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FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2022

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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

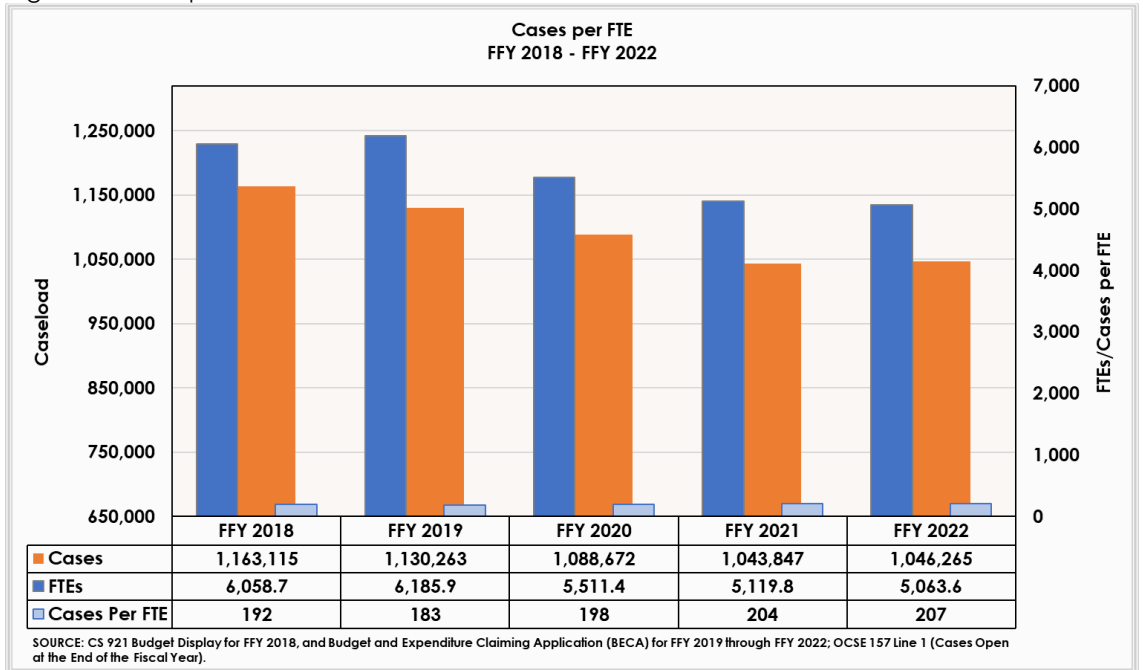
This report satisfies the requirement of FC section 17556 requiring a report of data compiled on California's Child Support Program to be submitted on or before March 1, 2024.

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 2022, the number of opened cases was 1,046,265. A full-time position reflects 1.0 FTE and fractional timebase (part-time) positions may be reported by tenths of a position. There were 5,063.6 FTE staff in FFY 2022.

