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FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2021

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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

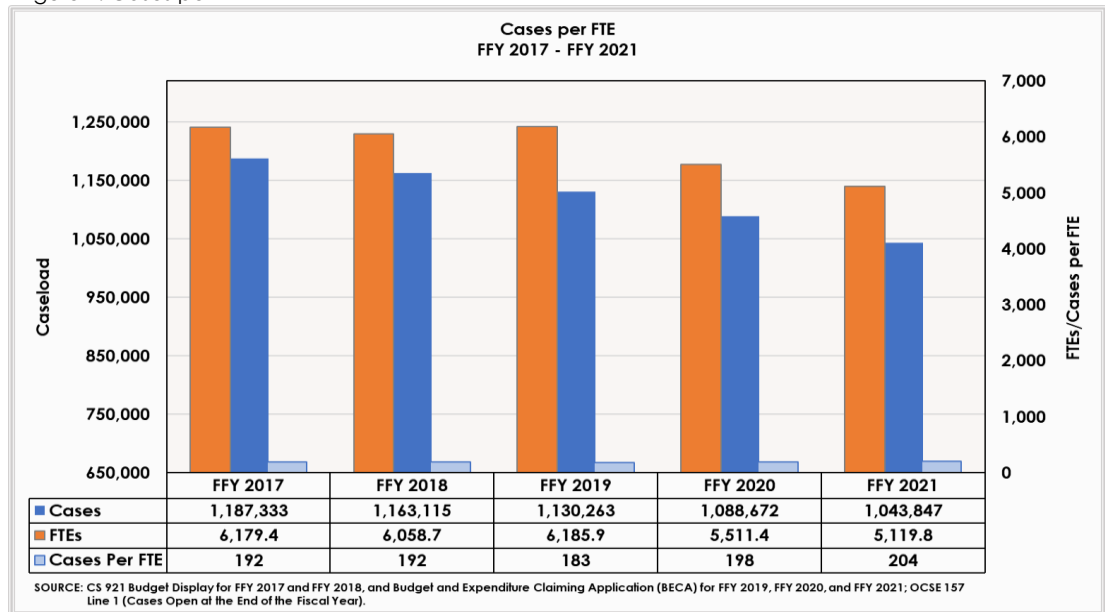
This report satisfies the requirement of FC section 17556 requiring a report of data compiled on California's Child Support Program to be submitted on or before March 1, 2023.

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 2021, the number of opened cases were 1,043,847. 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 5,119.8 FTE staff in FFY 2021.

From FFY 2017 to FFY 2021, both the number of cases and FTEs declined (see figure 1). Cases decreased by 143,486 or 12.1 percent, while FTEs decreased by 1,059.6 or 17.1 percent. There were 204 cases per FTE in FFY 2021 and 198 cases per FTE in FFY 2020, for a total increase of 6 cases per FTE. On average statewide, an FTE employee provided services to 204 cases in FFY 2021. 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	5,119.8	1,043,847	204
Alameda	120.8	29,249	242
Alpine	*	37	*
Amador	*	1,026	*
Butte	53.0	9,009	170
Calaveras	*	1,365	*
Colusa	1.0	700	700
Contra Costa	122.0	24,768	203
Del Norte	14.0	2,019	144
El Dorado	29.0	5,005	173
Fresno	209.2	56,387	270
Glenn	4.5	1,576	350
Humboldt	*	4,994	*
Imperial	47.0	9,447	201
Inyo	*	840	*
Kern	182.4	48,978	269
Kings	41.1	8,462	206
Lake	18.0	2,482	138
Lassen	6.0	1,402	234
Los Angeles	1,258.0	216,706	172
Madera	24.7	6,341	257
Marin	14.8	3,600	244
Mariposa	*	639	*
Mendocino	21.0	3,019	144
Merced	*	14,543	*
Modoc	*	268	*
Mono	*	198	*
Monterey	78.5	13,199	168
Napa	27.0	2,894	107
Nevada	*	2,438	*
Orange	322.2	57,329	178
Placer	35.9	6,359	177
Plumas	3.0	731	244
Riverside	298.0	74,545	250
Sacramento	260.0	67,177	258
San Benito	*	1,738	*
San Bernardino	378.0	90,833	240
San Diego	274.8	58,875	214
San Francisco	50.4	9,245	183
San Joaquin	118.9	31,905	268
San Luis Obispo	26.8	3,832	143
San Mateo	54.9	7,967	145
Santa Barbara	59.3	10,858	183
Santa Clara	156.6	27,426	175
Santa Cruz	*	4,642	*
Shasta	47.3	9,182	194
Sierra	*	88	*
Siskiyou	*	2,281	*
Solano	83.0	13,777	166
Sonoma	62.5	10,001	160
Stanislaus	116.1	23,955	206
Sutter	7.0	3,778	540
Tehama	18.0	3,248	180
Trinity	*	679	*
Tulare	105.7	22,088	209
Tuolumne	*	2,098	*
Ventura	100.5	17,846	178
Yolo	51.0	6,272	123
Yuba	24.0	3,501	146
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies			
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	24.6	4,526	184
Humboldt/Trinity	30.6	5,673	186
Inyo/Mono	4.7	1,038	221
Merced/Mariposa	64.5	15,182	235
Santa Cruz/San Benito	38.8	6,380	164
Sierra/Nevada	17.0	2,526	149
Siskiyou/Modoc	14.0	2,549	182

