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CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

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AB 1811: FAMILY CODE 17556
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2024

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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 requirements of FC Section 17556 requiring a report of data compiled on California's Child Support Program to be submitted on or before March 1, 2026.

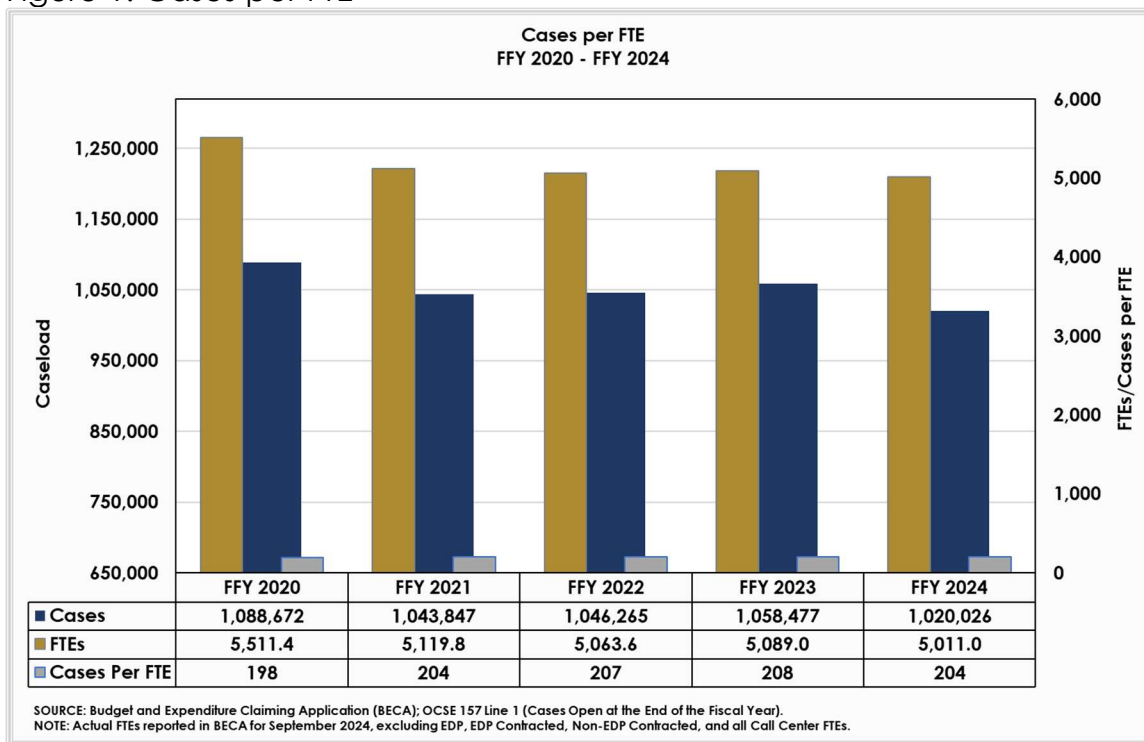
PERFORMANCE TOPICS

CASES TO FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) RATIO

Cases are the number of IV-D cases open as reported to the Office of Child Support Services (OCSE 157, Line 1) on the last day of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY). In FFY 2024, the number of opened cases was 1,020,026. A full-time position reflects 1.0 FTE, and fractional time-based (part-time) positions may be reported by tenths of a position. There were 5,011.0 FTE staff in FFY 2024.

During the five-year period from FFY 2020 to FFY 2024, FFY 2020 reported the highest number of cases and FTEs at 1,088,672 and 5,511.4, respectively (see figure 1). From FFY 2020 to FFY 2024 cases decreased by 68,646 or 6.3 percent, while FTEs decreased by 500.4 or 9.1 percent. Over the same five-year period, there was an increase of 6 cases per FTE or 3 percent. From FFY 2023 to FFY 2024 cases decreased by 38,451 or 3.6 percent. On average statewide, an FTE employee provided services to 204 cases in FFY 2024. See Tables A and A.1 on pages 5 and 6.