From FFY 2018 to FFY 2022, both the number of cases and FTEs declined (see figure 1). Cases decreased by 116,850 or 10.0 percent, while FTEs decreased by 995.1 or 16.4 percent. There were 207 cases per FTE in FFY 2022 and 204 cases per FTE in FFY 2021, for a total increase of 3 cases per FTE. On average statewide, an FTE employee provided services to 207 cases in FFY 2022. 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	5,063.6	1,046,265	207
Alameda	113.8	29,304	258
Alpine	*	36	*
Amador	*	1,040	*
Butte	49.0	8,814	180
Calaveras	*	1,320	*
Colusa	*	665	*
Contra Costa	125.0	24,200	194
Del Norte	11.5	2,098	182
El Dorado	25.9	4,926	190
Fresno	214.3	57,068	266
Glenn	6.0	1,564	261
Humboldt	*	4,970	*
Imperial	46.0	9,309	202
Inyo	*	792	*
Kern	199.3	50,432	253
Kings	46.1	8,516	185
Lake	18.0	2,568	143
Lassen	6.0	1,440	240
Los Angeles	1,216.0	220,519	181
Madera	26.9	6,410	238
Marin	14.6	3,263	224
Mariposa	*	623	*
Mendocino	17.0	3,007	177
Merced	*	14,611	*
Modoc	*	285	*
Mono	*	201	*
Monterey	75.2	12,992	173
Napa	23.9	2,787	117
Nevada	*	2,387	*
Orange	304.9	56,566	186
Placer	33.9	6,178	182
Plumas	4.0	695	174
Riverside	362.0	75,176	208
Sacramento	263.0	67,375	256
San Benito	*	1,729	*
San Bernardino	371.0	88,792	239
San Diego	256.6	59,500	232
San Francisco	48.7	9,037	186
San Joaquin	137.7	33,268	242
San Luis Obispo	25.8	4,048	157
San Mateo	46.9	7,840	167
Santa Barbara	60.5	10,838	179
Santa Clara	147.5	26,308	178
Santa Cruz	*	4,645	*
Shasta	45.5	9,426	207
Sierra	*	85	*
Siskiyou	*	2,181	*
Solano	75.0	13,767	184
Sonoma	52.7	9,820	186
Stanislaus	109.0	23,481	215
Sutter	6.0	3,813	636
Tehama	15.5	3,231	208
Trinity	*	622	*
Tulare	102.1	22,384	219
Tuolumne	*	2,047	*
Ventura	93.7	17,537	187
Yolo	*	6,059	*
Yuba	19.0	3,670	193
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies			
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	24.6	4,443	181
Colusa/Sutter/Yolo**	56.0	6,724	120
Humboldt/Trinity	30.0	5,592	186
Inyo/Mono	6.6	993	150
Merced/Mariposa	67.7	15,234	225
Santa Cruz/San Benito	34.8	6,374	183
Sierra/Nevada	15.0	2,472	165
Siskiyou/Modoc	13.5	2,466	182

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.

** In 2021 Colusa, Sutter and Yolo began to regionalize. In 2022, Colusa and Yolo have successfully regionalized; however, Sutter is still converting to the regionalization; this data does not include Sutter's FTE.

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**TABLE A.1
CASES TO FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT
FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2018 - 2022**

