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CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE AB
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FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019

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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, 2021.
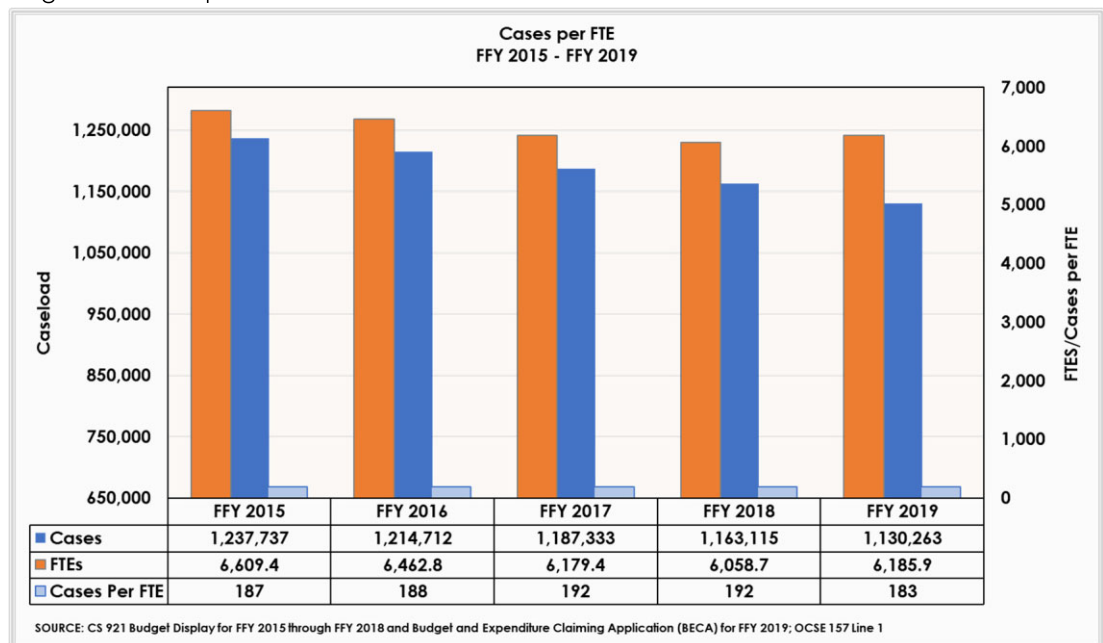
CASES TO FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) RATIO

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 2019, the number of opened cases were 1,130,263. A full-time position reflects 1.0 FTE. Fractional time base (part-time) positions may be entered by tenths of a position. There were 6,185.9 FTE staff in FFY 2019.

From FFY 2015 to FFY 2019, both the number of cases and FTEs declined (see figure 1). Cases decreased by 107,474 or 8.7 percent, while FTEs decreased by 423.5 or 6.4 percent. In FFY 2018, there were 192 cases per FTE and 183 cases per FTE in FFY 2019, for a total reduction of 9 cases per FTE. On average statewide, an FTE employee provided services to 183 cases.

See Tables A and A.1 on pages 4 and 5.

Figure 1: Cases per FTE

Cases per FTE
FFY 2015 - FFY 2019

	FFY 2015	FFY 2016	FFY 2017	FFY 2018	FFY 2019
■ Cases	1,237,737	1,214,712	1,187,333	1,163,115	1,130,263
■ FTEs	6,609.4	6,462.8	6,179.4	6,058.7	6,185.9
□ Cases Per FTE	187	188	192	192	183

SOURCE: CS 921 Budget Display for FFY 2015 through FFY 2018 and Budget and Expenditure Claiming Application (BECA) for FFY 2019; OCSE 157 Line 1

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TABLE A
CASES TO FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019

	Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)	Cases	Cases per FTE
STATEWIDE	6,185.9	1,130,263	183
Alameda	157.0	30,813	196
Alpine	*	36	*
Amador	*	1,151	*
Butte	100.0	9,979	100
Calaveras	*	1,495	*
Colusa	5.0	673	135
Contra Costa	149.0	26,648	179
Del Norte	18.5	2,307	125
El Dorado	37.0	5,447	147
Fresno	232.0	60,001	259
Glenn	8.2	1,662	203
Humboldt	*	5,145	*
Imperial	62.0	9,915	160
Inyo	*	939	*
Kern	215.1	51,712	240
Kings	51.0	8,918	175
Lake	24.1	2,670	111
Lassen	9.0	1,500	167
Los Angeles	1,468.0	235,712	161
Madera	28.8	6,596	229
Marin	19.4	4,382	226
Mariposa	*	655	*
Mendocino	29.0	3,649	126
Merced	*	14,934	*
Modoc	*	273	*
Mono	*	220	*
Monterey	80.5	14,293	178
Napa	28.0	3,246	116
Nevada	*	2,662	*
Orange	435.8	63,477	146
Placer	40.0	6,915	173
Plumas	6.0	811	135
Riverside	290.0	80,495	278
Sacramento	291.0	72,512	249
San Benito	*	1,903	*
San Bernardino	420.0	101,041	241
San Diego	348.5	61,511	177
San Francisco	67.1	10,204	152
San Joaquin	142.0	34,193	241
San Luis Obispo	29.5	3,809	129
San Mateo	70.3	8,788	125
Santa Barbara	68.8	11,874	173
Santa Clara	197.0	30,617	155
Santa Cruz	*	5,146	*
Shasta	70.0	10,354	148
Sierra	*	92	*
Siskiyou	*	2,567	*
Solano	91.0	15,494	170
Sonoma	80.0	10,698	134
Stanislaus	131.6	26,389	201
Sutter	24.0	4,321	180
Tehama	19.0	3,574	188
Trinity	*	804	*
Tulare	155.0	22,043	142
Tuolumne	*	2,385	*
Ventura	171.0	19,608	115
Yolo	40.3	7,117	177
Yuba	26.0	3,888	150
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies			
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	34.0	5,067	149
Humboldt/Trinity	43.0	5,949	138
Inyo/Mono	7.0	1,159	166
Merced/Mariposa	81.0	15,589	192
Santa Cruz/San Benito	53.8	7,049	131
Sierra/Nevada	14.0	2,754	197
Siskiyou/Modoc	17.6	2,840	161

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 2015 - 2019

	FFY 2015	FFY 2016	FFY 2017	FFY 2018	FFY 2019	2015 - 2019 % Change
STATEWIDE	**187**	**188**	**192**	**192**	**183**	**-2.1%**
Alameda	153	155	171	191	196	28.1
Alpine	*	*	*	*	*	*
Amador	*	*	*	*	*	*
Butte	109	109	112	103	100	-8.3
Calaveras	*	*	*	*	*	*
Colusa	114	103	116	103	135	18.4
Contra Costa	188	192	201	199	179	-4.8
Del Norte	139	122	105	129	125	-10.1
El Dorado	125	142	131	142	147	17.6
Fresno	260	260	294	301	259	-0.4
Glenn	204	207	204	205	203	-0.5
Humboldt	133	127	*	*	*	*
Imperial	168	161	175	165	160	-4.8
Inyo	*	*	*	*	*	*
Kern	288	296	278	281	240	-16.7
Kings	185	187	198	191	175	-5.4
Lake	96	113	112	113	111	15.6
Lassen	141	152	148	159	167	18.4
Los Angeles	186	183	178	174	161	-13.4
Madera	190	191	207	226	229	20.5
Marin	101	219	250	212	226	123.8
Mariposa	97	100	*	*	*	*
Mendocino	114	108	149	135	126	10.5
Merced	220	197	*	*	*	*
Modoc	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mono	*	*	*	*	*	*
Monterey	171	167	168	170	178	4.1
Napa	126	118	115	117	116	-7.9
Nevada	*	*	*	*	*	*
Orange	131	137	142	141	146	11.5
Placer	186	172	175	163	173	-7.0
Plumas	127	138	144	139	135	6.3
Riverside	273	304	308	308	278	1.8
Sacramento	279	285	284	275	249	-10.8
San Benito	*	*	*	*	*	*
San Bernardino	285	279	290	283	241	-15.4
San Diego	166	146	163	171	177	6.6
San Francisco	164	154	162	157	152	-7.3
San Joaquin	240	250	263	272	241	0.4
San Luis Obispo	110	119	121	127	129	17.3
San Mateo	140	133	127	126	125	-10.7
Santa Barbara	162	166	166	176	173	6.8
Santa Clara	147	147	146	152	155	5.4
Santa Cruz	*	*	*	*	*	*
Shasta	156	154	152	148	148	-5.1
Sierra	*	*	*	*	*	*
Siskiyou	*	*	*	*	*	*
Solano	166	173	168	175	170	2.4
Sonoma	142	157	156	151	134	-5.6
Stanislaus	189	195	212	203	201	6.3
Sutter	169	172	183	193	180	6.5
Tehama	184	176	185	187	188	2.2
Trinity	135	165	*	*	*	*
Tulare	157	160	154	142	142	-9.6
Tuolumne	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ventura	119	115	112	113	115	-3.4
Yolo	153	175	168	186	177	15.7
Yuba	143	134	136	138	150	4.9
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies						
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	123	131	131	129	149	21.1
Humboldt/Trinity	n/a	n/a	149	140	138	n/a
Inyo/Mono	135	146	154	147	166	23.0
Merced/Mariposa	n/a	n/a	205	200	192	n/a
Santa Cruz/San Benito	109	113	121	130	131	20.2
Sierra/Nevada	208	186	179	197	197	-5.3
Siskiyou/Modoc	172	164	178	189	161	-6.4