Figure 1: Cases per FTE



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TABLE A
CASES TO FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT
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	Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	Cases	Cases per FTE
STATEWIDE	5,011.0	1,020,026	204
Alameda	112.0	26,337	235
Alpine	*	36	*
Amador	*	1,033	*
Butte	44.1	7,875	179
Calaveras	*	1,331	*
Colusa	*	586	*
Contra Costa	113.0	23,713	210
Del Norte	8.0	1,670	209
El Dorado	24.6	4,656	189
Fresno	234.2	50,695	216
Glenn	8.0	1,521	190
Humboldt	*	4,599	*
Imperial	47.0	9,051	193
Inyo	*	741	*
Kern	208.7	47,638	228
Kings	46.3	7,939	171
Lake	16.5	2,649	161
Lassen	6.0	1,170	195
Los Angeles	1,122.0	243,404	217
Madera	27.9	5,979	214
Marin	19.0	2,460	129
Mariposa	*	558	*
Mendocino	13.1	2,768	211
Merced	*	13,683	*
Modoc	*	279	*
Mono	*	168	*
Monterey	70.1	12,114	173
Napa	21.0	2,497	119
Nevada	*	2,319	*
Orange	292.6	54,098	185
Placer	23.4	5,728	245
Plumas	3.0	652	217
Riverside	369.1	72,300	196
Sacramento	289.2	62,257	215
San Benito	*	1,592	*
San Bernardino	426.0	84,519	198
San Diego	287.0	57,401	200
San Francisco	45.9	7,999	174
San Joaquin	142.0	31,087	219
San Luis Obispo	26.0	4,164	160
San Mateo	43.7	7,199	165
Santa Barbara	57.3	9,474	165
Santa Clara	131.5	24,565	187
Santa Cruz	*	4,376	*
Shasta	40.4	8,150	202
Sierra	*	64	*
Siskiyou	*	1,885	*
Solano	70.0	12,821	183
Sonoma	52.8	9,185	174
Stanislaus	113.4	22,336	197
Sutter	4.0	3,354	839
Tehama	15.7	2,771	176
Trinity	*	453	*
Tulare	99.7	24,362	244
Tuolumne	*	1,942	*
Ventura	91.8	16,758	183
Yolo	*	5,435	*
Yuba	18.0	3,630	202
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies			
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	19.8	4,342	219
Colusa/Sutter/Yolo**	51.0	6,021	118
Humboldt/Trinity	25.1	5,052	201
Inyo/Mono	5.2	909	175
Merced/Mariposa	64.7	14,241	220
Santa Cruz/San Benito	34.3	5,968	174
Sierra/Nevada	14.5	2,383	164
Siskiyou/Modoc	12.1	2,164	179

SOURCE: Budget and Expenditure Claiming Application (BECA); OCSE 157 Line 1 (Cases Open at the End of the Fiscal Year)

NOTE: Actual FTEs reported in BECA for September 2024, excluding EDP, EDP Contracted, Non-EDP Contracted, and all Call Center FTEs.

* 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 successfully regionalized, however, Sutter is still converting to the regionalization; this data does not include Sutter's FTE or cases.

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**TABLE A.1
