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of
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The objective of the CalFresh program is to improve the health and well-being of qualified households and individuals by providing them a means to meet their nutritional needs. The CalFresh Household Characteristics Survey presents data on various social and economic characteristics of individuals, families and households who received CalFresh benefits during Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2012 – October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012. Data for this report were taken from the County Performance Sample survey conducted by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) that included a random sample of 5,583 CalFresh households. As with all sample data, the information in this report was subject to sampling and non-sampling errors.¹ Because the estimates from this report are subject to margins of error, they should be interpreted with caution. In addition, the data in this report will not reflect the impact of more recent policy or eligibility changes.

Key Findings:

In FFY 2012, California provided 3.3 million recipients with CalFresh benefits, which is an increase from the 3.1 million recipients that received benefits in FFY 2011. This increase may be due to successful outreach and awareness strategies designed to inform needy families and individuals of their eligibility for CalFresh benefits.

Of the total heads of household who participated in CalFresh, 41 percent were Hispanic, 31 percent were White, 18 percent were Black, and 7 percent were Asian/Pacific Islanders. When compared to the previous FFY, Hispanics increased by 1 percentage point, and Blacks decreased by 1 percentage point, while Whites, and Asian/Pacific Islanders were similar.

The female recipients increased slightly from 54 percent (FFY 2011) of all recipients to 55 percent, while the male recipients decreased slightly from 46 percent (FFY 2011) to 45 percent.

Six percent of the CalFresh recipients in FFY 2012 were noncitizens, which is similar to the percentage in the previous FFY.

Of all recipients, children under six receiving CalFresh decreased from 44 percent (FFY 2011) to 41 percent, while school aged children (6 – 17 years old) increased three percentage points between FFY 2011 (56 percent) and FFY 2012 (59 percent).

The elderly/disabled CalFresh heads of household increased from 6 percent of all household heads (FFY 2011) to 8 percent.

The average age of the children (7 years old), and the average age of the head of household (37 years old), remains unchanged when compared to FFY 2011.

The average size of the CalFresh household (2.3 persons) did not change between FFY 2011 and FFY 2012.

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Forty-three percent of the CalFresh households had unearned income, which is 6 percentage points less than the previous FFY.

Twenty-two percent of the CalFresh households had earned income, which is identical to the percentage in FFY 2011.

The majority of the CalFresh households with unearned income were receiving public assistance (47 percent) or general relief (13 percent); a small percentage (13 percent) received unemployment compensation. The percentage of CalFresh households receiving general relief increased 3 percentage points, while households receiving public assistance or unemployment compensation showed no change between FFY 2011 and FFY 2012.

After deductions, the average net income used to determine the CalFresh allotment increased from \$443 (FFY 2011) to \$456, and CalFresh households that did not have a net income also increased from 45 percent (FFY 2011) to 51 percent.

The average time on aid for CalFresh benefits decreased slightly from 22 months (FFY 2011) to 21 months. There was also a decrease in the average time on aid for the public assistance households, from 35.5 months (FFY 2011) to 34.5 months.

The average monthly CalFresh benefit was \$311, which is \$4 less than FFY 2011 and \$11 less than FFY 2010.

The percentage of heads of households with at least 12 years of education (63 percent) has been constant from FFY 2010 to FFY 2012.

Forty-seven percent of the CalFresh heads of household with less than 12 years of education reported no net income, which is 4 percentage points more than FFY 2011.

Fourteen percent of the heads of household with less than 12 years of education had \$1,000 or more net income used in determining their CalFresh allotment. This is up 2 percentage points from the previous FFY.

Eighteen percent of the CalFresh households received benefits continuously for 7 to 12 months. Of those, 38 percent were White, 52 percent reported no net income, 64 percent completed 12 years of education or more, and the average household size was 2.1 persons.

The average allowable excess shelter deduction increased from \$457 (FFY 2011) to \$464.

Fifty-nine percent of the households claimed a utility expense, which is similar to the percentage in FFY 2010 and FFY 2011.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (continued)

The CalFresh households that were allowed a dependent care deduction increased from 1.1 percent (FFY 2011) to 1.6 percent, while the average child care deduction decreased from \$304 (FFY 2011) to \$257.

The CDSS will continue to examine the social and economic factors of those receiving CalFresh benefits as part of its efforts to establish better program access and increase participation for low-income families and individuals.

¹ **Sampling error** is a statistical error caused due to working with sample data rather than population or census data. Using sample data presents the risk that results found in an analysis may not represent the results that would be obtained from using data involving the entire population from which the sample was derived. **Non-sampling errors** are statistical errors caused by human error to which a specific statistical analysis is exposed. These errors can include, but are not limited to, data entry errors, biased questions in a questionnaire, biased data processing, inappropriate analysis conclusions, and false information provided by respondents.

CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY INFORMATION

THE CALFRESH PROGRAM

The CalFresh program, formerly known as Food Stamps and federally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), provides monthly benefits that assist low-income households in purchasing the food they need to maintain adequate nutritional levels.

National eligibility standards and benefit levels are established by Congress, while national administration of the program is provided by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service, which funds 100 percent of the benefits and half of the administrative costs. At the state level, the CDSS is responsible for program supervision with county administration. The state pays 70 percent of the non-federal cost for administration and counties pay the remaining 30 percent.

Eligibility determination includes an assessment of income level, resources, residency, employment status, and citizenship or legal immigrant status. Households in which all members receive California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CaWORKs) benefits are considered categorically eligible for the CalFresh program (applicants are automatically eligible for CalFresh benefits if they are already receiving benefits from other specific low-income assistance programs).

California's Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP) recipients do not receive CalFresh benefits. Instead, they receive cash equivalent (cash-out) as part of their benefits.

A **Public Assistance CalFresh (PACF)** household is one in which all of its members also receive public assistance.

A **Non-Assistance CalFresh (NACF)** household is one in which none or fewer than all of its members also receive public assistance.

PROGRAM CHANGES FOR FFY 2012

In FFY 2012, CDSS continued to make program changes to increase CalFresh participation. In this effort, all counties were informed that the use of the Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System as a requirement for issuing CalFresh benefits would be discontinued on December 31, 2011. AB 6 (Chapter 501, Statutes of 2011) became effective January 1, 2012, and amended Welfare and Institutions Code Section 10830 by repealing the requirement that CalFresh applicants be fingerprinted and photo imaged as a condition of benefit issuance.

CDSS also streamlined the process for Transitional CalFresh households (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) households that receive CalFresh benefits for one to five months after leaving the TANF program) who wanted to receive regular CalFresh benefits. These households were allowed to have a new recertification period if they were determined eligible for CalFresh benefits.

CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY INFORMATION (continued)

SURVEY DISPLAY

This report presents data on various social and economic characteristics of individuals, families and households who received CalFresh benefits in FFY 2012, October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012. The data reflect information obtained from the County Performance Sample survey conducted by the CDSS.

For comparison purposes, the tables in this publication display NACF and PACF data separately.

Pie charts and bar charts, where appropriate, have been included as a visual aid to assist the reader in the assimilation of the data. Moreover, the median and the mean (average) have been computed for many of the tables. The median is the middle value of a population. A normally distributed population will find the mean and the median fairly close to one another. When the population is not normally distributed, however, the median and mean can be very different because such a population will lack a well-defined center point.

SURVEY TOOL

The Performance Measurement County (PMC) staff conducts quality control reviews for the CalFresh program using the Research and Development Enterprise Project (RADEP). The RADEP is a web-based data collection and reporting tool that is used for federal reporting requirements, policy development, program evaluation, participation rate calculations, and characteristics surveys.

Data in this report reflect characteristics of households receiving CalFresh benefits for at least one month during FFY 2012.

Information was derived from review of case records, third party verifications and recipient interviews, which were conducted as a means of verifying data in the files and to provide additional information that may not be found in the case records. The Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System file was used to supplement these data.

SAMPLING INFORMATION

The sample cases were drawn from a county CalFresh Monthly Issuance File. This file consists of all certified eligible households that were issued CalFresh benefits in a particular month. Each month, a random sample of open cases is drawn from the 19 largest counties — PMC; which represent approximately 90 percent of the statewide caseload — and an additional sample is drawn from the remaining 39 counties as a whole. The total sample for FFY 2012 consisted of 5,545 cases.

CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS SURVEY INFORMATION (continued)**DATA PRESENTATION**

The data represented by tables in this publication were developed using statistical methodology to expand the number of sample cases to the average of the actual number of CalFresh cases that received CalFresh benefits during the twelve-month period. Since the sample was drawn from cases and not persons, the person data were also expanded using statistically derived case weights. Due to sample expansion, the frequencies may or may not be the same as those found in other reports. Also, because of rounding, the frequencies may or may not add up to the totals vertically and/or horizontally. The differences are small, however, and not significant.

RELIABILITY OF THE DATA

Since the information presented in the tables was based on a sample, it may differ somewhat from figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken. Comparison of sample data with available actual data and with data from comparable prior studies shows the information to be quite reliable. However, as with all sample data, care should be exercised in the interpretation of figures when based on a relatively small number of cases.

The CalFresh survey is based upon a random sample selection process that has a confidence level of 95 percent and a precision of plus or minus two percent.

CALFRESH RECIPIENT PROFILE

Like the population at large, the CalFresh population has a wide range of social and economic characteristics. The chart below shows the comparison of some of the key characteristics of the households receiving CalFresh in FFY 2002, FFY 2011 and FFY 2012.

CHARACTERISTICS	FFY 2002	FFY 2011	FFY 2012
Average age of head of household (years)	36.6	37.3	37.8
Average age of children (years)	8.3	7.2	7.5
Average number of persons per household	2.7	2.3	2.3
Average number of children per household	1.8	1.3	1.3
Percent of recipients that are United States citizens	90.8%	93.3%	93.7%
Heads of the household completing at least 12 years education	55.2%	62.5%	62.9%
Average CalFresh allotment per household	\$199	\$315	\$311
Percent of CalFresh recipients that also receive CalWORKs benefits	63.0%	32.8%	31.1%
Percent of CalFresh households that also receive CalWORKs benefits	49.8%	27.6%	24.7%
Percent of single-person NACF households	42.5%	47.2%	51.0%
RACE/ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD:			
Hispanic	33.8%	40.3%	41.4%
White	30.1%	31.0%	30.6%
Black	25.0%	19.3%	17.7%
*Asian/Pacific Islander	10.9%	6.4%	6.6%
*Other	0.0%	3.0%	3.6%
RACE/ETHNICITY OF THE CALFRESH RECIPIENTS:			
Hispanic	46.4%	56.2%	56.3%
White	20.7%	21.3%	20.9%
Black	18.8%	13.7%	13.4%
*Asian/Pacific Islander	14.1%	6.0%	5.7%
*Other	0.0%	2.8%	3.7%

* As of FFY 2011, the "Asian/Pacific Islander" category no longer includes "Other".