SOURCE: CS 921 Budget Display for FFY 2015 through FFY 2018 and Budget and Expenditure Claiming Application (BECA) for FFY 2019; OCSE 157 Line 1

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 2019, the California Department of Child Support Services distributed a total of $2.2 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 2019, $354.1 million was recouped by government agencies ($169.5 million federal share, $165.1 million state share, and $19.5 million county share, see figure 3).

See Tables B and B.1 on pages 7 and 8.

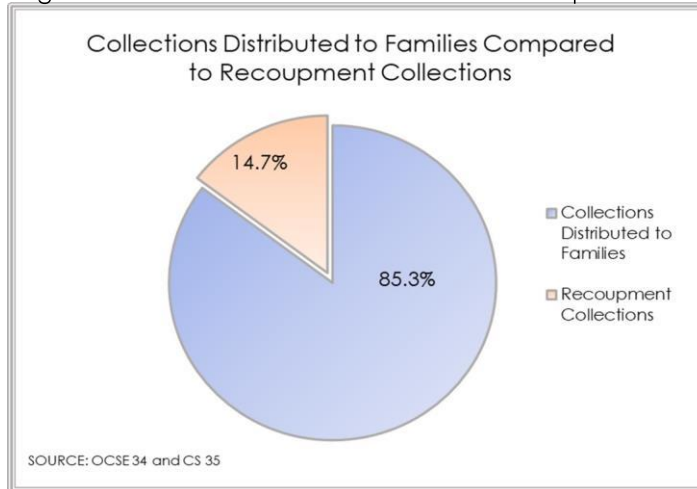Figure 2: Collections Distributed to Families Compared to Recoupment Collections

Figure 3: Recoupment Collections

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TABLE B
DISTRIBUTED COLLECTIONS
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019