CASES TO FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT
FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2020 - 2024**

	FFY 2020	FFY 2021	FFY 2022	FFY 2023	FFY 2024	2020 - 2024 % Change
STATEWIDE	198	204	207	208	204	3.0%
Alameda	234	242	258	256	235	0.4
Alpine	*	*	*	*	*	*
Amador	*	*	*	*	*	*
Butte	153	170	180	200	179	17.0
Calaveras	*	*	*	*	*	*
Colusa	176	700	*	*	*	*
Contra Costa	197	203	194	209	210	6.6
Del Norte	154	144	182	243	209	35.7
El Dorado	158	173	190	200	189	19.6
Fresno	268	270	266	216	216	-19.4
Glenn	207	350	261	193	190	-8.2
Humboldt	*	*	*	*	*	*
Imperial	189	201	202	191	193	2.1
Inyo	*	*	*	*	*	*
Kern	268	269	253	263	228	-14.9
Kings	199	206	185	184	171	-14.1
Lake	129	138	143	169	161	24.8
Lassen	210	234	240	227	195	-7.1
Los Angeles	172	172	181	208	217	26.2
Madera	252	257	238	211	214	-15.1
Marin	233	244	224	156	129	-44.6
Mariposa	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mendocino	161	144	177	162	211	31.1
Merced	*	*	*	*	*	*
Modoc	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mono	*	*	*	*	*	*
Monterey	163	168	173	166	173	6.1
Napa	110	107	117	133	119	8.2
Nevada	*	*	*	*	*	*
Orange	171	178	186	177	185	8.2
Placer	177	177	182	163	245	38.4
Plumas	152	244	174	135	217	42.8
Riverside	252	250	208	217	196	-22.2
Sacramento	255	258	256	219	215	-15.7
San Benito	*	*	*	*	*	*
San Bernardino	232	240	239	209	198	-14.7
San Diego	201	214	232	220	200	-0.5
San Francisco	185	183	186	182	174	-5.9
San Joaquin	288	268	242	243	219	-24.0
San Luis Obispo	137	143	157	157	160	16.8
San Mateo	132	145	167	170	165	25.0
Santa Barbara	180	183	179	171	165	-8.3
Santa Clara	156	175	178	187	187	19.9
Santa Cruz	*	*	*	*	*	*
Shasta	196	194	207	211	202	3.1
Sierra	*	*	*	*	*	*
Siskiyou	*	*	*	*	*	*
Solano	171	166	184	199	183	7.0
Sonoma	145	160	186	185	174	20.0
Stanislaus	205	206	215	198	197	-3.9
Sutter	201	540	636	934	839	317.4
Tehama	202	180	208	193	176	-12.9
Trinity	*	*	*	*	*	*
Tulare	153	209	219	253	244	59.5
Tuolumne	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ventura	158	178	187	193	183	15.8
Yolo	178	123	*	*	*	*
Yuba	162	146	193	213	202	24.7
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies						
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	172	184	181	186	219	27.3
Colusa/Sutter/Yolo**	n/a	n/a	120	118	118	n/a
Humboldt/Trinity	175	186	186	216	201	14.9
Inyo/Mono	161	221	150	150	175	8.7
Merced/Mariposa	227	235	225	221	220	-3.1
Santa Cruz/San Benito	132	164	183	191	174	31.8
Sierra/Nevada	165	149	165	164	164	-0.6
Siskiyou/Modoc	144	182	182	204	179	24.3

