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FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2020

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Executive Summary

This report is submitted to meet the provisions within Assembly Bill (AB) 1811, Chapter 35, Statutes of 2018 and pursuant to Family Code (FC) section 17556, requiring the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) to provide a report to the Legislature on specific topics related to child support collections. These topics include: case-to-staff ratios for each local child support agency; collections to families and recoupment collections to county, state, and federal government agencies; cost avoidance benefits; and the number of families served by the Child Support Program.

Statutory Requirements

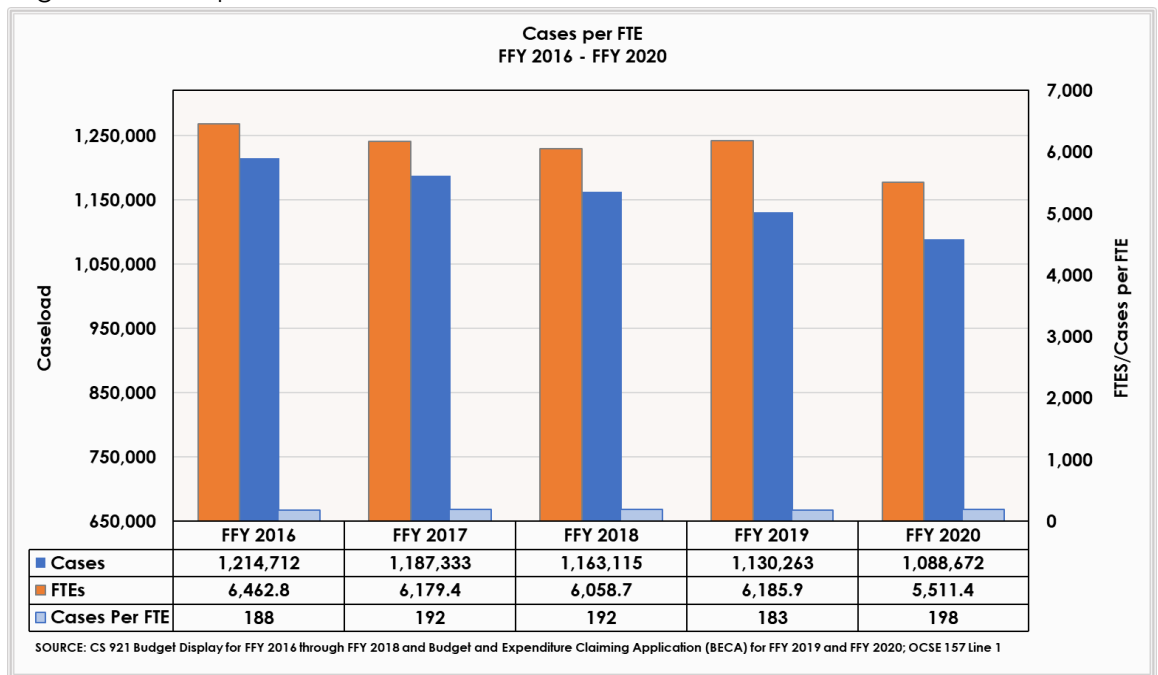
This report satisfies the requirement of FC section 17556 requiring a report of data compiled on California's Child Support Program to be submitted on or before March 1, 2022.

CASES TO FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) RATIO

Cases are the number of IV-D cases open (OCSE 157, Line 1) on the last day of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY). In FFY 2020, the number of opened cases were 1,088,672. A full-time position reflects 1.0 FTE and fractional time base (part-time) positions may be reported by tenths of a position. There were 5,511.4 FTE staff in FFY 2020.

From FFY 2016 to FFY 2020, both the number of cases and FTEs declined (see figure 1). Cases decreased by 126,040 or 10.4 percent, while FTEs decreased by 951.4 or 14.7 percent. In FFY 2020, there were 198 cases per FTE and 183 cases per FTE in FFY 2019, for a total increase of 15 cases per FTE. On average statewide, an FTE employee provided services to 198 cases in FFY 2020. See Tables A and A.1 on pages 4 and 5.