	FFY 2018	FFY 2019	FFY 2020	FFY 2021	FFY 2022	2018 - 2022 % Change
STATEWIDE	192	183	198	204	207	7.8%
Alameda	191	196	234	242	258	35.1
Alpine	*	*	*	*	*	*
Amador	*	*	*	*	*	*
Butte	103	100	153	170	180	74.8
Calaveras	*	*	*	*	*	*
Colusa	103	135	176	700	*	*
Contra Costa	199	179	197	203	194	-2.5
Del Norte	129	125	154	144	182	41.1
El Dorado	142	147	158	173	190	33.8
Fresno	301	259	268	270	266	-11.6
Glenn	205	203	207	350	261	27.3
Humboldt	*	*	*	*	*	*
Imperial	165	160	189	201	202	22.4
Inyo	*	*	*	*	*	*
Kern	281	240	268	269	253	-10.0
Kings	191	175	199	206	185	-3.1
Lake	113	111	129	138	143	26.5
Lassen	159	167	210	234	240	50.9
Los Angeles	174	161	172	172	181	4.0
Madera	226	229	252	257	238	5.3
Marin	212	226	233	244	224	5.7
Mariposa	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mendocino	135	126	161	144	177	31.1
Merced	*	*	*	*	*	*
Modoc	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mono	*	*	*	*	*	*
Monterey	170	178	163	168	173	1.8
Napa	117	116	110	107	117	0.0
Nevada	*	*	*	*	*	*
Orange	141	146	171	178	186	31.9
Placer	163	173	177	177	182	11.7
Plumas	139	135	152	244	174	25.2
Riverside	308	278	252	250	208	-32.5
Sacramento	275	249	255	258	256	-6.9
San Benito	*	*	*	*	*	*
San Bernardino	283	241	232	240	239	-15.5
San Diego	171	177	201	214	232	35.7
San Francisco	157	152	185	183	186	18.5
San Joaquin	272	241	288	268	242	-11.0
San Luis Obispo	127	129	137	143	157	23.6
San Mateo	126	125	132	145	167	32.5
Santa Barbara	176	173	180	183	179	1.7
Santa Clara	152	155	156	175	178	17.1
Santa Cruz	*	*	*	*	*	*
Shasta	148	148	196	194	207	39.9
Sierra	*	*	*	*	*	*
Siskiyou	*	*	*	*	*	*
Solano	175	170	171	166	184	5.1
Sonoma	151	134	145	160	186	23.2
Stanislaus	203	201	205	206	215	5.9
Sutter	193	180	201	540	636	229.5
Tehama	187	188	202	180	208	11.2
Trinity	*	*	*	*	*	*
Tulare	142	142	153	209	219	54.2
Tuolumne	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ventura	113	115	158	178	187	65.5
Yolo	186	177	178	123	*	*
Yuba	138	150	162	146	193	39.9
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies						
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	129	149	172	184	181	40.3
Colusa/Sutter/Yolo**	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	120	n/a
Humboldt/Trinity	140	138	175	186	186	32.9
Inyo/Mono	147	166	161	221	150	2.0
Merced/Mariposa	200	192	227	235	225	12.5
Santa Cruz/San Benito	130	131	132	164	183	40.8
Sierra/Nevada	197	197	165	149	165	-16.2
Siskiyou/Modoc	189	161	144	182	182	-3.7

SOURCE: CS 921 Budget Display for FFY 2018; Budget and Expenditure Claiming Application (BECA) for FFY 2019 through FFY 2022; OCSE 157 Line 1 (Cases Open at the End of the Fiscal Year)

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NOTE: Reporting the regionalization of Colusa/Sutter/Yolo did not begin until 2021; therefore, prior data is not applicable (n/a).

COLLECTIONS DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES AND RECOUPMENT COLLECTIONS

In Federal Fiscal Year 2022, 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, California will pass through and disregard up to \$100 for one child and up to \$200 for two or more children, effective January 1, 2022. 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 2022, \$333.4 million was recouped by government agencies (\$163.0 million federal share, \$151.3 million state share, and \$19.1 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