SOURCE: Budget and Expenditure Claiming Application (BECA); 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). Actual FTEs reported in BECA for September 2024, excluding EDP, EDP Contracted, Non-EDP Contracted, and all Call Center FTEs.

COLLECTIONS DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES AND RECOUPMENT COLLECTIONS

In FFY 2024, the California Department of Child Support Services distributed a total of \$2.3 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, pursuant to FC Section 17504. 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 2024, \$280.4 million was recouped by government agencies (\$120.4 million federal share, \$148.1 million state share, and \$11.9 million county share, see figure 3). See Tables B and B.1 on pages 8 and 9.

Figure 2: Collections Distributed to Families Compared to Recoupment Collections

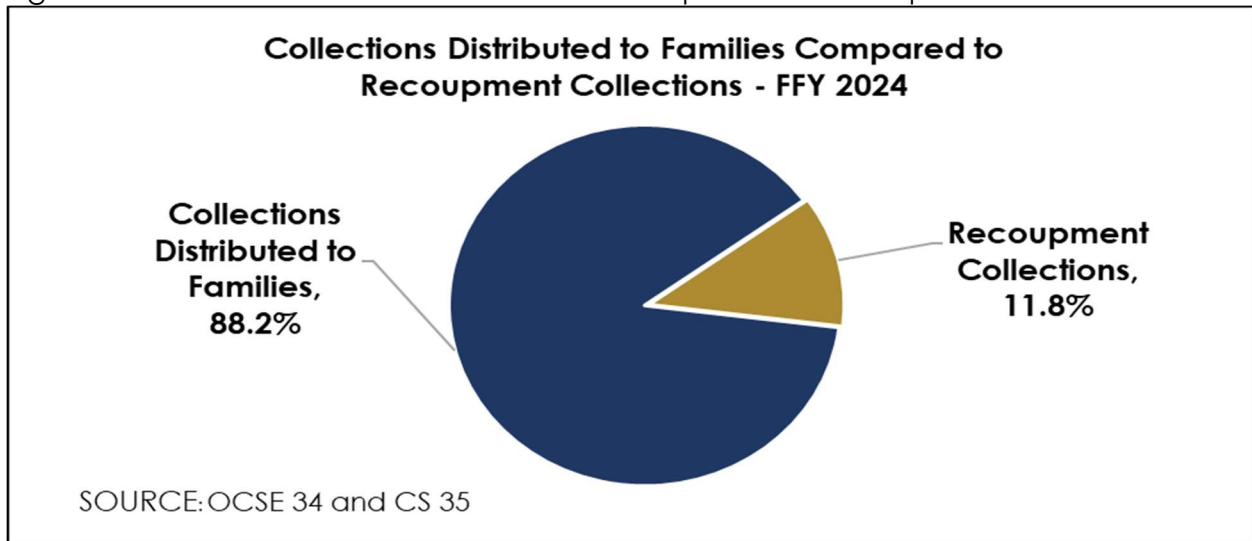
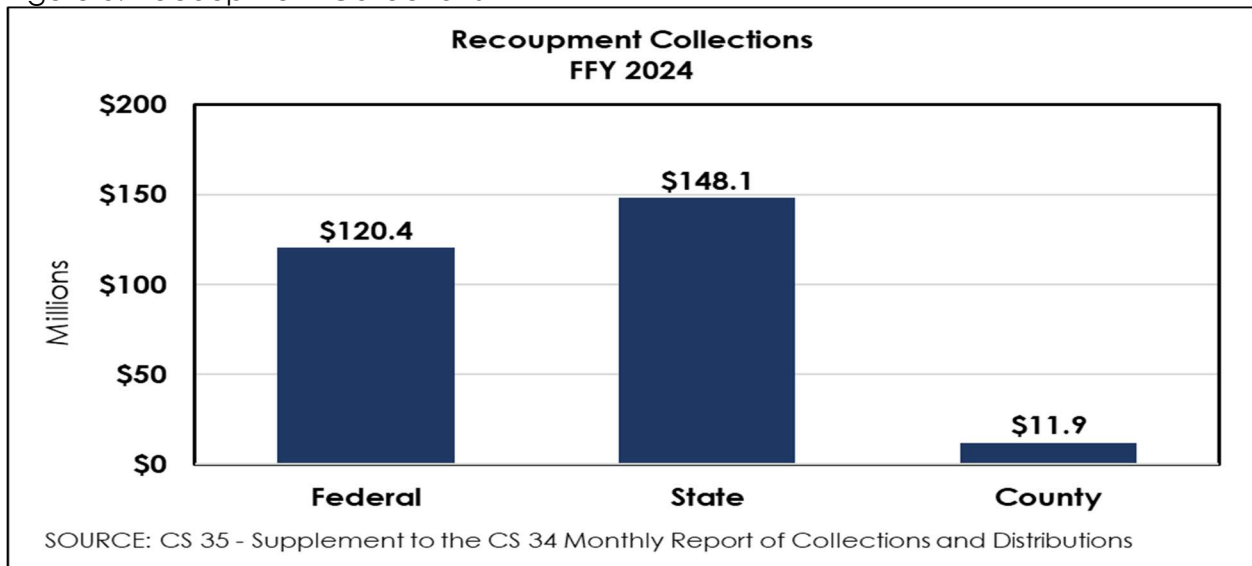


Figure 3: Recoupment Collections



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**TABLE B
DISTRIBUTED COLLECTIONS
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2024**