SECTION 1

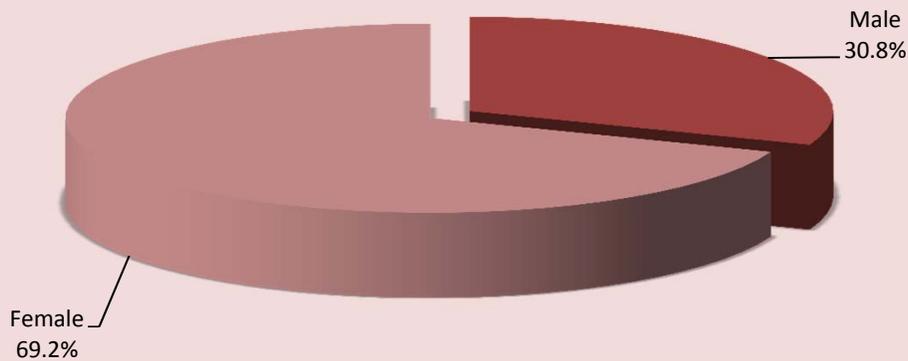
GENDER, CITIZENSHIP & RACE/ETHNICITY

Of the total heads of household who participated in CalFresh, 41 percent were Hispanic, 31 percent were White, 18 percent were Black, and 7 percent were Asian/Pacific Islanders. When compared to the previous FFY, Hispanics increased by 1 percentage point, and Blacks decreased by 1 percentage point, while Whites, and Asian/Pacific Islanders were similar. (Figure 5)

The female recipients increased slightly from 54 percent (FFY 2011) of all recipients to 55 percent, while the male recipients decreased slightly from 46 percent (FFY 2011) to 45 percent. (Figure 2)

Six percent of the CalFresh recipients in FFY 2012 were noncitizens, which is similar to the percentage in the previous FFY. (Figure 4)

**FIGURE 1
GENDER OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD**

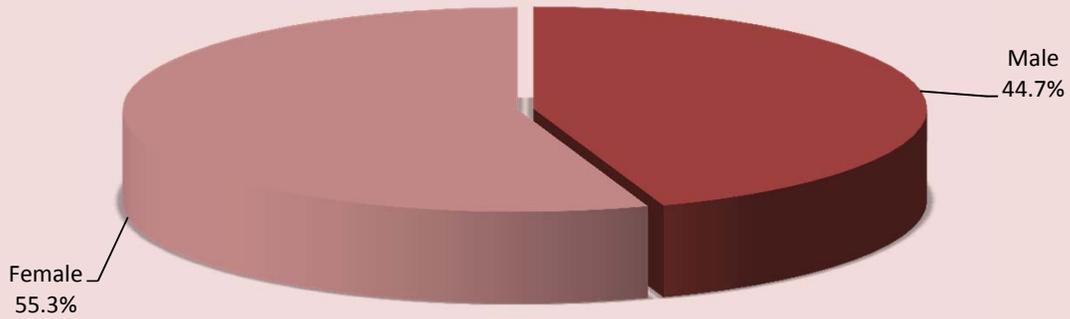


GENDER	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION					
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			NONASSISTANCE		
	Number		Number		Number			
Total	<u>1,485,289</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>367,516</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,117,773</u>	<u>100.0</u>		
Not Applicable ^{1/}	349,207	23.5	142,065	38.7	207,142	18.5		
Head of Household:	<u>1,136,082</u>	<u>76.5</u>	<u>225,451</u>	<u>61.3</u>	<u>910,631</u>	<u>81.5</u>	<u>100.0</u>	
Male	349,961	30.8	21,481	9.5	328,480	36.1		
Female	786,121	69.2	203,970	90.5	582,151	63.9		

1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- **Sixty-nine percent of CalFresh households are headed by women. In public assistance households 90 percent of the household heads are women.**

**FIGURE 2
GENDER OF THE CALFRESH RECIPIENTS**

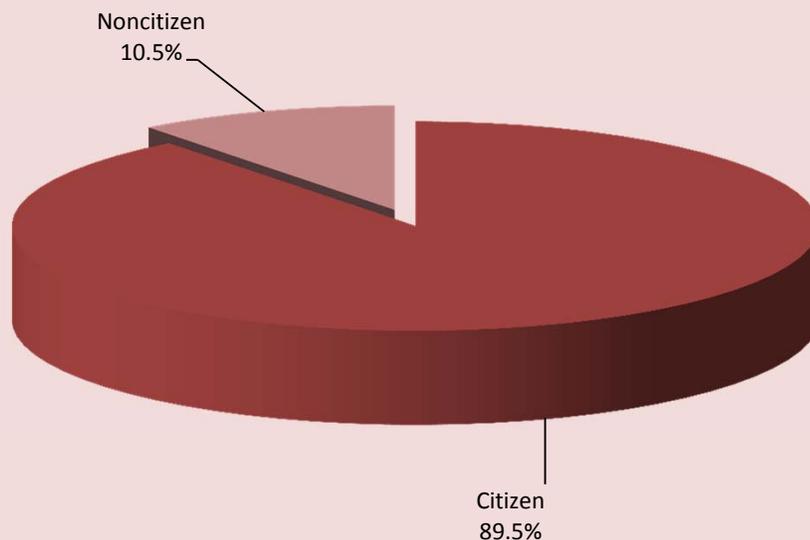


GENDER	TOTAL RECIPIENTS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number		PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number		Number	
Total	<u>3,351,573</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,041,536</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>2,310,037</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Male	1,497,188	44.7	440,759	42.3	1,056,429	45.7
Female	1,854,385	55.3	600,777	57.7	1,253,608	54.3

- More than half (55 percent) of the CalFresh recipients are female.

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FIGURE 3
CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD



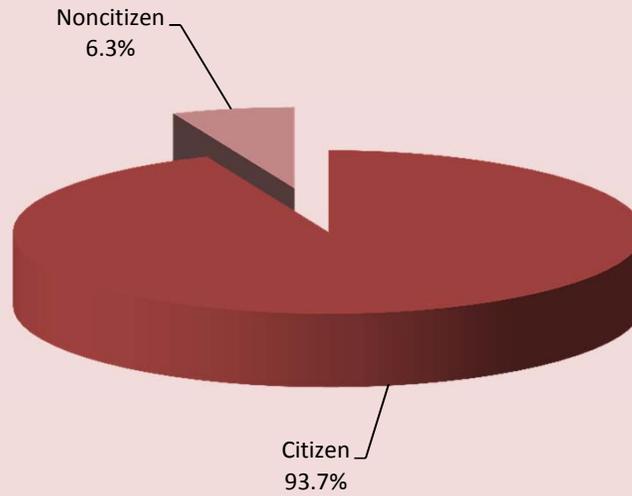
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Citizen	1,017,150	89.5	198,434	88.0	818,716	89.9
Noncitizen	118,932	10.5	27,017	12.0	91,915	10.1

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- **Noncitizens made up 11 percent of the total heads of household and 12 percent of the total heads of public assistance households.**

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**FIGURE 4
CITIZENSHIP STATUS OF THE CALFRESH RECIPIENTS**

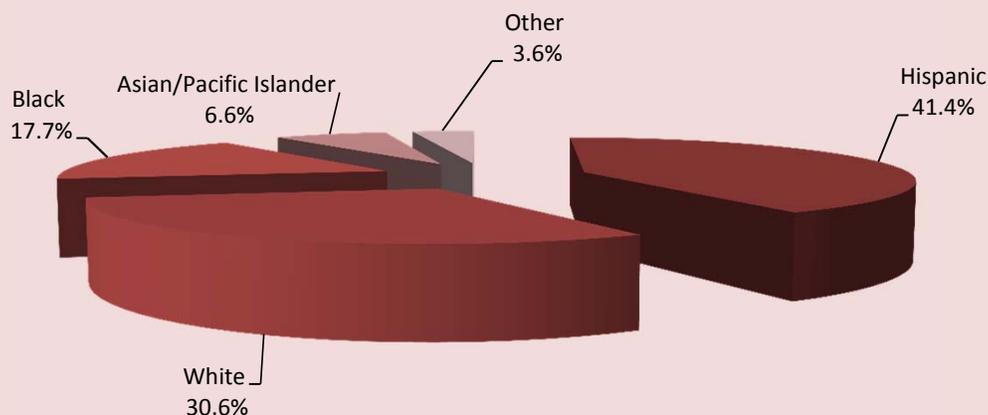


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Citizen	3,139,983	93.7	984,639	94.5	2,155,344	93.3
Noncitizen	211,590	6.3	56,897	5.5	154,693	6.7

- **Most CalFresh recipients (94 percent) are United States citizens.**

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FIGURE 5
RACE/ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD



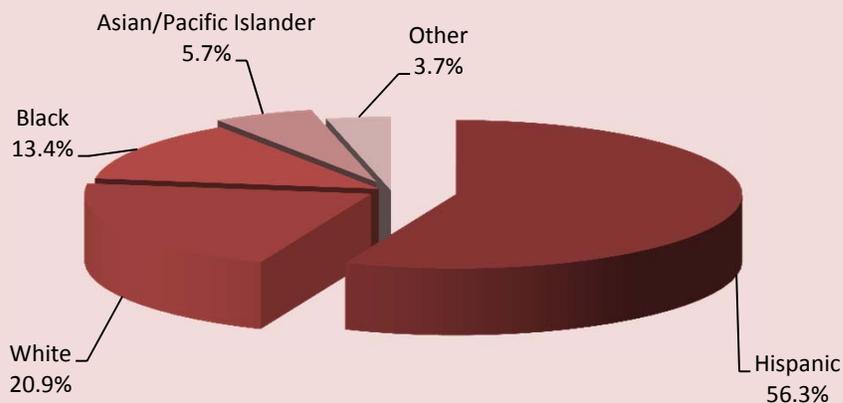
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Head of Household:	<u>1,136,082</u>	76.5	<u>225,451</u>	61.3	<u>910,631</u>	81.5
Hispanic	470,194	41.4	104,603	46.4	365,591	40.1
White	347,769	30.6	45,946	20.4	301,823	33.1
Black	201,290	17.7	52,724	23.4	148,566	16.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	75,535	6.6	12,560	5.6	62,975	6.9
Other	41,294	3.6	9,618	4.3	31,676	3.5

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- **Forty-one percent of the total heads of households are Hispanic, and 31 percent are White.**

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**FIGURE 6
RACE/ETHNICITY OF THE CALFRESH RECIPIENTS**



RACE/ETHNICITY	TOTAL RECIPIENTS		CLASSIFICATION			
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Hispanic	1,886,882	56.3	607,284	58.3	1,279,598	55.4
White	701,725	20.9	161,063	15.5	540,662	23.4
Black	449,456	13.4	180,410	17.3	269,046	11.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	191,104	5.7	47,754	4.6	143,350	6.2
Other	122,406	3.7	45,025	4.3	77,381	3.3

- More than half (56 percent) of the CalFresh recipients are Hispanic.

SECTION 2

AGE & HOUSEHOLD SIZE

Of all recipients, children under six receiving CalFresh decreased from 44 percent (FFY 2011) to 41 percent, while school aged children (6 – 17 years old) increased three percentage points between FFY 2011 (56 percent) and FFY 2012 (59 percent). (Figure 8)