SOURCE: Budget and Expenditure Claiming Application (BECA); OCSE 157 Line 1 (Cases Open at the End of the Fiscal Year)
Note: In 2021 Colusa, Sutter, and Yolo began to merge, so some FTEs are captured under Yolo, while cases are still showing as Colusa and Sutter.
* 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 2017 - 2021**

	FFY 2017	FFY 2018	FFY 2019	FFY 2020	FFY 2021	2017 - 2021 % Change
STATEWIDE	192	192	183	198	204	6.3%
Alameda	171	191	196	234	242	41.5
Alpine	*	*	*	*	*	*
Amador	*	*	*	*	*	*
Butte	112	103	100	153	170	51.8
Calaveras	*	*	*	*	*	*
Colusa	116	103	135	176	700	503.4
Contra Costa	201	199	179	197	203	1.0
Del Norte	105	129	125	154	144	37.1
El Dorado	131	142	147	158	173	32.1
Fresno	294	301	259	268	270	-8.2
Glenn	204	205	203	207	350	71.6
Humboldt	*	*	*	*	*	*
Imperial	175	165	160	189	201	14.9
Inyo	*	*	*	*	*	*
Kern	278	281	240	268	269	-3.2
Kings	198	191	175	199	206	4.0
Lake	112	113	111	129	138	23.2
Lassen	148	159	167	210	234	58.1
Los Angeles	178	174	161	172	172	-3.4
Madera	207	226	229	252	257	24.2
Marin	250	212	226	233	244	-2.4
Mariposa	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mendocino	149	135	126	161	144	-3.4
Merced	*	*	*	*	*	*
Modoc	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mono	*	*	*	*	*	*
Monterey	168	170	178	163	168	0.0
Napa	115	117	116	110	107	-7.0
Nevada	*	*	*	*	*	*
Orange	142	141	146	171	178	25.4
Placer	175	163	173	177	177	1.1
Plumas	144	139	135	152	244	69.4
Riverside	308	308	278	252	250	-18.8
Sacramento	284	275	249	255	258	-9.2
San Benito	*	*	*	*	*	*
San Bernardino	290	283	241	232	240	-17.2
San Diego	163	171	177	201	214	31.3
San Francisco	162	157	152	185	183	13.0
San Joaquin	263	272	241	288	268	1.9
San Luis Obispo	121	127	129	137	143	18.2
San Mateo	127	126	125	132	145	14.2
Santa Barbara	166	176	173	180	183	10.2
Santa Clara	146	152	155	156	175	19.9
Santa Cruz	*	*	*	*	*	*
Shasta	152	148	148	196	194	27.6
Sierra	*	*	*	*	*	*
Siskiyou	*	*	*	*	*	*
Solano	168	175	170	171	166	-1.2
Sonoma	156	151	134	145	160	2.6
Stanislaus	212	203	201	205	206	-2.8
Sutter	183	193	180	201	540	195.1
Tehama	185	187	188	202	180	-2.7
Trinity	*	*	*	*	*	*
Tulare	154	142	142	153	209	35.7
Tuolumne	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ventura	112	113	115	158	178	58.9
Yolo	168	186	177	178	123	-26.8
Yuba	136	138	150	162	146	7.4
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies						
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	131	129	149	172	184	40.5
Humboldt/Trinity	149	140	138	175	186	24.8
Inyo/Mono	154	147	166	161	221	43.5
Merced/Mariposa	205	200	192	227	235	14.6
Santa Cruz/San Benito	121	130	131	132	164	35.5
Sierra/Nevada	179	197	197	165	149	-16.8
Siskiyou/Modoc	178	189	161	144	182	2.2