	Sent to Other States	Sent to Other Countries	Disregard	Distributed as Medical Support	Distributed to Family or Foster Care	Total
STATEWIDE	\$77,707,200	\$2,071,907	\$83,257,861	\$2,592,905	\$2,088,485,018	\$2,254,114,892
Alameda	2,808,305	145,798	1,998,564	51,293	67,474,228	72,478,188
Alpine	6,669	0	1,076	470	43,820	52,035
Amador	128,756	2,115	99,293	3,343	2,445,712	2,679,218
Butte	776,375	4,559	774,282	9,405	12,929,434	14,494,056
Calaveras	115,927	3,189	85,668	738	2,760,379	2,965,901
Colusa	16,171	0	52,126	388	1,433,370	1,502,054
Contra Costa	2,268,330	109,235	1,650,595	152,824	62,380,328	66,561,312
Del Norte	144,783	0	150,207	3,364	1,935,524	2,233,878
El Dorado	343,051	3,600	322,905	27,059	10,723,926	11,420,541
Fresno	2,172,968	26,490	5,359,693	58,884	75,848,638	83,466,672
Glenn	88,858	0	138,843	26	2,941,552	3,169,279
Humboldt	443,702	8,131	343,004	7,773	6,982,227	7,784,837
Imperial	416,731	0	823,908	6,457	21,998,814	23,245,910
Inyo	39,094	0	33,214	1,420	1,465,444	1,539,171
Kern	1,888,644	2,731	3,863,811	37,195	70,254,284	76,046,666
Kings	522,199	0	595,327	4,490	12,365,370	13,487,386
Lake	304,588	0	228,445	2,084	3,669,013	4,204,129
Lassen	109,251	0	99,718	6,305	2,016,384	2,231,658
Los Angeles	19,176,350	468,698	19,938,448	516,605	411,426,562	451,526,661
Madera	196,546	0	761,531	2,539	10,016,029	10,976,644
Marin	240,319	13,919	182,308	57,144	9,703,961	10,197,651
Mariposa	83,642	0	43,480	0	961,129	1,088,252
Mendocino	221,775	0	283,728	11,351	4,659,305	5,176,159
Merced	642,854	10,299	1,604,517	11,279	23,630,836	25,899,785
Modoc	34,815	0	26,009	1,498	351,109	413,431
Mono	34,842	0	1,359	5,117	586,850	628,168
Monterey	1,031,499	42,591	1,286,879	14,055	37,478,155	39,853,180
Napa	213,847	0	212,609	68,280	9,378,836	9,873,571
Nevada	277,539	76,810	204,332	11,236	5,946,956	6,516,872
Orange	3,763,764	97,733	3,650,871	226,539	152,390,307	160,129,213
Placer	616,790	31,343	387,759	36,896	23,117,237	24,190,025
Plumas	130,843	0	61,464	2,104	1,459,788	1,654,198
Riverside	5,290,823	104,602	6,270,791	20,126	154,791,745	166,478,088
Sacramento	4,599,622	73,107	4,248,753	144,508	107,046,030	116,112,021
San Benito	89,883	0	128,421	23,882	5,001,472	5,243,658
San Bernardino	4,631,557	84,798	7,619,379	155,861	158,229,683	170,721,277
San Diego	9,634,088	163,775	3,668,761	308,671	156,582,773	170,358,066
San Francisco	794,661	30,595	688,149	21,473	18,647,832	20,182,710
San Joaquin	1,669,252	35,554	1,960,434	29,150	51,967,722	55,662,111
San Luis Obispo	384,967	4,717	337,468	11,023	13,292,633	14,030,808
San Mateo	917,189	77,351	294,392	99,419	29,701,350	31,089,701
Santa Barbara	648,620	10,957	822,509	29,577	24,562,666	26,074,328
Santa Clara	2,046,054	115,028	2,122,775	136,625	71,354,746	75,775,229
Santa Cruz	356,612	18,250	391,573	13,741	10,742,878	11,523,054
Shasta	798,597	18,515	718,020	31,377	13,342,362	14,908,870
Sierra	17,983	0	3,655	0	94,895	116,534
Siskiyou	167,083	0	138,552	2,927	2,617,400	2,925,963
Solano	1,268,763	68,548	1,008,907	29,540	34,517,852	36,893,610
Sonoma	772,945	11,325	588,623	44,840	27,301,478	28,719,212
Stanislaus	1,277,062	5,978	2,210,515	29,259	47,168,503	50,691,317
Sutter	181,832	-21,670	260,496	17,144	5,601,502	6,039,304
Tehama	186,314	30	309,149	1,393	4,722,812	5,219,698
Trinity	42,977	8,450	45,473	377	694,706	791,984
Tulare	752,410	20,498	1,999,956	29,620	32,119,696	34,922,180
Tuolumne	107,219	0	131,018	10,513	3,918,482	4,167,232
Ventura	1,215,102	38,606	1,305,492	31,954	46,833,677	49,424,831
Yolo	290,836	153,491	378,426	24,276	11,306,594	12,153,622
Yuba	304,926	2,163	340,202	7,469	5,548,022	6,202,782
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies						
Ama/Alp/Cal/Tual	358,571	5,303	317,054	15,065	9,168,393	9,864,386
Colusa/Sutter/Yolo	488,838	131,821	691,048	41,807	18,341,466	19,694,981
Humboldt/Trinity	486,679	16,581	388,477	8,150	7,676,934	8,576,821
Inyo/Mono	73,935	0	34,572	6,537	2,052,294	2,167,339
Merced/Mariposa	726,496	10,299	1,647,997	11,279	24,591,965	26,988,037
Santa Cruz/San Benito	446,495	18,250	519,995	37,623	15,744,350	16,766,712
Sierra/Nevada	295,522	76,810	207,987	11,236	6,041,851	6,633,406
Siskiyou/Modoc	201,898	0	164,561	4,425	2,968,509	3,339,394