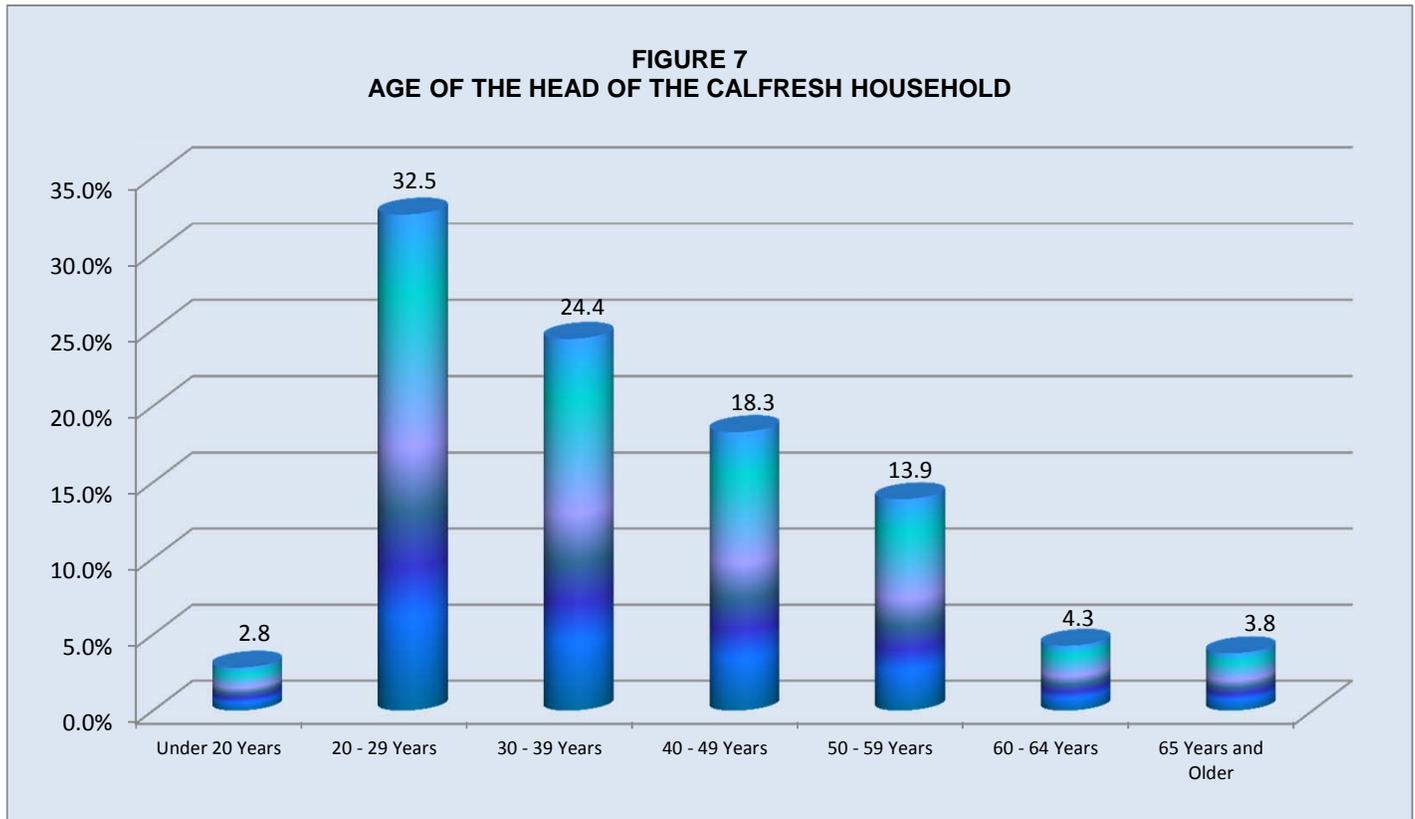
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The average size of the CalFresh household (2.3 persons) did not change between FFY 2011 and FFY 2012. (Figure 10)

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**FIGURE 7
AGE OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD**



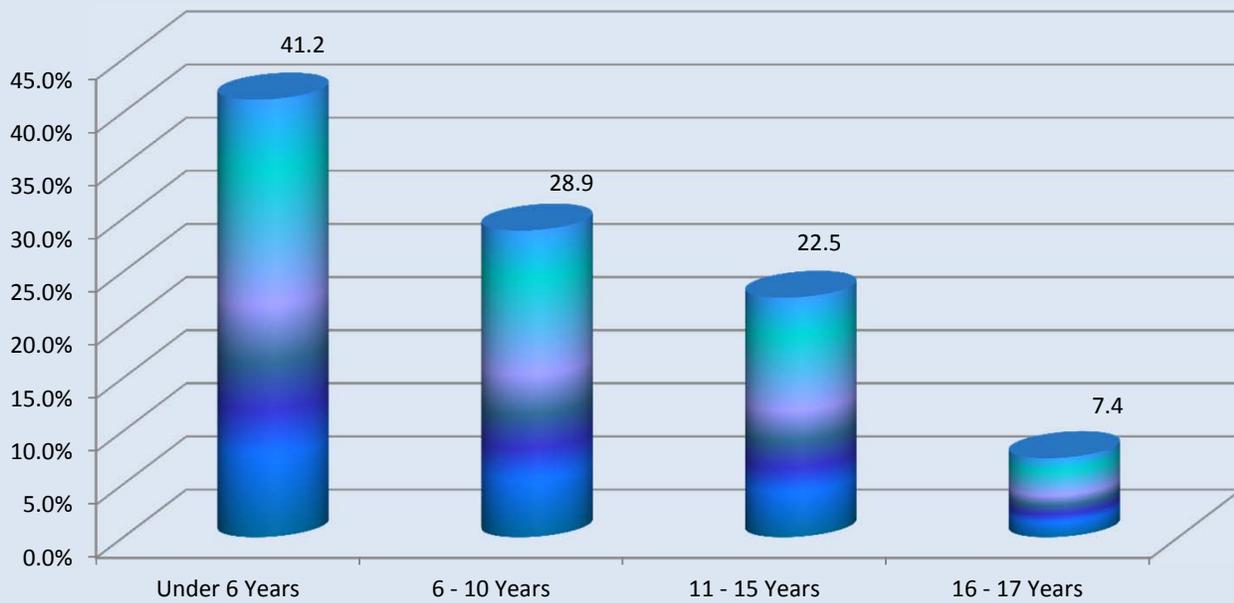
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Under 20 Years	32,079	2.8	6,387	2.8	25,692	2.8
20 - 29 Years	369,765	32.5	106,845	47.4	262,920	28.9
30 - 39 Years	277,253	24.4	64,949	28.8	212,304	23.3
40 - 49 Years	207,887	18.3	36,543	16.2	171,344	18.8
50 - 59 Years	157,790	13.9	8,559	3.8	149,231	16.4
60 - 64 Years	48,442	4.3	1,751	0.8	46,691	5.1
65 Years and Older	42,866	3.8	417	0.2	42,449	4.7
Average/Median age	37.8/35		31.7/29		39.2/36	

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- **Seventy-five percent of heads of household were between 20 and 49 years of age. The average age was 37.8 years old.**

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**FIGURE 8
AGE OF CHILDREN OF THE CALFRESH RECIPIENTS**

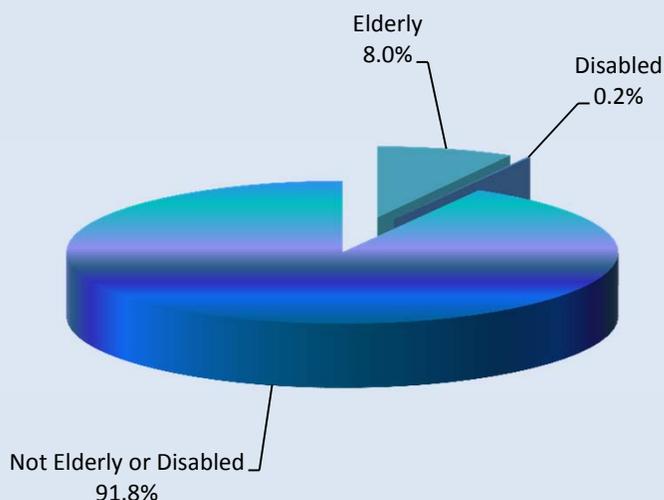


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Total	<u>3,351,573</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,041,536</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>2,310,037</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Adults in the CF Household	1,460,223	43.6	293,251	28.2	1,166,972	50.5
Children in the CF Household:	<u>1,891,350</u>	<u>56.4</u>	<u>748,285</u>	<u>71.8</u>	<u>1,143,065</u>	<u>49.5</u>
Under 6 Years	778,772	41.2	324,892	43.4	453,880	39.7
6 - 10 Years	545,722	28.9	201,106	26.9	344,616	30.1
11 - 15 Years	426,153	22.5	159,690	21.3	266,463	23.3
16 - 17 Years	140,703	7.4	62,597	8.4	78,106	6.8
Average Age of Child (Years)	7.5		7.3		7.6	

- Nearly 59 percent of the children were school aged (6-17 years old). The average age was 7.5 years old.

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FIGURE 9
ELDERLY OR DISABLED STATUS OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD



ELDERLY OR DISABLED STATUS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>1,485,289</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>367,516</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,117,773</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable ^{1/}	349,207	23.5	142,065	38.7	207,142	18.5
Head of Household:	<u>1,136,082</u>	76.5	<u>225,451</u>	61.3	<u>910,631</u>	81.5
Elderly	91,309	8.0	2,167	1.0	89,142	9.8
Disabled	2,269	0.2	0	0.0	2,269	0.2
Not Elderly or Disabled	1,042,504	91.8	223,284	99.0	819,220	90.0

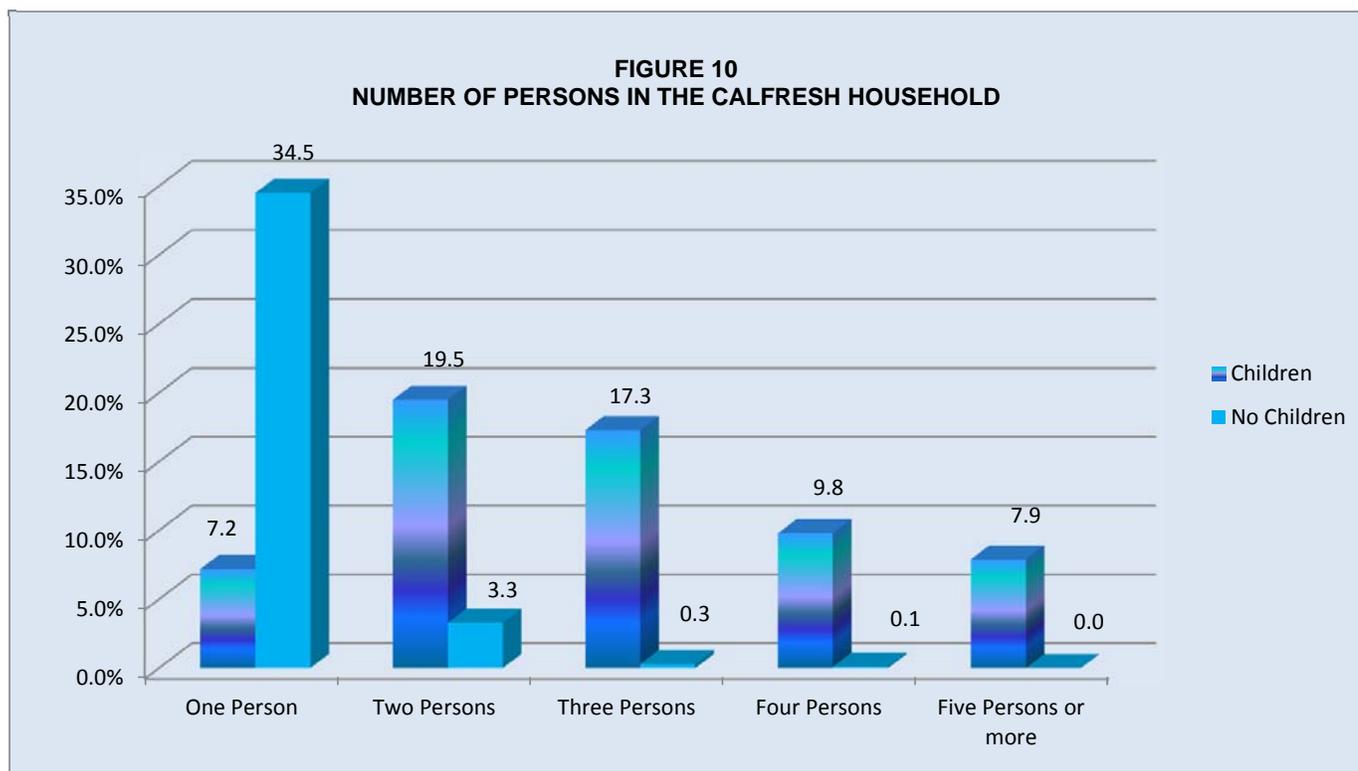
1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- **A small percentage (8 percent) of the head of households are elderly/disabled.**

Note: Those aged 60 and over are considered elderly, and the disabled category includes those who are deemed physically or mentally unfit for employment.

