

## Child Support

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This section describes the child support caseload. Three types of cases make up the Title IV-D child support cases:

- **Current Assistance** (individuals receiving TANF or Title IV-E Foster Care)
- **Former Assistance** (individuals who have ever received TANF/AFDC or Title IV-E Foster Care) and
- **Never Assistance** (individuals who have never received TANF/AFDC or Title IV-E Foster Care. Medicaid, child care only and State Only Foster Care are Never Assistance cases.)

The Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998 awards incentives to states' child support programs based on their performance on five measures.

1. Paternity establishment
2. Order establishment
3. Current support collected
4. Cases paying toward arrears
5. Cost effectiveness.

The Child Support Incentive Scorecard shows DCS outcomes on the five measures over the past two federal fiscal years. Information is presented in federal fiscal years because that is the time frame used for awarding incentives earned by the state's child support program. For example, in FFY 2001, DCS earned \$16.4 million in incentives compared to \$15.0 million in FFY 2000.

#### Highlights:

- **The overall performance on the Incentive Scorecard increased to 90% in FFY 2002**, compared to 86% in FFY 2001.
- **Child support collections increased to \$628.1 million in SFY 2002**, compared to \$605.2 in SFY 2001.
- **Child support served an average of 413,162 children per month in SFY 2002.**
- **The average monthly Child Support IV-D caseload decreased slightly in SFY 2002 (311,128 cases)**, compared to SFY 2001 (322,168 cases). The drop in current assistance cases is responsible for this decline.
- **Current Assistance cases numbered 49,049 in SFY 2002**, compared to 52,756 in SFY 2001, a 7.0 percent decrease.
- **The majority (87%) of non-custodial parents are male and 24-39 years old (55%).**

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### Child Support Incentive Scorecard FFY 2001 and FFY 2002<sup>1</sup>

Source: Division of Child Support

| MEASURE   | GOAL<br>NEEDED<br>TO OBTAIN<br>100%<br>FUNDING | ACTUAL<br>PERFORMANCE<br>FFY |        | PERCENTAGE<br>OF MAXIMUM<br>INCENTIVE<br>REACHED |      |
|---|--|------------------------------|--------|--|------|
|   |  | 2001                         | 2002   | 2001   | 2002 |
| <b>Paternity<br/>Establishment<br/>Percentage</b> | 83%  | 97%                          | 101%   | 100%   | 100% |
| <b>Order<br/>Establishment</b>                    | 80%  | 89%                          | 90%    | 100%   | 100% |
| <b>Current Support</b>                            | 80%  | 61%                          | 63%    | 71%  | 73%  |
| <b>Arrears Cases<br/>Paying</b>                   | 80%  | 63%                          | 68%    | 73%  | 78%  |
| <b>Cost Effectiveness</b>                         | \$5.00   | \$4.45                       | \$5.01 | 80%  | 100% |
| <b>OVERALL SCORE</b>                              |  |                              |        | 86%  | 90%  |

<sup>1</sup> FFY 2001 (Federal Fiscal Year) began October 1, 2000 and ended September 30, 2001. FFY 2002 began October 1, 2001 and ended September 30, 2002.

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### Child Support Caseload and Collections July 2000 to June 2002