SOURCE: CS 921 Budget Display for FFY 2017 and FFY 2018; Budget and Expenditure Claiming Application (BECA) for FFY 2019 through FFY 2021;

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

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* 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 2021, 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 2021, \$399.3 million was recouped by government agencies (\$197.1 million federal share, \$180.0 million state share, and \$22.2 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

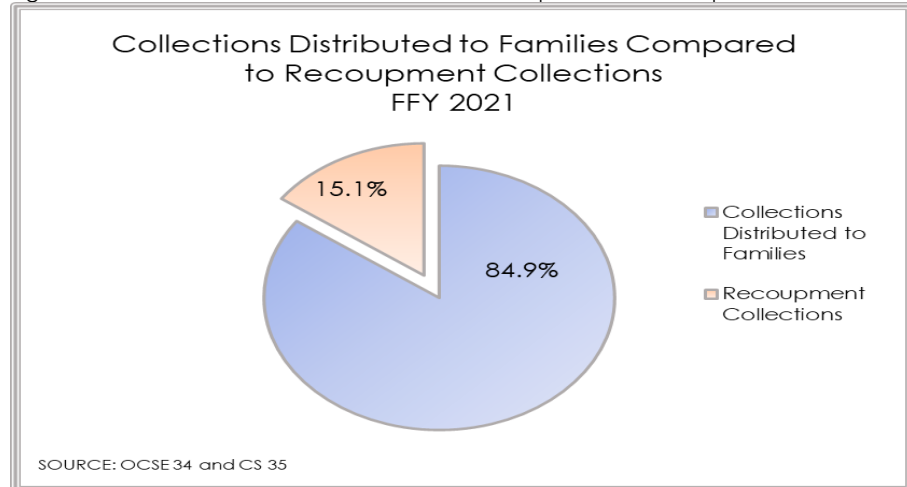
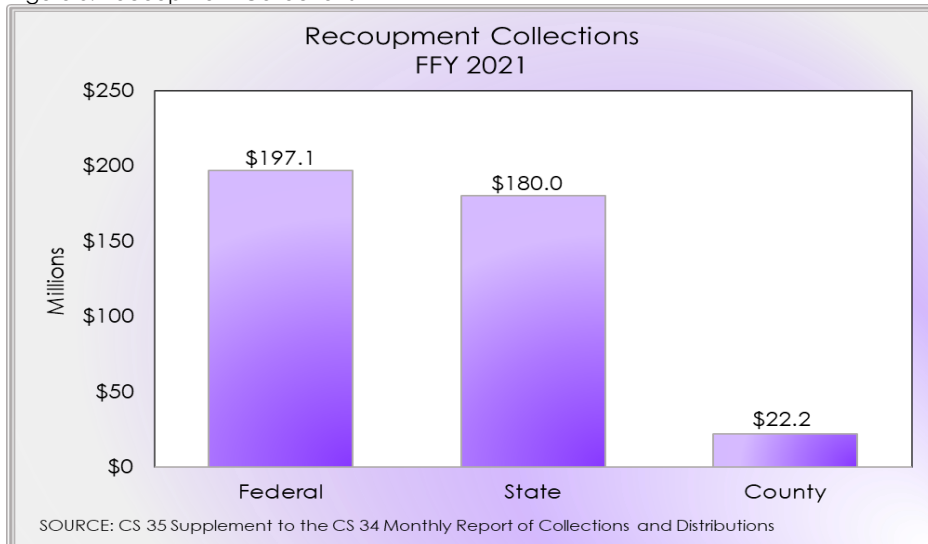


