



## **WORK FIRST NJ**

### **Quarterly Progress Update September 2014**

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

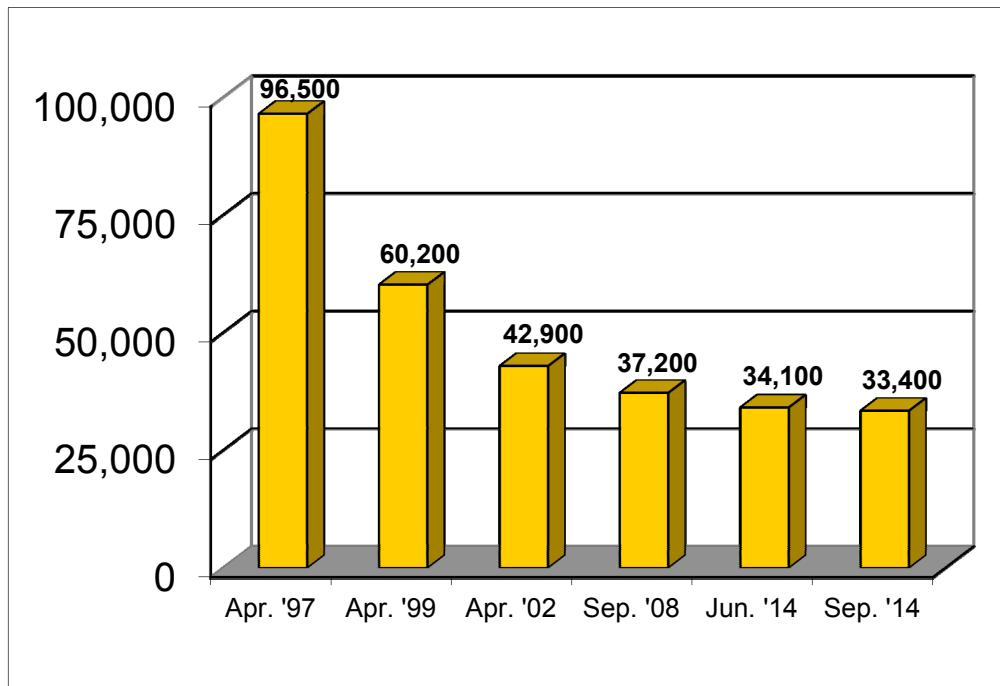
### Quarter Ending September 2014

#### 1. Work First NJ Caseload

##### •Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

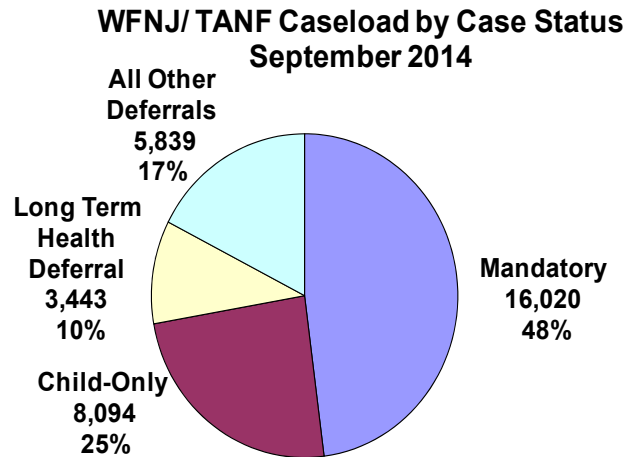
The number of families receiving WFNJ/TANF totaled approximately 33,400 as of September 2014, a slight decline from the June 2014 caseload.

WFNJ TANF Caseload



### **•Client Deferrals and Exemptions**

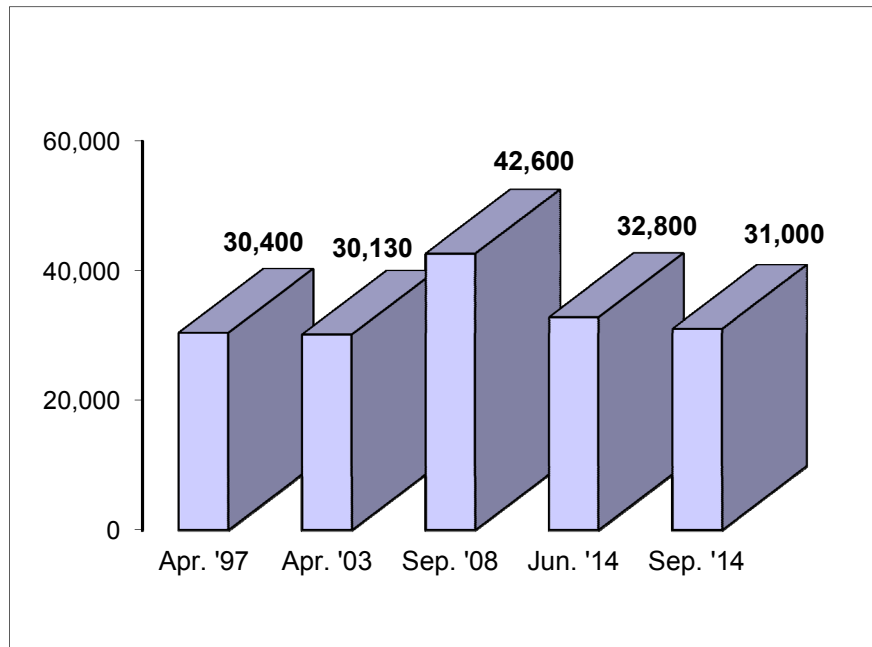
Of the total TANF caseload of 33,400, about 16,000 cases (48 percent) were those with adults in the household who must comply with WFNJ/TANF work requirements.