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FIGURE 10
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD

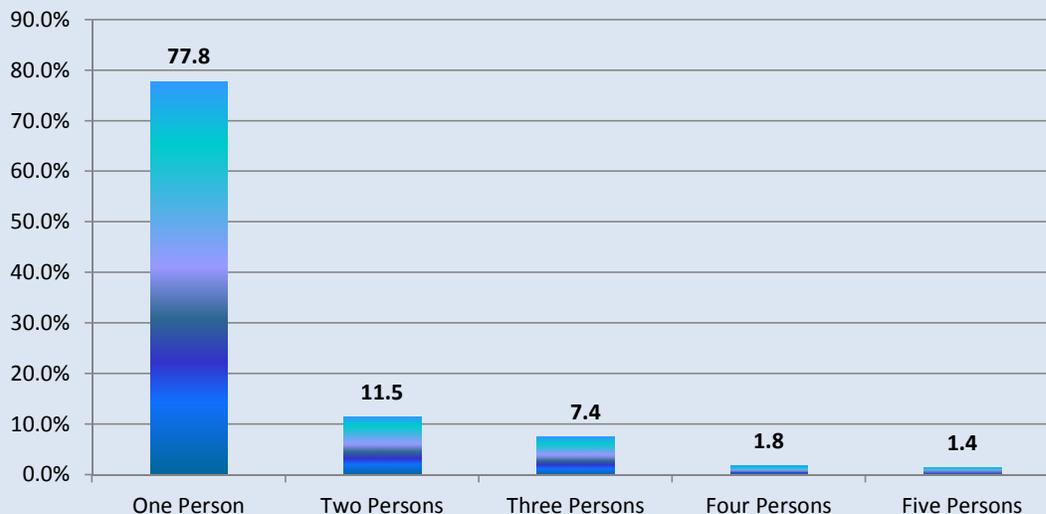


PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>1,485,289</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>367,516</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,117,773</u>	<u>100.0</u>
One Person						
With Children	107,275	7.2	43,148	11.7	64,127	5.7
No Children	512,161	34.5	6,142	1.7	506,019	45.3
Two Persons						
With Children	290,010	19.5	126,308	34.4	163,702	14.6
No Children	49,341	3.3	1,515	0.4	47,826	4.3
Three Persons						
With Children	257,349	17.3	100,471	27.3	156,878	14.0
No Children	4,396	0.3	0	0.0	4,396	0.4
Four Persons						
With Children	146,229	9.8	48,845	13.3	97,384	8.7
No Children	851	0.1	249	0.1	602	0.1
Five Persons or more						
With Children	117,677	7.9	40,838	11.1	76,839	6.9
No Children	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Average/Median Persons		2.3/2		2.8/3		2.1/2

- One-person households with no children was the largest group of nonassistance households, while two-person households with children was the largest group in the public assistance category.

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FIGURE 11
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE SAME LIVING QUARTERS
NOT INCLUDED IN THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD



HOUSEHOLDS WITH OTHER PERSONS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>27,222</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>6,661</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>20,561</u>	<u>100.0</u>
One Person	21,185	77.8	5,026	75.5	16,159	78.6
Two Persons	3,136	11.5	1,147	17.2	1,989	9.7
Three Persons	2,023	7.4	0	0.0	2,023	9.8
Four Persons	488	1.8	167	2.5	321	1.6
Five Persons	390	1.4	321	4.8	69	0.3
Average Number of Other Persons		1.4		1.4		1.4

- Of those living with someone who is not on CalFresh, in 78 percent of the households, it is one person.

SECTION 3

INCOME

Forty-three percent of the CalFresh households had unearned income, which is 6 percentage points less than the previous FFY. (Figure 12)

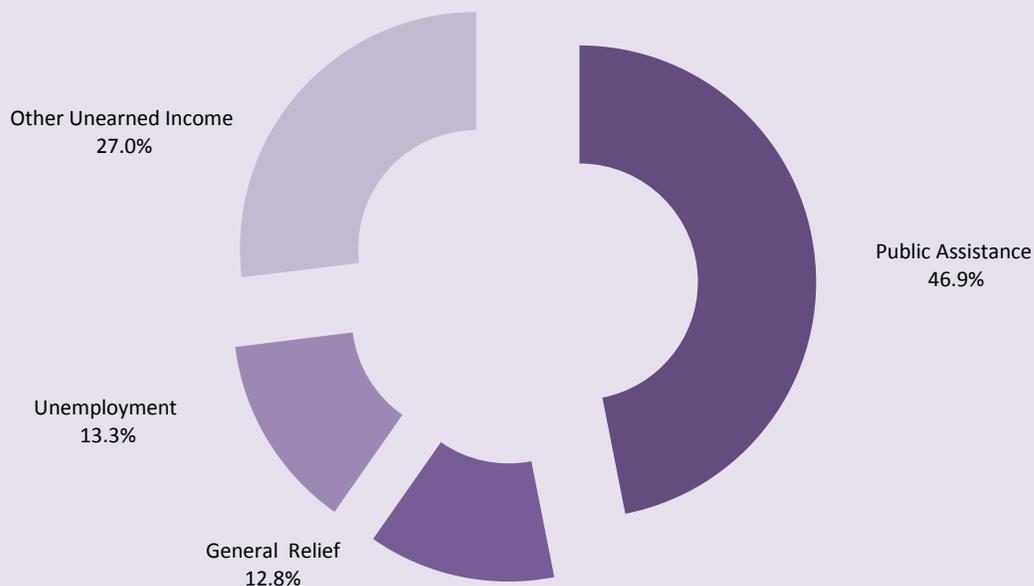
Twenty-two percent of the CalFresh households had earned income, which is identical to the percentage in FFY 2011. (Figure 13)

The majority of the CalFresh households with unearned income were receiving public assistance (47 percent) or general relief (13 percent); a small percentage (13 percent) received unemployment compensation. The percentage of CalFresh households receiving general relief increased 3 percentage points, while households receiving public assistance or unemployment compensation showed no change between FFY 2011 and FFY 2012. (Figure 12)

After deductions, the average net income used to determine the CalFresh allotment increased from \$443 (FFY 2011) to \$456, and CalFresh households that did not have a net income also increased from 45 percent (FFY 2011) to 51 percent. (Figure 14)

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**FIGURE 12
SOURCE OF UNEARNED INCOME**



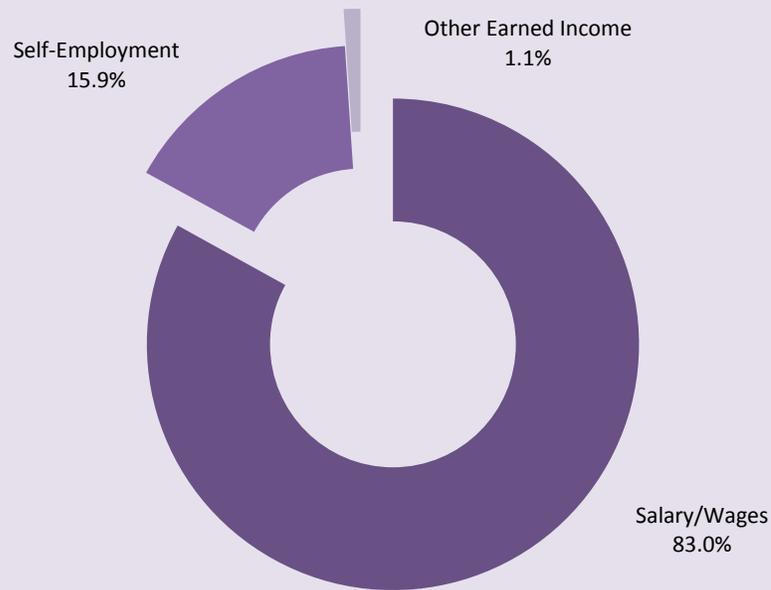
INCOME SOURCE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS			CLASSIFICATION					
	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			NONASSISTANCE		
				Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.
Total	1,485,289	100.0		367,516	100.0		1,117,773	100.0	
No Unearned Income	848,571	57.1		128,159	34.9		720,412	64.5	
Unearned Income:	636,718	42.9	100.0	239,357	65.1	100.0	397,361	35.5	100.0
Public Assistance Grant	298,651	46.9	\$458 / \$490	233,158	97.4	\$462 / \$490	65,493	16.5	\$445 / \$490
General Relief	81,501	12.8	\$214 / \$221	0	0.0	\$0 / \$0	81,501	20.5	\$214 / \$221
Unemployment Comp.	84,878	13.3	\$626 / \$540	2,817	1.2	\$570 / \$598	82,061	20.7	\$627 / \$511
Other Unearned Income	171,688	27.0	\$650 / \$562	3,382	1.4	\$162 / \$50	168,306	42.4	\$706 / \$637

- More than half (57 percent) of the CalFresh Households do not receive unearned income.

Note: Other unearned income includes Social Security, Worker's compensation, government and non-government disability, pensions, alimony, deemed income, and veterans benefits.

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FIGURE 13
SOURCE OF EARNED INCOME

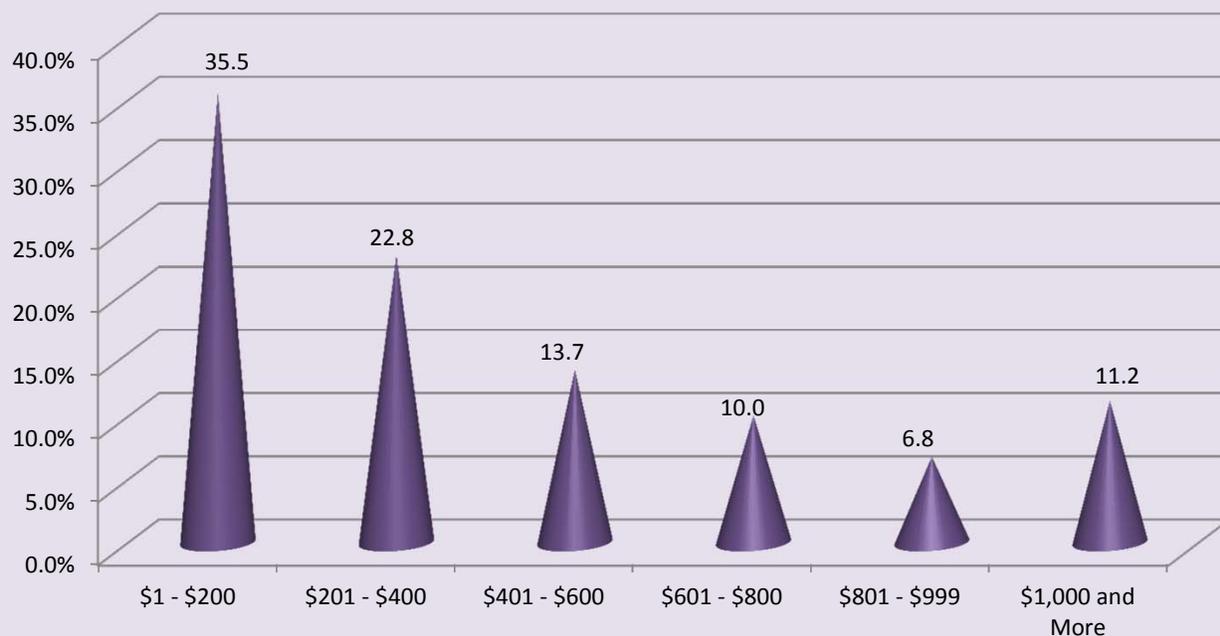


INCOME SOURCE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS			CLASSIFICATION					
	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE			NONASSISTANCE		
				Number	Percent	Avg./Med.	Number	Percent	Avg./Med.
Total	<u>1,485,289</u>	<u>100.0</u>		<u>367,516</u>	<u>100.0</u>		<u>1,117,773</u>	<u>100.0</u>	
No Earned Income	1,159,604	78.1		317,898	86.5		841,706	75.3	
Earned Income:	<u>325,685</u>	<u>21.9</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>49,618</u>	<u>13.5</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>276,067</u>	<u>24.7</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Salary/Wages	270,411	83.0	\$854 / \$802	41,558	83.8	\$643 / \$601	228,853	82.9	\$888 / \$815
Self-Employment	51,722	15.9	\$233 / \$156	8,060	16.2	\$248 / \$192	43,662	15.8	\$232 / \$150
Other Earned Income	3,552	1.1	\$133 / \$90	0	0.0	\$0 / \$0	3,552	1.3	\$133 / \$90

- Seventy-eight percent of the households did not have earned income.