Figure 3: Recoupment Collections



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**TABLE B
DISTRIBUTED COLLECTIONS
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	Sent to Other States	Sent to Other Countries	Disregard	Distributed as Medical Support	Distributed to Family or Foster Care	Total
STATEWIDE	\$95,925,810	\$2,488,492	\$18,295,592	\$2,942,350	\$2,240,680,383	\$2,360,332,627
Alameda	3,704,302	113,461	416,669	83,665	74,647,511	78,965,607
Alpine	7,953	0	0	1,330	47,468	56,751
Amador	161,679	1,662	17,740	(988)	2,701,458	2,881,551
Butte	783,607	2,152	188,515	25,473	14,547,212	15,546,959
Calaveras	94,707	2,870	25,524	7,601	3,075,535	3,206,236
Colusa	32,520	0	6,743	1,763	1,776,452	1,817,478
Contra Costa	2,543,509	138,362	398,231	193,763	68,586,783	71,860,647
Del Norte	207,685	3,266	40,417	4,699	2,322,180	2,578,247
El Dorado	606,886	2,128	94,873	37,541	11,773,433	12,514,861
Fresno	2,717,799	41,400	1,119,273	59,007	80,588,134	84,525,613
Glenn	117,902	0	37,660	1,496	2,965,415	3,122,473
Humboldt	566,776	1,386	103,459	18,222	7,348,450	8,038,293
Imperial	564,900	0	218,611	3,086	22,655,536	23,442,133
Inyo	81,470	225	5,424	2,761	1,580,757	1,670,638
Kern	2,581,653	16,651	1,097,766	41,784	78,547,150	82,285,004
Kings	445,785	0	174,546	6,650	13,710,260	14,337,241
Lake	283,404	0	67,209	1,796	4,104,094	4,456,503
Lassen	188,611	0	35,371	2,267	2,307,026	2,533,274
Los Angeles	22,943,533	691,975	3,606,952	547,303	442,246,323	470,036,086
Madera	301,557	0	218,755	793	9,533,256	10,054,360
Marin	403,342	37,357	38,701	77,771	12,182,532	12,739,702
Mariposa	59,355	0	8,265	30	1,011,335	1,078,986
Mendocino	302,442	0	51,651	10,920	4,989,478	5,354,491
Merced	677,802	18,701	400,129	10,342	23,374,733	24,481,707
Modoc	40,183	0	5,913	0	424,477	470,572
Mono	32,496	0	991	1,832	533,896	569,215
Monterey	1,241,525	49,865	234,533	25,123	39,626,585	41,177,630
Napa	371,262	1,454	37,805	43,130	9,388,483	9,842,134
Nevada	332,595	10,487	42,629	15,673	5,557,304	5,958,688
Orange	4,828,374	80,372	873,860	291,036	168,151,345	174,224,987
Placer	726,994	29,345	98,174	44,063	25,412,032	26,310,609
Plumas	102,167	0	14,962	2,630	1,700,404	1,820,162
Riverside	6,379,287	110,134	1,327,711	15,403	161,823,635	169,656,169
Sacramento	5,706,818	106,381	971,013	148,855	112,178,598	119,111,665
San Benito	145,259	1,524	31,197	12,657	5,198,848	5,389,485
San Bernardino	6,027,220	122,101	1,875,211	160,754	172,859,015	181,044,300
San Diego	11,296,345	245,461	707,953	395,975	155,255,714	167,901,448
San Francisco	962,983	73,325	152,073	21,373	21,571,510	22,781,264
San Joaquin	2,471,498	28,434	460,203	54,335	57,302,554	60,317,024
San Luis Obispo	510,932	10,732	83,728	16,968	13,217,371	13,839,730
San Mateo	1,287,156	108,722	61,120	109,838	28,807,039	30,373,875
Santa Barbara	752,090	18,108	227,783	28,357	25,932,057	26,958,396
Santa Clara	2,810,258	167,575	322,419	124,013	80,331,948	83,756,212
Santa Cruz	500,351	28,975	99,402	35,528	12,339,768	13,004,024
Shasta	868,560	16,632	188,733	33,468	15,851,004	16,958,398
Sierra	16,001	0	753	0	118,387	135,141
Siskiyou	240,117	0	38,473	4,703	3,257,285	3,540,578
Solano	1,658,068	19,676	284,468	32,545	35,806,509	37,801,268
Sonoma	767,324	9,566	148,878	28,824	29,190,691	30,145,284
Stanislaus	1,450,212	11,752	506,284	57,846	50,022,098	52,048,193
Sutter	277,504	30,675	79,916	12,270	6,963,575	7,363,939
Tehama	195,172	38	88,884	461	5,469,184	5,753,738
Trinity	21,239	9,059	11,399	1,577	1,162,232	1,205,507
Tulare	801,103	34,244	412,603	32,230	34,745,255	36,025,434
Tuolumne	233,248	0	30,446	2,777	4,393,125	4,659,596
Ventura	1,651,032	62,591	345,327	30,005	49,817,348	51,906,303
Yolo	478,572	7,154	75,755	11,109	14,073,563	14,646,153
Yuba	362,685	22,516	82,508	7,916	5,575,037	6,050,661
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies						
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	497,587	4,532	73,710	10,720	10,217,586	10,804,134
Humboldt/Trinity	588,016	10,445	114,858	19,799	8,510,682	9,243,800
Inyo/Mono	113,966	225	6,415	4,593	2,114,653	2,239,853
Merced/Mariposa	737,157	18,701	408,394	10,372	24,386,069	25,560,693
Santa Cruz/San Benito	645,610	30,499	130,599	48,185	17,538,616	18,393,509
Sierra/Nevada	348,596	10,487	43,382	15,673	5,675,691	6,093,829
Siskiyou/Modoc	280,300	0	44,386	4,703	3,681,761	4,011,150

