



WORK FIRST NJ

Quarterly Progress Update December 2014

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
HUMAN SERVICES**

Division of Family Development

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Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) Quarterly Progress Update

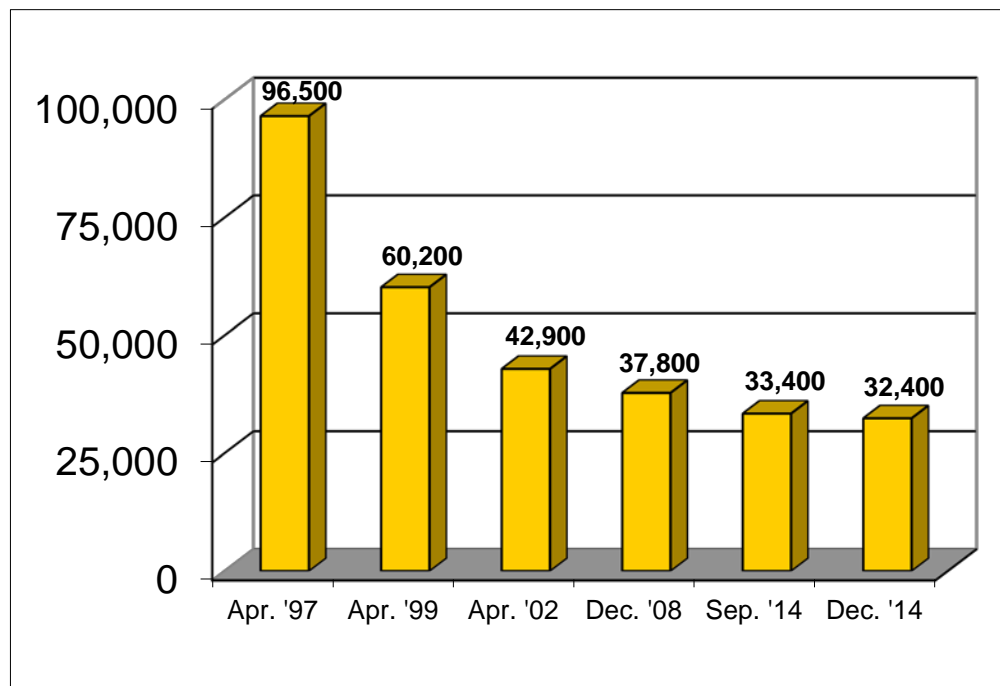
Quarter Ending December 2014

1. Work First NJ Caseload

•Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

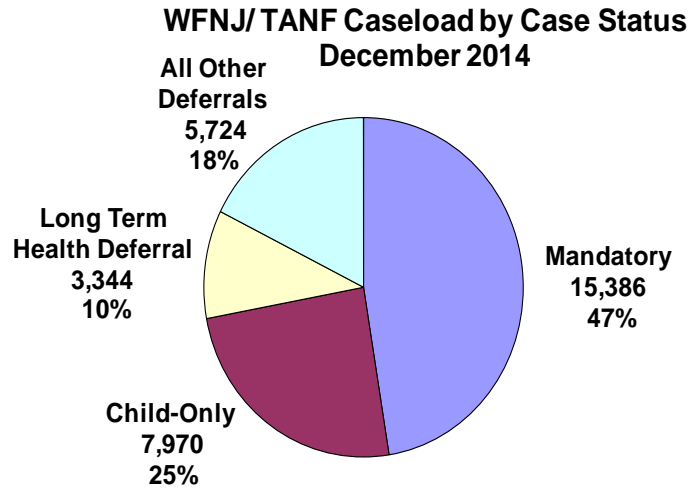
The number of families receiving WFNJ/TANF totaled approximately 32,400 as of December 2014, a slight decline from the September 2014 caseload.