Figure 1: Cases per FTE



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TABLE A
CASES TO FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT
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	Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	Cases	Cases per FTE
STATEWIDE	5,511.4	1,088,672	198
Alameda	126.8	29,725	234
Alpine	*	35	*
Amador	*	1,104	*
Butte	62.0	9,465	153
Calaveras	*	1,443	*
Colusa	4.0	705	176
Contra Costa	132.0	25,963	197
Del Norte	14.2	2,185	154
El Dorado	33.0	5,197	158
Fresno	216.5	58,121	268
Glenn	7.8	1,611	207
Humboldt	*	5,018	*
Imperial	51.0	9,664	189
Inyo	*	875	*
Kern	191.8	51,346	268
Kings	43.8	8,738	199
Lake	20.0	2,585	129
Lassen	7.0	1,469	210
Los Angeles	1,320.0	227,399	172
Madera	25.5	6,431	252
Marin	17.4	4,038	233
Mariposa	*	649	*
Mendocino	20.5	3,310	161
Merced	*	14,904	*
Modoc	*	276	*
Mono	*	201	*
Monterey	83.7	13,669	163
Napa	28.0	3,073	110
Nevada	*	2,549	*
Orange	352.3	60,243	171
Placer	37.4	6,622	177
Plumas	5.1	774	152
Riverside	305.0	76,956	252
Sacramento	271.0	69,169	255
San Benito	*	1,823	*
San Bernardino	421.0	97,615	232
San Diego	298.0	59,883	201
San Francisco	52.8	9,753	185
San Joaquin	114.8	33,043	288
San Luis Obispo	27.5	3,774	137
San Mateo	63.6	8,400	132
Santa Barbara	63.1	11,345	180
Santa Clara	183.9	28,656	156
Santa Cruz	*	4,863	*
Shasta	51.2	10,049	196
Sierra	*	93	*
Siskiyou	*	2,399	*
Solano	85.0	14,574	171
Sonoma	71.5	10,370	145
Stanislaus	123.1	25,186	205
Sutter	20.0	4,018	201
Tehama	17.0	3,429	202
Trinity	*	807	*
Tulare	142.9	21,823	153
Tuolumne	*	2,247	*
Ventura	118.5	18,669	158
Yolo	37.2	6,624	178
Yuba	23.0	3,717	162
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies			
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	28.0	4,829	172
Humboldt/Trinity	33.3	5,825	175
Inyo/Mono	6.7	1,076	161
Merced/Mariposa	68.4	15,553	227
Santa Cruz/San Benito	50.8	6,686	132
Sierra/Nevada	16.0	2,642	165
Siskiyou/Modoc	18.6	2,675	144

SOURCE: Budget and Expenditure Claiming Application (BECA); OCSE 157 Line 1 (Cases Open at the End of the Fiscal Year)

* No FTE data available for the individual county; therefore, Cases per FTE cannot be calculated.

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**TABLE A.1
CASES TO FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT
FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2016 - 2020**

	FFY 2016	FFY 2017	FFY 2018	FFY 2019	FFY 2020	2016 - 2020 % Change
STATEWIDE	188	196	196	186	198	5.3%
Alameda	155	171	191	196	234	51.0
Alpine	*	*	*	*	*	*
Amador	*	*	*	*	*	*
Butte	109	112	103	100	153	40.4
Calaveras	*	*	*	*	*	*
Colusa	103	116	103	135	176	70.9
Contra Costa	192	201	199	179	197	2.6
Del Norte	122	105	129	125	154	26.2
El Dorado	142	131	142	147	158	11.3
Fresno	260	294	301	259	268	3.1
Glenn	207	204	205	203	207	0.0
Humboldt	127	*	*	*	*	*
Imperial	161	175	165	160	189	17.4
Inyo	*	*	*	*	*	*
Kern	296	278	281	240	268	-9.5
Kings	187	198	191	175	199	6.4
Lake	113	112	113	111	129	14.2
Lassen	152	148	159	167	210	38.2
Los Angeles	183	178	174	161	172	-6.0
Madera	191	207	226	229	252	31.9
Marin	219	250	212	226	233	6.4
Mariposa	100	*	*	*	*	*
Mendocino	108	149	135	126	161	49.1
Merced	197	*	*	*	*	*
Modoc	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mono	*	*	*	*	*	*
Monterey	167	168	170	178	163	-2.4
Napa	118	115	117	116	110	-6.8
Nevada	*	*	*	*	*	*
Orange	137	142	141	146	171	24.8
Placer	172	175	163	173	177	2.9
Plumas	138	144	139	135	152	10.1
Riverside	304	308	308	278	252	-17.1
Sacramento	285	284	275	249	255	-10.5
San Benito	*	*	*	*	*	*
San Bernardino	279	290	283	241	232	-16.8
San Diego	146	163	171	177	201	37.7
San Francisco	154	162	157	152	185	20.1
San Joaquin	250	263	272	241	288	15.2
San Luis Obispo	119	121	127	129	137	15.1
San Mateo	133	127	126	125	132	-0.8
Santa Barbara	166	166	176	173	180	8.4
Santa Clara	147	146	152	155	156	6.1
Santa Cruz	*	*	*	*	*	*
Shasta	154	152	148	148	196	27.3
Sierra	*	*	*	*	*	*
Siskiyou	*	*	*	*	*	*
Solano	173	168	175	170	171	-1.2
Sonoma	157	156	151	134	145	-7.6
Stanislaus	195	212	203	201	205	5.1
Sutter	172	183	193	180	201	16.9
Tehama	176	185	187	188	202	14.8
Trinity	165	*	*	*	*	*
Tulare	160	154	142	142	153	-4.4
Tuolumne	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ventura	115	112	113	115	158	37.4
Yolo	175	168	186	177	178	1.7
Yuba	134	136	138	150	162	20.9
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies						
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	131	131	129	149	172	31.3
Humboldt/Trinity	n/a	149	140	138	175	n/a
Inyo/Mono	146	154	147	166	161	10.3
Merced/Mariposa	n/a	205	200	192	227	n/a
Santa Cruz/San Benito	113	121	130	131	132	16.8
Sierra/Nevada	186	179	197	197	165	-11.3
Siskiyou/Modoc	164	178	189	161	144	-12.2