Source: Division of Child Support

|               | CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD               |                             |                            |                           | CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS |                      | COLLECTIONS BY CASE TYPE             |                             |                            |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
|               | TANF/<br>FOSTER<br>CARE <sup>1</sup> | FORMER<br>ASST <sup>2</sup> | NEVER<br>ASST <sup>3</sup> | TOTAL<br>IV-D<br>CASELOAD | ACTUAL                    | PROJECTED            | TANF/<br>FOSTER<br>CARE <sup>1</sup> | FORMER<br>ASST <sup>2</sup> | NEVER<br>ASST <sup>3</sup> |
| <b>JUL 00</b> | 54,709                               | 181,168                     | 87,866                     | 323,743                   | \$48,865,565              | \$48,864,942         | \$3,800,039                          | \$23,060,369                | \$22,005,158               |
| <b>AUG</b>    | 52,237                               | 183,419                     | 87,736                     | 323,392                   | \$50,762,126              | \$50,760,541         | \$3,811,583                          | \$23,232,189                | \$23,718,354               |
| <b>SEPT</b>   | 54,125                               | 181,193                     | 87,863                     | 323,181                   | \$46,136,815              | \$48,876,511         | \$3,444,456                          | \$20,918,102                | \$21,774,258               |
| <b>OCT</b>    | 53,338                               | 182,634                     | 88,196                     | 324,168                   | \$49,186,433              | \$51,748,160         | \$3,600,325                          | \$22,522,652                | \$23,063,456               |
| <b>NOV</b>    | 52,427                               | 184,033                     | 88,452                     | 324,912                   | \$47,831,034              | \$47,177,736         | \$3,499,555                          | \$21,598,541                | \$22,732,939               |
| <b>DEC</b>    | 53,189                               | 183,512                     | 88,877                     | 325,578                   | \$46,463,255              | \$52,538,585         | \$3,289,714                          | \$20,763,183                | \$22,410,359               |
| <b>JAN 01</b> | 53,540                               | 183,727                     | 89,227                     | 326,494                   | \$49,233,100              | \$50,109,118         | \$3,527,907                          | \$22,208,011                | \$23,497,181               |
| <b>FEB</b>    | 52,311                               | 184,693                     | 89,390                     | 326,394                   | \$43,299,528              | \$48,288,196         | \$2,971,341                          | \$19,219,438                | \$21,108,749               |
| <b>MAR</b>    | 53,554                               | 179,416                     | 89,270                     | 322,240                   | \$57,973,307              | \$57,317,823         | \$4,536,523                          | \$27,475,563                | \$25,961,221               |
| <b>APR</b>    | 53,357                               | 177,675                     | 89,523                     | 320,555                   | \$53,179,919              | \$57,732,514         | \$4,056,056                          | \$25,031,156                | \$24,092,706               |
| <b>MAY</b>    | 50,921                               | 174,441                     | 89,043                     | 314,405                   | \$55,414,647              | \$58,506,724         | \$4,168,991                          | \$26,260,469                | \$24,985,187               |
| <b>JUNE</b>   | 49,363                               | 172,712                     | 88,873                     | 310,948                   | \$56,869,744              | \$61,474,248         | \$4,445,089                          | \$27,033,786                | \$25,390,869               |
| <b>SFY 01</b> | <b>52,756</b>                        | <b>180,719</b>              | <b>88,693</b>              | <b>322,168</b>            | <b>\$605,215,474</b>      | <b>\$633,395,098</b> | <b>\$45,151,579</b>                  | <b>\$279,323,458</b>        | <b>\$280,740,437</b>       |
| <b>JUL 01</b> | 49,692                               | 172,703                     | 89,455                     | 311,850                   | \$49,913,138              | \$57,998,478         | \$3,606,111                          | \$22,635,318                | \$23,672,586               |
| <b>AUG</b>    | 48,611                               | 173,529                     | 89,457                     | 311,597                   | \$53,057,105              | \$53,725,639         | \$3,900,481                          | \$24,494,034                | \$24,663,318               |
| <b>SEPT</b>   | 49,668                               | 172,275                     | 89,755                     | 311,698                   | \$48,552,816              | \$53,648,221         | \$3,330,228                          | \$22,400,543                | \$22,822,629               |
| <b>OCT</b>    | 48,925                               | 173,577                     | 90,337                     | 312,839                   | \$52,718,518              | \$56,776,082         | \$3,782,119                          | \$24,099,674                | \$24,837,455               |
| <b>NOV</b>    | 49,856                               | 172,608                     | 90,607                     | 313,071                   | \$49,257,319              | \$51,801,460         | \$3,369,564                          | \$21,755,972                | \$24,132,509               |
| <b>DEC</b>    | 50,490                               | 171,693                     | 90,793                     | 312,976                   | \$47,876,410              | \$57,725,095         | \$3,347,172                          | \$21,049,664                | \$23,480,345               |
| <b>JAN 02</b> | 50,858                               | 171,613                     | 91,572                     | 314,043                   | \$50,632,747              | \$55,044,462         | \$3,573,007                          | \$22,240,920                | \$24,819,556               |
| <b>FEB</b>    | 50,198                               | 172,012                     | 92,079                     | 314,289                   | \$46,919,867              | \$53,099,757         | \$3,308,694                          | \$20,329,854                | \$23,282,066               |
| <b>MAR</b>    | 50,218                               | 169,908                     | 92,333                     | 312,459                   | \$57,891,994              | \$62,673,631         | \$4,687,382                          | \$26,904,443                | \$26,300,961               |
| <b>APR</b>    | 48,220                               | 168,716                     | 92,275                     | 309,211                   | \$56,498,103              | \$62,986,496         | \$4,339,099                          | \$26,117,922                | \$26,041,737               |
| <b>MAY</b>    | 46,866                               | 166,950                     | 92,214                     | 306,030                   | \$56,567,341              | \$63,741,588         | \$4,013,780                          | \$26,212,741                | \$26,340,836               |
| <b>JUNE</b>   | 44,987                               | 166,346                     | 92,139                     | 303,472                   | \$58,305,985              | \$66,944,872         | \$4,300,547                          | \$27,607,619                | \$26,398,215               |
| <b>SFY 02</b> | <b>49,049</b>                        | <b>170,994</b>              | <b>91,085</b>              | <b>311,128</b>            | <b>\$628,191,342</b>      | <b>\$696,165,781</b> | <b>\$3,606,111</b>                   | <b>\$22,635,318</b>         | <b>\$23,672,586</b>        |