### **•General Assistance (GA)**

As of September 2014, there were approximately 31,000 General Assistance (GA) persons aided in New Jersey.

**WFNJ GA Persons Aided**



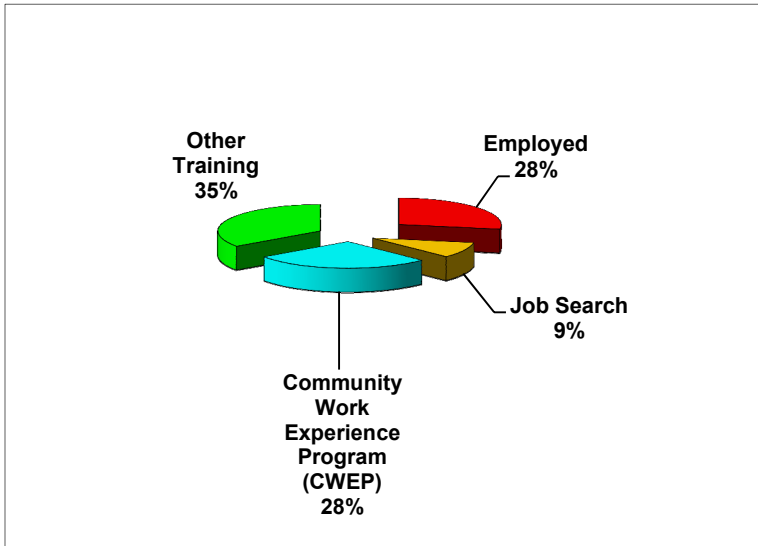
### **•Teenaged Welfare Recipients**

Of the WFNJ/TANF population of 33,400 in September 2014, about 690 (2.1%) 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 2014, over 14,500 TANF clients were engaged in work activities. About 4,000 (28 percent) of these individuals had begun working but were still receiving a partial cash assistance payment, due to income disregards.



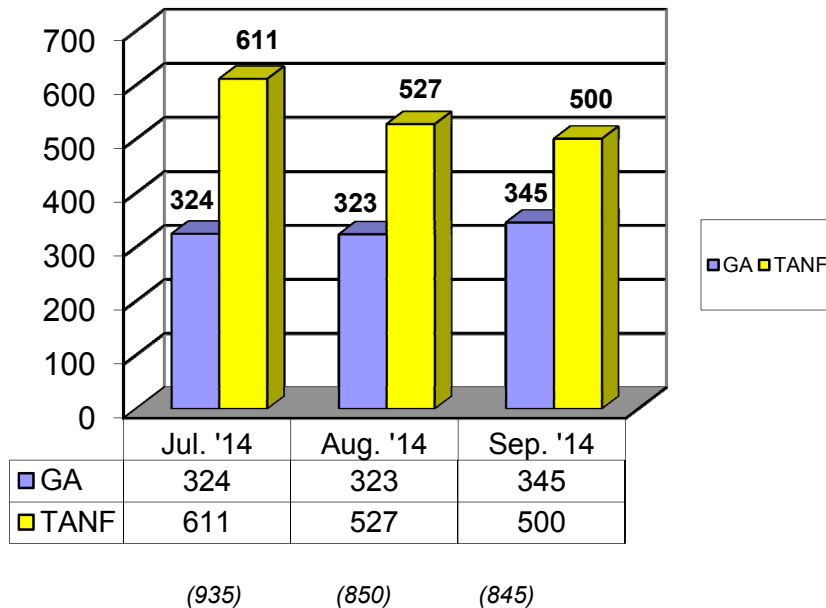
<b>Employed</b>	<b>4,031</b>
<b>Job Search</b>	<b>1,380</b>
<b>Community Work Experience Program (CWEP)</b>	<b>4,045</b>
<b>Other Training</b> -Occupational Training -Education -On the Job Training (OJT)	<b>5,035</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,491</b>

### •Cases that met the Federal Participation Requirement

Of the people scheduled to participate in the work-directed activities, 4,694 participated at levels sufficient to satisfy federal requirements.