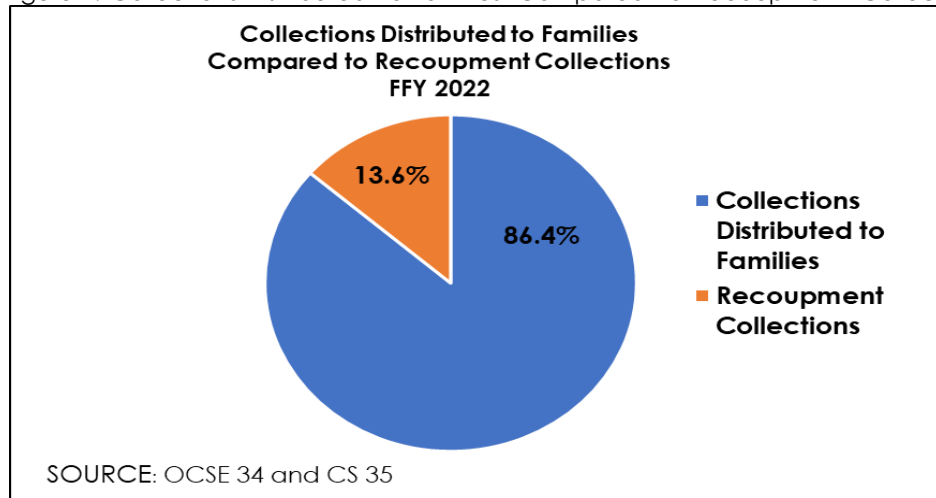
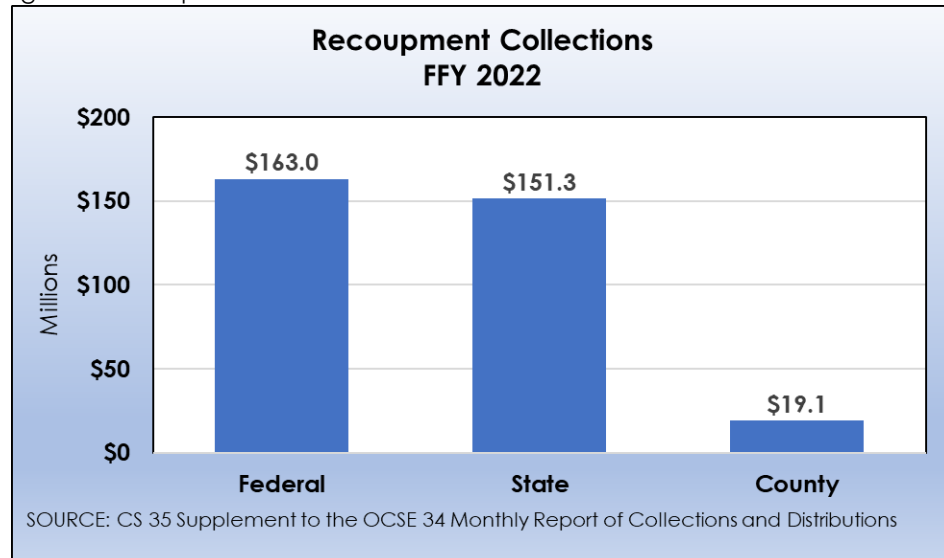


