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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

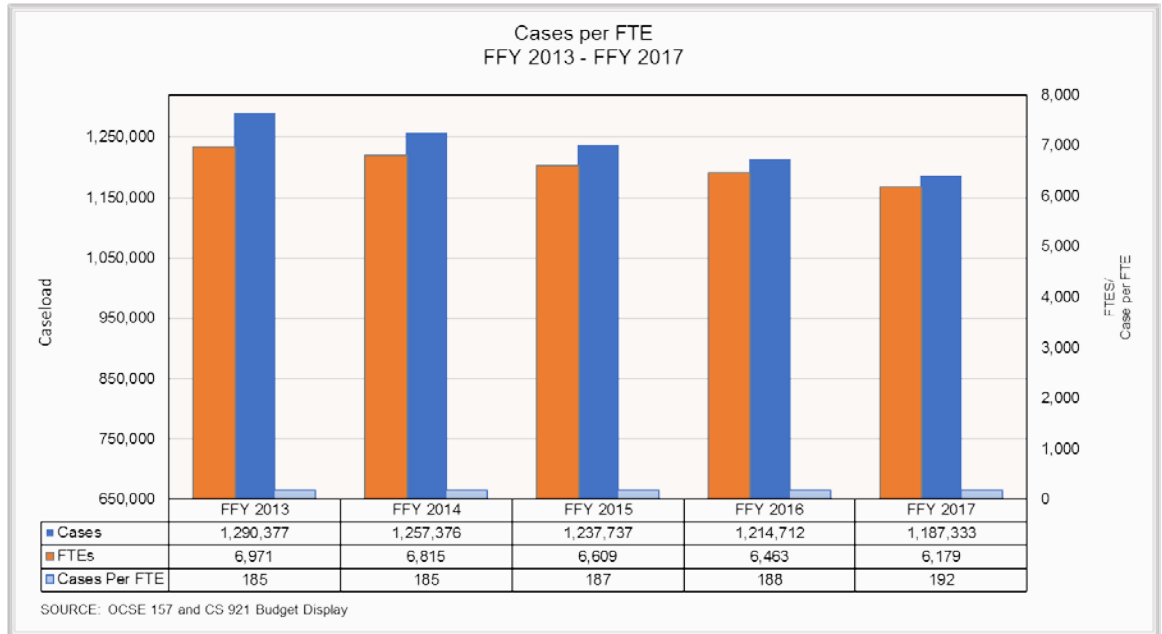
This report satisfies the requirement of FC section 17556 requiring a report of data compiled on California's Child Support Program to be submitted on or before March 1, 2019.

NUMBER OF 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 2017, the number of opened cases were 1,187,333. A full-time position reflects 1.0 FTE. Fractional time base (part-time) positions may be entered by tenths of a position. There were 6,179.4 FTE staff in FFY 2017.

On average statewide, an FTE employee provided services to 192 cases. Please see Table A on page 4.

From FFY 2013 to FFY 2017 both the number of cases and FTEs declined. Cases decreased 8.0 percent, or 103,044 cases, while FTEs decreased 11.4 percent, or 792 FTEs. Subsequently, cases per FTE slightly increased, from FFY 2013 to FFY 2017, an increase of 3.8 percent, or 7 cases per FTE.



STATE OF CALIFORNIA - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM STATISTICS

DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2017

TABLE A
CASES TO FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2017

	Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	Open Cases	Cases per FTE
STATEWIDE	6,179.4	1,187,333	192
Alameda	180.8	30,897	171
Alpine	NA	36	*
Amador	NA	1,197	*
Butte	97.0	10,834	112
Calaveras	NA	1,594	*
Colusa	6.0	698	116
Contra Costa	130.9	26,246	201
Del Norte	24.0	2,519	105
El Dorado	43.0	5,629	131
Fresno	204.2	60,080	294
Glenn	8.0	1,633	204
Humboldt	NA	5,552	*
Imperial	59.0	10,341	175
Inyo	NA	993	*
Kern	179.1	49,739	278
Kings	45.2	8,937	198
Lake	25.0	2,790	112
Lassen	10.5	1,557	148
Los Angeles	1,438.0	255,609	178
Madera	31.0	6,428	207
Marin	22.0	5,494	250
Mariposa	NA	653	*
Mendocino	26.0	3,882	149
Merced	NA	15,102	*
Modoc	NA	369	*
Mono	NA	241	*
Monterey	92.0	15,466	168
Napa	30.5	3,516	115
Nevada	NA	2,947	*
Orange	468.3	66,611	142
Placer	43.5	7,602	175
Plumas	6.0	866	144
Riverside	268.7	82,878	308
Sacramento	268.5	76,135	284
San Benito	NA	1,942	*
San Bernardino	380.1	110,044	290
San Diego	386.2	62,974	163
San Francisco	72.0	11,689	162
San Joaquin	131.0	34,472	263
San Luis Obispo	31.0	3,764	121
San Mateo	75.2	9,565	127
Santa Barbara	72.3	11,989	166
Santa Clara	229.0	33,451	146
Santa Cruz	NA	5,406	*
Shasta	72.0	10,955	152
Sierra	NA	100	*
Siskiyou	NA	2,661	*
Solano	94.0	15,788	168
Sonoma	83.5	13,013	156
Stanislaus	129.9	27,545	212
Sutter	25.0	4,579	183
Tehama	20.0	3,691	185
Trinity	NA	626	*
Tulare	152.0	23,479	154
Tuolumne	NA	2,520	*
Ventura	183.6	20,596	112
Yolo	44.5	7,483	168
Yuba	29.0	3,930	136
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies			
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	40.7	5,347	131
Humboldt/Trinity	41.4	6,178	149
Inyo/Mono	8.0	1,234	154
Merced/Mariposa	77.0	15,755	205
Santa Cruz/San Benito	60.8	7,348	121
Sierra/Nevada	17.0	3,047	179
Siskiyou/Modoc	17.0	3,030	178

SOURCE: CS 921 Budget Display; OCSE 157 Lines 1 (Cases Open at the End of the Federal Fiscal Year)

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

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FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2013 - 2017

TABLE A.1
CASES TO FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT
FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2013 - 2017

	FFY 2013	FFY 2014	FFY 2015	FFY 2016	FFY 2017	2013 - 2017 % Change
STATEWIDE	185	185	187	188	192	3.8%
Alameda	159	149	153	155	171	7.2
Alpine	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	*
Amador	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	*
Butte	118	120	109	109	112	-5.2
Calaveras	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	*
Colusa	113	117	114	103	116	3.0
Contra Costa	196	195	188	192	201	2.4
Del Norte	148	131	139	122	105	-29.1
El Dorado	125	128	125	142	131	4.5
Fresno	268	251	260	260	294	9.7
Glenn	195	190	204	207	204	4.9
Humboldt	140	146	133	127	NA	*
Imperial	190	166	168	161	175	-7.7
Inyo	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	*
Kern	286	302	288	296	278	-2.8
Kings	176	174	185	187	198	12.1
Lake	105	114	96	113	112	5.8
Lassen	173	158	141	152	148	-14.3
Los Angeles	190	189	186	183	178	-6.4
Madera	161	163	190	191	207	29.1
Marin	113	107	101	219	250	120.8
Mariposa	99	91	97	100	NA	*
Mendocino	138	119	114	108	149	8.4
Merced	197	206	220	197	NA	*
Modoc	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	*
Mono	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	*
Monterey	157	150	171	167	168	7.3
Napa	122	123	126	118	115	-5.5
Nevada	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	*
Orange	123	131	131	137	142	15.5
Placer	231	209	186	172	175	-24.5
Plumas	108	126	127	138	144	33.3
Riverside	264	260	273	304	308	16.9
Sacramento	265	279	279	285	284	7.1
San Benito	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	*
San Bernardino	287	281	285	279	290	1.0
San Diego	158	151	166	146	163	3.2
San Francisco	151	162	164	154	162	7.7
San Joaquin	235	242	240	250	263	12.0
San Luis Obispo	96	96	110	119	121	26.5
San Mateo	132	139	140	133	127	-3.5
Santa Barbara	164	160	162	166	166	1.2
Santa Clara	137	137	147	147	146	6.4
Santa Cruz	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	*
Shasta	163	154	156	154	152	-6.9
Sierra	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	*
Siskiyou	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	*
Solano	166	170	166	173	168	1.3
Sonoma	138	141	142	157	156	12.8
Stanislaus	193	197	189	195	212	10.1
Sutter	173	164	169	172	183	5.7
Tehama	194	184	184	176	185	-4.6
Trinity	108	117	135	165	NA	*
Tulare	167	159	157	160	154	-7.6
Tuolumne	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	*
Ventura	103	101	119	115	112	9.4
Yolo	149	149	153	175	168	12.7
Yuba	138	136	143	134	136	-1.5
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies						
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	126	118	123	131	131	4.4
Humboldt/Trinity	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	149	*
Inyo/Mono	163	136	135	146	154	-5.2
Merced/Mariposa	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	205	*
Santa Cruz/San Benito	113	118	109	113	121	7.2
Sierra/Nevada	167	186	208	186	179	7.3
Siskiyou/Modoc	154	147	172	164	178	15.7

