



WORK FIRST NJ

Quarterly Progress Update March 2013

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES**

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Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) Quarterly Progress Update

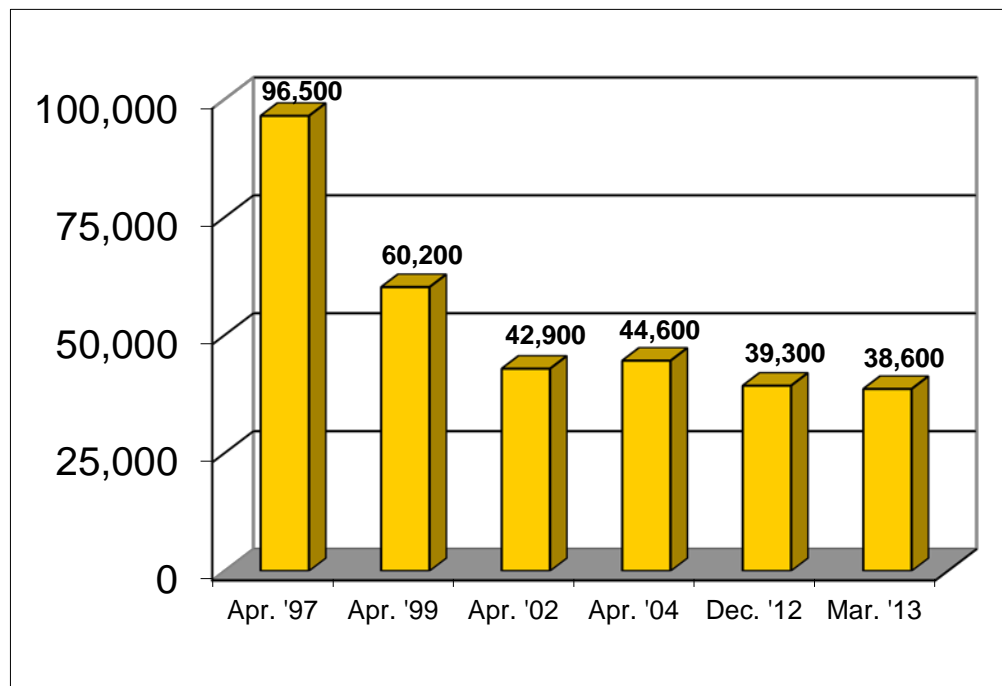
Quarter Ending March 2013

1. Work First NJ Caseload

• Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

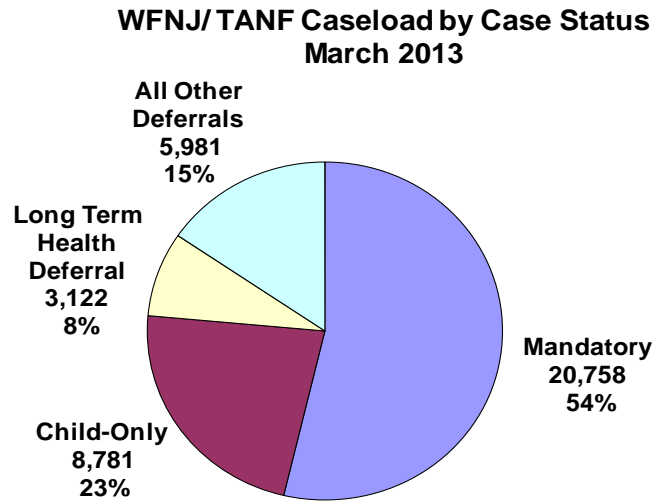
The number of families receiving WFNJ/TANF totaled approximately 38,600 as of March 2013, a slight decline from the December 2012 caseload.