Figure 3: Recoupment Collections



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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	\$87,258,841	\$2,678,435	\$33,481,362	\$2,918,290	\$2,109,761,129	\$2,236,098,057
Alameda	3,376,793	113,433	709,738	79,734	67,999,339	72,279,038
Alpine	3,200	0	0	676	36,203	40,080
Amador	88,120	0	37,755	6,328	2,379,511	2,511,714
Butte	1,067,516	5,388	275,147	36,407	13,251,798	14,636,257
Calaveras	143,457	4,283	43,712	4,527	2,896,408	3,092,387
Colusa	30,824	0	11,562	900	1,593,566	1,636,851
Contra Costa	2,276,741	234,597	701,850	145,089	65,189,604	68,547,881
Del Norte	140,272	13,332	75,757	6,529	2,140,187	2,376,077
El Dorado	420,754	2,912	137,504	43,097	11,385,822	11,990,089
Fresno	2,341,706	42,326	1,925,203	60,491	72,903,207	77,272,933
Glenn	119,229	0	60,436	788	2,707,246	2,887,699
Humboldt	418,893	1,527	174,416	12,146	7,042,634	7,649,616
Imperial	477,905	0	364,196	1,285	21,093,956	21,937,342
Inyo	42,164	275	9,534	16,913	1,451,604	1,520,489
Kern	2,367,055	7,096	1,915,629	37,388	72,571,139	76,898,307
Kings	463,526	0	346,541	3,968	12,464,744	13,278,778
Lake	398,527	0	99,773	3,078	4,067,102	4,568,481
Lassen	196,089	0	59,400	1,642	2,135,270	2,392,400
Los Angeles	21,550,020	627,145	7,402,496	425,736	418,020,166	448,025,563
Madera	271,909	0	388,352	335	9,021,983	9,682,579
Marin	377,951	21,222	77,530	153,195	11,035,194	11,665,092
Mariposa	42,984	0	15,520	1,871	932,004	992,379
Mendocino	280,394	0	95,817	10,803	4,549,317	4,936,330
Merced	605,242	17,514	766,237	15,408	21,886,250	23,290,651
Modoc	28,269	0	12,413	83	309,315	350,079
Mono	24,267	0	3,804	650	538,351	567,072
Monterey	1,280,124	40,246	477,307	25,732	38,120,920	39,944,329
Napa	347,240	0	63,297	32,176	9,085,221	9,527,935
Nevada	385,185	148,245	77,498	6,633	5,551,278	6,168,840
Orange	4,411,243	85,890	1,632,125	333,908	159,017,752	165,480,918
Placer	600,408	27,939	144,239	39,933	24,835,567	25,648,085
Plumas	96,410	0	22,430	2,285	1,537,249	1,658,373
Riverside	5,921,469	118,826	2,363,497	14,738	154,635,650	163,054,180
Sacramento	5,065,603	102,993	1,611,582	196,441	104,801,004	111,777,623
San Benito	104,685	0	62,078	12,700	5,027,230	5,206,692
San Bernardino	5,103,344	134,993	3,300,483	168,415	158,578,652	167,285,886
San Diego	10,357,979	169,114	1,425,488	412,824	153,862,930	166,228,334
San Francisco	758,309	46,272	295,945	37,416	19,660,254	20,798,196
San Joaquin	1,918,984	24,448	966,772	52,175	53,093,385	56,055,765
San Luis Obispo	407,551	58,662	156,972	11,348	13,472,600	14,107,134
San Mateo	1,054,587	99,721	118,645	73,372	28,515,127	29,861,452
Santa Barbara	700,069	20,707	370,390	21,069	24,505,839	25,618,074
Santa Clara	2,478,026	252,806	626,361	126,462	77,532,697	81,016,352
Santa Cruz	313,236	29,533	156,696	19,987	11,258,803	11,778,254
Shasta	771,409	26,679	300,358	41,503	13,661,948	14,801,898
Sierra	21,744	0	1,424	0	101,540	124,708
Siskiyou	274,529	0	54,654	1,826	3,008,168	3,339,177
Solano	1,546,201	25,144	447,422	55,504	33,673,362	35,747,633
Sonoma	894,583	22,594	253,510	33,308	27,101,028	28,305,024
Stanislaus	1,285,659	940	893,676	46,853	47,055,899	49,283,026
Sutter	216,366	10,503	117,635	5,783	6,170,561	6,520,847
Tehama	235,219	48	128,387	1,178	5,064,742	5,429,574
Trinity	40,074	10,784	16,583	2,063	1,024,189	1,093,693
Tulare	734,391	31,696	809,684	20,564	32,164,806	33,761,140
Tuolumne	109,682	0	44,268	5,120	4,050,277	4,209,347
Ventura	1,644,756	45,014	560,716	26,731	46,304,356	48,581,573
Yolo	314,856	29,930	119,683	11,524	12,517,776	12,993,770
Yuba	311,112	23,657	151,233	9,657	5,168,400	5,664,059
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies						
Ama/Alp/Cola/Tuol	344,460	4,283	125,735	16,651	9,362,399	9,853,527
Colusa/Sutter/Yolo	562,046	40,433	248,879	18,207	20,281,903	21,151,468
Humboldt/Trinity	458,967	12,312	190,999	14,209	8,066,823	8,743,309
Inyo/Mono	66,431	275	13,338	17,563	1,989,954	2,087,561
Merced/Mariposa	648,226	17,514	781,757	17,279	22,818,254	24,283,030
Santa Cruz/San Benito	417,921	29,533	218,774	32,687	16,286,033	16,984,947
Sierra/Nevada	406,930	148,245	78,923	6,633	5,652,818	6,293,548
Siskiyou/Modoc	302,798	0	67,066	1,909	3,317,483	3,689,256

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

NOTE: Totals do not match with OCSE 34 because OCSE 34 includes suspense, Texas redirect, and rounding adjustments.