WFNJ TANF Caseload



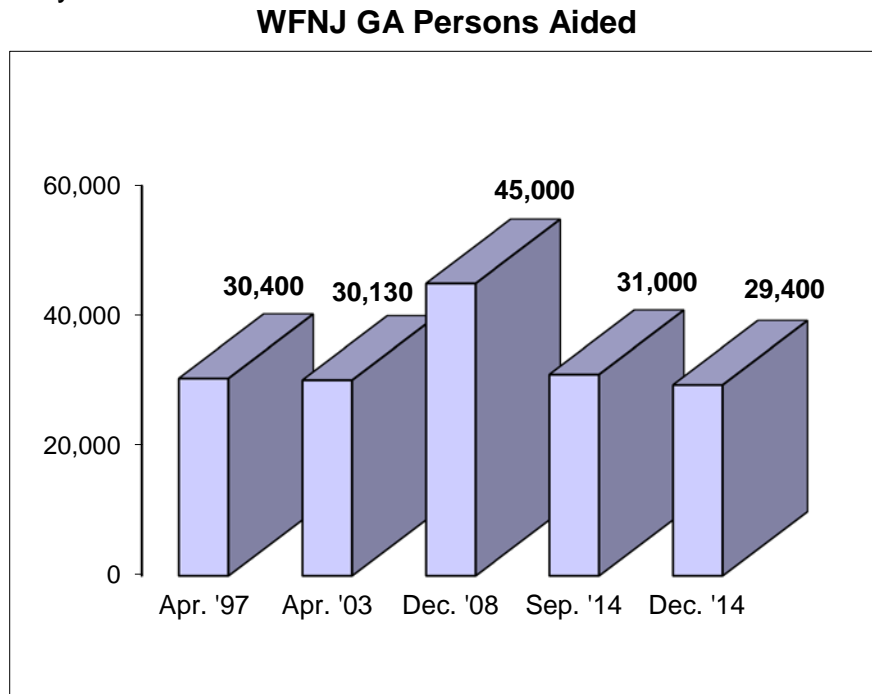
•Client Deferrals and Exemptions

Of the total TANF caseload of 32,400, about 15,400 cases (47 percent) were those with adults in the household who must comply with WFNJ/TANF work requirements.



•General Assistance (GA)

As of December 2014, there were approximately 29,400 General Assistance (GA) persons aided in New Jersey.



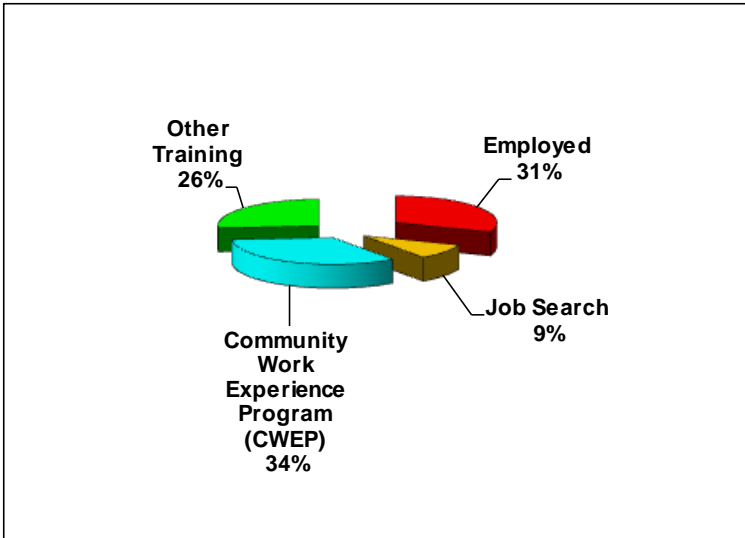
•Teenaged Welfare Recipients

Of the WFNJ/TANF population of 32,400 in December 2014, about 693 (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 December 2014, over 13,000 TANF clients were engaged in work activities. About 4,000 (31 percent) of these individuals had begun working but were still receiving a partial cash assistance payment, due to income disregards.



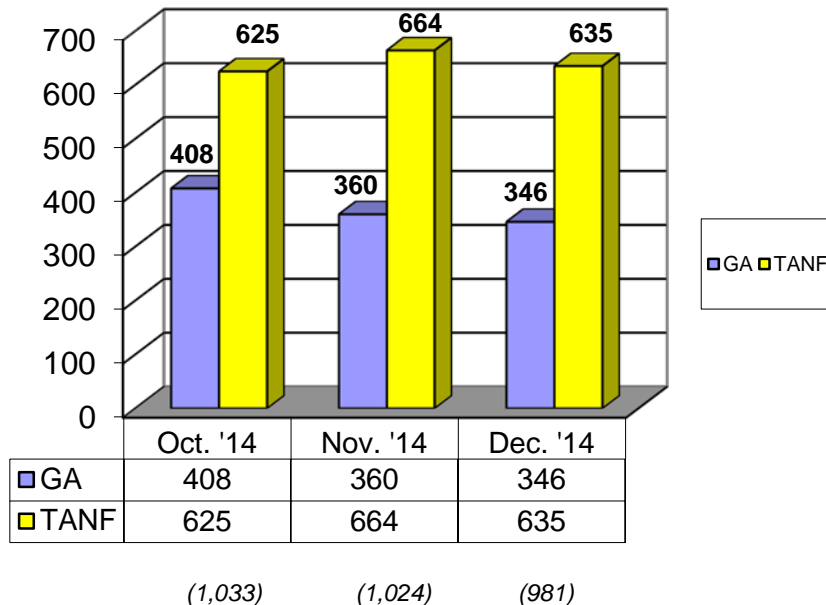
Employed	4,034
Job Search	1,205
Community Work Experience Program (CWEP)	4,406
Other Training -Occupational Training -Education -On the Job Training (OJT)	3,442
Total	13,087

•Cases that met the Federal Participation Requirement

Of the people scheduled to participate in the work-directed activities, 4,579 participated at levels sufficient to satisfy federal requirements.