WFNJ TANF Caseload



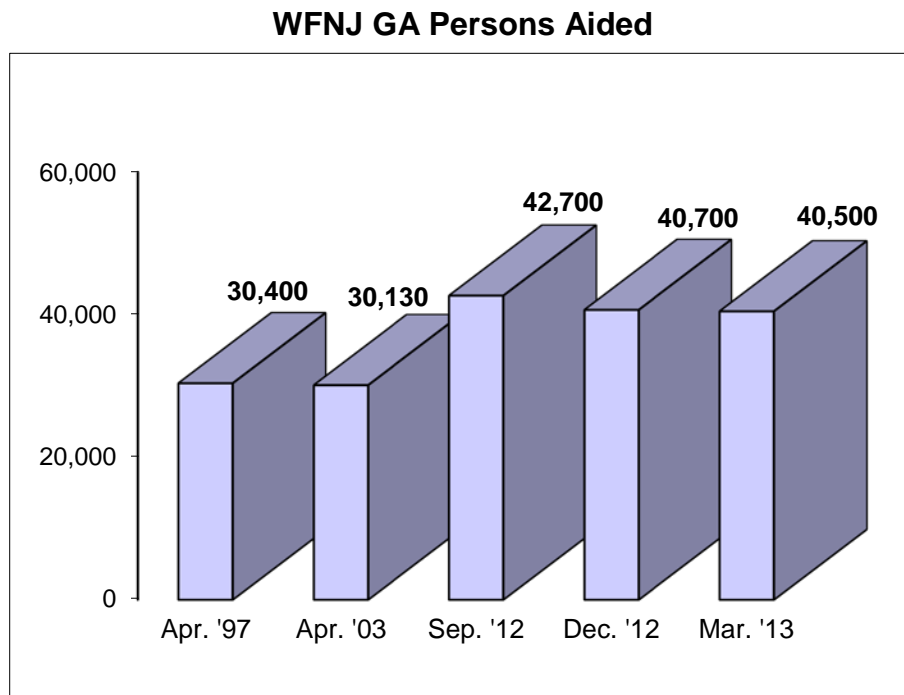
Client Deferrals and Exemptions

Of the total TANF caseload of 38,600, about 20,758 cases (54 percent) were those with adults in the household who must comply with WFNJ/TANF work requirements.



General Assistance (GA)

As of March 2013, there were approximately 40,500 General Assistance (GA) persons aided in New Jersey.



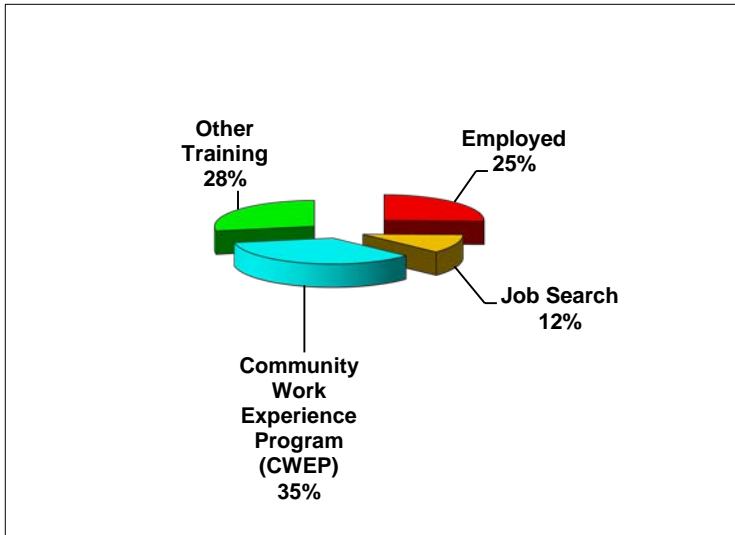
Teenaged Welfare Recipients

Of the WFNJ/TANF population of 38,600 in March 2013, about 1,115 (2.9%) 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 March 2013, over 15,000 TANF clients were engaged in work activities. About 3,800 (25 percent) of these individuals had begun working but were still receiving a partial cash assistance payment, due to income disregards.



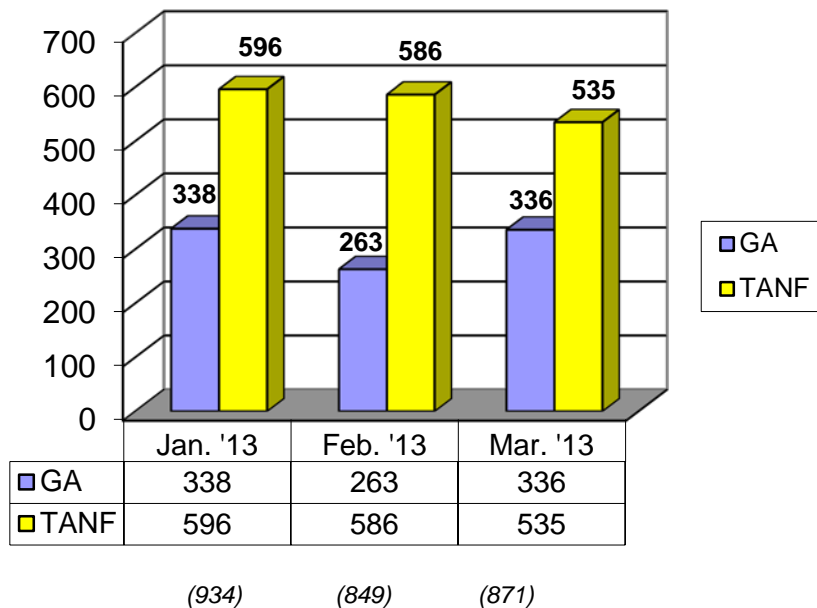
Employed	3,823
Job Search	1,746
Community Work Experience Program (CWEP)	5,294
Other Training -Occupational Training -Education -On the Job Training (OJT)	4,203
Total	15,066

•Cases that met the Federal Participation Requirement

Of the people scheduled to participate in the work-directed activities, 5,203 participated at levels sufficient to satisfy federal requirements.

