



WORK FIRST NJ

Quarterly Progress Update March 2014

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES**

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Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) Quarterly Progress Update

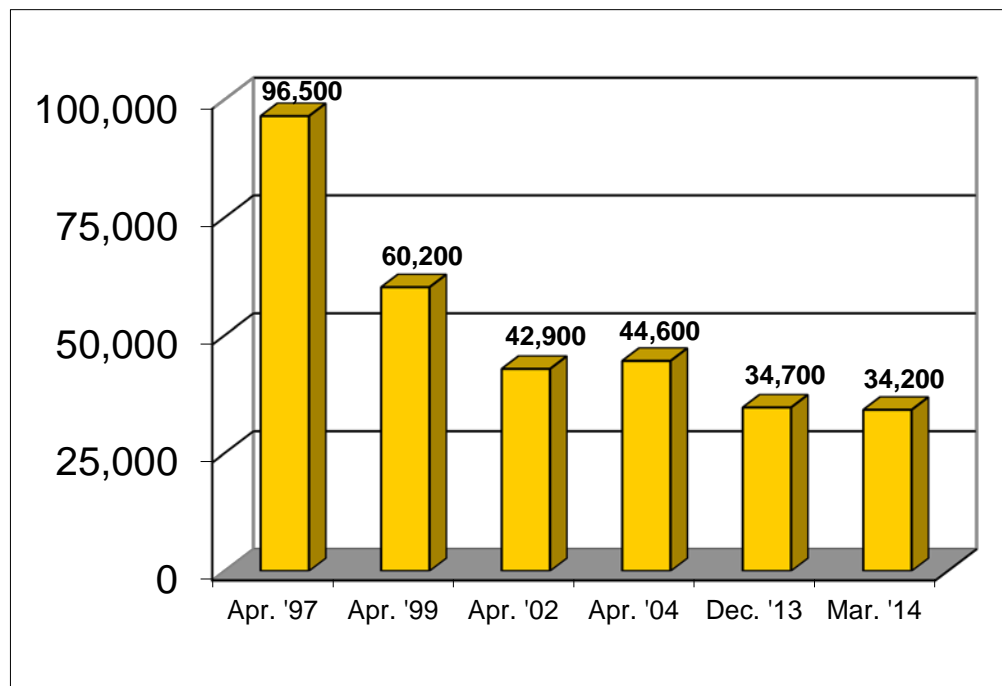
Quarter Ending March 2014

1. Work First NJ Caseload

•Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

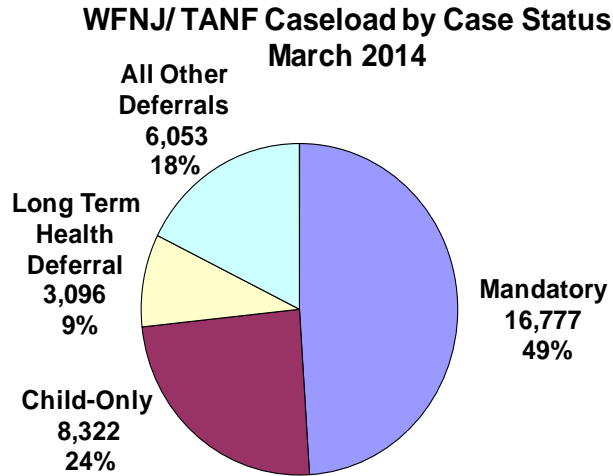
The number of families receiving WFNJ/TANF totaled approximately 34,200 as of March 2014, a slight decline from the December 2013 caseload.