	Sent to Other States	Sent to Other Countries	Disregard	Distributed as Medical Support	Distributed to Family or Foster Care	Total
STATEWIDE	$94,638,689	$2,726,943	$20,776,768	$2,797,389	$2,055,200,687	$2,176,140,475
Alameda	3,343,102	151,619	436,297	78,023	68,706,463	72,715,504
Alpine	2,845	0	0	178	31,165	34,188
Amador	107,491	1,375	13,559	5,713	2,630,923	2,759,061
Butte	870,745	5,590	223,084	40,965	12,708,425	13,848,809
Calaveras	77,508	0	29,706	7,563	2,591,448	2,706,226
Colusa	36,337	0	4,581	3,669	1,561,705	1,606,292
Contra Costa	660,891	12,014	462,145	164,395	64,827,400	66,126,846
Del Norte	174,024	2,611	48,824	14,962	2,001,192	2,241,612
El Dorado	478,839	3,794	83,611	44,754	11,604,518	12,215,516
Fresno	2,643,383	65,721	1,285,313	64,474	67,957,045	72,015,936
Glenn	103,919	21,926	37,614	518	2,713,916	2,877,892
Humboldt	491,712	1,529	96,565	7,353	6,348,743	6,945,902
Imperial	486,155	15,211	245,496	4,613	20,800,337	21,551,812
Inyo	54,756	250	7,664	287	1,581,699	1,644,656
Kern	2,447,942	17,800	930,255	42,409	68,434,869	71,873,273
Kings	462,884	0	194,376	4,163	12,403,482	13,064,906
Lake	249,133	0	61,159	1,830	3,501,638	3,813,760
Lassen	114,922	0	28,554	4,197	1,987,314	2,134,986
Los Angeles	22,653,108	900,508	4,351,346	442,578	404,168,682	432,516,222
Madera	275,866	0	230,141	1,079	8,199,349	8,706,434
Marin	461,360	30,084	42,030	60,666	11,840,558	12,434,698
Mariposa	60,015	0	13,641	1,250	921,407	996,313
Mendocino	313,121	0	63,451	12,281	4,433,145	4,821,999
Merced	722,188	28,938	456,311	18,721	20,541,238	21,767,396
Modoc	38,332	0	4,393	46	333,900	376,671
Mono	44,974	0	747	929	711,069	757,720
Monterey	1,323,520	16,445	251,663	23,604	36,923,141	38,538,374
Napa	349,812	7,655	40,097	36,080	8,945,888	9,379,532
Nevada	282,908	19,553	44,852	21,103	5,119,118	5,487,534
Orange	5,351,112	93,716	1,077,078	317,354	163,568,554	170,407,813
Placer	714,916	23,412	106,371	56,606	24,662,856	25,564,162
Plumas	130,528	0	14,572	4,765	1,544,745	1,694,609
Riverside	6,066,982	123,827	1,473,036	32,510	142,575,088	150,271,443
Sacramento	5,496,235	63,115	1,110,623	133,166	98,833,383	105,636,521
San Benito	144,343	5,675	39,942	3,477	4,738,838	4,932,275
San Bernardino	5,476,661	111,531	2,163,190	167,713	155,425,115	163,344,210
San Diego	11,316,697	222,609	872,142	355,174	145,086,783	157,853,405
San Francisco	969,957	57,222	182,036	26,378	21,994,827	23,230,420
San Joaquin	2,205,371	36,895	523,105	46,213	51,208,042	54,019,627
San Luis Obispo	569,135	10,822	97,290	16,543	12,812,943	13,506,734
San Mateo	1,377,329	223,814	66,810	65,785	27,713,179	29,446,917
Santa Barbara	900,512	12,483	244,911	23,794	23,918,259	25,099,959
Santa Clara	3,061,336	151,469	398,286	119,666	77,783,462	81,514,220
Santa Cruz	492,075	13,146	111,191	16,166	11,923,984	12,556,562
Shasta	825,328	10,865	204,097	37,874	13,956,822	15,034,986
Sierra	10,631	0	450	0	160,379	171,460
Siskiyou	196,706	722	42,912	7,870	2,642,732	2,890,942
Solano	1,622,042	26,613	283,038	30,375	32,855,587	34,817,656
Sonoma	2,849,971	76,652	195,196	67,888	28,061,321	31,251,029
Stanislaus	1,413,902	20,209	581,120	39,339	43,897,773	45,952,343
Sutter	253,220	4,835	88,707	7,463	6,593,397	6,947,622
Tehama	219,096	53	90,613	3,828	4,721,487	5,035,077
Trinity	53,799	0	9,392	8,059	1,338,816	1,410,066
Tulare	747,688	7,111	477,702	21,393	31,707,700	32,961,594
Tuolumne	183,330	0	43,756	9,696	4,342,443	4,579,225
Ventura	2,006,301	98,729	403,951	33,693	49,231,611	51,774,285
Yolo	340,386	7,030	94,490	26,139	12,407,029	12,875,074
Yuba	311,306	21,767	93,287	10,055	4,963,757	5,400,172
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies						
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	371,174	1,375	87,021	23,150	9,595,979	10,078,699
Humboldt/Trinity	545,511	1,529	105,957	15,412	7,687,559	8,355,968
Inyo/Mono	99,730	250	8,411	1,217	2,292,769	2,402,376
Merced/Mariposa	782,203	28,938	469,952	19,970	21,462,646	22,763,709
Santa Cruz/San Benito	636,418	18,822	151,132	19,644	16,662,822	17,488,837
Sierra/Nevada	293,539	19,553	45,302	21,103	5,279,497	5,658,994
Siskiyou/Modoc	235,039	722	47,305	7,916	2,976,631	3,267,612