SOURCE: CS 921 Budget Display for FFY 2016 through FFY 2018 and Budget and Expenditure Claiming Application (BECA) for FFY 2019 and FFY 2020; OCSE 157 Line 1 (Cases Open at the End of the Fiscal Year)

Note: Reporting the regionalization of Merced/Mariposa and Humboldt/Trinity did not begin until October 2016; therefore, prior data is not applicable (n/a).

* No FTE data available for the individual county; therefore, Cases per FTE cannot be calculated.

COLLECTIONS DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES AND RECOUPMENT COLLECTIONS

In Federal Fiscal Year 2020, the California Department of Child Support Services distributed a total of \$2.4 billion in child support payments to families. When a current child support payment is collected for a party receiving public assistance benefits, the custodial party will receive the first \$50 of the child support payment, which is referred to as a “disregard.” The balance of the payment is used to reimburse federal, state and county governments for the cost of the public assistance benefits (see figure 2). Of the total collections received in FFY 2020, \$464.7 million was recouped by government agencies (\$208.3 million federal share, \$231.6 million state share, and \$24.8 million county share, see figure 3). See Tables B and B.1 on pages 7 and 8.

Figure 2: Collections Distributed to Families Compared to Recoupment Collections

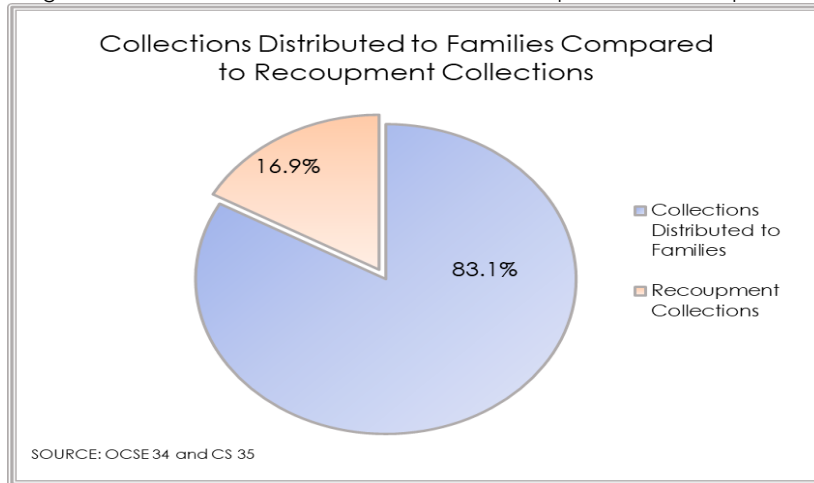
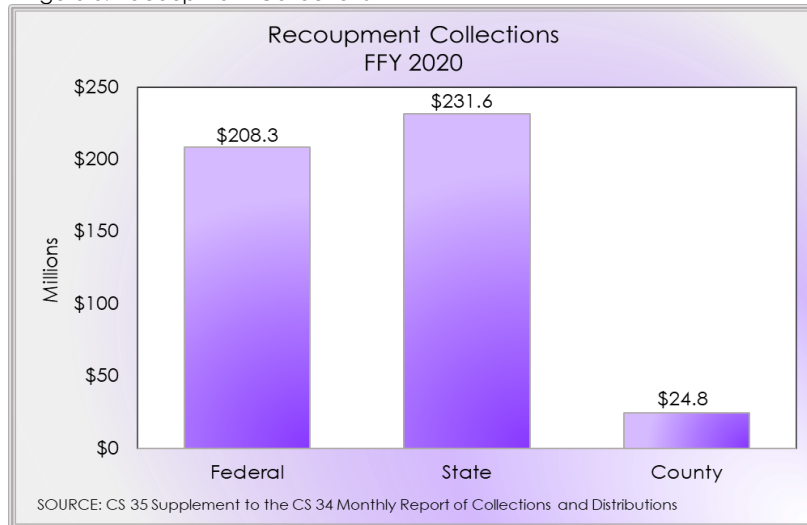


Figure 3: Recoupment Collections



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**TABLE B
DISTRIBUTED COLLECTIONS
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2020**