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**TABLE B.1
RECOUPMENT COLLECTIONS
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	Federal	State	County	Total
STATEWIDE	\$163,014,740	\$151,300,810	\$19,059,903	\$333,375,453
Alameda	4,336,254	4,182,525	592,605	9,111,383
Alpine	1,349	859	192	2,400
Amador	151,145	121,321	13,955	286,421
Butte	1,831,079	1,629,307	289,752	3,750,139
Calaveras	151,351	159,149	22,023	332,522
Colusa	50,452	43,212	5,914	99,579
Contra Costa	3,108,072	2,962,265	407,485	6,477,822
Del Norte	370,760	331,299	48,680	750,739
El Dorado	788,396	677,358	206,758	1,672,512
Fresno	10,445,833	9,958,061	1,807,455	22,211,349
Glenn	288,275	239,417	50,655	578,348
Humboldt	614,147	546,677	112,852	1,273,676
Imperial	1,318,267	1,223,282	118,306	2,659,855
Inyo	48,795	43,022	4,636	96,453
Kern	7,014,633	6,156,333	943,396	14,114,361
Kings	1,005,867	842,178	105,363	1,953,408
Lake	455,640	377,266	44,194	877,100
Lassen	226,992	177,387	42,606	446,986
Los Angeles	39,284,918	36,967,248	3,025,217	79,277,383
Madera	1,009,076	917,254	159,143	2,085,473
Marin	243,965	209,802	35,411	489,178
Mariposa	59,586	57,847	4,268	121,701
Mendocino	386,077	341,013	38,867	765,957
Merced	2,445,669	2,428,710	258,351	5,132,730
Modoc	43,013	35,190	5,917	84,120
Mono	4,103	2,920	278	7,300
Monterey	2,735,474	2,289,951	315,512	5,340,938
Napa	407,787	333,161	88,876	829,824
Nevada	296,652	265,067	34,860	596,578
Orange	6,343,762	5,492,973	616,101	12,452,835
Placer	744,952	651,556	153,169	1,549,677
Plumas	127,016	102,838	16,074	245,928
Riverside	11,767,634	10,402,660	1,430,517	23,600,811
Sacramento	9,164,831	9,530,005	1,312,611	20,007,446
San Benito	297,513	263,709	39,095	600,317
San Bernardino	14,498,255	12,840,346	1,848,938	29,187,539
San Diego	8,769,948	8,354,686	921,508	18,046,142
San Francisco	1,514,062	1,526,479	215,196	3,255,738
San Joaquin	3,888,897	3,497,755	503,171	7,889,824
San Luis Obispo	519,585	468,008	48,896	1,036,490
San Mateo	998,321	816,627	171,519	1,986,467
Santa Barbara	1,667,356	1,503,524	232,221	3,403,101
Santa Clara	4,986,073	4,572,450	588,421	10,146,944
Santa Cruz	760,394	718,989	114,572	1,593,956
Shasta	1,429,579	1,304,873	196,207	2,930,659
Sierra	9,531	6,665	763	16,958
Siskiyou	198,640	188,477	42,138	429,255
Solano	2,009,849	2,041,625	284,872	4,336,346
Sonoma	1,189,756	1,099,364	156,794	2,445,915
Stanislaus	4,494,935	4,216,158	481,113	9,192,206
Sutter	563,897	485,847	69,649	1,119,392
Tehama	559,990	481,522	91,617	1,133,129
Trinity	51,542	44,636	6,865	103,043
Tulare	3,334,259	3,498,426	335,527	7,168,212
Tuolumne	235,693	226,905	28,424	491,023
Ventura	2,274,785	2,084,494	206,993	4,566,272
Yolo	883,244	750,450	103,798	1,737,493
Yuba	606,811	609,683	59,607	1,276,101
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies				
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	539,537	508,234	64,595	1,112,366
Colusa/Sutter/Yolo	1,497,593	1,279,510	179,361	2,956,464
Humboldt/Trinity	665,689	591,312	119,717	1,376,719
Inyo/Mono	52,897	45,942	4,913	103,752
Merced/Mariposa	2,505,255	2,486,557	262,619	5,254,431
Santa Cruz/San Benito	1,057,907	982,698	153,667	2,194,273
Sierra/Nevada	306,182	271,732	35,623	613,537
Siskiyou/Modoc	241,653	223,667	48,055	513,375