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

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TABLE B.1
RECOUPMENT COLLECTIONS
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019

	Federal	State	County	Total
STATEWIDE	**$169,489,555**	**$165,055,023**	**$19,538,867**	**$354,083,445**
Alameda	4,931,589	5,001,452	698,938	10,631,979
Alpine	4,263	3,891	372	8,527
Amador	106,886	100,431	13,845	221,161
Butte	1,744,781	1,706,612	253,278	3,704,671
Calaveras	203,044	195,868	22,534	421,446
Colusa	67,376	61,030	11,186	139,593
Contra Costa	3,158,254	3,080,929	523,812	6,762,995
Del Norte	325,073	315,305	53,568	693,946
El Dorado	846,800	766,962	254,304	1,868,065
Fresno	10,564,006	10,428,322	1,205,265	22,197,592
Glenn	270,676	251,648	57,923	580,248
Humboldt	758,957	726,089	124,194	1,609,240
Imperial	1,527,796	1,444,755	140,909	3,113,460
Inyo	68,792	69,254	9,087	147,134
Kern	6,261,193	5,983,733	779,147	13,024,073
Kings	1,187,596	1,187,569	109,893	2,485,057
Lake	404,128	424,996	47,414	876,538
Lassen	193,456	179,988	28,992	402,436
Los Angeles	38,340,818	37,325,242	2,960,044	78,626,103
Madera	1,040,601	991,231	151,127	2,182,960
Marin	325,387	340,926	67,476	733,790
Mariposa	67,186	62,165	5,997	135,348
Mendocino	492,722	473,327	51,687	1,017,737
Merced	2,530,810	2,511,569	236,195	5,278,574
Modoc	44,407	46,039	6,360	96,806
Mono	18,815	16,292	2,522	37,629
Monterey	2,913,185	2,696,647	492,763	6,102,594
Napa	503,003	446,628	144,354	1,093,984
Nevada	277,212	253,884	29,054	560,150
Orange	7,167,038	6,809,303	826,749	14,803,089
Placer	837,493	824,615	214,118	1,876,226
Plumas	113,901	105,451	13,792	233,144
Riverside	11,798,831	11,475,931	1,460,464	24,735,225
Sacramento	9,060,133	9,491,673	1,415,613	19,967,419
San Benito	339,106	319,148	39,807	698,062
San Bernardino	14,909,706	13,965,112	1,639,643	30,514,462
San Diego	10,205,631	10,009,154	1,160,523	21,375,309
San Francisco	1,645,607	1,597,987	300,011	3,543,605
San Joaquin	3,952,271	3,827,765	463,046	8,243,083
San Luis Obispo	520,957	504,036	35,006	1,059,999
San Mateo	1,061,365	971,014	160,835	2,193,214
Santa Barbara	1,794,381	1,702,254	228,343	3,724,978
Santa Clara	5,883,689	5,729,516	711,055	12,324,260
Santa Cruz	878,448	842,199	98,834	1,819,480
Shasta	1,672,077	1,587,378	245,672	3,505,128
Sierra	11,818	10,203	1,615	23,637
Siskiyou	305,255	362,742	48,528	716,525
Solano	2,236,732	2,317,550	284,260	4,838,543
Sonoma	1,397,249	1,319,838	173,955	2,891,042
Stanislaus	4,668,057	4,610,327	473,877	9,752,262
Sutter	606,469	564,512	86,811	1,257,792
Tehama	554,411	539,146	90,342	1,183,899
Trinity	84,933	78,873	13,170	176,976
Tulare	3,558,310	3,527,691	334,282	7,420,283
Tuolumne	301,216	286,548	32,977	620,741
Ventura	3,179,748	3,084,361	265,346	6,529,455
Yolo	937,759	870,929	164,558	1,973,246
Yuba	628,152	626,980	73,396	1,328,528
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies				
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	615,410	586,737	69,728	1,271,875
Humboldt/Trinity	843,890	804,962	137,364	1,786,216
Inyo/Mono	87,607	85,547	11,609	184,763
Merced/Mariposa	2,597,996	2,573,734	242,192	5,413,922
Santa Cruz/San Benito	1,217,554	1,161,347	138,641	2,517,542
Sierra/Nevada	289,031	264,087	30,669	583,787
Siskiyou/Modoc	349,661	408,782	54,888	813,331