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	\$197,054,066	\$179,983,110	\$22,249,052	\$399,286,228
Alameda	5,150,933	4,936,225	674,884	10,762,042
Alpine	1,804	1,213	192	3,209
Amador	167,978	133,274	16,936	318,187
Butte	2,104,084	1,890,978	294,284	4,289,346
Calaveras	219,682	206,598	28,435	454,715
Colusa	65,526	62,910	7,851	136,287
Contra Costa	3,497,755	3,414,457	489,419	7,401,631
Del Norte	445,318	393,193	72,673	911,184
El Dorado	995,012	771,682	192,164	1,958,859
Fresno	12,847,546	12,138,892	1,785,135	26,771,573
Glenn	356,131	302,033	63,400	721,565
Humboldt	837,161	761,242	152,810	1,751,212
Imperial	1,793,113	1,504,964	160,167	3,458,244
Inyo	92,056	69,987	5,982	168,025
Kern	8,815,390	7,596,463	1,227,045	17,638,899
Kings	1,364,709	1,256,721	137,869	2,759,299
Lake	546,863	473,028	48,087	1,067,978
Lassen	278,329	229,908	44,636	552,873
Los Angeles	44,605,941	40,925,769	3,315,651	88,847,361
Madera	1,374,248	1,253,402	199,752	2,827,402
Marin	308,827	276,100	40,648	625,575
Mariposa	76,343	82,421	6,465	165,229
Mendocino	536,635	467,784	54,948	1,059,368
Merced	3,147,590	3,033,663	305,919	6,487,172
Modoc	53,801	45,958	6,556	106,315
Mono	6,100	4,458	296	10,854
Monterey	3,201,166	2,602,231	404,958	6,208,354
Napa	535,491	410,615	108,859	1,054,966
Nevada	379,369	312,667	42,978	735,014
Orange	7,941,739	6,832,358	815,131	15,589,228
Placer	917,170	786,631	162,058	1,865,858
Plumas	126,712	102,945	10,849	240,506
Riverside	13,765,388	12,180,893	1,706,626	27,652,907
Sacramento	11,002,690	11,228,462	1,673,058	23,904,210
San Benito	368,106	342,427	36,118	746,651
San Bernardino	18,024,935	15,693,327	2,236,530	35,954,792
San Diego	10,332,945	9,866,436	1,039,851	21,239,231
San Francisco	1,808,029	1,762,921	267,568	3,838,517
San Joaquin	4,460,696	3,934,901	583,251	8,978,848
San Luis Obispo	571,526	572,477	40,507	1,184,511
San Mateo	1,149,242	963,428	178,953	2,291,622
Santa Barbara	2,091,519	1,835,092	267,507	4,194,118
Santa Clara	6,253,521	5,585,623	666,135	12,505,280
Santa Cruz	900,961	897,239	112,203	1,910,403
Shasta	1,982,838	1,739,183	258,723	3,980,744
Sierra	11,748	7,810	1,668	21,226
Siskiyou	356,522	342,781	58,003	757,307
Solano	2,612,291	2,513,461	331,589	5,457,341
Sonoma	1,543,934	1,414,183	183,042	3,141,158
Stanislaus	5,671,984	5,293,597	566,946	11,532,526
Sutter	789,018	656,301	96,045	1,541,364
Tehama	750,208	645,410	117,784	1,513,402
Trinity	94,507	73,602	13,856	181,965
Tulare	4,106,322	4,092,173	399,013	8,597,507
Tuolumne	354,192	311,104	46,044	711,340
Ventura	3,302,346	3,080,293	273,890	6,656,529
Yolo	1,196,076	973,752	152,144	2,321,972
Yuba	762,001	695,463	64,962	1,522,426
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies				
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	743,656	652,189	91,607	1,487,452
Humboldt/Trinity	931,668	834,844	166,665	1,933,177
Inyo/Mono	98,156	74,445	6,278	178,879
Merced/Mariposa	3,223,933	3,116,084	312,384	6,652,401
Santa Cruz/San Benito	1,269,067	1,239,666	148,321	2,657,054
Sierra/Nevada	391,117	320,477	44,646	756,240
Siskiyou/Modoc	410,323	388,740	64,559	863,622