•Cases Closed Due to Employment

During the quarter, an average of about 1,013 WFNJ TANF and GA clients left welfare for employment each month.



•Major Reasons for TANF Case Closings

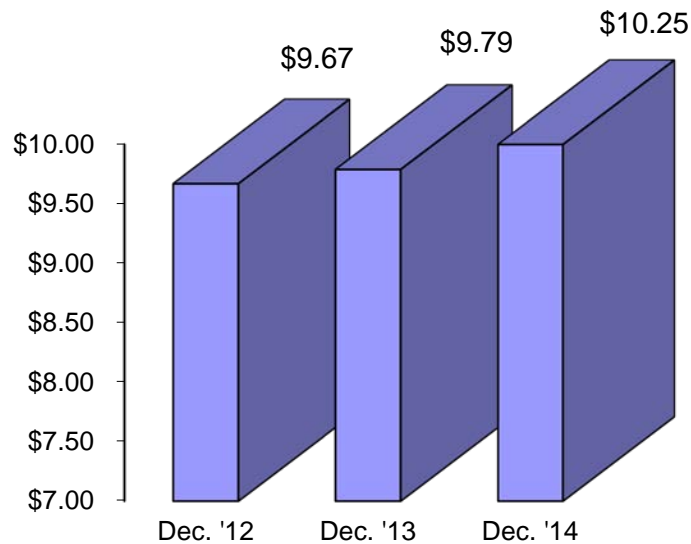
October to December 2014						
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total		
Due to Employment	625	664	635	1,924		
No Eligible Children	174	195	158	527		
No Redetermination	124	61	74	259		
Moved Out of State	116	75	65	256		
All Other Closed	1,455	1,541	1,305	4,301		
(Unemployment Ins. Benefits)	38	44	47	129		
(Recipient Withdrawal)	206	178	134	518		
(Recipient Initiative)	47	50	37	134		
(Moved to Another County)	40	63	47	150		
(Unable to Verify Residence)	46	63	45	154		
(Other Closed Cases)	1,078	1,143	995	3,216		
Total Closed Cases	2,494	2,536	2,237	7,267		

About 31 percent of all TANF cases closed during the quarter were closed due to employment.

•Earnings of TANF Recipients

During the fourth quarter of 2014, WFNJ TANF recipients who were working were earning an average of \$10.25 per hour.

Average Hourly Wages of TANF Recipients



•Statewide Job Openings

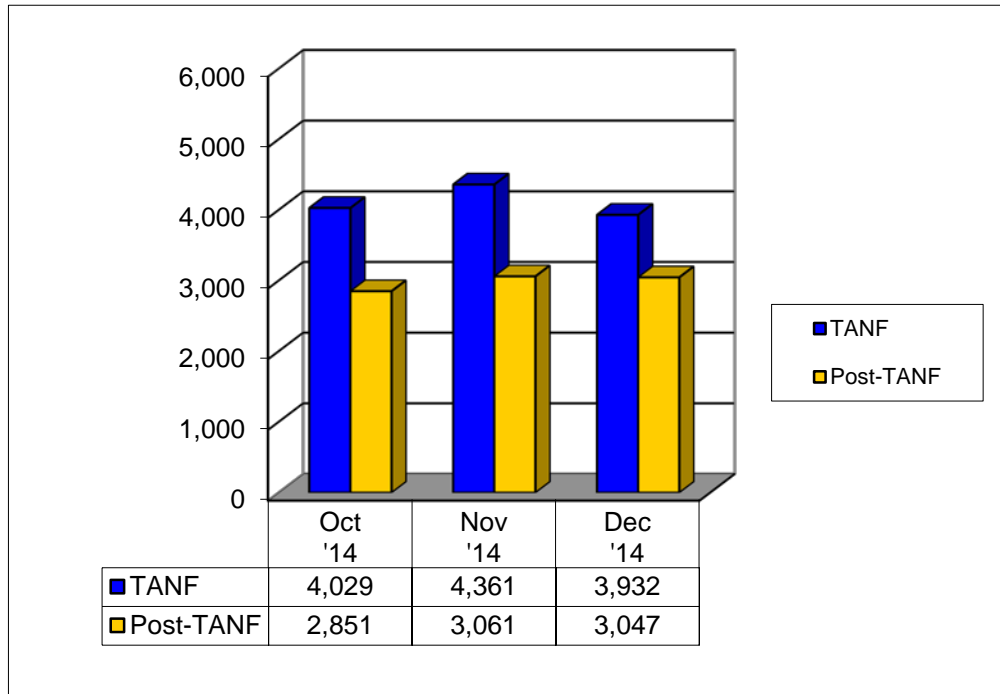
According to the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development, there were 149,116 job openings statewide during the period of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. The majority of positions available were in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services category, followed by the Finance and Insurance and Health Care and Social Assistance.