### •Cases Closed Due to Employment

During the quarter, an average of about 877 WFNJ TANF and GA clients left welfare for employment each month.



## Major Reasons for TANF Case Closings

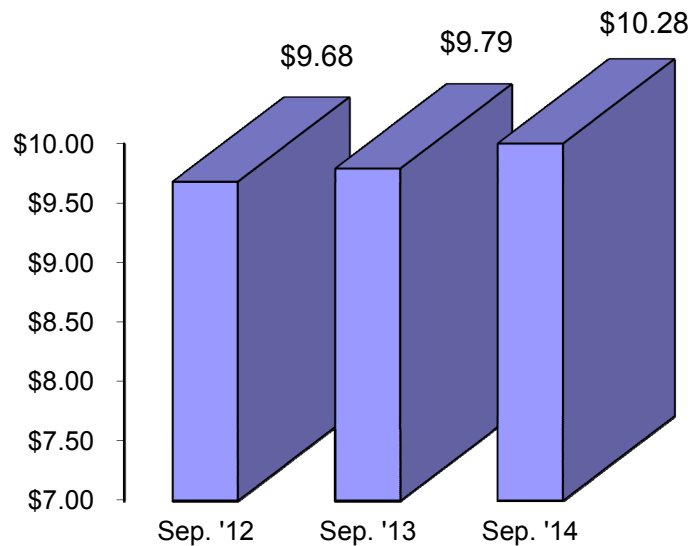
July to September 2014				
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Total
<b>Due to Employment</b>	611	527	500	1,638
<b>No Eligible Children</b>	288	211	196	695
<b>No Redetermination</b>	122	70	82	274
<b>Moved Out of State</b>	72	65	92	229
<b>All Other Closed</b>	1,569	1,397	1,536	4,502
<i>(Unemployment Ins. Benefits)</i>	55	45	39	139
<i>(Recipient Withdrawal)</i>	169	153	180	502
<i>(Recipient Initiative)</i>	47	22	35	104
<i>(Moved to Another County)</i>	65	64	43	172
<i>(Unable to Verify Residence)</i>	33	37	55	125
<i>(Other Closed Cases)</i>	1,200	1,076	1,184	3,460
<b>Total Closed Cases</b>	<b>2,662</b>	<b>2,270</b>	<b>2,406</b>	<b>7,338</b>

**About 28 percent of all TANF cases closed during the quarter were closed due to employment.**

## Earnings of TANF Recipients

During the third quarter of 2014, WFNJ TANF recipients who were working were earning an average of \$10.28 per hour.

**Average Hourly Wages of TANF Recipients**



**•Statewide Job Openings**

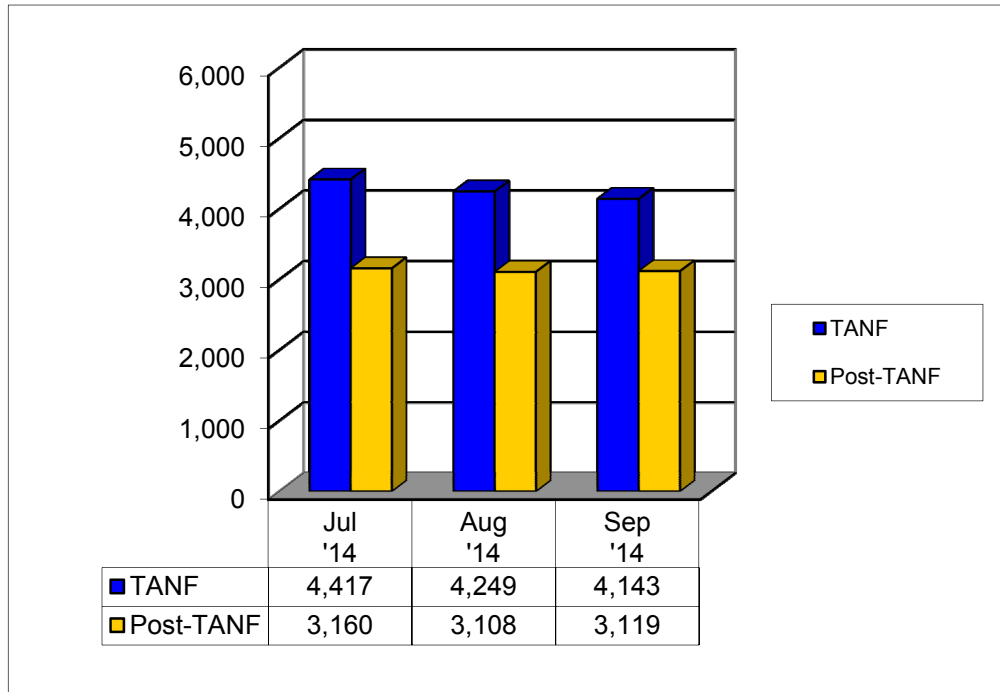
According to the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, there were 184,688 job openings statewide during the period of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014. The majority of positions available were in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services category, followed by the Finance and Insurance and Administration and Support Waste Management and Remediation Services.