SOURCE: CS 921 Budget Display; OCSE 157 Lines 1 (Cases Open at the End of the Federal Fiscal Year)

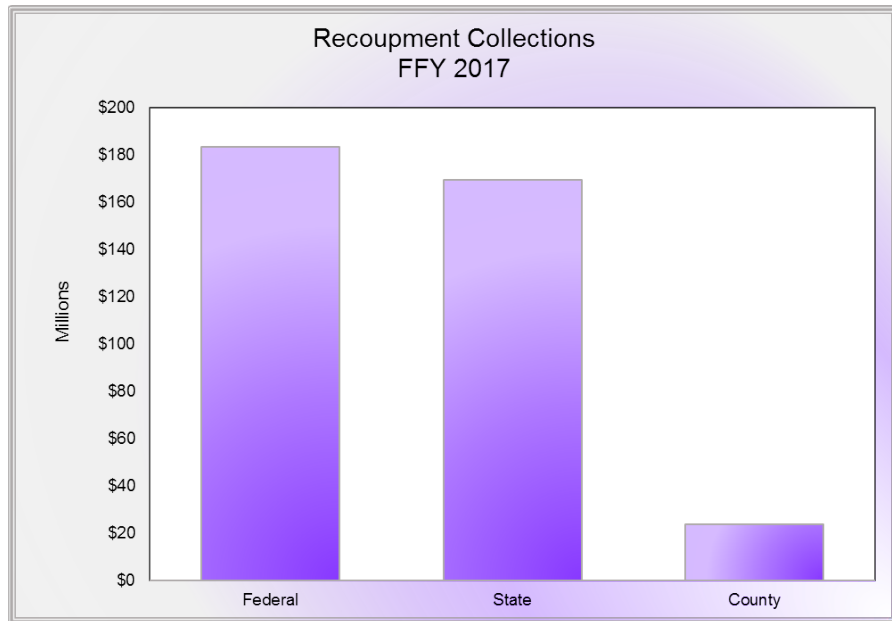
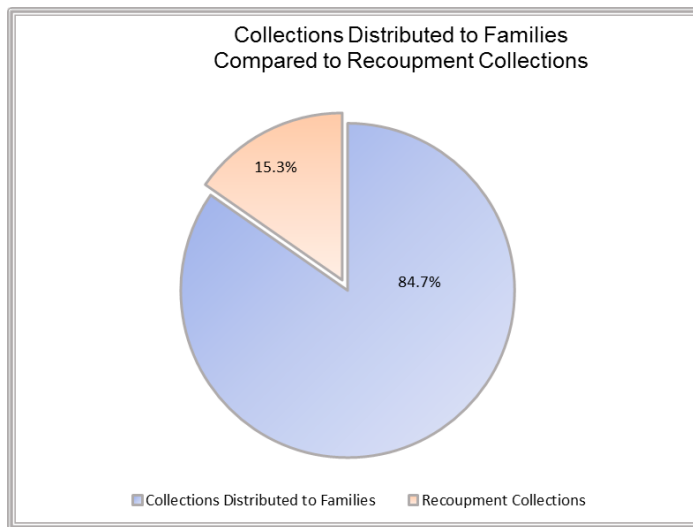
Note: Reporting the regionalization of Merced/Mariposa and Humboldt/Trinity did not begin until October 2016, therefore prior data is not applicable (n/a).