	Sent to Other States	Sent to Other Countries	Disregard	Distributed as Medical Support	Distributed to Family or Foster Care	Total
STATEWIDE	\$96,702,216	\$2,289,759	\$18,212,778	\$3,349,847	\$2,283,333,326	\$2,403,887,927
Alameda	3,636,785	99,226	424,737	93,233	74,381,568	78,635,549
Alpine	0	0	0	312	35,743	36,055
Amador	118,972	720	14,493	5,136	2,965,570	3,104,891
Butte	844,791	968	190,131	33,757	15,053,938	16,123,585
Calaveras	64,799	0	22,211	10,231	3,130,154	3,227,394
Colusa	35,169	0	5,950	1,762	1,787,236	1,830,116
Contra Costa	2,562,500	67,688	422,861	189,438	70,420,006	73,662,494
Del Norte	205,288	3,976	40,759	5,823	2,382,112	2,637,958
El Dorado	470,092	4,880	88,462	45,330	11,969,586	12,578,350
Fresno	2,759,751	50,402	1,141,174	92,700	79,986,528	84,030,555
Glenn	109,741	2,046	35,328	1,141	2,955,704	3,103,959
Humboldt	470,692	1,499	91,520	7,631	7,455,294	8,026,637
Imperial	536,339	2,889	228,003	7,902	23,372,180	24,147,313
Inyo	78,990	300	7,654	2,578	1,775,992	1,865,515
Kern	2,698,826	6,988	901,130	40,153	79,337,754	82,984,851
Kings	548,898	0	191,660	9,369	14,163,961	14,913,888
Lake	277,818	0	58,699	1,660	4,019,360	4,357,537
Lassen	155,527	0	31,521	6,526	2,258,973	2,452,546
Los Angeles	23,303,343	711,412	3,645,931	540,258	451,705,921	479,906,866
Madera	297,115	0	202,365	1,207	9,647,850	10,148,537
Marin	583,378	33,705	33,910	69,647	11,729,316	12,449,956
Mariposa	61,329	0	12,051	53	1,019,630	1,093,063
Mendocino	282,594	0	54,750	14,358	5,064,720	5,416,422
Merced	692,194	21,486	413,202	13,983	23,451,724	24,592,589
Modoc	22,314	0	5,901	0	386,550	414,764
Mono	32,811	0	567	1,453	637,414	672,245
Monterey	1,289,454	30,869	220,068	29,269	39,910,944	41,480,604
Napa	349,875	7,438	32,913	72,482	9,656,188	10,118,895
Nevada	321,339	11,104	42,919	31,634	5,847,047	6,254,042
Orange	5,358,122	84,036	900,598	289,222	174,452,083	181,084,061
Placer	720,716	21,219	89,412	82,675	26,110,904	27,024,925
Plumas	126,691	0	15,143	4,497	1,718,740	1,865,072
Riverside	6,216,086	120,490	1,378,334	22,565	161,851,192	169,588,667
Sacramento	6,057,903	79,052	983,710	158,072	114,329,101	121,607,838
San Benito	128,766	1,398	34,826	13,477	5,195,658	5,374,124
San Bernardino	5,693,403	152,013	1,869,185	201,964	175,028,071	182,944,635
San Diego	11,371,553	205,753	716,064	424,083	158,111,385	170,828,839
San Francisco	887,269	60,595	147,211	32,074	23,036,756	24,163,906
San Joaquin	2,347,306	26,939	480,392	62,282	58,013,919	60,930,838
San Luis Obispo	511,966	15,508	83,817	15,522	13,176,067	13,802,882
San Mateo	1,362,590	106,708	58,527	57,868	29,283,121	30,868,814
Santa Barbara	868,655	14,707	209,984	49,722	26,759,368	27,902,437
Santa Clara	2,766,745	157,074	328,126	130,073	83,558,100	86,940,119
Santa Cruz	488,058	20,470	95,823	20,050	12,615,249	13,239,649
Shasta	814,046	17,889	187,401	37,138	15,888,921	16,945,395
Sierra	11,753	0	650	0	158,017	170,420
Siskiyou	240,530	0	40,842	7,357	3,212,535	3,501,263
Solano	1,713,468	30,786	259,509	66,064	36,946,845	39,016,672
Sonoma	858,189	8,017	151,264	46,458	29,517,372	30,581,301
Stanislaus	1,499,348	7,145	492,387	32,547	49,796,446	51,827,874
Sutter	258,618	6,788	77,729	14,537	7,532,600	7,890,271
Tehama	212,368	51	84,210	10,641	5,622,665	5,929,935
Trinity	25,937	9,622	9,352	2,635	1,480,729	1,528,275
Tulare	773,359	1,870	422,234	21,745	36,458,179	37,677,387
Tuolumne	160,689	0	35,610	2,687	4,713,995	4,912,981
Ventura	1,711,396	54,316	334,188	165,253	52,381,346	54,646,500
Yolo	350,984	6,704	83,492	37,644	14,204,064	14,682,888
Yuba	354,980	23,010	81,890	11,968	5,670,935	6,142,782
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies						
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	344,460	720	72,313	18,366	10,845,462	11,281,322
Humboldt/Trinity	496,630	11,122	100,872	10,266	8,936,022	9,554,912
Inyo/Mono	111,801	300	8,221	4,032	2,413,406	2,537,759
Merced/Mariposa	753,523	21,486	425,253	14,036	24,471,354	25,685,652
Santa Cruz/San Benito	616,824	21,868	130,649	33,527	17,810,907	18,613,774
Sierra/Nevada	333,092	11,104	43,569	31,634	6,005,064	6,424,462
Siskiyou/Modoc	262,844	0	46,742	7,357	3,599,085	3,916,027