•Cases Closed Due to Employment

During the quarter, an average of about 885 WFNJ TANF and GA clients left welfare for employment each month.



•Major Reasons for TANF Case Closings

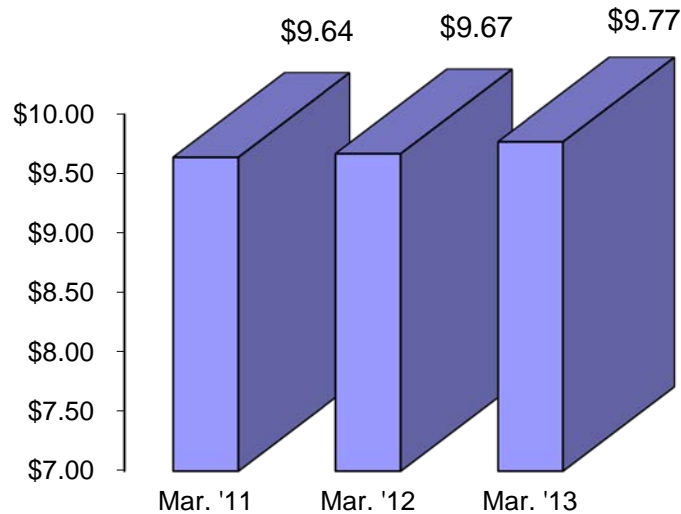
January to March 2013						
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total		
Due to Employment	596	586	535	1,717		
No Eligible Children	184	215	176	575		
No Redetermination	90	75	66	231		
Moved Out of State	70	100	66	236		
All Other Closed	1,418	1,429	1,398	4,245		
(Unemployment Ins. Benefits)	72	54	80	206		
(Recipient Withdrawal)	141	141	117	399		
(Recipient Initiative)	52	45	31	128		
(Moved to Another County)	41	53	57	151		
(Unable to Verify Residence)	77	102	73	252		
(Other Closed Cases)	1,035	1,034	1,040	3,109		
Total Closed Cases	2,358	2,405	2,241	7,004		

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

•Earnings of Former TANF Recipients

During the first quarter of 2013, WFNJ TANF recipients who were working were earning an average of \$9.77 per hour.

Average Hourly Wages of Former TANF Recipients



•Statewide Job Openings

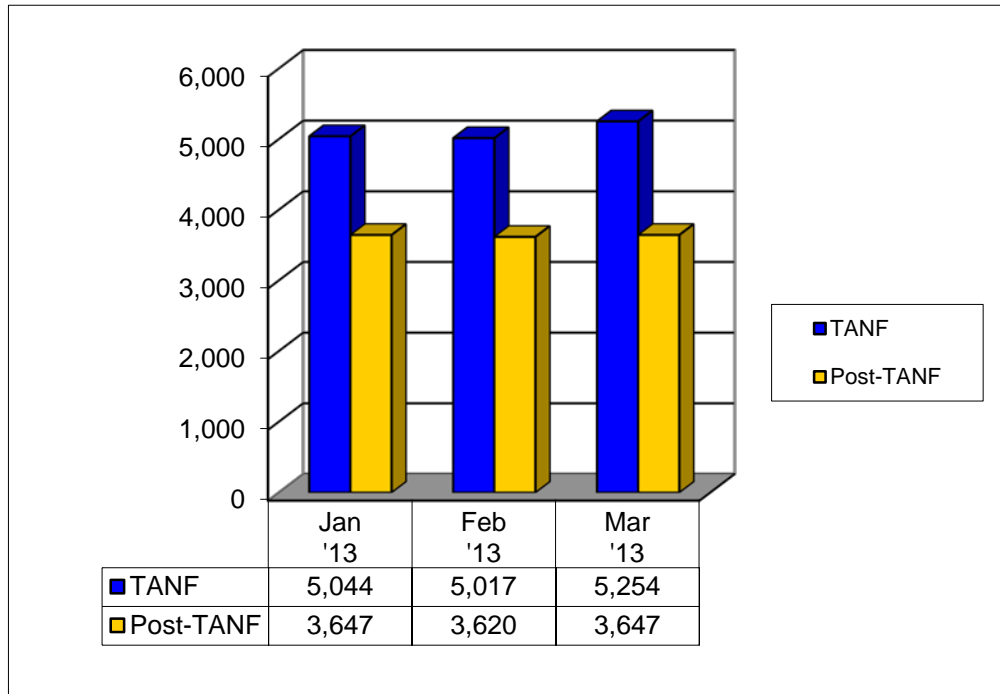
According to the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, there were 84,547 job openings statewide during the period of April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013. The majority of positions available were in the Administration and Support, Waste Management and Remediation category, followed by the Retail Trade and Accommodation and Food Services.