SOURCE: CS 35 Supplement to the OCSE 34 Monthly Report of Collections and Distributions
NOTE: Recoupment of Federal share based on 56.2%.

COST AVOIDANCE

Every year, the amount of child support collected and disbursed directly to families or recouped as cost recovery for public assistance programs (i.e. 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 the 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/CalFresh	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 2022-23 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 2022-23 non-assistance collections to estimate cost avoidance by program (Federal and California share) for SFY 2022-23. See Table 2 below.

When reviewing these estimates, it is important to note that these estimates continue to be based on assumptions from the studies referenced above.

Table 2: SFY 2022-23 Estimated Cost Avoidance Per Dollar of \$2.052 Billion in Non-Assistance Collections

(millions of dollars)	Federal Share	California Share	Total
Food Stamps/CalFresh	105.3	0.0	105.3
Medi-Cal	23.0	21.9	45.0
SSI	25.9	0.0	25.9
Total	154.2	21.9	176.2
Block Grant / Discretionary Programs			
CalWORKs	0.0	178.5	178.5
Housing	6.5	6.5	12.9
Total	6.5	185.0	191.5
All Programs	160.7	206.9	367.6

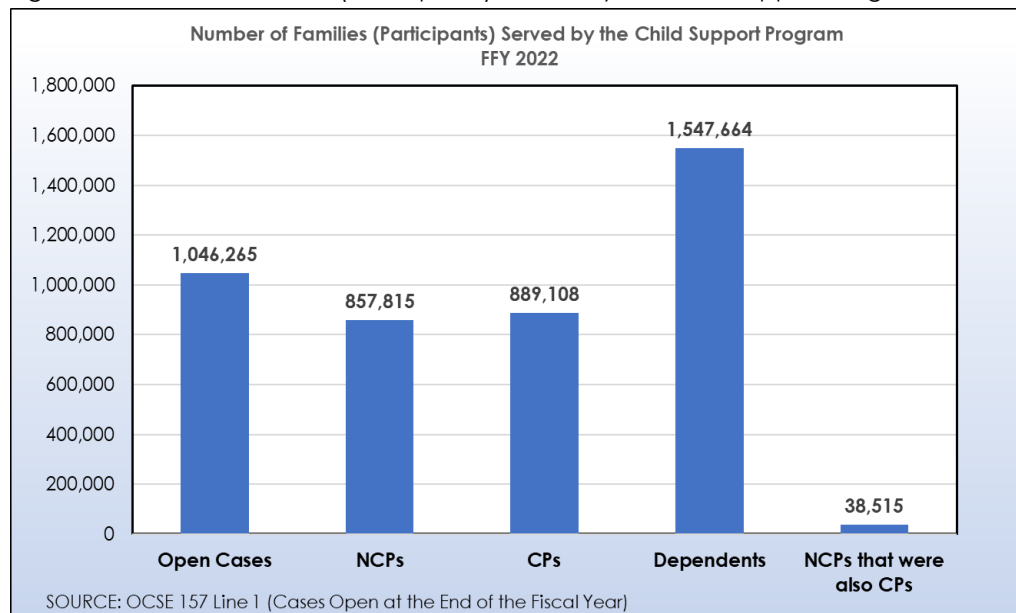
Note: Due to rounding issues, the sum of individual programs may not equal the totals.