SOURCE: OCSE 34 Lines 4b, 4c, 7a, 7c, and 7d

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**TABLE B.1
RECOUPMENT COLLECTIONS
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	Federal	State	County	Total
STATEWIDE	\$208,266,749	\$231,588,077	\$24,844,428	\$464,699,254
Alameda	5,775,165	6,719,309	761,852	13,256,326
Alpine	5,359	4,997	363	10,719
Amador	175,508	176,927	20,852	373,287
Butte	2,377,688	2,613,240	374,693	5,365,621
Calaveras	218,447	233,866	34,382	486,694
Colusa	92,546	98,328	20,859	211,733
Contra Costa	3,797,367	4,366,417	568,768	8,732,552
Del Norte	485,673	512,876	78,004	1,076,553
El Dorado	1,181,999	1,139,229	278,111	2,599,339
Fresno	13,476,111	15,167,095	1,757,198	30,400,404
Glenn	352,614	348,562	78,666	779,842
Humboldt	1,037,085	1,143,136	169,830	2,350,052
Imperial	1,875,568	1,900,801	167,408	3,943,778
Inyo	103,801	104,957	10,667	219,424
Kern	8,661,338	9,111,382	1,223,202	18,995,923
Kings	1,488,738	1,618,670	158,837	3,266,245
Lake	564,202	591,984	53,637	1,209,823
Lassen	268,258	298,280	48,990	615,529
Los Angeles	45,137,332	50,342,124	3,697,798	99,177,255
Madera	1,381,367	1,541,467	206,259	3,129,093
Marin	350,786	403,590	59,481	813,857
Mariposa	104,676	112,836	10,040	227,552
Mendocino	632,684	658,501	70,054	1,361,239
Merced	3,222,819	3,764,997	307,564	7,295,380
Modoc	66,217	57,940	7,879	132,036
Mono	10,244	9,483	762	20,488
Monterey	3,223,992	3,259,550	442,900	6,926,441
Napa	608,160	576,463	155,071	1,339,694
Nevada	390,339	409,517	49,478	849,333
Orange	8,793,817	9,307,683	1,079,118	19,180,618
Placer	1,018,751	1,114,713	180,527	2,313,991
Plumas	136,412	143,139	16,202	295,754
Riverside	14,861,138	16,166,102	1,921,520	32,948,761
Sacramento	11,489,736	14,049,915	1,798,515	27,338,166
San Benito	387,072	415,914	44,590	847,575
San Bernardino	19,096,201	20,397,605	2,281,664	41,775,471
San Diego	11,975,268	13,926,963	1,373,159	27,275,389
San Francisco	1,917,431	2,221,829	304,897	4,444,157
San Joaquin	4,851,047	5,288,731	580,456	10,720,234
San Luis Obispo	600,263	705,725	46,095	1,352,083
San Mateo	1,221,707	1,259,253	201,567	2,682,527
Santa Barbara	2,196,100	2,333,942	337,803	4,867,846
Santa Clara	6,705,488	7,478,410	842,619	15,026,517
Santa Cruz	957,094	1,092,369	123,458	2,172,921
Shasta	2,196,864	2,324,017	329,805	4,850,686
Sierra	11,760	10,310	1,796	23,866
Siskiyou	396,705	453,467	70,505	920,677
Solano	2,699,605	3,226,255	333,510	6,259,370
Sonoma	1,693,198	1,921,707	208,800	3,823,704
Stanislaus	5,632,374	6,503,086	583,513	12,718,973
Sutter	831,962	870,198	114,190	1,816,350
Tehama	838,710	892,723	135,084	1,866,518
Trinity	107,650	104,955	14,685	227,289
Tulare	4,316,875	5,220,633	451,456	9,988,964
Tuolumne	357,241	389,677	44,804	791,722
Ventura	3,731,261	4,197,751	323,998	8,253,010
Yolo	1,323,859	1,334,134	192,342	2,850,335
Yuba	855,077	950,348	94,147	1,899,571
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies				
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	756,554	805,467	100,401	1,662,422
Humboldt/Trinity	1,144,735	1,248,091	184,515	2,577,341
Inyo/Mono	114,045	114,439	11,429	239,913
Merced/Mariposa	3,327,495	3,877,833	317,604	7,522,932
Santa Cruz/San Benito	1,344,166	1,508,283	168,048	3,020,496
Sierra/Nevada	402,099	419,827	51,273	873,200
Siskiyou/Modoc	462,922	511,407	78,385	1,052,713

SOURCE: CS 35 Supplement to the OCSE 34 Monthly Report of Collections and Distributions

COST AVOIDANCE

Every year, the amount of child support collected and disbursed directly to families or recouped as cost recovery for public assistance programs (CalWORKs, KinGAP, and Foster Care) is measured in both actuals for completed years and estimates for future years. However, these estimates do not include an estimate of cost avoidance due to decreased expenditures for governmental programs.