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FIGURE 14
NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE CALFRESH ALLOTMENT



NET INCOME	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION				
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE		
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Total	<u>1,485,289</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>367,516</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,117,773</u>	<u>100.0</u>	
No Net Income	750,897	50.6	116,123	31.6	634,774	56.8	
Net Income:	<u>734,392</u>	49.4	<u>251,393</u>	68.4	<u>482,999</u>	43.2	<u>100.0</u>
\$1 - \$200	260,868	35.5	109,709	43.6	151,159	31.3	
\$201 - \$400	167,075	22.8	81,003	32.2	86,072	17.8	
\$401 - \$600	100,385	13.7	32,095	12.8	68,290	14.1	
\$601 - \$800	73,806	10.0	9,120	3.6	64,686	13.4	
\$801 - \$999	49,853	6.8	10,181	4.0	39,672	8.2	
\$1,000 and More	82,405	11.2	9,285	3.7	73,120	15.1	
Average/Median Net Income	\$456 / \$317		\$307 / \$234		\$533 / \$409		

- The average amount of net income used to determine the CalFresh allotment was \$307 for public assistance households, and \$533 for nonassistance households.

Note: The household's net income and deductions are used to determine the correct benefit level.

SECTION 4

EDUCATION

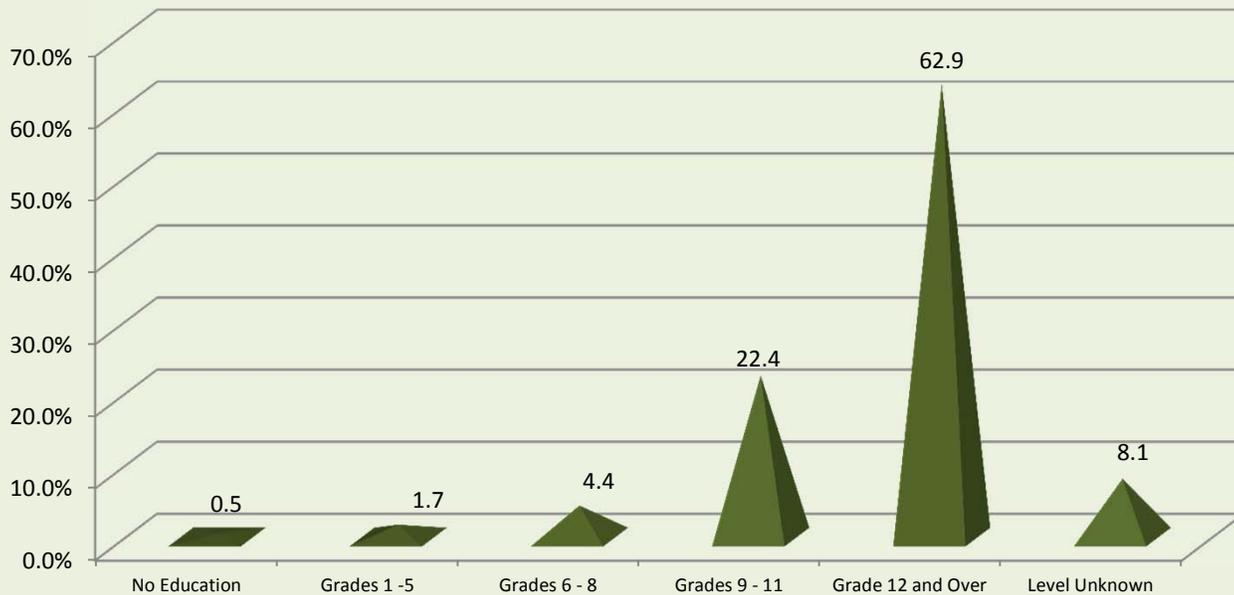
The percentage of heads of households with at least 12 years of education (63 percent) has been constant from FFY 2010 to FFY 2012. (Figure 15)

Forty-seven percent of the CalFresh heads of household with less than 12 years of education reported no net income, which is 4 percentage points more than FFY 2011. (Figure 15a)

Fourteen percent of the heads of household with less than 12 years of education had \$1,000 or more net income used in determining their CalFresh allotment. This is up 2 percentage points from the previous FFY. (Figure 15a)

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FIGURE 15
EDUCATION LEVEL OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD



EDUCATION LEVEL	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>1,485,289</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>367,516</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,117,773</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable ^{1/}	349,207	23.5	142,065	38.7	207,142	18.5
Head of Household:	<u>1,136,082</u>	76.5	<u>225,451</u>	61.3	<u>910,631</u>	81.5
No Education	5,506	0.5	761	0.3	4,745	0.5
Grades 1 - 5	19,581	1.7	2,523	1.1	17,058	1.9
Grades 6 - 8	49,773	4.4	8,941	4.0	40,832	4.5
Grades 9 - 11	254,857	22.4	67,249	29.8	187,608	20.6
Grade 12 and Over	714,558	62.9	139,964	62.1	574,594	63.1
Level Unknown	91,807	8.1	6,013	2.7	85,794	9.4

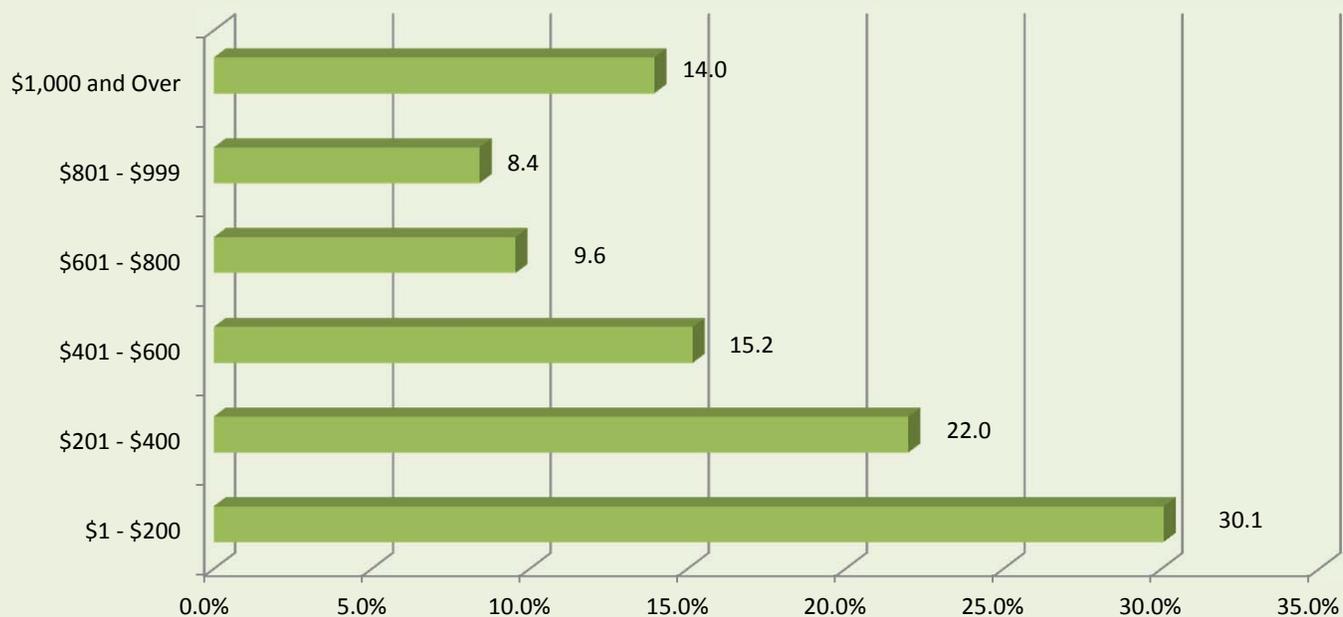
1/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- The majority (63 percent) of the head of households have completed 12 or more years of education.

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FIGURE 15a

**NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE CALFRESH ALLOTMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS
IN WHICH THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD HAS LESS THAN 12 YEARS OF EDUCATION**



NET INCOME	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Head of Household	<u>329,717</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>79,474</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>250,243</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Net Income	156,241	47.4	21,499	27.1	134,742	53.8
Net Income:	<u>173,476</u>	<u>52.6</u>	<u>57,975</u>	<u>72.9</u>	<u>115,501</u>	<u>46.2</u>
\$1 - \$200	52,171	30.1	18,219	31.4	33,952	29.4
\$201 - \$400	39,595	22.0	22,140	38.2	17,455	15.1
\$401 - \$600	26,325	15.2	9,793	16.9	16,532	14.3
\$601 - \$800	16,582	9.6	3,256	5.6	13,326	11.5
\$801 - \$999	14,603	8.4	4,119	3.5	10,484	9.1
\$1,000 and Over	24,200	14.0	448	0.8	23,752	20.6

- Forty-seven percent of CalFresh heads of household with less than 12 years of education reported no income.

SECTION 5

BENEFITS

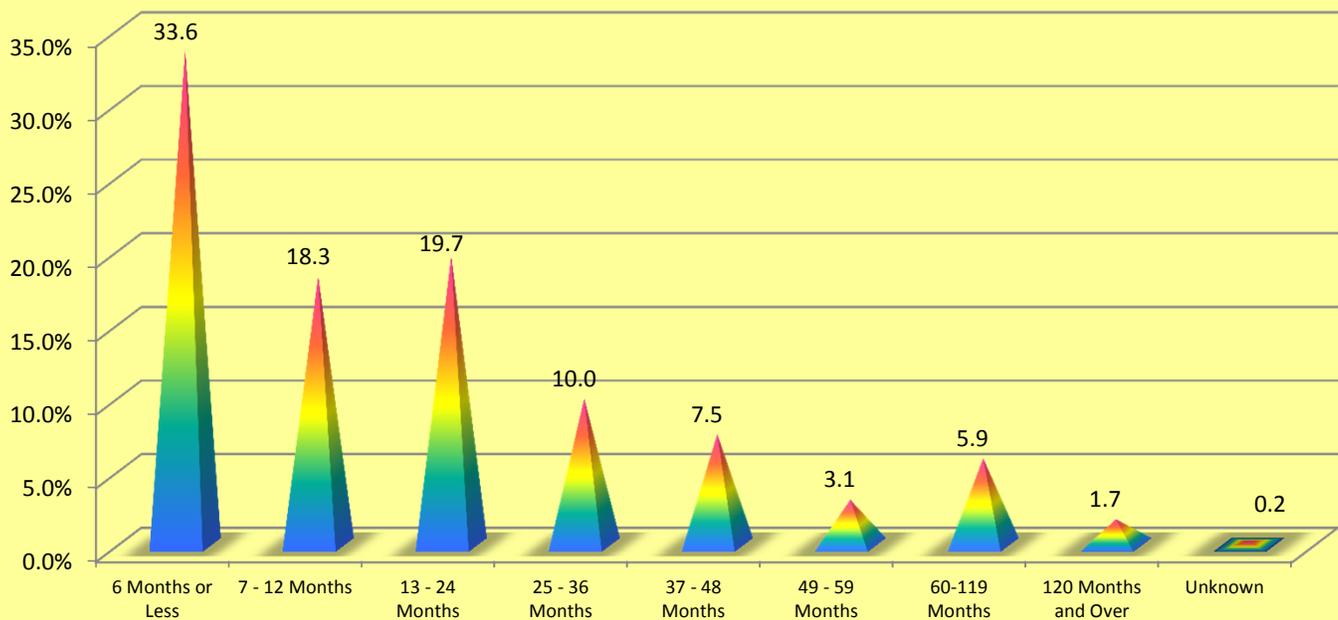
The average time on aid for CalFresh benefits decreased slightly from 22 months (FFY 2011) to 21 months. There was also a decrease in the average time on aid for the public assistance households, from 35.5 months (FFY 2011) to 34.5 months. (Figure 16)

The average monthly CalFresh benefit was \$311, which is \$4 less than FFY 2011, and \$11 less than FFY 2010. (Figure 18)

Eighteen percent of the CalFresh households received benefits continuously for 7 to 12 months. Of those, 38 percent were White, 52 percent reported no net income, 64 percent completed 12 years of education or more, and the average household size was 2.1 persons.