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COLLECTIONS DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES AND RECOUPMENT COLLECTIONS

In federal fiscal year 2017, the California Department of Child Support Services, distributed a total of \$2.1 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. Of the total collections received in FFY 2017, \$377 million was recouped by government agencies (\$183.3 million federal share, \$169.6 million state share, \$23.6 million county share).

Please see Tables B and B.1 on pages 7 and 8.



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**TABLE B
DISTRIBUTED COLLECTIONS
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2017**

	Sent to Other States	Sent to Other Countries	Disregard	Distributed as Medical Support	Distributed to Family or Foster Care	Total
STATEWIDE	\$95,126,114	\$2,896,097	\$23,953,999	\$2,593,004	\$1,955,753,946	\$2,080,323,160
Alameda	3,857,289	88,385	486,414	77,087	67,419,430	71,928,604
Alpine	8,810	0	0	78	30,458	39,346
Amador	90,009	1,490	24,291	924	2,287,379	2,404,094
Butte	877,211	2,640	276,027	39,318	12,818,038	14,013,234
Calaveras	124,728	0	30,717	3,171	2,673,935	2,832,551
Colusa	59,186	0	7,577	4,489	1,343,430	1,414,683
Contra Costa	68,630	-176	566,955	198,254	61,460,881	62,294,544
Del Norte	211,300	6,697	54,092	8,019	1,930,678	2,210,786
El Dorado	372,863	8,765	107,967	34,506	11,399,152	11,923,253
Fresno	2,686,094	55,522	1,424,628	54,433	62,493,584	66,714,260
Glenn	109,924	5,775	38,499	480	2,286,663	2,441,340
Humboldt	388,088	1,500	98,997	19,001	6,487,334	6,994,920
Imperial	451,859	0	260,692	7,096	19,501,719	20,221,365
Inyo	61,532	0	6,469	1,613	1,549,345	1,618,959
Kern	2,258,251	9,713	980,086	46,909	63,811,537	67,106,496
Kings	567,508	2,799	183,536	6,426	11,925,045	12,685,313
Lake	205,856	0	64,156	3,730	3,473,038	3,746,780
Lassen	139,694	0	34,928	1,926	2,008,583	2,185,132
Los Angeles	21,261,444	977,729	4,966,993	353,185	381,639,325	409,198,675
Madera	347,799	0	230,632	339	7,314,848	7,893,618
Marin	412,495	23,297	47,009	88,846	10,977,857	11,549,505
Mariposa	78,364	0	13,515	5,806	969,659	1,067,344
Mendocino	284,137	0	79,299	5,840	4,143,680	4,512,956
Merced	705,165	24,057	518,138	22,879	19,233,353	20,503,591
Modoc	28,964	0	9,204	332	419,618	458,118
Mono	31,558	0	1,268	0	646,859	679,685
Monterey	1,271,328	11,983	333,445	23,775	34,849,165	36,489,695
