28 percent) of these individuals had begun working but were still receiving a partial cash assistance payment, due to income disregards.



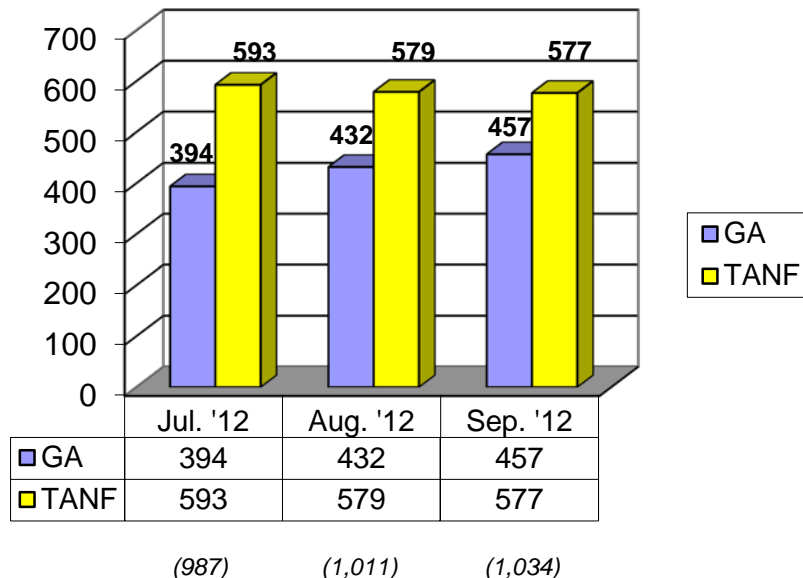
Employed	4,396
Job Search	1,620
Community Work Experience Program (CWEP)	5,720
Other Training -Occupational Training -Education -On the Job Training (OJT)	3,875
Total	15,611

•Cases that met the Federal Participation Requirement

Of the people scheduled to participate in the work-directed activities, 4,845 participated at levels sufficient to satisfy federal requirements.

•Cases Closed Due to Employment

During the quarter, an average of about 1,011 WFNJ TANF and GA clients left welfare for employment each month.



•Major Reasons for TANF Case Closings

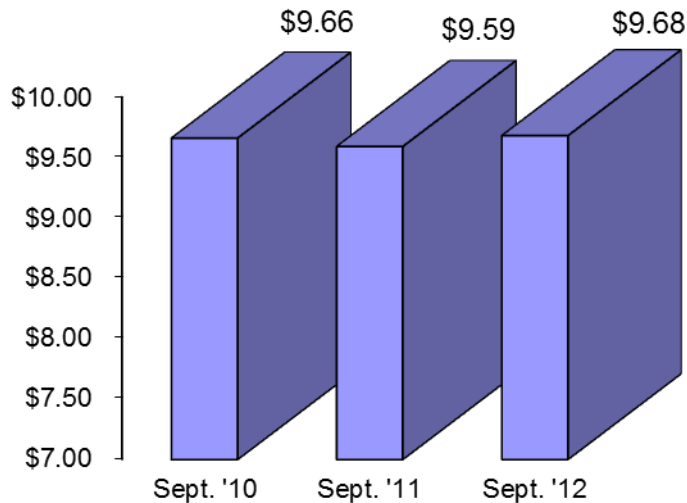
July to September 2012				
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
Due to Employment	593	579	577	1,749
No Eligible Children	340	276	236	852
No Redetermination	108	91	107	306
Moved Out of State	98	106	117	321
All Other Closed	1,436	1,423	1,388	4,247
(Unemployment Ins. Benefits)	72	64	72	208
(Recipient Withdrawal)	182	160	163	505
(Recipient Initiative)	47	46	51	144
(Moved to Another County)	47	47	50	144
(Unable to Verify Residence)	84	79	91	254
(Other Closed Cases)	1,004	1,027	961	2,992
Total Closed Cases	2,575	2,475	2,425	7,475

About 23 percent of all TANF cases closed during the quarter were closed due to employment.

•Earnings of Former TANF Recipients

During the third quarter of 2012, WFNJ TANF recipients who were working were earning an average of \$9.68 per hour.