According to the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), “cost avoidance occurs across a broad array of social welfare programs, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and public and subsidized housing. In an era of resource scarcity, child support is well-positioned to play a leading role in reducing government costs associated with social welfare programs.”¹ In accordance with Family Code Section 17556, this report provides information on cost avoidance benefits for other governmental programs.

While not frequently discussed, cost avoidance for other governmental programs has long been recognized at both the national and state level as a benefit of the Child Support Program. A study and subsequent report for the nation, titled “Child Support Cost Avoidance in 1999, Final Report”, was completed and published by Laura Wheaton of The Urban Institute on June 6, 2003, for the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement. It researched the following hypothesis about cost avoidance related to child support:

“[T]he goal of promoting self-sufficiency suggests some financial benefits for the government, since increased levels of financial stability and independence mean that families require less assistance from the government in other areas, such as food, housing, and medical assistance. These financial benefits referred to here as “cost avoidance” accrue not just from former welfare recipients, but also from families whose child support (when combined with other income) has enabled them to avoid welfare entirely and to reduce or eliminate their need for assistance from other government programs.”

¹ “The Story Behind the Numbers-The Child Support Program is a Good Investment”, Office of Child Support Enforcement, Administration for Children and Families (December 2016), Page 14.

This nationwide report asserts that cost avoidance cannot be calculated, it can only be estimated or inferred because it cannot be directly measured. Furthermore, the nationwide report asserts that the \$2.6 billion in fiscal year 1999 savings is a lower bound estimate.

After the nationwide report, a follow-up report was prepared and published on February 27, 2004, for the Child Support Directors Association of California that focused on California only. This follow-up report was titled “Cost Avoidance and Cost Recovery in California’s Child Support Program: SFY 2000-01.”

This report discussed that while there are many government programs that likely have cost avoidance due to the California Child Support Program, the primary governmental programs with cost avoidance in California are:

- CalWORKs
- Food Stamps/CalFresh
- Medi-Cal
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Public/Subsidized Housing

The report calculated the cost avoidance for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2000-01 for these programs as displayed in Table 1 below.

Table 1: California Cost Avoidance: Federal and California Share, SFY 2000-01
(millions of dollars)

	Federal Share	California Share	Total
Entitlement Programs			
Food Stamps	66.7	0	66.7
Medi-Cal ¹	14.6	13.9	28.6
SSI ²	16.4	0	16.4
Total	97.7	13.9	111.6
Block Grant/Discretionary Programs			
CalWORKs	0	113.1	113.1
Housing ³	4.1	4.1	8.2
Total	4.1	117.2	121.3
All Programs	101.8	131.1	233.0

SOURCE: Urban Institute’s TRIM3 microsimulation model, using data from the March 2001 and March 2002 Current Population Survey. Results are adjusted to reflect levels of child support distributions report in California’s CS 800 & 820 reports for SFY 2000-01.

¹ Medi-Cal cost avoidance is split into federal and California shares in accordance with the FY2001 FMAP (federal medical assistance percentage).

² The estimates do not include the state supplemental portion of SSI.

³ Cost avoidance for the public and subsidized housing programs initially benefits local housing authorities, but may eventually result in lower federal spending. Therefore, a 50/50 split between the federal government and California is assumed.

In the absence of updated microsimulation models and either nationwide or California cost avoidance studies, a methodology for cost avoidance for SFY 2020-21 has been designed that relies on SFY 2000-01 non-assistance collections and SFY 2000-01 estimated cost avoidance by the microsimulation model. The ratios of costs avoided for each government program per dollar of non-assistance collection from SFY 2000-01 were multiplied by SFY 2020-21 non-assistance collections to estimate cost avoidance by program (Federal and California share) for SFY 2020-21. When reviewing these estimates, it is important to note that these estimates continue to be based on assumptions from the studies referenced above. See Table 2 below.