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FIGURE 16
NUMBER OF UNINTERRUPTED MONTHS OF BENEFITS SINCE THE INITIAL CALFRESH APPLICATION

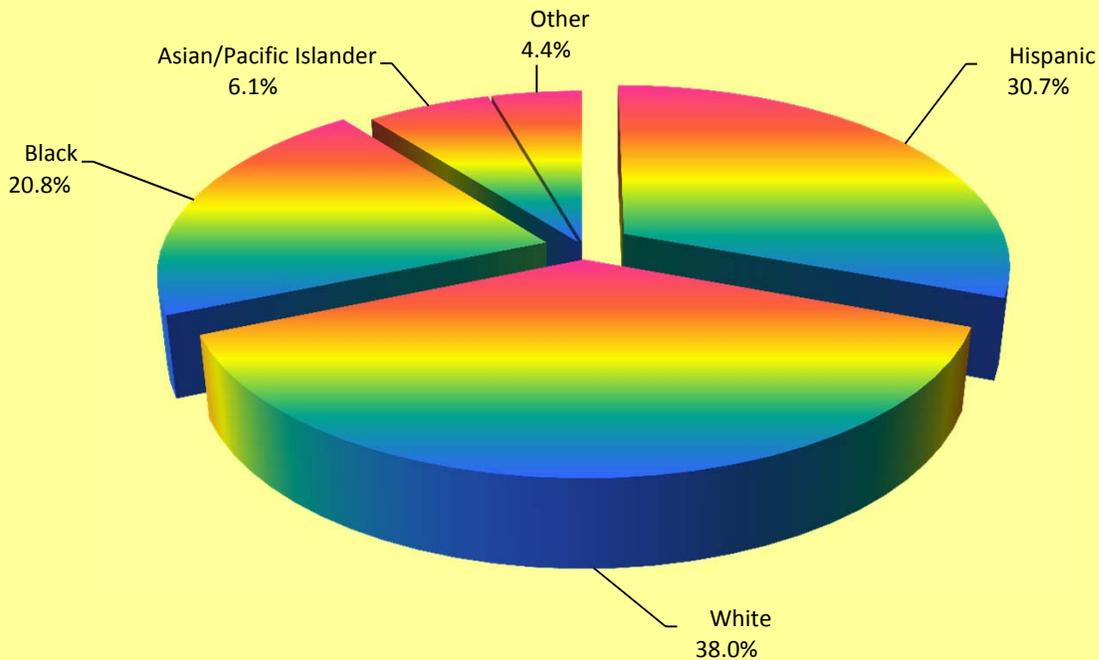


MONTHS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>1,485,289</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>367,516</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,117,773</u>	<u>100.0</u>
6 Months or Less	499,394	33.6	69,003	18.8	430,391	38.5
7 - 12 Months	271,579	18.3	48,479	13.2	223,100	20.0
13 - 24 Months	292,044	19.7	78,148	21.3	213,896	19.1
25 - 36 Months	147,963	10.0	46,635	12.7	101,328	9.1
37 - 48 Months	111,950	7.5	45,614	12.4	66,336	5.9
49 - 59 Months	45,666	3.1	21,959	6.0	23,707	2.1
60-119 Months	87,474	5.9	43,836	11.9	43,638	3.9
120 Months and Over	25,977	1.7	13,358	3.6	12,619	1.1
Unknown	3242	0.2	484	0.1	2758	0.2
Average/Median Months	21.3/11		34.5/23		17.1/9	

- The CalFresh households' average time on aid is 21.3 months. However, public assistance households' average time on aid is close to 3 years (34.5 months).

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FIGURE 16a
RACE/ETHNICITY OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD
THAT RECEIVED CALFRESH CONTINUOUSLY FOR SEVEN TO TWELVE MONTHS



RACE/ETHNICITY	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total ^{1/}	<u>271,579</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>48,479</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>223,100</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable ^{2/}	135,692	50.0	35,095	72.4	100,597	45.1
Head of Household:	<u>135,887</u>	<u>50.0</u> <u>100.0</u>	<u>13,384</u>	<u>27.6</u> <u>100.0</u>	<u>122,503</u>	<u>54.9</u> <u>100.0</u>
Hispanic	41,621	30.7	6,918	51.7	34,703	28.3
White	51,669	38.0	3,900	29.1	47,769	39.0
Black	28,311	20.8	2,169	16.2	26,142	21.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	8,250	6.1	397	3.0	7,853	6.4
Other	6,036	4.4	0	0.0	6,036	4.9

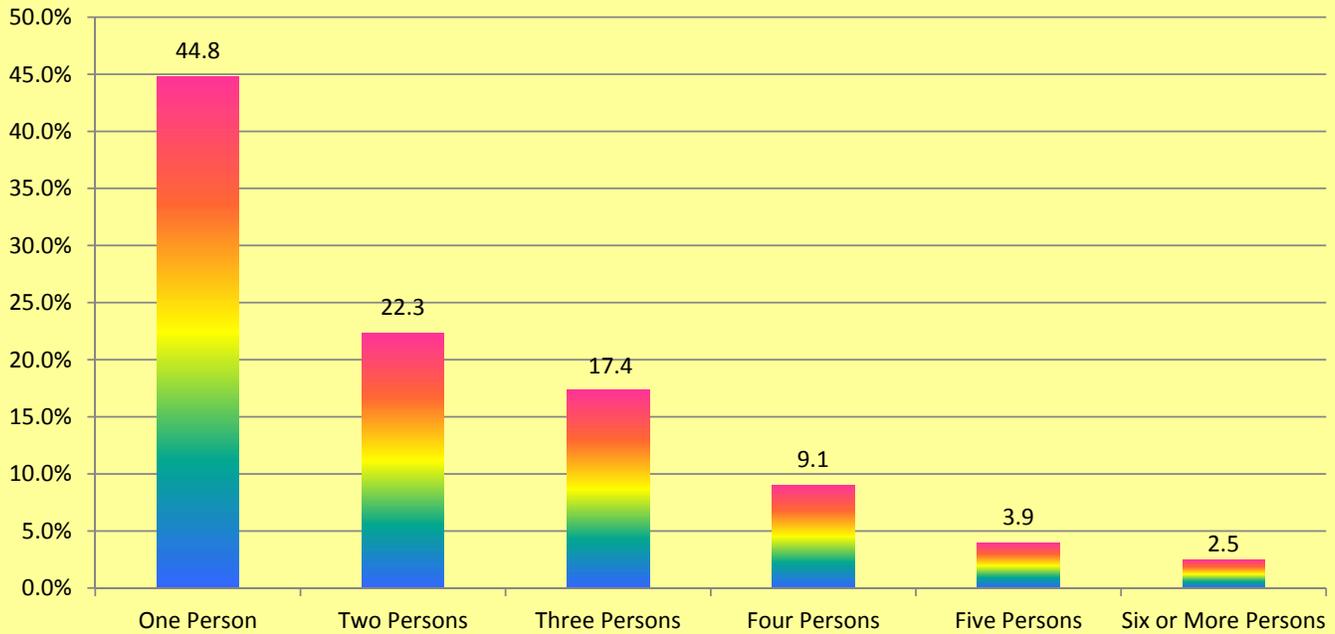
1/ From Table 16.

2/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- Of those receiving CalFresh for 7 to 12 months, 38 percent were White.

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FIGURE 16b
NUMBER OF PERSONS IN THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD THAT
RECEIVED CALFRESH CONTINUOUSLY FOR SEVEN TO TWELVE MONTHS



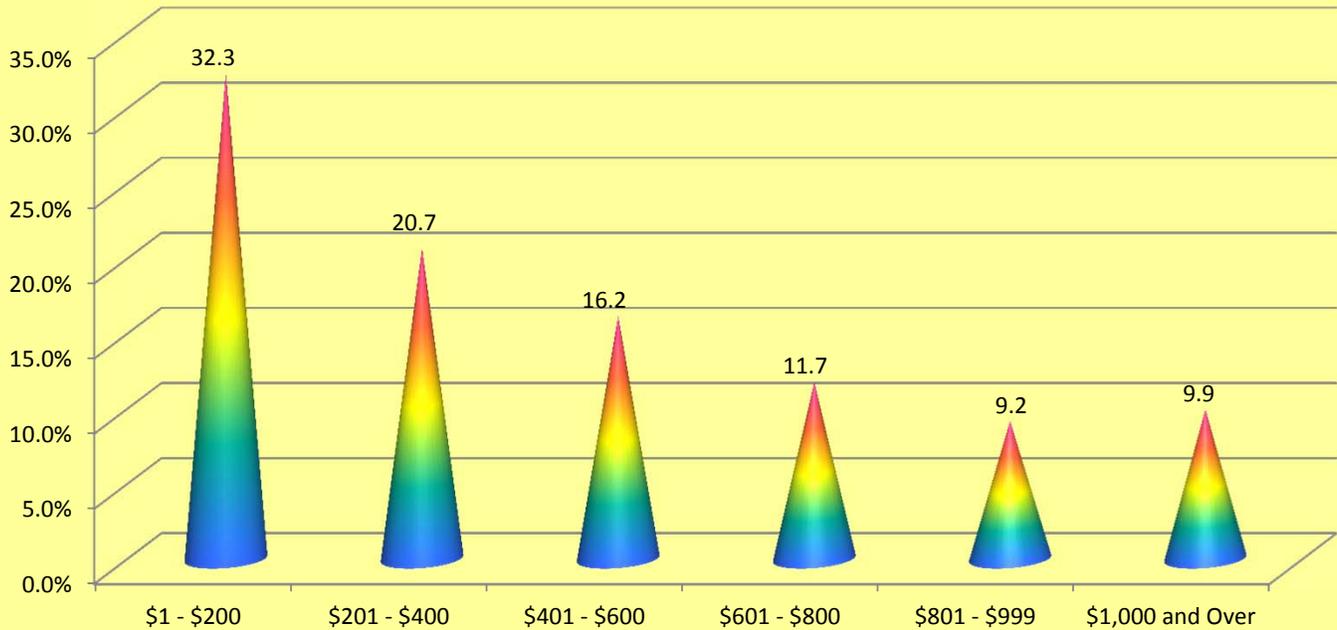
PERSONS IN HOUSEHOLD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total ^{1/}	<u>271,579</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>48,479</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>223,100</u>	<u>100.0</u>
One Person	121,728	44.8	5,196	10.7	116,532	52.2
Two Persons	60,666	22.3	18,440	38.0	42,226	18.9
Three Persons	47,199	17.4	16,240	33.5	30,959	13.9
Four Persons	24,611	9.1	4,092	8.4	20,519	9.2
Five Persons	10,699	3.9	3,384	7.0	7,315	3.3
Six or More Persons	6,676	2.5	1,127	2.3	5,549	2.5
Average/Median Persons	2.1/2		2.7/3		2/1	

1/ From Table 16.

- The average size of households that received CalFresh continuously for 7 to 12 months was 2.1 persons; the average size of all CalFresh households was 2.3 persons (Table 10).