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. 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 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 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.

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

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 FY 2001 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 2019-20 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 2019-20 non-assistance collections to estimate cost avoidance by program (Federal and California share) for SFY 2019-20. 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 on page 11.

Table 2: SFY 2019-20 Estimated Cost Avoidance Per Dollar of $2.036 Billion in Non-Assistance Collections
(millions of dollars)

	Federal Share	California Share	Total
Entitlement Programs			
Food Stamps	104.5	0	104.5
Medi-Cal	22.9	21.8	44.6
SSI	25.7	0	25.7
Total	153.0	21.8	174.8
Block Grant / Discretionary Programs			
CalWORKs	0.0	177.1	177.1
Housing	6.4	6.4	12.8
Total	6.4	183.6	190.0
All Programs	159.4	205.3	364.8

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 2019, there were 925,971 non-custodial parents (NCPs), 961,110 custodial parties (CPs), 1,651,549 dependents, and 46,239 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
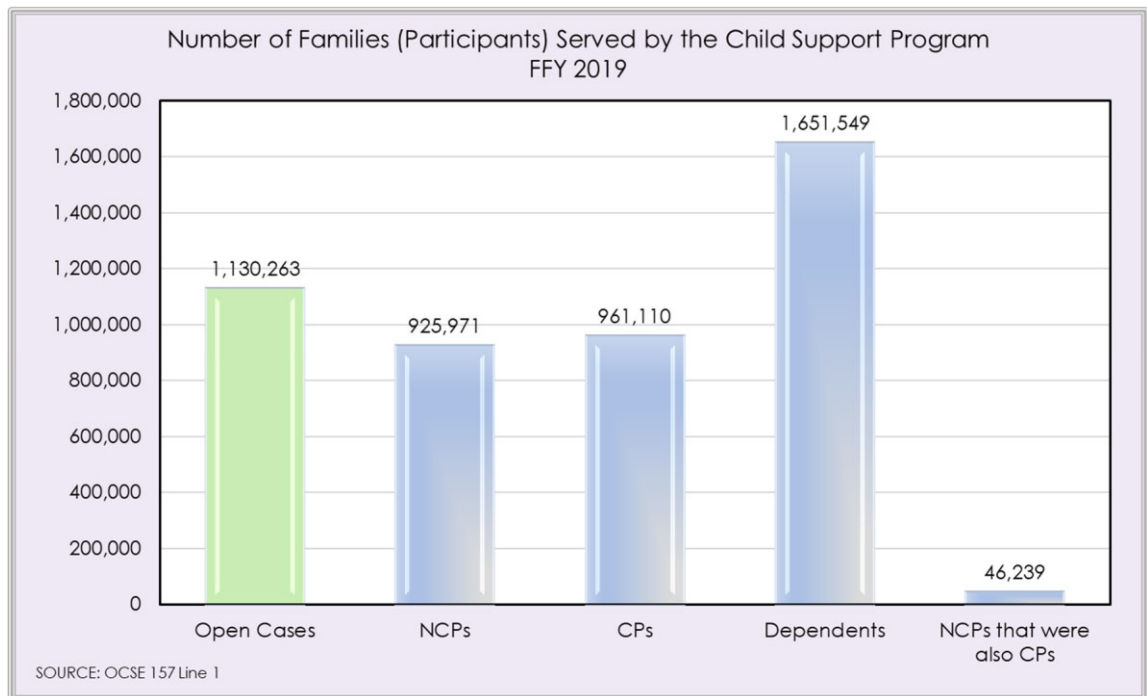
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TABLE C
NUMBER OF FAMILIES (PARTICIPANTS) SERVED
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2019