Table 2: SFY 2020-21 Estimated Cost Avoidance Per Dollar of \$2.086 Billion in Non-Assistance Collections
(millions of dollars)

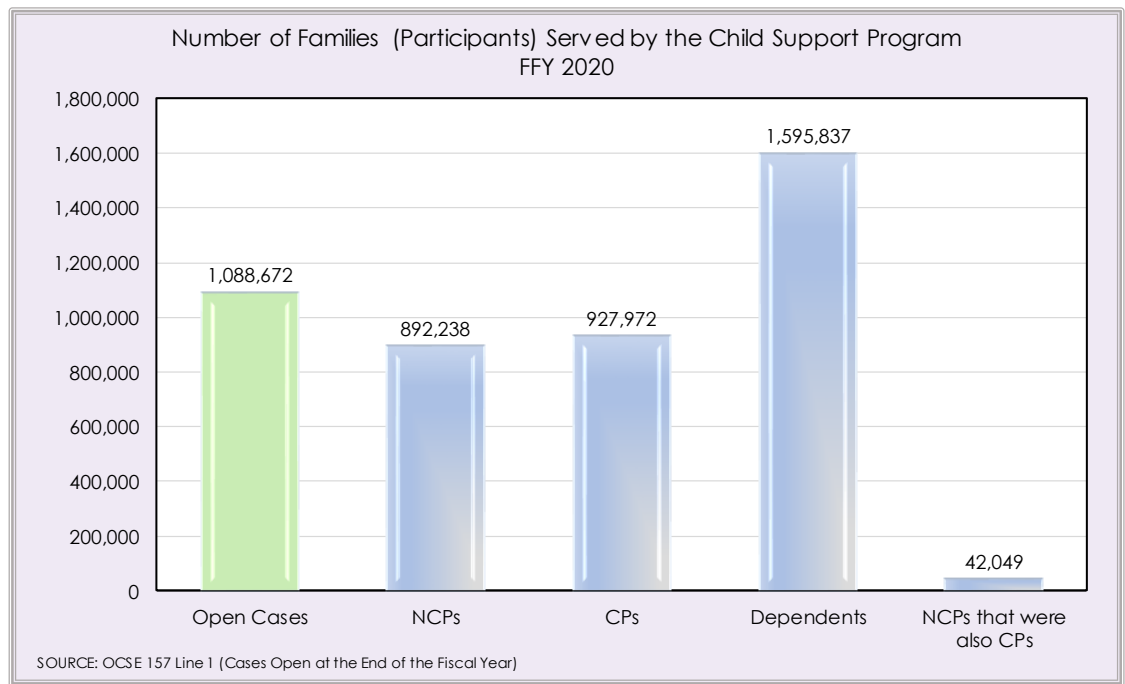
	Federal Share	California Share	Total
Entitlement Programs			
Food Stamps	107.0	0.0	107.0
Medi-Cal	23.4	22.3	45.7
SSI	26.3	0.0	26.3
Total	156.8	22.3	179.1
Block Grant / Discretionary Programs			
CalWORKs	0.0	181.5	181.5
Housing	6.6	6.6	13.2
Total	6.6	188.1	194.6
All Programs	163.3	210.4	373.7

NUMBER OF FAMILIES (PARTICIPANTS) SERVED BY THE CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM

As the definition of what constitutes a family continues to evolve and change with time, DCSS in-turn opted to concentrate on the number of participants served by the Child Support Program.

Of all the open cases reported in FFY 2020, there were 892,238 non-custodial parents (NCPs), 927,972 custodial parties (CPs), 1,595,837 dependents, and 42,049 of the NCPs were also CPs on a separate case (see Figure 4). See Table C on page 13.

Figure 4: Number of Families (Participants) Served by the Child Support Program



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TABLE C
NUMBER OF FAMILIES (PARTICIPANTS) SERVED
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2020

	Non-Custodial Parent (NCP)	Custodial Party (CP)	Dependent
STATEWIDE	892,238	927,972	1,595,837
Alameda	26,450	25,694	40,690
Alpine	28	32	49
Amador	1,035	949	1,512
Butte	7,930	7,704	12,706
Calaveras	1,320	1,237	2,028
Colusa	655	601	1,051
Contra Costa	23,244	22,640	36,347
Del Norte	1,751	1,691	2,784
El Dorado	4,528	4,127	6,928
Fresno	46,234	45,905	86,988
Glenn	1,357	1,233	2,150
Humboldt	4,219	4,172	6,711
Imperial	8,345	8,153	14,879
Inyo	747	736	1,229
Kern	41,728	40,758	76,139
Kings	7,399	6,992	12,632
Lake	2,358	2,217	3,629
Lassen	1,235	1,142	1,880
Los Angeles	203,735	207,910	351,893
Madera	5,561	5,094	9,457
Marin	3,667	3,661	5,985
Mariposa	586	550	879
Mendocino	2,870	2,818	4,659
Merced	12,687	12,355	22,264
Modoc	245	237	386
Mono	195	193	294
Monterey	11,659	11,546	20,191
Napa	2,716	2,594	4,295
Nevada	2,337	2,195	3,493
Orange	55,527	54,322	92,032
Placer	6,173	5,902	9,462
Plumas	686	645	1,045
Riverside	68,384	65,958	115,896
Sacramento	56,967	56,578	95,941
San Benito	1,628	1,568	2,706
San Bernardino	85,817	80,851	144,783
San Diego	54,172	53,556	88,083
San Francisco	8,550	8,512	12,937
San Joaquin	28,583	27,350	48,565
San Luis Obispo	3,561	3,441	5,438
San Mateo	7,766	7,463	11,936
Santa Barbara	9,826	9,567	16,466
Santa Clara	24,530	25,188	41,520
Santa Cruz	4,396	4,287	7,098
Shasta	8,209	8,049	13,072
Sierra	82	77	115
Siskiyou	2,084	2,001	3,437
Solano	12,763	12,631	19,903
Sonoma	9,009	9,120	14,293
Stanislaus	21,842	21,187	36,339
Sutter	3,521	3,265	5,746
Tehama	2,912	2,692	4,637
Trinity	711	714	1,052
Tulare	18,497	18,804	33,991
Tuolumne	1,957	1,887	2,899
Ventura	16,425	16,724	27,939
Yolo	5,771	5,565	9,435
Yuba	3,288	3,105	5,213
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies			
Ama/Alp/Cal/Tuol	4,293	4,087	6,468
Humboldt/Trinity	4,888	4,840	7,724
Inyo/Mono	936	926	1,522
Merced/Mariposa	13,250	12,901	23,141
Santa Cruz/San Benito	6,010	5,851	9,804
Sierra/Nevada	2,416	2,271	3,608
Siskiyou/Modoc	2,318	2,228	3,811