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	\$120,385,488	\$148,143,001	\$11,884,473	\$280,412,961
Alameda	3,280,548	3,911,211	239,192	7,430,951
Alpine	1,100	848	217	2,165
Amador	94,849	98,389	6,887	200,125
Butte	1,272,674	1,627,870	141,872	3,042,417
Calaveras	92,260	102,876	11,422	206,558
Colusa	48,219	47,631	3,870	99,721
Contra Costa	2,041,576	2,389,052	233,843	4,664,471
Del Norte	208,333	255,213	15,713	479,260
El Dorado	473,710	526,180	120,432	1,120,323
Fresno	7,635,396	9,858,051	569,221	18,062,668
Glenn	220,594	239,847	30,280	490,721
Humboldt	493,162	602,972	39,881	1,136,014
Imperial	1,078,557	1,341,240	130,666	2,550,463
Inyo	47,196	47,135	3,666	97,997
Kern	5,011,864	6,058,073	392,503	11,462,441
Kings	707,051	915,614	85,180	1,707,845
Lake	296,458	312,920	26,026	635,404
Lassen	160,009	219,251	17,410	396,670
Los Angeles	31,394,140	38,951,848	3,007,916	73,353,904
Madera	824,511	1,054,851	78,886	1,958,248
Marin	173,455	218,779	12,412	404,645
Mariposa	44,252	59,054	4,267	107,573
Mendocino	354,987	468,092	21,953	845,032
Merced	1,900,297	2,590,869	170,371	4,661,537
Modoc	27,100	28,095	3,003	58,197
Mono	4,048	3,749	222	8,020
Monterey	2,000,125	2,236,466	174,010	4,410,600
Napa	305,342	311,135	29,849	646,327
Nevada	252,022	295,539	24,675	572,236
Orange	4,526,116	5,028,593	464,330	10,019,038
Placer	514,650	581,698	34,530	1,130,877
Plumas	61,059	68,831	6,697	136,586
Riverside	8,638,277	10,293,285	891,764	19,823,326
Sacramento	6,519,568	8,385,988	1,106,240	16,011,795
San Benito	171,837	199,105	19,810	390,752
San Bernardino	10,789,824	13,534,676	1,104,602	25,429,102
San Diego	5,239,384	6,487,147	431,572	12,158,103
San Francisco	969,867	1,206,718	89,757	2,266,343
San Joaquin	2,956,001	3,762,994	252,819	6,971,814
San Luis Obispo	469,395	603,159	54,908	1,127,462
San Mateo	559,495	608,208	57,707	1,225,410
Santa Barbara	1,188,774	1,395,151	105,432	2,689,357
Santa Clara	3,365,783	3,958,747	318,156	7,642,687
Santa Cruz	636,522	767,984	69,873	1,474,380
Shasta	1,058,265	1,231,782	109,976	2,400,023
Sierra	5,684	5,234	405	11,324
Siskiyou	126,366	150,381	13,167	289,914
Solano	1,652,325	2,103,203	186,809	3,942,338
Sonoma	873,253	1,026,887	73,168	1,973,307
Stanislaus	3,188,369	4,212,205	354,957	7,755,531
Sutter	354,519	398,328	29,749	782,596
Tehama	404,464	442,182	7,861	854,507
Trinity	57,915	71,201	5,390	134,506
Tulare	2,723,085	3,584,684	231,274	6,539,043
Tuolumne	163,432	182,967	17,876	364,275
Ventura	1,687,721	1,901,676	134,691	3,724,088
Yolo	530,116	554,723	72,470	1,157,308
Yuba	509,589	622,411	42,636	1,174,636
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies				
Ama/Alp/Cal/Tual	351,640	385,080	36,402	773,122
Calusa/Sutter/Yolo	932,854	1,000,682	106,090	2,039,626
Humboldt/Trinity	551,077	674,173	45,271	1,270,521
Inyo/Mono	51,244	50,884	3,888	106,017
Merced/Mariposa	1,944,549	2,649,923	174,638	4,769,110
Santa Cruz/San Benito	808,359	967,089	89,683	1,865,132
Sierra/Nevada	257,706	300,773	25,080	583,560
Siskiyou/Modoc	153,466	178,476	16,170	348,111

SOURCE: CS 35 - 3 Supplement to the CS 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 (i.e. California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program (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 Services (OCSS) (previously referred to as 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.

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 OCSS. The final report 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 of Children and Families (December 2016), Page 14, <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/css/report/child-support-program-good-investment>

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."