Napa	408,192	8,178	59,987	41,993	8,632,013	9,150,363
Nevada	336,679	41,791	43,207	23,839	5,468,953	5,914,468
Orange	5,187,886	120,079	1,343,561	218,278	160,083,692	166,953,496
Placer	864,225	5,884	118,227	48,351	22,642,375	23,679,063
Plumas	78,516	0	19,381	7,623	1,537,402	1,642,921
Riverside	5,636,610	171,663	1,658,553	23,223	130,454,478	137,944,527
Sacramento	5,513,019	85,814	1,313,089	129,008	92,557,648	99,598,578
San Benito	107,492	9,781	45,166	12,676	4,062,414	4,237,528
San Bernardino	5,494,798	136,507	2,545,546	146,988	146,711,429	155,035,268
San Diego	12,184,457	241,504	1,101,221	325,691	138,564,989	152,417,863
San Francisco	1,085,802	76,865	193,468	21,621	21,415,305	22,793,062
San Joaquin	2,191,688	35,478	635,914	83,299	49,318,456	52,264,835
San Luis Obispo	489,667	16,625	118,772	23,914	12,367,695	13,016,673
San Mateo	1,563,490	172,505	102,912	57,135	27,274,483	29,170,525
Santa Barbara	896,634	10,981	281,585	29,010	23,185,379	24,403,590
Santa Clara	3,536,547	157,661	504,252	89,676	78,007,678	82,295,813
Santa Cruz	451,150	3,288	142,402	37,931	11,170,655	11,805,426
Shasta	976,981	2,400	234,752	31,663	14,170,881	15,416,677
Sierra	20,533	0	1,196	0	172,463	194,192
Siskiyou	169,892	3,109	57,744	7,572	2,757,468	2,995,785
Solano	1,703,109	25,954	287,640	23,055	30,418,402	32,458,161
Sonoma	3,532,713	154,414	257,580	56,915	26,834,710	30,836,332
Stanislaus	1,304,104	27,075	591,290	44,005	41,286,900	43,253,374
Sutter	277,898	3,750	86,458	12,723	6,464,985	6,845,814
Tehama	212,665	110	101,667	5,772	4,517,180	4,837,394
Trinity	42,671	0	5,340	805	815,841	864,656
Tulare	927,531	18,403	518,516	30,988	30,887,084	32,382,523
Tuolumne	247,194	1,369	54,232	242	4,246,525	4,549,561
Ventura	2,066,807	123,084	469,980	23,991	48,147,866	50,831,728
Yolo	330,873	6,376	123,774	18,864	11,721,492	12,201,378
Yuba	326,209	15,271	91,052	7,695	4,762,514	5,202,741
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies						
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	470,741	2,859	109,240	4,415	9,238,296	9,825,551
Humboldt/Trinity	430,759	1,500	104,337	19,805	7,303,175	7,859,576
Inyo/Mono	93,090	0	7,738	1,613	2,196,204	2,298,644
Merced/Mariposa	783,528	24,057	531,653	28,685	20,203,012	21,570,935
Santa Cruz/San Benito	558,641	13,069	187,568	50,606	15,233,069	16,042,954
Sierra/Nevada	357,212	41,791	44,403	23,839	5,641,416	6,108,660
Siskiyou/Modoc	198,856	3,109	66,948	7,904	3,177,086	3,453,903