	Non-Custodial Parent (NCP)	Custodial Party (CP)	Dependent
STATEWIDE	**925,971**	**961,110**	**1,651,549**
Alameda	27,430	26,562	42,129
Alpine	29	33	50
Amador	1,079	996	1,555
Butte	8,375	8,114	13,310
Calaveras	1,360	1,282	2,121
Colusa	625	587	1,018
Contra Costa	23,827	23,182	37,225
Del Norte	1,862	1,775	2,946
El Dorado	4,746	4,303	7,208
Fresno	47,820	47,625	89,761
Glenn	1,403	1,272	2,220
Humboldt	4,321	4,250	6,865
Imperial	8,542	8,307	15,225
Inyo	795	787	1,328
Kern	42,139	41,178	76,461
Kings	7,545	7,161	12,844
Lake	2,434	2,269	3,744
Lassen	1,264	1,158	1,894
Los Angeles	210,843	215,147	364,751
Madera	5,693	5,223	9,709
Marin	3,971	3,949	6,530
Mariposa	595	562	908
Mendocino	3,146	3,060	5,126
Merced	12,708	12,489	22,370
Modoc	245	237	385
Mono	213	212	324
Monterey	12,200	12,008	20,947
Napa	2,870	2,723	4,522
Nevada	2,435	2,293	3,629
Orange	58,479	56,900	96,482
Placer	6,435	6,147	9,907
Plumas	723	677	1,074
Riverside	71,525	68,582	120,424
Sacramento	59,723	59,108	100,184
San Benito	1,669	1,608	2,808
San Bernardino	88,696	83,572	148,983
San Diego	55,596	55,008	90,423
San Francisco	8,915	8,871	13,539
San Joaquin	29,515	28,277	50,001
San Luis Obispo	3,598	3,507	5,542
San Mateo	8,124	7,794	12,401
Santa Barbara	10,308	9,997	17,153
Santa Clara	26,170	26,766	44,185
Santa Cruz	4,646	4,531	7,486
Shasta	8,449	8,237	13,536
Sierra	82	80	115
Siskiyou	2,208	2,138	3,631
Solano	13,561	13,388	21,032
Sonoma	9,270	9,391	14,655
Stanislaus	22,843	22,129	37,888
Sutter	3,786	3,488	6,136
Tehama	3,039	2,797	4,836
Trinity	712	730	1,058
Tulare	18,627	19,006	34,423
Tuolumne	2,068	1,994	3,038
Ventura	17,282	17,466	29,151
Yolo	6,185	5,926	10,046
Yuba	3,429	3,209	5,406
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies			
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	4,490	4,290	6,746
Humboldt/Trinity	5,001	4,912	7,878
Inyo/Mono	1,003	997	1,652
Merced/Mariposa	13,284	13,048	23,276
Santa Cruz/San Benito	6,296	6,133	10,286
Sierra/Nevada	2,513	2,372	3,743
Siskiyou/Modoc	2,444	2,363	4,001

SOURCE: OCSE 157 Line 1 (Cases Open at the End of the Fiscal Year)
Note: 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, nor the Regionalized 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 (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 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) – 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 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 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.