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FIGURE 16c
NET INCOME USED TO DETERMINE THE CALFRESH ALLOTMENT FOR HOUSEHOLDS THAT RECEIVED CALFRESH CONTINUOUSLY FOR SEVEN TO TWELVE MONTHS



NET INCOME	HOUSEHOLDS TOTAL		PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total ^{1/}	<u>271,579</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>48,479</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>223,100</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Net Income	143,383	52.8	13,151	27.1	130,232	58.4
Net Income:	<u>128,196</u>	<u>47.2</u>	<u>35,328</u>	<u>72.9</u>	<u>92,868</u>	<u>41.6</u>
\$1 - \$200	41,440	32.3	15,595	44.1	25,845	27.8
\$201 - \$400	26,525	20.7	9,635	27.3	16,890	18.2
\$401 - \$600	20,706	16.2	5,064	14.3	15,642	16.8
\$601 - \$800	15,061	11.7	1,604	4.5	13,457	14.5
\$801 - \$999	11,731	9.2	203	0.6	11,528	12.4
\$1,000 and Over	12,733	9.9	3,227	9.1	9,506	10.2
Average/Median Net Income	\$469 / \$369		\$359 / \$231		\$510 / \$461	

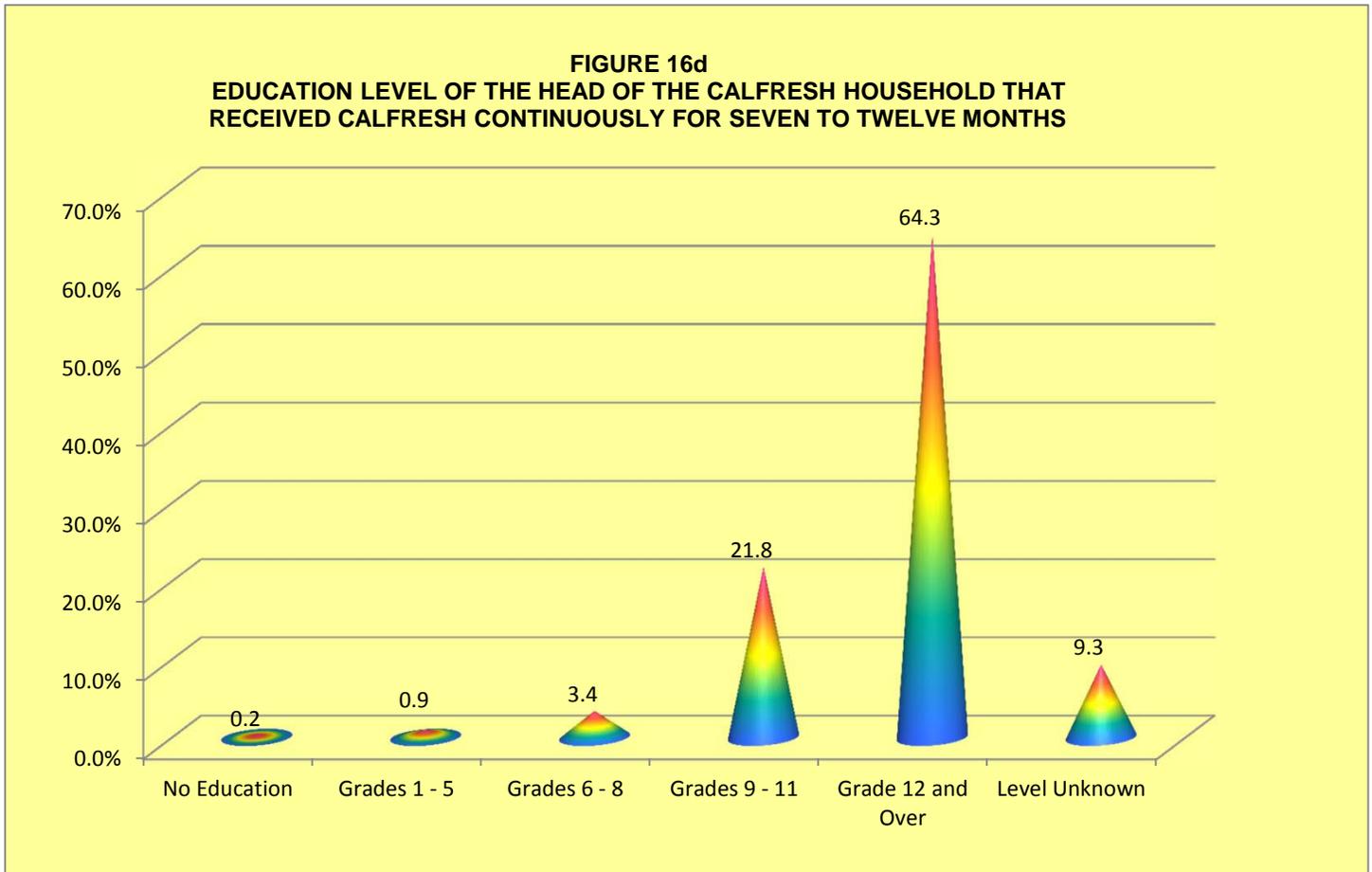
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- The average net income used to determine the CalFresh allotment for households that had received CalFresh continuously for 7 to 12 months was \$469.

Note: The household's net income and deductions are used to determine the correct benefit level.

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FIGURE 16d
EDUCATION LEVEL OF THE HEAD OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD THAT RECEIVED CALFRESH CONTINUOUSLY FOR SEVEN TO TWELVE MONTHS



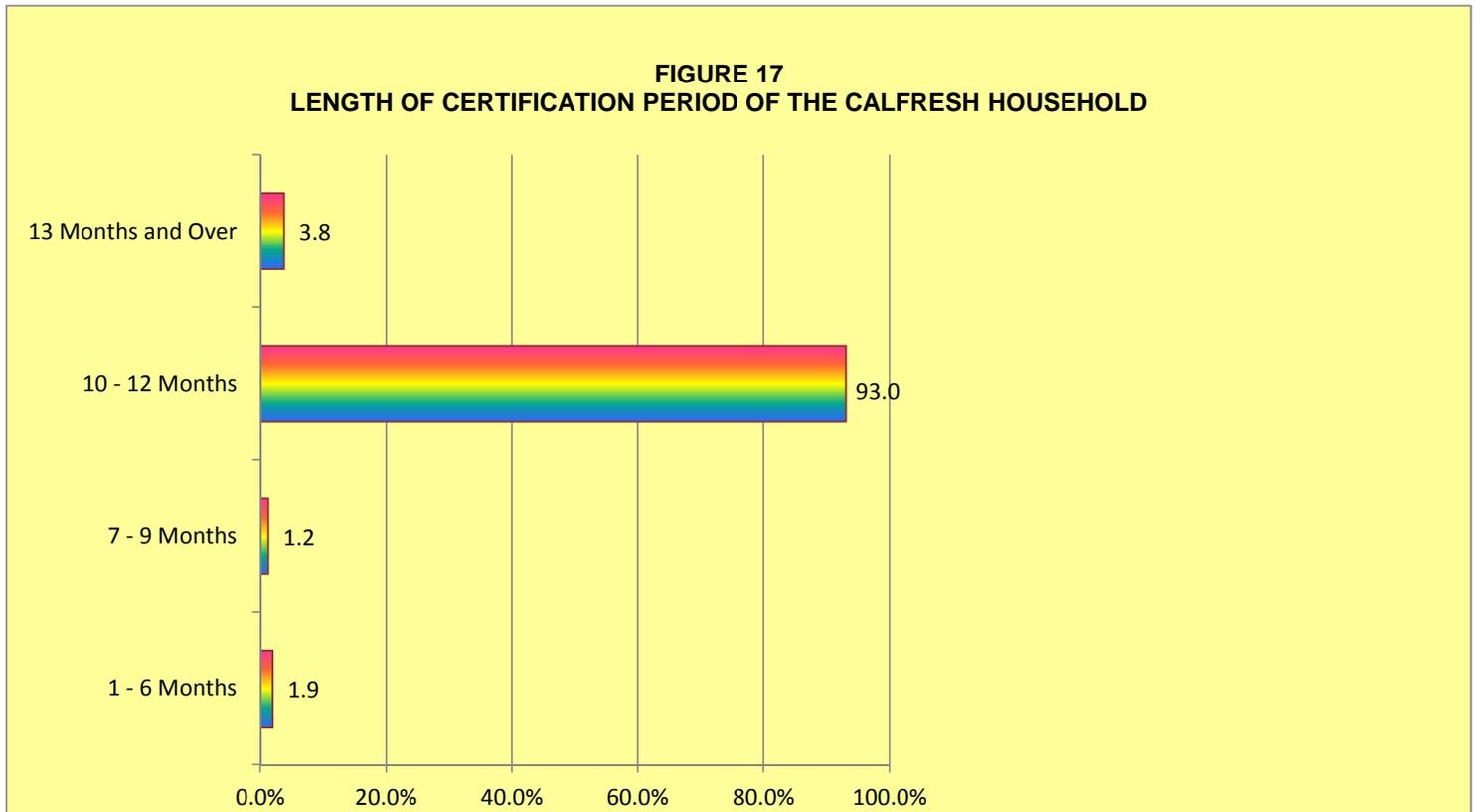
EDUCATION LEVEL	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total ^{1/}	<u>271,579</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>48,479</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>223,100</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Not Applicable ^{2/}	63,402	23.3	15,442	31.9	47,960	21.5
Head of Household:	<u>208,177</u>	<u>76.7</u>	<u>33,037</u>	<u>68.1</u>	<u>175,140</u>	<u>78.5</u>
No Education	476	0.2	0	0.0	476	0.3
Grades 1 - 5	1,861	0.9	0	0.0	1,861	1.1
Grades 6 - 8	7,073	3.4	321	1.0	6,752	3.9
Grades 9 - 11	45,485	21.8	8,092	24.5	37,393	21.4
Grade 12 and Over	133,881	64.3	24,021	72.7	109,860	62.7
Level Unknown	19,401	9.3	603	1.8	18,798	10.7

1/ From Table 16.

2/ "Not Applicable" refers to those households in which the parents or responsible household members were not designated as head of household or authorized representative due to their alien, SSI/SSP or other ineligible recipient status.

- Of the total households that received CalFresh continuously for 7 to 12 months, 64 percent had 12 or more years of education.