WFNJ TANF Caseload



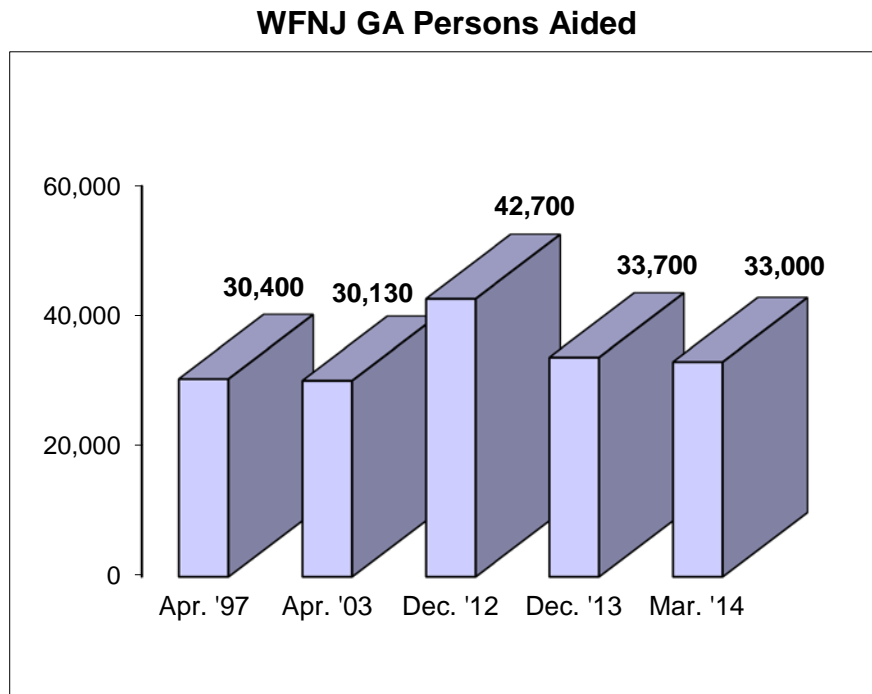
•Client Deferrals and Exemptions

Of the total TANF caseload of 34,200, about 16,800 cases (49 percent) were those with adults in the household who must comply with WFNJ/TANF work requirements.



•General Assistance (GA)

As of March 2014, there were approximately 33,000 General Assistance (GA) persons aided in New Jersey.



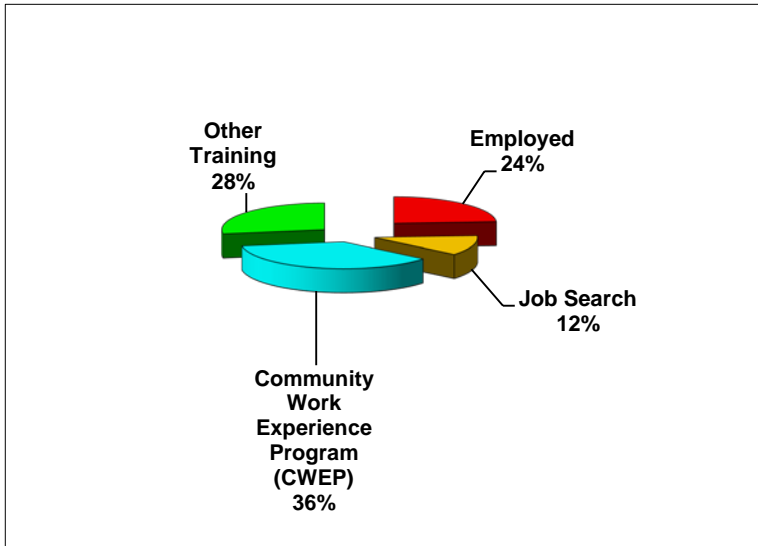
•Teenaged Welfare Recipients

Of the WFNJ/TANF population of 34,200 in March 2014, about 810 (2.4%) 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 2014, over 14,500 TANF clients were engaged in work activities. About 3,500 (24 percent) of these individuals had begun working but were still receiving a partial cash assistance payment, due to income disregards.



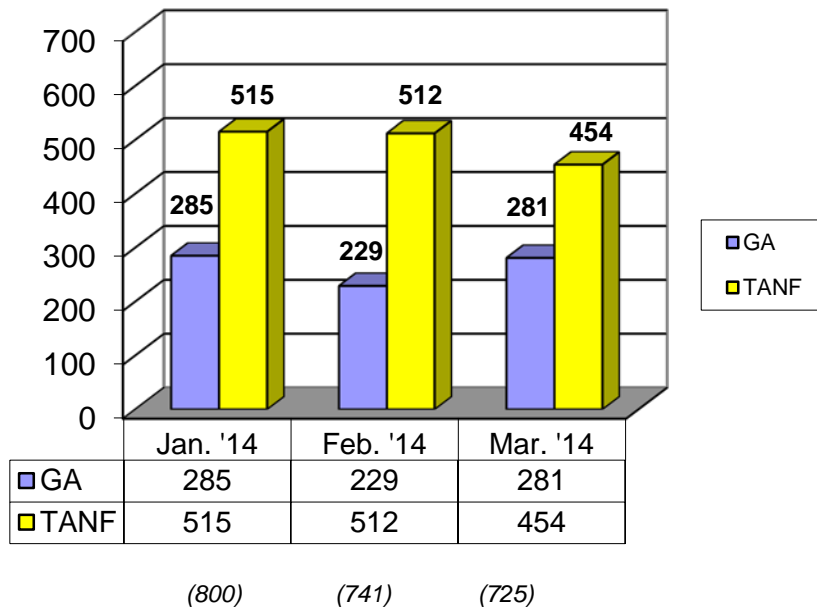
Employed	3,480
Job Search	1,739
Community Work Experience Program (CWEP)	5,302
Other Training -Occupational Training -Education -On the Job Training (OJT)	3,994
Total	14,515

•Cases that met the Federal Participation Requirement

Of the people scheduled to participate in the work-directed activities, 4,561 participated at levels sufficient to satisfy federal requirements.