LWD statewide job openings	
Occupation	Openings
Retail Trade	20,273
Admin. & Support, Waste Mgt. & Remediation	16,395
Transportation and Warehousing	8,738
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	7,896
Health Care & Social Assistance	6,997
Accommodation and Food Services	4,342
Manufacturing	3,951
Information	2,859
Finance & Insurance	2,562
Construction	1,994
Wholesale Trade	1,878
Other Services	1,799
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,097
Educational Services	1,081
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	791
Public Administration	585
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	503
Utilities	490
Management of Companies & Enterprises	222
Mining	94
Total	84,547

3. Child Care

As of March 2013, over 5,200 WFNJ TANF clients received child care benefits. Post-TANF child care benefits were issued to nearly 3,600 families who had become employed and were no longer receiving cash assistance.

WFNJ TANF Cases Receiving Child Care Benefits, March 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 March 31, 2013**

	Actual Mar. 31, 2012	Actual June 30, 2012	Actual Sept. 30, 2012	Actual Dec. 31, 2012	Estimated Mar. 31, 2013	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2012 7/11 – 6/12	TOTAL COSTS CY 2012 1/12 – 12/12	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2013 7/12 – 3/13	TOTAL COSTS CY 2013 1/12 – 3/12
(A) CASE MANAGEMENT									
TANF	\$8,677,976	\$8,329,073	\$11,020,138	\$9,708,730	\$9,433,979	\$36,405,079	\$37,735,916	\$30,162,846	\$9,433,979
Food Stamps/Able Bodied Adults W/O Dependents	\$3,580,586	\$3,798,171	\$5,128,702	\$4,847,210	\$4,338,667	\$15,156,442	\$17,354,669	\$14,314,579	\$4,338,667
GA	\$1,922,705	\$1,849,302	\$1,957,662	\$1,636,007	\$1,841,419	\$7,971,497	\$7,365,676	\$5,435,088	\$1,841,419
(B) SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICE									
Special Initiative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(C) CHILD CARE	\$22,533,382	\$21,067,147	\$18,654,196	\$19,998,251	\$20,563,244	\$92,312,785	\$82,252,976	\$59,215,691	\$20,563,244
(D) TRAINING RELATED EXPENSE, PARTICIPANT ALLOWANCE AND TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT									
TANF	\$3,115,063	\$2,460,381	\$2,652,741	\$2,575,621	\$2,700,952	\$10,768,259	\$10,803,806	\$7,929,313	\$2,700,952
Food Stamps	\$1,146,809	\$1,110,484	\$1,154,568	\$1,210,182	\$1,155,511	\$4,397,813	\$4,622,043	\$3,520,261	\$1,155,511
GA	\$141,312	\$144,747	\$144,657	\$126,978	\$139,424	\$584,506	\$557,694	\$411,059	\$139,424
(E) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT - EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING									
TANF	\$14,689,805	\$13,500,817	\$7,837,550	\$9,535,334	\$11,390,877	\$45,781,549	\$45,563,506	\$28,763,761	\$11,390,877
Food Stamps/Able Bodied Adults W/O Dependents	\$5,414,031	\$3,145,673	\$5,613,982	\$4,084,643	\$4,564,582	\$15,321,317	\$18,258,328	\$14,263,207	\$4,564,582
GA	\$2,537,686	\$1,432,093	\$2,427,430	\$1,508,971	\$1,976,545	\$8,282,374	\$7,906,181	\$5,912,946	\$1,976,545
(F) OMEGA SYSTEM	\$487,692	\$488,178	\$488,664	\$489,149	\$488,421	\$1,949,797	\$1,953,683	\$1,466,234	\$488,421
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$64,247,047	\$57,326,067	\$57,080,288	\$55,721,076	\$58,593,620	\$238,931,418	\$234,374,479	\$171,394,984	\$58,593,620

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.