**Note:** Case counts are unduplicated

<sup>1</sup> TANF/Foster Care or Current Assistance (TANF or Title IV - E Foster Care)

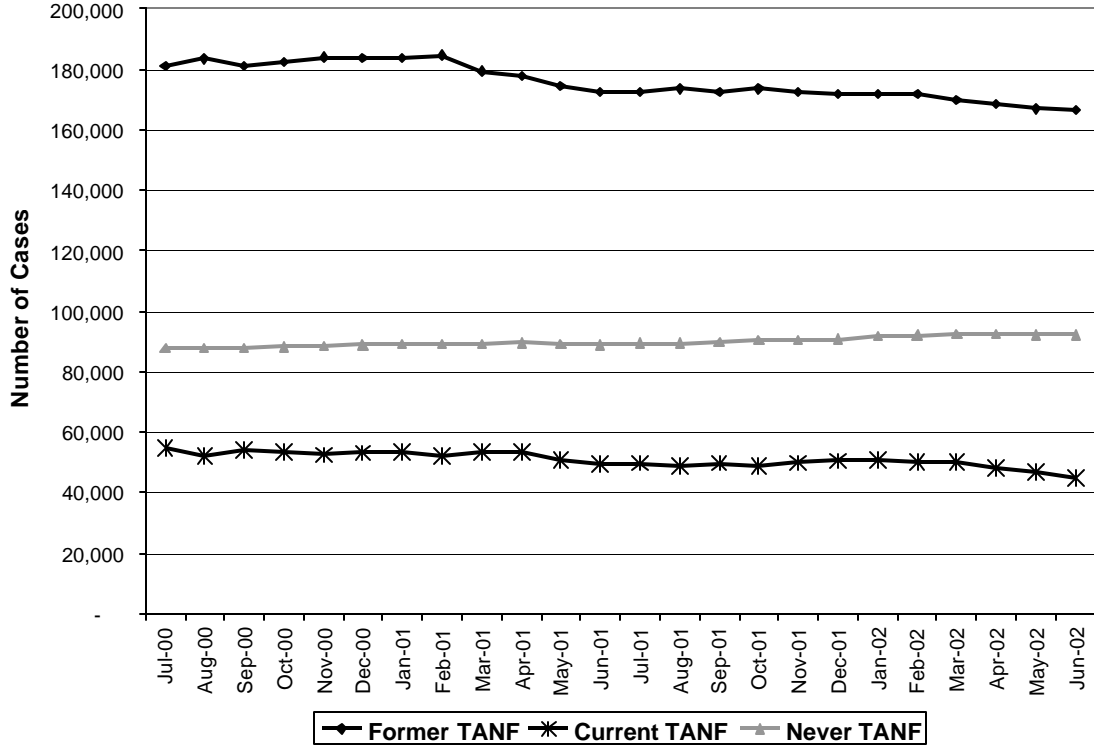
<sup>2</sup> Former Assistance (individuals who have ever received TANF/AFDC or Title IV - E Foster Care); and

<sup>3</sup> Never Assistance (individuals who have never received TANF/AFDC or Title IV - E. Medicaid only, child care only and State Only Foster Care are considered Never Assistance). Payment Service Only and medical and subrogated debt cases are excluded from Title IV -D cases.

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## Child Support Caseload by Type July 2000 to June 2002