The report discussed that while there are many government programs that are likely to have cost avoidance due to the California Child Support Program, the primary governmental programs with cost avoidance in California are:

- CalWORKs
- 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 2024-25 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 collections from SFY 2000-01 were multiplied by SFY 2024-25 non-assistance collections to estimate cost avoidance by program (Federal and State share) for SFY 2024-25. 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 2024-25 Estimated Cost Avoidance Per Dollar of \$2.023 Billion in Non-Assistance Collections

(millions of dollars)	Federal Share	California Share	Total
Entitlement Programs			
Food Stamps/CalFresh	103.8	0.0	103.8
Medi-Cal	22.7	21.6	44.4
SSI	25.5	0.0	25.5
Total	152.0	21.6	173.7
Block Grant/Discretionary Programs			
CalWORKs	0.0	176.0	176.0
Housing	6.4	6.4	12.8
Total	6.4	182.4	188.8
All Programs	158.4	204.0	362.4

SOURCE: DCSS.ca.gov Collection Table 5: 2024-2025 May Revision

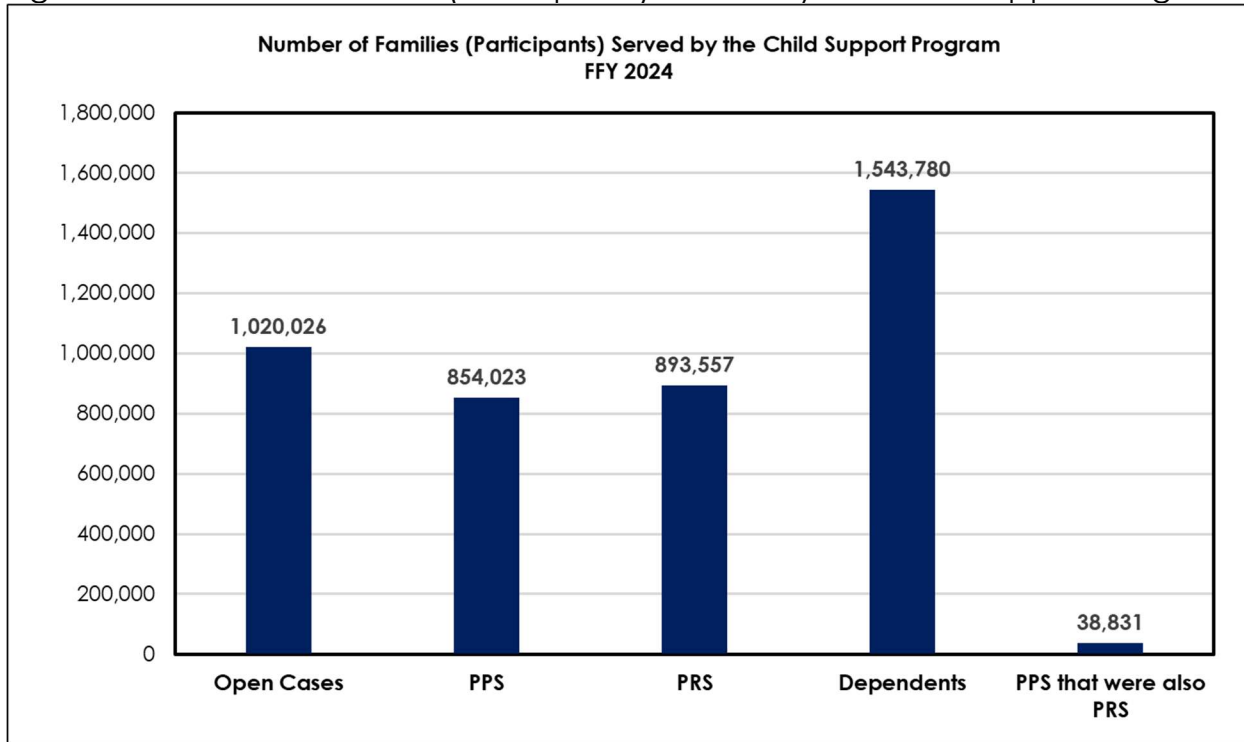
NOTE: Due to rounding issues, the sum of individual programs may not equal the totals.

NUMBER OF FAMILIES (PARTICIPANTS) SERVED BY THE CHILD SUPPORT PROGRAM

As the definition of 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 2024, there were 854,023 Parents Ordered to Pay Support (PPS), 893,557 Persons Ordered to Receive Support (PRS), 1,543,780 dependents, and 38,831 of the PPS were also PRS on a separate case (see figure 4). See Table C on page 14.