•Cases Closed Due to Employment

During the quarter, an average of about 755 WFNJ TANF and GA clients left welfare for employment each month.



•Major Reasons for TANF Case Closings

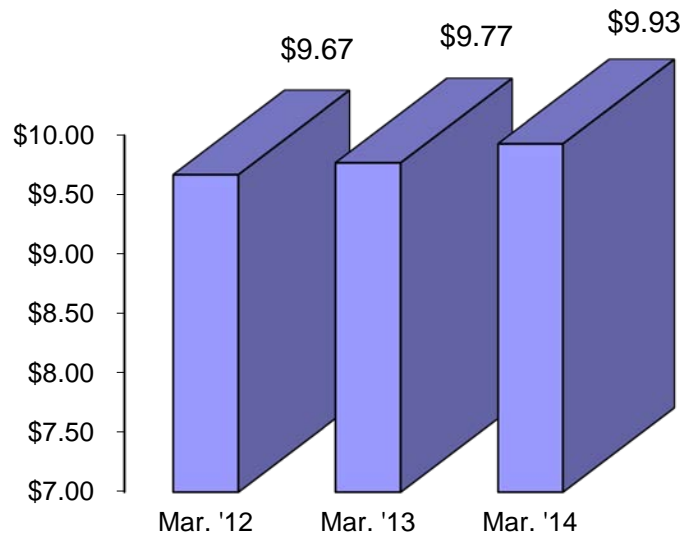
January to March 2014				
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Due to Employment	515	512	454	1,481
No Eligible Children	160	105	146	411
No Redetermination	123	86	91	300
Moved Out of State	64	68	62	194
All Other Closed	1,389	1,447	1,062	3,898
<i>(Unemployment Ins. Benefits)</i>	71	49	41	161
<i>(Recipient Withdrawal)</i>	121	108	125	354
<i>(Recipient Initiative)</i>	33	39	33	105
<i>(Moved to Another County)</i>	43	41	34	118
<i>(Unable to Verify Residence)</i>	47	66	41	154
<i>(Other Closed Cases)</i>	1,074	1,144	788	3,006
Total Closed Cases	2,251	2,218	1,815	6,284

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 2014, WFNJ TANF recipients who were working were earning an average of \$9.93 per hour.

Average Hourly Wages of Former TANF Recipients



•Statewide Job Openings

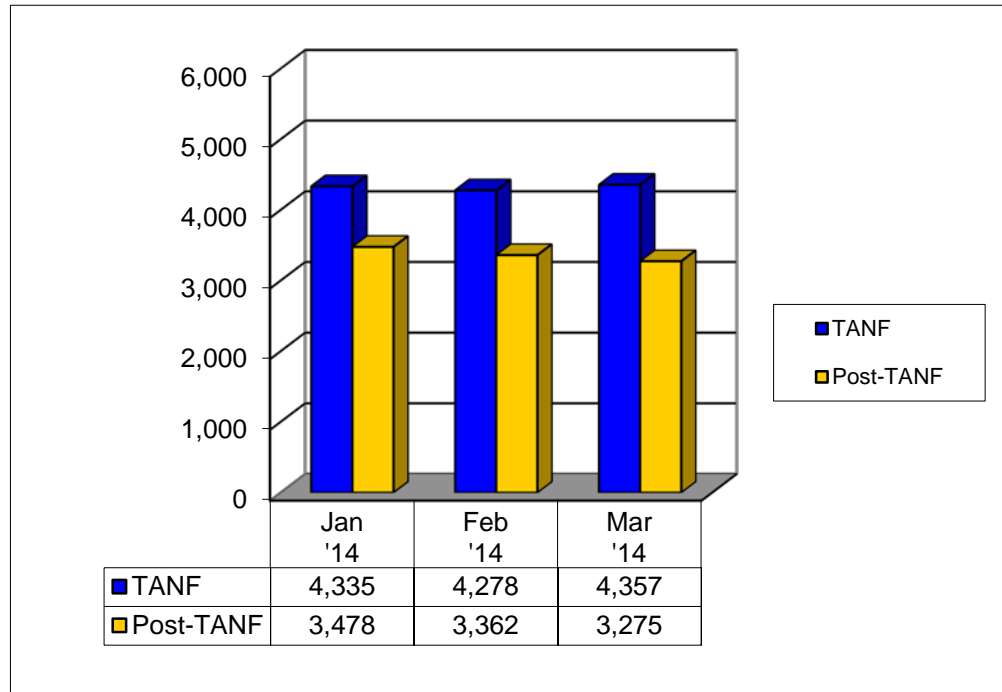
According to the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, there were 113,148 job openings statewide during the period of April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014. The majority of positions available were in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services category, followed by the Administration and Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services and Health Care and Social Assistance.