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

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FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2017

**TABLE B.1
RECOUPMENT COLLECTIONS
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2017**

	Federal	State	County	Total
STATEWIDE	\$183,322,062	\$169,616,789	\$23,590,302	\$376,529,153
Alameda	5,338,477	4,982,755	889,512	11,210,743
Alpine	3,781	2,711	943	7,434
Amador	134,187	122,994	30,274	287,454
Butte	1,879,909	1,718,082	279,424	3,877,414
Calaveras	214,957	192,311	35,011	442,279
Colusa	55,621	54,283	8,146	118,049
Contra Costa	3,687,529	3,497,233	698,881	7,883,642
Del Norte	305,816	288,566	49,261	643,643
El Dorado	1,016,097	795,597	331,644	2,143,338
Fresno	11,009,434	10,390,108	1,256,876	22,656,417
Glenn	252,029	204,853	55,643	512,525
Humboldt	721,641	665,837	116,568	1,504,046
Imperial	1,693,341	1,563,387	156,482	3,413,210
Inyo	92,524	85,356	7,838	185,718
Kern	6,454,116	5,807,145	841,797	13,103,058
Kings	1,092,797	1,071,701	122,979	2,287,477
Lake	493,010	465,644	63,701	1,022,355
Lassen	209,592	189,613	30,739	429,944
Los Angeles	40,479,441	37,881,637	3,488,550	81,849,628
Madera	1,022,048	933,572	159,347	2,114,966
Marin	376,787	345,768	85,583	808,138
Mariposa	92,096	76,600	10,739	179,435
Mendocino	511,448	461,830	60,053	1,033,331
Merced	2,640,138	2,487,156	272,411	5,399,706
Modoc	68,667	67,326	5,239	141,231
Mono	10,496	8,507	7,991	26,994
Monterey	3,227,865	2,809,239	539,710	6,576,814
Napa	607,588	492,665	183,192	1,283,444
Nevada	320,613	296,405	50,358	667,376
Orange	8,717,355	7,814,391	1,108,421	17,640,166
Placer	959,879	830,362	233,727	2,023,969
Plumas	127,332	116,964	16,047	260,344
Riverside	12,312,560	11,244,728	1,903,003	25,460,292
Sacramento	9,853,901	9,641,472	1,618,177	21,113,549
San Benito	299,423	287,809	48,322	635,554
San Bernardino	16,269,757	14,467,839	1,943,435	32,681,032
San Diego	12,190,332	11,301,494	1,567,834	25,059,660
San Francisco	1,768,691	1,588,301	396,685	3,753,678
San Joaquin	4,259,015	3,990,307	571,930	8,821,252
San Luis Obispo	591,996	537,223	39,601	1,168,819
San Mateo	1,256,025	1,084,839	286,949	2,627,812
Santa Barbara	1,922,819	1,770,631	260,934	3,954,384
Santa Clara	6,656,917	6,243,571	847,268	13,747,757
Santa Cruz	1,014,570	920,251	139,910	2,074,731
Shasta	1,949,000	1,721,195	383,290	4,053,485
Sierra	10,319	7,515	1,291	19,125
Siskiyou	335,829	322,380	65,966	724,175
Solano	2,346,992	2,308,623	392,941	5,048,556
Sonoma	1,542,887	1,397,977	250,686	3,191,549
Stanislaus	4,664,348	4,443,284	459,383	9,567,014
Sutter	625,201	548,974	118,375	1,292,549
Tehama	624,428	552,820	111,172	1,288,420
Trinity	82,971	72,252	14,373	169,596
Tulare	3,713,238	3,626,452	379,740	7,719,431
Tuolumne	284,324	252,304	43,134	579,763
Ventura	3,179,308	2,966,500	281,260	6,427,069
Yolo	1,101,974	994,069	177,836	2,273,879
Yuba	648,627	603,381	89,724	1,341,732
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies				
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	637,249	570,319	109,362	1,316,930
Humboldt/Trinity	804,612	738,089	130,941	1,673,642
Inyo/Mono	103,020	93,863	15,828	212,712
Merced/Mariposa	2,732,235	2,563,756	283,151	5,579,141
Santa Cruz/San Benito	1,313,993	1,208,060	188,232	2,710,285
Sierra/Nevada	330,932	303,920	51,649	686,501
Siskiyou/Modoc	404,495	389,706	71,205	865,406

SOURCE: CS35 Supplement to the CS34 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. These estimates do not include an estimate of costs avoided as a result of the Child Support Program due to decreased expenditures for governmental assistance programs for families that otherwise would have been on public assistance. In accordance with Family Code section 17556, this report provides information on cost avoidance benefits for other governmental programs as a result of California's Child Support Program.

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 major 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."

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

Subsequent to 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

In the absence of updated microsimulation models and either nationwide or California cost avoidance studies, a methodology for cost avoidance for SFY 2017-18 has been designed that relies on SFY 2000-01 non-assistance collections and SFY 2000-01 estimated cost avoidance by the microsimulation model.

The first step of the methodology was to divide the total cost avoidance (federal and California share) for each of the programs in SFY 2000-01 (displayed in Table 1 above) by the total SFY 2000-01 non-assistance collections. This resulted in the ratios displayed in Table 2 (below).

Table 2: SFY 2000-01 Estimated Cost Avoidance Per Dollar of \$1.3 Billion in Non-Assistance Collections

	Federal Share	California Share	Total
Entitlement Programs			
Food Stamps	\$0.05131	\$0.00000	\$0.05131
Medi-Cal	\$0.01123	\$0.01069	\$0.02192
SSI	\$0.01262		\$0.01262
Total	\$0.07515	\$0.01069	\$0.08585
Block Grant / Discretionary Programs			
CalWORKs	\$0.00000	\$0.08700	\$0.08700
Housing	\$0.00315	\$0.00315	\$0.00631
Total	\$0.00315	\$0.09015	\$0.09331
All Programs	\$0.07831	\$0.10085	\$0.17915

These ratios were then multiplied by the SFY 2017-18 non-assistance collections to estimate total cost avoidance by program (federal and California share) for SFY 2017-18. The results are displayed in Table 3 below.