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 2024**

	Parents Paying Support (PPS)	Persons Receiving Support (PRS)	Dependents
STATEWIDE	854,023	893,557	1,543,780
Alameda	23,961	23,967	37,469
Alpine	29	33	46
Amador	976	913	1,467
Butte	6,897	6,879	11,093
Calaveras	1,237	1,145	1,895
Colusa	565	550	951
Contra Costa	21,448	21,198	33,895
Del Norte	1,449	1,445	2,328
El Dorado	4,095	3,823	6,383
Fresno	41,961	43,046	79,788
Glenn	1,301	1,218	2,176
Humboldt	4,049	4,104	6,477
Imperial	7,915	7,764	14,388
Inyo	647	656	1,070
Kern	40,414	40,337	74,405
Kings	6,848	6,671	12,077
Lake	2,423	2,267	3,778
Lassen	1,044	1,026	1,647
Los Angeles	219,129	217,243	377,938
Madera	5,415	5,153	9,589
Marin	2,342	2,359	3,660
Mariposa	526	492	826
Mendocino	2,480	2,439	4,125
Merced	11,974	11,835	21,481
Modoc	252	244	423
Mono	162	159	247
Monterey	10,692	10,883	18,748
Napa	2,333	2,317	3,727
Nevada	2,161	2,085	3,275
Orange	50,211	49,645	83,748
Placer	5,504	5,337	8,603
Plumas	592	570	922
Riverside	65,708	64,288	112,859
Sacramento	51,336	51,400	88,495
San Benito	1,481	1,466	2,436
San Bernardino	75,250	72,734	130,083
San Diego	52,601	52,764	86,682
San Francisco	7,226	7,332	10,893
San Joaquin	27,561	27,111	47,573
San Luis Obispo	3,938	3,760	6,136
San Mateo	6,813	6,775	10,572
Santa Barbara	8,459	8,578	14,269
Santa Clara	21,716	22,562	36,906
Santa Cruz	4,063	4,012	6,603
Shasta	6,981	7,002	11,114
Sierra	62	64	90
Siskiyou	1,696	1,656	2,809
Solano	11,565	11,612	18,339
Sonoma	8,265	8,464	13,297
Stanislaus	19,640	19,168	33,135
Sutter	3,075	2,981	5,042
Tehama	2,475	2,407	4,049
Trinity	423	407	646
Tulare	21,300	21,037	39,449
Tuolumne	1,705	1,681	2,587
Ventura	14,885	15,279	25,397
Yolo	4,934	4,927	8,094
Yuba	3,341	3,122	5,400
Regionalized Local Child Support Agencies			
Ama/Alp/Cala/Tuol	3,908	3,757	5,983
Colusa/Sutter/Yolo	8,522	8,431	14,069
Humboldt/Trinity	4,457	4,507	7,119
Inyo/Mono	801	813	1,315
Merced/Mariposa	12,476	12,324	22,305
Santa Cruz/San Benito	5,529	5,477	9,035
Sierra/Nevada	2,221	2,148	3,365
Siskiyou/Modoc	1,943	1,897	3,224

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 Person Ordered to Receive Support (PRS) who may be a parent, caretaker relative or other custodian, including an entity such as a foster care agency; and
 - A Parent Ordered to Pay Support (PPS), a mother, a father, or a putative father whose parentage has not been legally established.

- **California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs)** – CalWORKs, known federally as the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, provides temporary cash assistance to eligible low-income families with children. Through the Welfare to Work component, CalWORKs provides education, employment and training, barrier-removal and supportive services like childcare and counseling to give families opportunities to build resilience and achieve critical economic mobility. CalWORKs is state-supervised and county-administered.

- **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 may remain eligible for child support for a period after they are emancipated or reaches the “age of majority” depending on the state or tribe. “Age of emancipation” means legal independence and no longer needing a guardian. State or tribal law determines the “age of emancipation” or “age of majority.”

- **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. Also known as a child support pass-through.

- **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 (or 45 CFR 309.115 for procedures governing tribal child support programs); how the total child support payment

amount is divided between all money owed under the support orders, including reimbursement for public assistance.

- **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 Payment Program (KinGAP)** – A program that provides financial assistance payments on behalf of eligible children for whom dependency or wardship has been dismissed and a related legal guardian appointed, as specified in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11360) and Chapter 2.1 (commencing with Section 11385) of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- **Medi-Cal Program** – California's medical assistance program provided under the State Plan approved under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.
- **Parent Ordered to Pay Support (PPS)** – The parent of the children that may be or is obligated to pay child support.
- **Person Ordered to Receive Support (PRS)** – 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).
- **Public Assistance** – Any amount paid under the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (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, TANF) are automatically referred to their state or tribal child support agency, which will identify and locate the Parent Ordered to Pay Support (PPS), 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 PPS and may enable the Person Ordered to Receive Support (PRS) 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 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.