LWD statewide job openings	
Occupation	Openings
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	34,058
Admin. & Support, Waste Mgt. & Remediation Services	17,879
Health Care & Social Assistance	15,921
Finance & Insurance	9,261
Transportation and Warehousing	5,635
Other Services	5,576
Manufacturing	5,011
Retail Trade	4,981
Construction	2,590
Accommodation and Food Services	2,327
Educational Services	2,221
Wholesale Trade	2,101
Information	2,098
Management of Companies & Enterprises	815
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	706
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	561
Public Administration	509
Utilities	425
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	401
Mining	72
Total	113,148

3. Child Care

As of March 2014, over 4,300 WFNJ TANF clients received child care benefits. Post-TANF child care benefits were issued to nearly 3,300 families who had become employed and were no longer receiving cash assistance.

WFNJ TANF Cases Receiving Child Care Benefits, March 2014



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, 2014**

	Actual Mar. 31, 2013	Actual June 30, 2013	Actual Sept. 30, 2013	Actual Dec. 31, 2013	Estimated March 31, 2014	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2013 7/12 – 6/13	TOTAL COSTS CY 2013 1/13 – 12/13	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2014 7/13 – 3/13	TOTAL COSTS CY 2014 1/14 – 3/14
(A) CASE MANAGEMENT									
TANF	\$8,489,796	\$8,878,743	\$11,253,147	\$10,089,537	\$9,677,806	\$38,097,407	\$38,711,224	\$31,020,490	\$9,677,806
SNAP/Able Bodied Adults w/o Dependents	\$3,640,557	\$3,994,024	\$4,096,135	\$4,863,674	\$4,148,598	\$17,610,493	\$16,594,391	\$15,879,314	\$4,148,598
GA	\$1,513,534	\$1,708,097	\$1,435,468	\$1,656,817	\$1,578,479	\$6,815,300	\$6,313,916	\$6,235,578	\$1,578,479
(B) SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICE									
Special Initiative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(C) CHILD CARE	\$21,122,284	\$21,982,409	\$22,360,533	\$22,559,330	\$22,006,139	\$81,757,140	\$88,024,557	\$66,926,003	\$22,006,139
(D) TRAINING RELATED EXPENSE, PARTICIPANT ALLOWANCE AND TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT									
TANF	\$2,899,948	\$2,200,446	\$2,837,070	\$2,470,762	\$2,602,057	\$10,331,195	\$10,408,227	\$7,909,889	\$2,602,057
SNAP	\$1,299,227	\$1,328,589	\$1,298,461	\$1,246,050	\$1,293,082	\$4,992,566	\$5,172,326	\$3,837,592	\$1,293,082
GA	\$162,783	\$135,173	\$137,807	\$113,910	\$137,418	\$569,591	\$549,673	\$389,135	\$137,418
(E) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT - EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING									
TANF	\$12,617,140	\$14,408,195	\$8,793,703	\$10,710,350	\$11,632,347	\$44,398,219	\$46,529,388	\$31,136,400	\$11,632,347
SNAP/Able Bodied Adults w/o Dependents	\$5,037,733	\$6,282,117	\$4,295,330	\$5,131,072	\$5,186,563	\$21,018,475	\$20,746,252	\$14,612,965	\$5,186,563
GA	\$1,859,138	\$2,224,556	\$1,363,746	\$1,533,841	\$1,745,320	\$8,020,095	\$6,981,281	\$4,642,907	\$1,745,320
(F) OMEGA SYSTEM	\$489,635	\$490,121	\$490,607	\$112,527	\$395,723	\$1,957,569	\$1,582,890	\$998,857	\$395,723
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$59,131,776	\$63,632,470	\$58,362,008	\$60,487,871	\$60,403,531	\$235,568,050	\$241,614,125	\$183,589,131	\$60,403,531

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.