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 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 2021-22 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 2021-22 non-assistance collections to estimate cost avoidance by program (Federal and California share) for SFY 2021-22. 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 2021-22 Estimated Cost Avoidance Per Dollar of \$1.945 Billion in Non-Assistance Collections
(millions of dollars)

	Federal Share	California Share	Total
Entitlement Programs			
Food Stamps	99.8	0.0	99.8
Medi-Cal	21.8	20.8	42.6
SSI	24.5	0.0	24.5
Total	146.2	20.8	167.0
Block Grant / Discretionary Programs			
CalWORKs	0.0	169.2	169.2
Housing	6.1	6.1	12.3
Total	6.1	175.3	181.5
All Programs	152.3	196.1	348.5

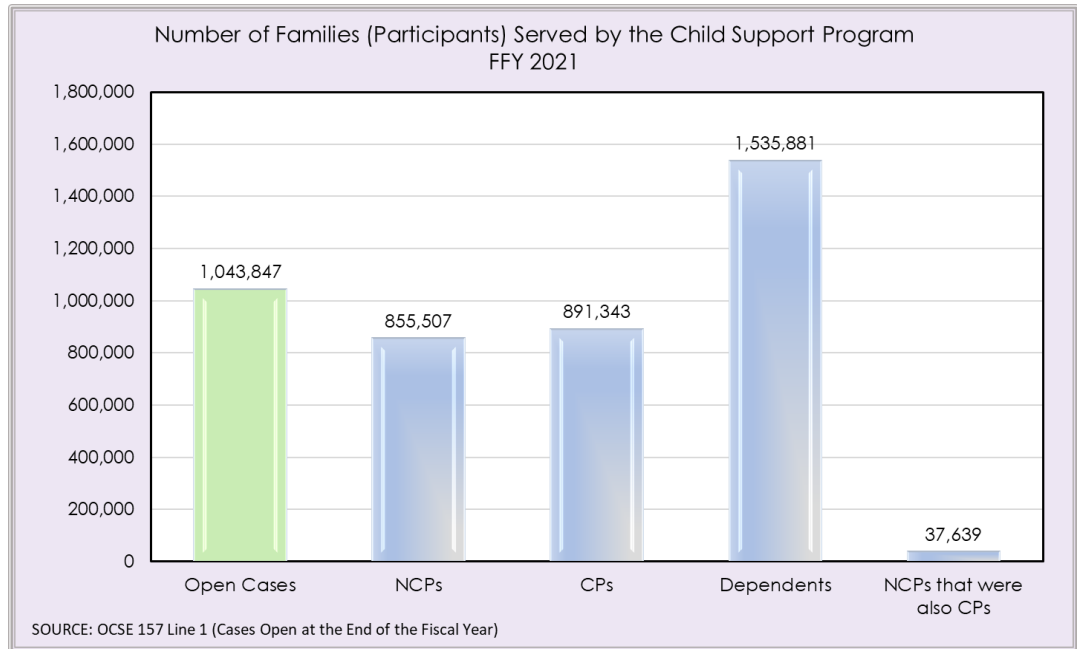
Note: Due to rounding issues, the sum of Individual programs may not equal the totals.