<b>LWD statewide job openings</b>	
<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Openings</b>
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	39,820
Finance and Insurance	31,561
Admin. & Support, Waste Mgt. & Remediation Services	21,442
Health Care & Social Assistance	21,321
Information	16,630
Manufacturing	9,113
Transportation and Warehousing	9,063
Other Services	7,111
Retail Trade	6,446
Wholesale Trade	4,556
Educational Services	3,859
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3,088
Accommodation and Food Services	2,864
Construction	2,384
Public Administration	1,765
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,291
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	1,040
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	784
Utilities	483
Mining	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>184,688</b>

### 3. Child Care

As of September 2014, over 4,100 WFNJ TANF clients received child care benefits. Post-TANF child care benefits were issued to nearly 3,100 families who had become employed and were no longer receiving cash assistance.

#### WFNJ TANF Cases Receiving Child Care Benefits, September 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 September 30, 2014**

	Actual Sept. 30, 2013	Actual Dec. 31, 2013	Actual Mar. 31, 2014	Actual June 30, 2014	Estimated Sept 30, 2014	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2013 7/12 – 6/13	TOTAL COSTS CY 2013 1/13 – 12/13	TOTAL COSTS SFY 2014 7/13 – 6/14	TOTAL COSTS CY 2014 1/14 – 9/14
<b>(A) CASE MANAGEMENT</b>									
TANF	\$11,253,147	\$10,089,537	\$8,900,058	\$9,048,037	\$9,822,695	\$38,097,407	\$38,711,224	\$39,290,779	\$27,770,790
SNAP/Able Bodied Adults w/o Dependents	\$4,096,135	\$4,863,674	\$3,831,631	\$4,234,226	\$4,256,417	\$17,610,493	\$16,594,391	\$17,025,667	\$12,322,274
GA	\$1,435,468	\$1,656,817	\$1,279,783	\$1,356,645	\$1,432,178	\$6,815,300	\$6,313,916	\$5,728,713	\$4,068,606
<b>(B) SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICE</b>									
Special Initiative	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>(C) CHILD CARE</b>	\$22,360,533	\$22,559,330	\$19,298,085	\$17,989,893	\$20,551,960	\$81,757,140	\$88,024,557	\$82,207,842	\$57,839,938
<b>(D) TRAINING RELATED EXPENSE, PARTICIPANT ALLOWANCE AND TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT</b>									
TANF	\$2,837,070	\$2,470,762	\$2,427,391	\$2,731,138	\$2,616,590	\$10,331,195	\$10,408,227	\$10,466,362	\$7,775,120
SNAP	\$1,298,461	\$1,246,050	\$1,059,259	\$1,364,320	\$1,242,022	\$4,992,566	\$5,172,326	\$4,968,089	\$3,665,601
GA	\$137,807	\$113,910	\$123,990	\$115,774	\$122,870	\$569,591	\$549,673	\$491,481	\$362,634
<b>(E) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT - EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING</b>									
TANF	\$8,793,703	\$10,710,350	\$10,871,795	\$12,920,370	\$10,824,055	\$44,398,219	\$46,529,388	\$43,296,218	\$34,616,220
SNAP/Able Bodied Adults w/o Dependents	\$4,295,330	\$5,131,072	\$4,487,054	\$7,255,836	\$5,292,323	\$21,018,475	\$20,746,252	\$21,169,292	\$17,035,212
GA	\$1,363,746	\$1,533,841	\$1,181,935	\$1,823,128	\$1,475,663	\$8,020,095	\$6,981,281	\$5,902,650	\$4,480,726
<b>(F) OMEGA SYSTEM</b>	\$490,607	\$112,527	\$149,019	\$59,250	\$202,851	\$1,957,569	\$1,582,890	\$811,403	\$351,869
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$58,362,008</b>	<b>\$60,487,871</b>	<b>\$53,610,000</b>	<b>\$58,898,617</b>	<b>\$57,839,624</b>	<b>\$235,568,050</b>	<b>\$241,614,125</b>	<b>\$231,358,496</b>	<b>\$170,348,241</b>

**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.*