Table 3: SFY 2017-18 Estimated Cost Avoidance Per Dollar of \$1.948 Billion in Non-Assistance Collections
(millions of dollars)

	Federal Share	California Share	Total
Entitlement Programs			
Food Stamps	\$99.9	\$0.0	\$99.9
Medi-Cal	\$21.9	\$20.8	\$42.7
SSI	\$24.6	\$0.0	\$24.6
Total	\$146.4	\$20.8	\$167.2
Block Grant / Discretionary Programs			
CalWORKs	\$0.0	\$169.5	\$169.5
Housing	\$6.1	\$6.1	\$12.3
Total	\$6.1	\$175.6	\$181.8
All Programs	\$152.5	\$196.4	\$349.0

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.

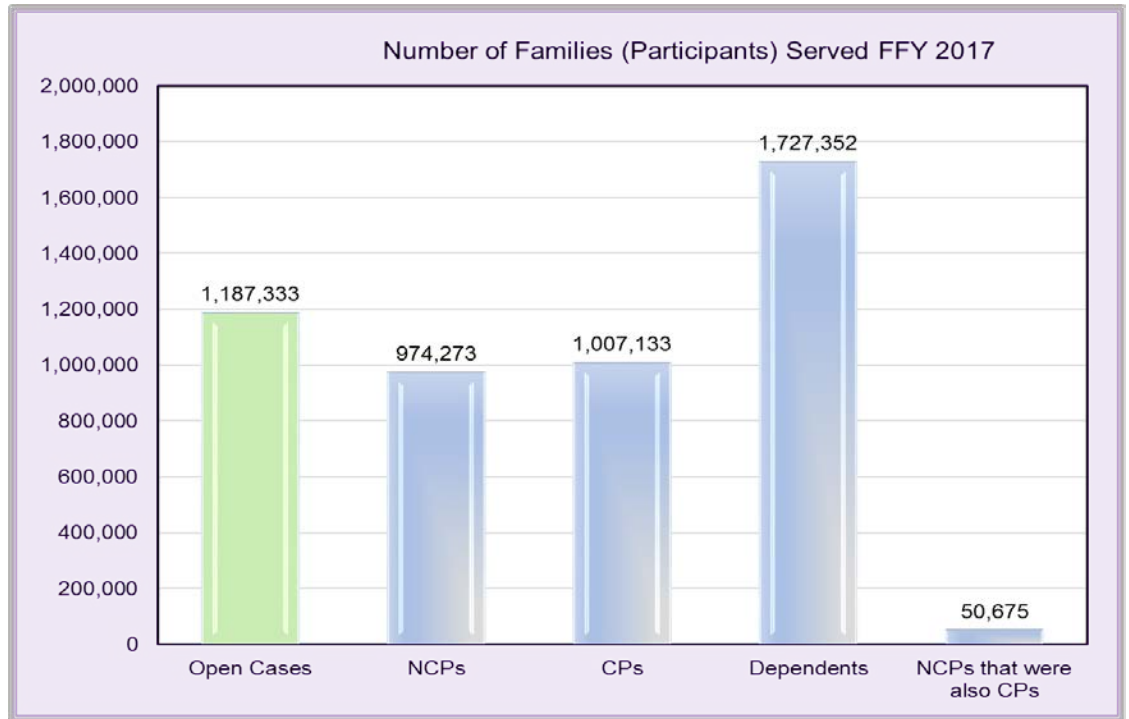
Based on the age of the data cited above, it is recommended an updated study be completed. DCSS is currently exploring options to create a new study on cost avoidance, with the hopes to include the updated data in next year's report.

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 2017, there were 974,273 non-custodial parents (NCP), 1,007,133 custodial parties (CP), 1,727,352 Dependents, and 50,675 of the NCPs were also CPs on a separate case.

Please see Table C on page 13.