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 2021, there were 855,507 non-custodial parents (NCPs), 891,343 custodial parties (CPs), 1,535,881 dependents, and 37,639 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 2021

	Non-Custodial Parent (NCP)	Custodial Party (CP)	Dependent
STATEWIDE	855,507	891,343	1,535,881
Alameda	26,037	25,118	39,960
Alpine	30	34	52
Amador	964	894	1,429
Butte	7,544	7,396	12,147
Calaveras	1,254	1,187	1,927
Colusa	645	590	1,028
Contra Costa	22,203	21,713	34,782
Del Norte	1,629	1,582	2,598
El Dorado	4,368	4,005	6,731
Fresno	44,787	44,310	84,484
Glenn	1,329	1,212	2,146
Humboldt	4,208	4,168	6,721
Imperial	8,176	7,972	14,689
Inyo	707	698	1,161
Kern	39,935	38,955	73,194
Kings	7,158	6,746	12,252
Lake	2,280	2,141	3,508
Lassen	1,179	1,085	1,780
Los Angeles	194,221	198,041	336,229
Madera	5,455	4,994	9,331
Marin	3,279	3,295	5,379
Mariposa	574	550	883
Mendocino	2,633	2,603	4,314
Merced	12,404	12,060	21,781
Modoc	241	231	388
Mono	193	188	293
Monterey	11,257	11,206	19,546
Napa	2,552	2,461	4,063
Nevada	2,236	2,108	3,363
Orange	52,867	52,220	88,026
Placer	5,940	5,683	9,138
Plumas	653	610	999
Riverside	66,223	64,034	112,554
Sacramento	55,345	54,958	93,419
San Benito	1,551	1,508	2,574
San Bernardino	79,669	75,226	135,161
San Diego	53,261	52,721	86,996
San Francisco	8,089	8,049	12,274
San Joaquin	27,576	26,497	46,890
San Luis Obispo	3,609	3,467	5,540
San Mateo	7,385	7,180	11,399
Santa Barbara	9,409	9,127	15,710
Santa Clara	23,458	24,243	39,876
Santa Cruz	4,200	4,085	6,779
Shasta	7,485	7,444	12,002
Sierra	80	78	112
Siskiyou	1,988	1,899	3,237
Solano	12,068	11,950	18,797
Sonoma	8,722	8,838	13,871
Stanislaus	20,808	20,270	34,746
Sutter	3,297	3,102	5,455
Tehama	2,755	2,572	4,416
Trinity	603	604	891
Tulare	18,771	18,981	34,762
Tuolumne	1,828	1,783	2,710
Ventura	15,690	16,033	26,791
Yalo	5,460	5,323	8,940
Yuba	3,117	2,944	4,961
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies			
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	4,036	3,885	6,097
Humboldt/Trinity	4,781	4,743	7,592
Inyo/Mono	895	884	1,454
Merced/Mariposa	12,957	12,604	22,656
Santa Cruz/San Benito	5,738	5,590	9,353
Sierra/Nevada	2,312	2,185	3,475
Siskiyou/Modoc	2,219	2,124	3,617

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

Note: For the county table: 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. Consequently, 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 (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.