SOURCE: OCSE 157 Line 1 (Cases Open at the End of the Fiscal Year)

Note: Duplicate counting may occur across counties if a participant is on more than one case in a different county. Duplicate counting will not occur if a participant is on more than one case within a county. Therefore, the sum of the county totals will not equal the Statewide totals.

DEFINITIONS

- **IV-D Case** – A case in which a state provides child support services as directed by the state or tribal Child Support Program that is authorized by Title IV-D of the Social Security Act. A IV-D case is comprised of:
 - A dependent child or children
 - A custodial party who may be a parent, caretaker relative or other custodian, including an entity such as a foster care agency; and
 - A noncustodial parent or parents, a mother, a father, or a putative father whose paternity has not been legally established.

- **California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs)** - The public assistance program that implements the requirements set forth in the federal act Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA). Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), which replaced Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC). Federally mandated changes in the new welfare program set time limits on cash assistance and include a requirement that recipients participate in a "Welfare to Work" plan. CalWORKs replaces all AFDC programs in California and is administered by the California Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA).

- **Custodial Party (CP)** - The person having primary care, custody and control over the child(ren) and who is/are receiving or has applied to receive services under Title IV-D of the Federal Social Security Act (commencing with Section 651 of Title 42 of the United States Code).

- **Dependent** - A person who is under the care of a parent, relative, or other caretaker and cannot live on his/her own. Most children who are eligible to receive child support must be dependents. The child ceases to be a dependent when he or she reaches the "age of emancipation," as determined by state or tribal law, but may remain eligible for child support for a period after he or she is emancipated or reaches the "age of majority" depending on the state's or tribe's provisions.

- **Disregard** - Up to the first \$50 of a current support collection made on behalf of a current assistance case receiving CalWORKs aid.

- **Distributed** – “Distributed” or “distribution” means the allocation of child support collected to the various types of debt (e.g., monthly support obligations, arrears, ordered arrears) within a child support case as specified in 45 CFR 302.51 (45 CFR 309.115 for procedures governing tribal child support programs); the process of how the total child support payment amount is divided between all those owed under the support orders, including reimbursement for public assistance.
- **Food Stamps/CalFresh (federally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP)** – Provides monthly food benefits to individuals and families with low-income and provides economic benefits to communities. CalFresh is the largest food program in California and provides an essential hunger safety net. CalFresh is federally mandated and in California, is state-supervised and county-operated.
- **Kinship Guardian Assistance Program (KinGAP)** - The Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program under which public assistance is provided on behalf of children in long-term placements with relatives, as specified in Chapter 2 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code commencing with Section 11360.
- **Medi-Cal Program** - California's medical assistance program provided under the State Plan approved under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.
- **Noncustodial Parent (NCP)** - The parent of the child(ren) that may be or is obligated to pay child support.
- **Public Assistance** - Any amount paid under the TANF, CalWORKs program, as specified in 22 CCR Section 110112, or foster care, or any Medi-Cal benefit, for the benefit of any dependent child or the caretaker or child. Eligibility is based on need and varies between programs. Applicants for certain types of public assistance (for example, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families or TANF) are automatically referred to their state or tribal child support agency, which will identify and locate the noncustodial parent, establish paternity where appropriate, and obtain child support payments. This allows the state or tribe to recoup or defray some of its public assistance expenditures with funds from the noncustodial parent and may enable the custodial party to become self-sufficient.

- **Public Housing** - Provides decent and safe rental housing for eligible low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.
- **Recoupment** - The amount of support that was collected that has been applied to reimburse in whole or in part the unreimbursed assistance pool (UAP) which is used to reimburse the federal, state, and county governments for aid paid to the family.
- **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** - A federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues designed to help aged, blind, and disabled people, who have little or no income.