LWD statewide job openings	
Occupation	Openings
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	30,932
Finance and Insurance	27,836
Health Care & Social Assistance	17,692
Information	15,796
Admin. & Support, Waste Mgt. & Remediation Services	15,216
Transportation and Warehousing	7,596
Manufacturing	7,328
Retail Trade	5,685
Wholesale Trade	3,952
Other Services	3,688
Management of Companies and Enterprises	2,849
Construction	2,134
Educational Services	2,108
Accommodation and Food Services	2,082
Public Administration	1,519
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,038
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing	893
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	523
Utilities	189
Mining	60
Total	149,116

3. Child Care

As of December 2014, over 3,900 WFNJ TANF clients received child care benefits. Post-TANF child care benefits were issued to nearly 3,000 families who had become employed and were no longer receiving cash assistance.

WFNJ TANF Cases Receiving Child Care Benefits, December 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 December 31, 2014**

	Actual Dec. 31, 2013	Actual Mar. 31, 2014	Actual June 30, 2014	Actual Sept. 30, 2014	Estimated Dec. 30, 2015	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 – 12/14
(A) CASE MANAGEMENT									
TANF	\$10,089,537	\$8,900,058	\$9,048,037	\$9,271,203	\$9,327,209	\$38,097,407	\$38,711,224	\$39,290,779	\$36,546,507
SNAP/Able Bodied Adults w/o Dependents	\$4,863,674	\$3,831,631	\$4,234,226	\$4,445,821	\$4,343,838	\$17,610,493	\$16,594,391	\$17,025,667	\$16,855,516
GA	\$1,656,817	\$1,279,783	\$1,356,645	\$1,133,705	\$1,356,737	\$6,815,300	\$6,313,916	\$5,728,713	\$5,126,870
(B) CHILD CARE	\$22,559,330	\$19,298,085	\$17,989,893	\$14,278,248	\$18,531,389	\$81,757,140	\$88,024,557	\$82,207,842	\$70,097,615
(C) TRAINING RELATED EXPENSE, PARTICIPANT ALLOWANCE AND TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT									
TANF	\$2,470,762	\$2,427,391	\$2,798,694	\$1,708,099	\$2,351,236	\$10,331,195	\$10,408,227	\$10,533,918	\$9,285,421
SNAP	\$1,246,050	\$1,059,259	\$1,364,320	\$1,130,575	\$1,200,051	\$4,992,566	\$5,172,326	\$4,968,089	\$4,754,205
GA	\$113,910	\$123,990	\$115,774	\$103,374	\$114,262	\$569,591	\$549,673	\$491,481	\$457,400
(D) DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT - EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING									
TANF	\$10,710,350	\$10,871,795	\$12,920,370	\$9,552,900	\$11,013,854	\$44,398,219	\$46,529,388	\$43,296,218	\$44,358,919
SNAP/Able Bodied Adults w/o Dependents	\$5,131,072	\$4,487,054	\$7,255,836	\$4,872,973	\$5,436,734	\$21,018,475	\$20,746,252	\$21,169,292	\$22,052,596
GA	\$1,533,841	\$1,181,935	\$1,823,128	\$1,064,684	\$1,400,897	\$8,020,095	\$6,981,281	\$5,902,650	\$5,470,645
(E) OMEGA SYSTEM	\$112,527	\$149,019	\$59,250	\$180,078	\$125,219	\$1,957,569	\$1,582,890	\$811,403	\$513,566
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$60,487,871	\$53,610,000	\$58,966,173	\$47,741,660	\$55,201,426	\$235,568,050	\$241,614,125	\$231,426,052	\$167,777,599

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 OIT CAP expenditures.