Average Hourly Wages of Former TANF Recipients



•Statewide Job Openings

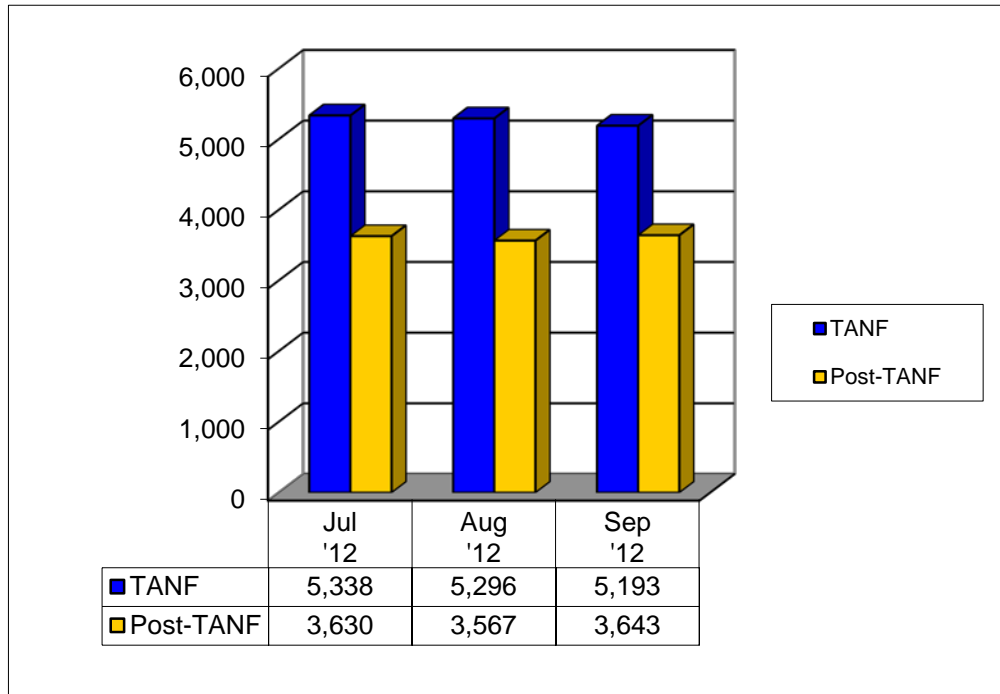
According to the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, there were 64,176 job openings statewide during the period of October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012. The majority of positions available were in the Administration and Support, Waste Management and Remediation category, followed by the Retail Trade and Accommodation and Food Services.

LWD statewide job openings	
Occupation	Openings
Admin. & Support, Waste Mgt. & Remediation	13,740
Retail Trade	10,351
Accommodation and Food Services	7,724
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	6,122
Health Care & Social Assistance	5,269
Manufacturing	4,455
Transportation & Warehousing	3,589
Wholesale Trade	1,706
Construction	1,663
Educational Services	1,544
Finance & Insurance	1,485
Information	1,451
Other Services	1,382
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,170
Public Administration	793
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	770
Utilities	466
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	413
Mining	46
Management of Companies & Enterprises	37
Total	64,176

3. Child Care

As of September 2012, over 5,100 WFNJ TANF clients received child care benefits. Post-TANF child care benefits were issued to nearly 3,700 families who had become employed and were no longer receiving cash assistance.

WFNJ TANF Cases Receiving Child Care Benefits, September 2012



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 September 30, 2012**

	Actual Sept 30, 2011	Actual Dec 31, 2011	Actual Mar 31, 2012	Actual June 30, 2012	Estimated Sept 30, 2012	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2011 7/10 - 6/11	TOTAL COSTS CY 2011 1/11 - 12/11	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2012 7/11 - 6/12	TOTAL COSTS CY 2012 1/12 - 9/12
(A) CASE MANAGEMENT									
TANF	\$8,959,397	\$10,438,633	\$8,677,976	\$8,329,073	\$9,101,270	\$35,232,110	\$35,686,036	\$36,405,079	\$26,108,319
Food Stamps/Able Bodied Adults W/O Dependents	\$3,205,035	\$4,572,651	\$3,580,586	\$3,798,171	\$3,789,110	\$15,360,814	\$15,323,607	\$15,156,442	\$11,167,867
GA	\$2,464,291	\$1,735,198	\$1,922,705	\$1,849,302	\$1,992,874	\$9,470,645	\$8,697,695	\$7,971,497	\$5,764,882
(B) SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICE									
Special Initiative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,147	\$0	\$0	\$0
(C) CHILD CARE	\$24,390,357	\$24,321,899	\$22,533,382	\$21,067,147	\$23,078,196	\$96,340,472	\$95,994,171	\$92,312,785	\$66,678,725
(D) TRAINING RELATED EXPENSE, PARTICIPANT ALLOWANCE AND TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT									
TANF	\$2,580,099	\$2,612,715	\$3,115,063	\$2,452,786	\$2,690,166	\$10,699,646	\$10,832,582	\$10,760,664	\$8,258,016
Food Stamps	\$1,063,518	\$1,077,002	\$1,146,809	\$1,110,484	\$1,099,453	\$4,053,286	\$4,346,455	\$4,397,813	\$3,356,747
GA	\$157,434	\$141,013	\$141,312	\$144,747	\$146,127	\$1,069,051	\$664,876	\$584,506	\$432,186
(E) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT - EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING									
TANF	\$10,592,429	\$6,998,498	\$14,689,805	\$17,623,814	\$12,476,137	\$48,521,504	\$44,080,437	\$49,904,546	\$44,789,756
Food Stamps/Able Bodied Adults W/O Dependents	\$3,326,842	\$3,434,772	\$5,414,031	\$3,145,673	\$3,830,329	\$15,234,552	\$15,124,275	\$15,321,317	\$12,390,032
GA	\$2,648,975	\$1,663,619	\$2,537,686	\$1,432,093	\$2,070,594	\$9,029,283	\$9,164,567	\$8,282,374	\$6,040,373
(F) OMEGA SYSTEM	\$486,721	\$487,206	\$487,692	\$488,178	\$487,449	\$1,931,181	\$1,945,911	\$1,949,797	\$1,463,319
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$59,875,097	\$57,483,207	\$64,247,047	\$61,441,469	\$60,761,705	\$246,977,692	\$241,860,613	\$243,046,820	\$186,450,221

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.