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DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2017

TABLE C
NUMBER OF FAMILIES (PARTICIPANTS) SERVED
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2017

	Non Custodial Parent (NCP)	Custodial Party (CP)	Dependent
STATEWIDE	974,273	1,007,133	1,727,352
Alameda	27,526	26,861	42,101
Alpine	29	33	54
Amador	1,107	1,024	1,619
Butte	9,099	8,771	14,444
Calaveras	1,452	1,334	2,239
Colusa	636	578	1,013
Contra Costa	23,558	22,643	36,606
Del Norte	2,038	1,964	3,184
El Dorado	4,921	4,407	7,354
Fresno	48,089	47,988	89,494
Glenn	1,387	1,264	2,206
Humboldt	4,664	4,583	7,414
Imperial	8,918	8,482	15,726
Inyo	838	815	1,347
Kern	40,591	39,973	73,608
Kings	7,566	7,249	12,938
Lake	2,534	2,364	3,875
Lassen	1,312	1,246	2,006
Los Angeles	229,187	231,248	392,917
Madera	5,606	5,179	9,495
Marin	4,971	4,940	8,264
Mariposa	596	571	911
Mendocino	3,345	3,263	5,412
Merced	12,783	12,514	22,388
Modoc	336	321	522
Mono	233	235	357
Monterey	13,215	12,933	22,527
Napa	3,100	2,926	4,886
Nevada	2,705	2,571	4,008
Orange	61,564	59,670	101,124
Placer	7,055	6,669	10,786
Plumas	769	725	1,142
Riverside	73,679	70,170	123,491
Sacramento	62,767	61,586	104,452
San Benito	1,702	1,631	2,817
San Bernardino	96,424	90,608	161,816
San Diego	56,914	56,365	91,959
San Francisco	10,207	10,018	15,442
San Joaquin	29,734	28,714	50,606
San Luis Obispo	3,551	3,507	5,461
San Mateo	8,863	8,403	13,428
Santa Barbara	10,475	10,313	17,499
Santa Clara	28,555	29,162	48,041
Santa Cruz	4,876	4,715	7,741
Shasta	8,895	8,681	14,229
Sierra	92	89	143
Siskiyou	2,266	2,200	3,702
Solano	13,799	13,606	21,352
Sonoma	11,406	11,612	17,893
Stanislaus	23,844	23,084	39,502
Sutter	4,008	3,685	6,464
Tehama	3,121	2,877	4,921
Trinity	542	513	832
Tulare	19,681	19,989	36,266
Tuolumne	2,203	2,095	3,219
Ventura	18,133	18,311	30,370
Yolo	6,488	6,154	10,550
Yuba	3,461	3,257	5,518
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies			
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	4,791	4,486	7,131
Humboldt/Trinity	5,206	5,096	8,246
Inyo/Mono	1,071	1,050	1,704
Merced/Mariposa	13,379	13,085	23,299
Santa Cruz/San Benito	6,578	6,346	10,558
Sierra/Nevada	2,797	2,660	4,151
Siskiyou/Modoc	2,602	2,521	4,224

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

Note: Statewide total does not match the total of the individual counties.

DEFINITIONS

California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) - The public assistance program that implements the requirements set forth in the federal 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 (CHHS).

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 Social Security Act (commencing with Section 651 of Title 42 of the United States Code).

Dependent - A child who is under the care of someone else. Most children who are eligible to receive child support must be a dependent. The child ceases to be a dependent when they reach the "age of emancipation" as determined by state law, but depending on the state's provisions, may remain eligible for child support for a period after they are emancipated.

Disregard - Up to the first \$50 of a current support collection that is sent to an obligee on behalf of a current assistance case receiving TANF/CalWORKS/KinGAP benefits.

Distributed - The application of monies to specific accounts to determine the appropriate disbursement of monies.

Food Stamps/CalFresh (federally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP) – A federally mandated, state-supervised, and county-operated government entitlement program that provides monthly food benefits to assist low-income households in purchasing the food they need to maintain adequate nutritional levels.

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 (as specified in Section 110098) or foster care programs, or any Medi-Cal benefit for the benefit of any dependent child or the caretaker or child.

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 and applied to reimburse, in whole or in part, the unreimbursed assistance pool for public assistance 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.