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 2022, there were 857,815 noncustodial parties (NCPs), 889,108 custodial parties (CPs), 1,547,664 dependents, and 38,515 of the NCPs were also persons receiving support on a separate case (see figure4). 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 2022

	Noncustodial Parent (NCP)	Custodial Party (CP)	Dependent
STATEWIDE	857,815	889,108	1,547,664
Alameda	26,080	25,092	40,291
Alpine	29	33	47
Amador	983	901	1,451
Butte	7,372	7,221	11,962
Calaveras	1,223	1,146	1,894
Colusa	617	574	994
Contra Costa	21,697	21,226	33,992
Del Norte	1,700	1,634	2,710
El Dorado	4,290	3,947	6,619
Fresno	45,334	44,327	86,164
Glenn	1,314	1,213	2,164
Humboldt	4,189	4,146	6,742
Imperial	8,070	7,917	14,663
Inyo	670	662	1,098
Kern	41,121	39,465	75,443
Kings	7,208	6,803	12,565
Lake	2,336	2,191	3,639
Lassen	1,193	1,107	1,832
Los Angeles	197,967	200,036	342,895
Madera	5,542	5,064	9,595
Marin	3,011	3,010	4,822
Mariposa	570	538	864
Mendocino	2,624	2,564	4,316
Merced	12,457	12,098	22,284
Modoc	252	240	417
Mono	196	189	293
Monterey	11,075	10,997	19,363
Napa	2,469	2,381	3,961
Nevada	2,190	2,072	3,303
Orange	52,222	51,458	87,052
Placer	5,801	5,536	8,903
Plumas	625	589	969
Riverside	66,769	64,247	114,143
Sacramento	55,419	54,658	94,368
San Benito	1,544	1,497	2,555
San Bernardino	78,123	73,729	133,760
San Diego	53,837	52,979	88,143
San Francisco	7,939	7,911	12,070
San Joaquin	28,718	27,280	48,988
San Luis Obispo	3,798	3,606	5,864
San Mateo	7,281	7,054	11,212
Santa Barbara	9,378	9,105	15,744
Santa Clara	22,542	23,333	38,244
Santa Cruz	4,193	4,077	6,765
Shasta	7,726	7,607	12,355
Sierra	79	76	111
Siskiyou	1,910	1,801	3,145
Solano	12,119	11,887	18,908
Sonoma	8,588	8,710	13,751
Stanislaus	20,424	19,881	34,286
Sutter	3,355	3,132	5,530
Tehama	2,740	2,555	4,439
Trinity	555	555	840
Tulare	19,099	19,123	35,458
Tuolumne	1,783	1,733	2,655
Ventura	15,420	15,751	26,429
Yolo	5,286	5,169	8,732
Yuba	3,285	3,049	5,257
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies			
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	3,977	3,801	6,033
Colusa/Sutter/Yolo	9,204	8,854	15,239
Humboldt/Trinity	4,718	4,683	7,564
Inyo/Mono	861	850	1,390
Merced/Mariposa	13,003	12,629	23,144
Santa Cruz/San Benito	5,723	5,570	9,320
Sierra/Nevada	2,266	2,146	3,413
Siskiyou/Modoc	2,154	2,034	3,554

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. Therefore, the sum of the county totals will not equal the Statewide totals.

DEFINITIONS

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

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

- **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 their own. Most children who are eligible to receive child support must be dependents. The child ceases to be a dependent when they reach the "age of emancipation," as determined by state or tribal law, but may remain eligible for child support for a period after they are emancipated or reach the "age of majority" depending on the state's or tribe's provisions.

- **Disregard** – A provision by which up to \$100 for families with one child and up to \$200 for families with two or more children of any amount of child support collected in a month for payment of the monthly required child support obligation is paid to a recipient of aid. Disregard amounts are not considered income or resources of the recipient family and are not deducted from the amount of aid to which the family would otherwise be eligible.
- **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 placement 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.