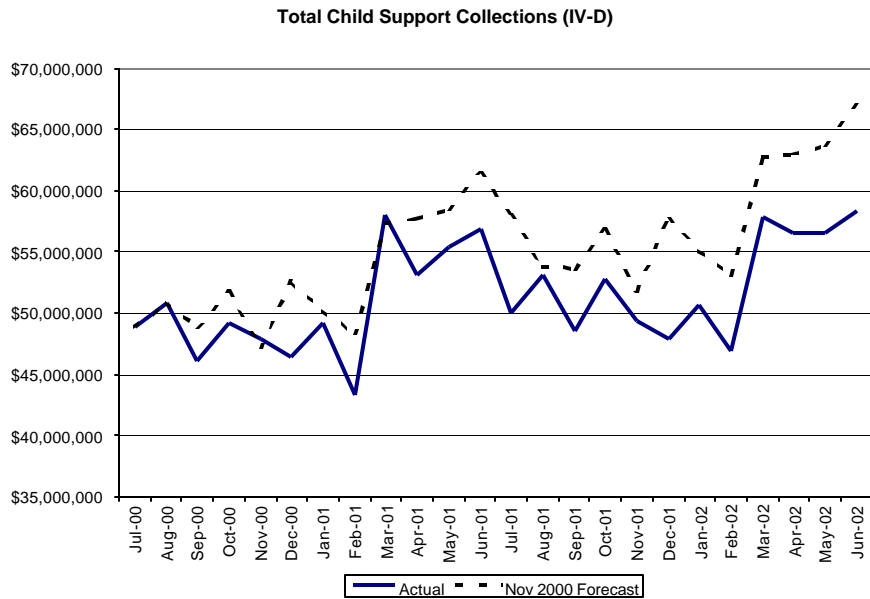
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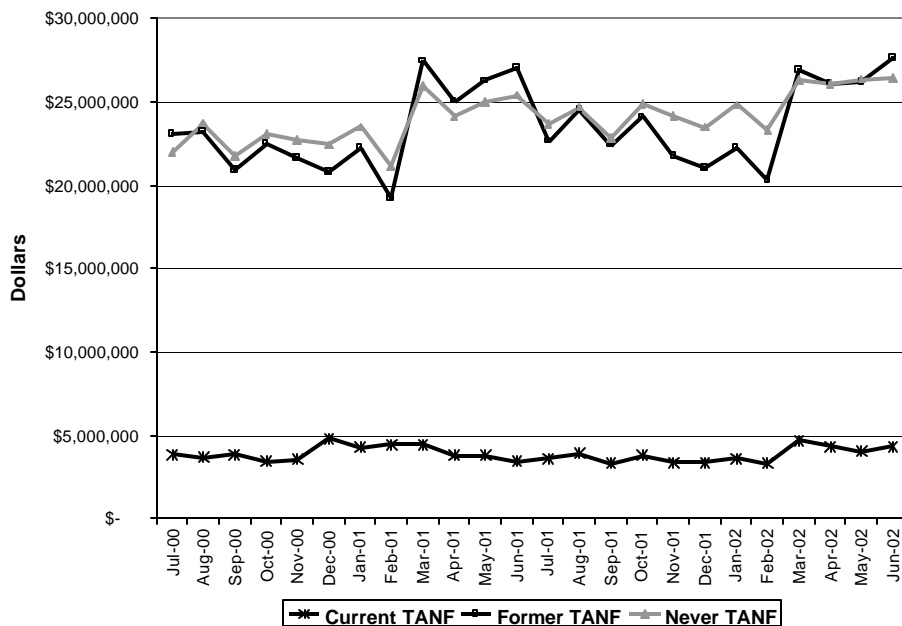
### Child Support Collections Actual and Projected – SFY 2001 to SFY 2002

Source: Division of Child Support



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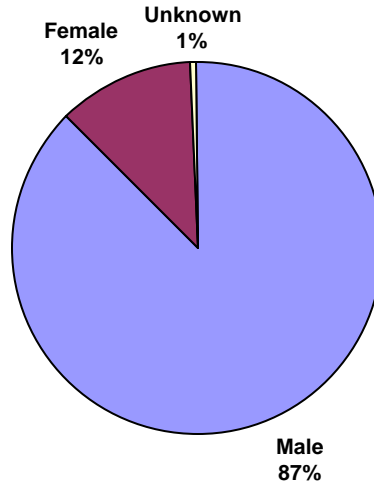
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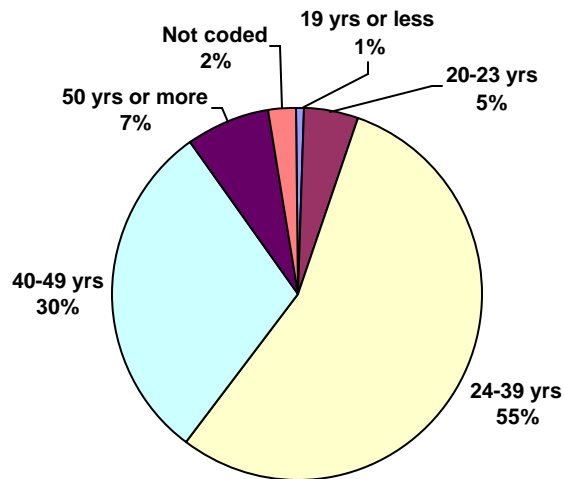
### Non-Custodial Parents by Gender, August 2002 (N=304,565)

Source: Division of Child Support



### Non-Custodial Parents by Age, August 2002 (N=304,565)

Source: Division of Child Support



**Note:** The non-custodial parent is the parent (mother, father, or reputed father) who is now or eventually may be obligated under the law for the support of a child or children receiving services under the Title IV -D child support program.