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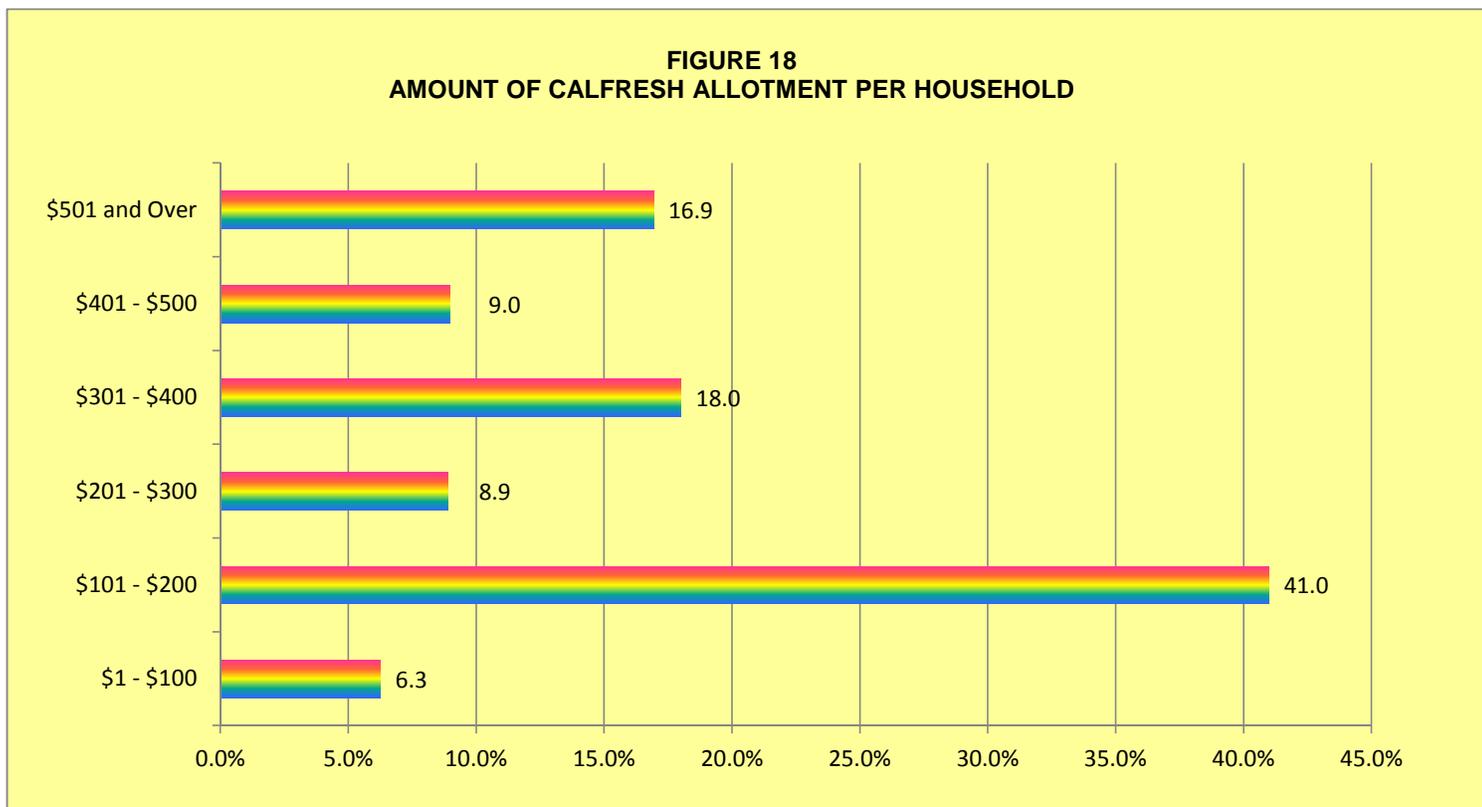
CERTIFICATION PERIOD	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>1,485,289</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>367,516</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,117,773</u>	<u>100.0</u>
1 - 6 Months	28,942	1.9	77	0.0	28,865	2.6
7 - 9 Months	18,542	1.2	5,693	1.5	12,849	1.1
10 - 12 Months	1,381,913	93.0	360,741	98.2	1,021,172	91.4
13 Months and Over	55,892	3.8	1,005	0.3	54,887	4.9
Average Months		12		11.8		12.1

- **Nearly all households (93 percent) are eligible for benefits for 10 to 12 months before recertification. The average recertification period is 12 months.**

Note: The CalFresh households are eligible to receive benefits until the certification period ends, when they must recertify and (verify their income and deductions).

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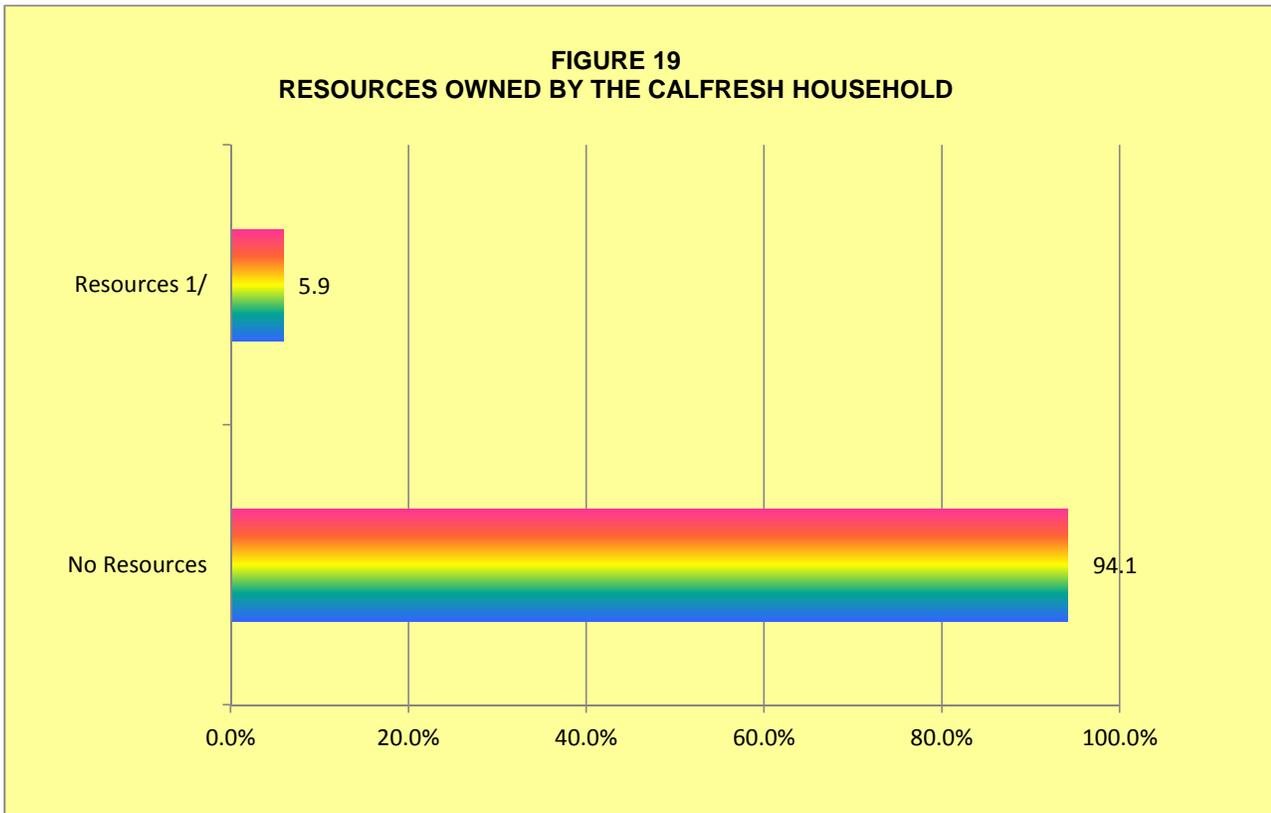
FIGURE 18
AMOUNT OF CALFRESH ALLOTMENT PER HOUSEHOLD



ALLOTMENT	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>1,485,289</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>367,516</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,117,773</u>	<u>100.0</u>
\$1 - \$100	92,923	6.3	2,474	0.7	90,449	8.1
\$101 - \$200	608,744	41.0	55,507	15.1	553,237	49.5
\$201 - \$300	131,947	8.9	52,983	14.4	78,964	7.1
\$301 - \$400	267,433	18.0	98,734	26.9	168,699	15.1
\$401 - \$500	132,992	9.0	55,009	15.0	77,983	7.0
\$501 and Over	251,250	16.9	102,809	28.0	148,441	13.3
Average/Median Allotment	\$311 / \$247		\$404 / \$367		\$280 / \$200	

- The average CalFresh allotment is \$311 per household.

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RESOURCES	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>1,485,289</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>367,516</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,117,773</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Resources	1,397,534	94.1	356,956	97.1	1,040,578	93.1
Resources ^{1/}	87,755	5.9	10,560	2.9	77,195	6.9

1/ Excludes vehicles.

- **Most of the CalFresh households (94 percent) did not report resources.**

Note: Resources include bank accounts, cash on hand and liquid assets.

SECTION 6

EXPENSES, DEDUCTIONS & REPORTING

The average allowable excess shelter deduction increased from \$457 (FFY 2011) to \$464. (Figure 21)

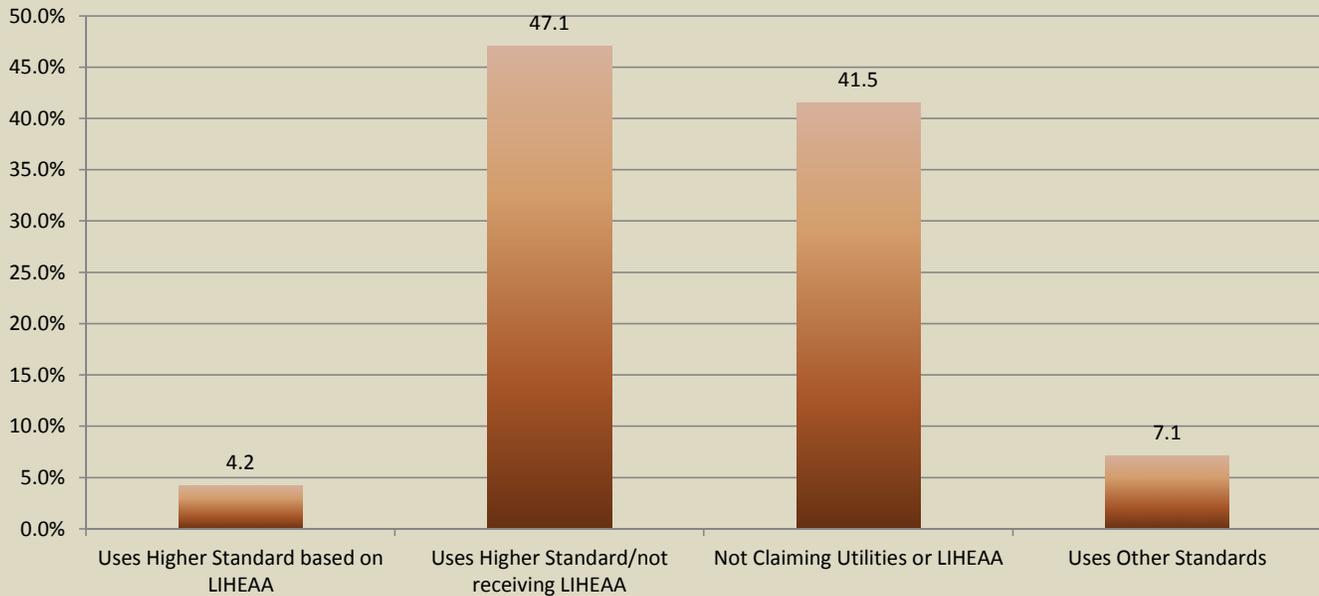
Fifty-nine percent of the households claimed a utility expense, which is similar to the percentage in FFY 2010 and FFY 2011. (Figure 20)

The CalFresh households that were allowed a dependent care deduction increased from 1.1 percent (FFY 2011) to 1.6 percent, while the average child care deduction decreased from \$304 (FFY 2011) to \$257. (Figure 22)

The average shelter cost decreased from \$499 (FFY 2011) to \$492. (Figure 24)

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**FIGURE 20
CALFRESH HOUSEHOLDS CLAIMING UTILITY EXPENSES**



UTILITY EXPENSES	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>1,485,289</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>367,516</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,117,773</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Uses Higher Standard based on LIHEEA	62,658	4.2	16,808	4.6	45,850	4.1
Uses Higher Standard/not receiving LIHEEA	699,542	47.1	201,632	54.9	497,910	44.5
Not Claiming Utilities or LIHEEA	616,946	41.5	112,379	30.6	504,567	45.1
Uses Other Standards	106,143	7.1	36,697	10.0	69,446	6.2

- **Forty-one percent of CalFresh households are not claiming utilities or LIHEEA expenses.**

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act (LIHEEA) - A household receives payments for energy bills.

Higher Standard - a standard utility allowance based upon receipt of heating or cooling and includes all utilities.

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FIGURE 21
CALFRESH HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED EXCESS SHELTER DEDUCTION



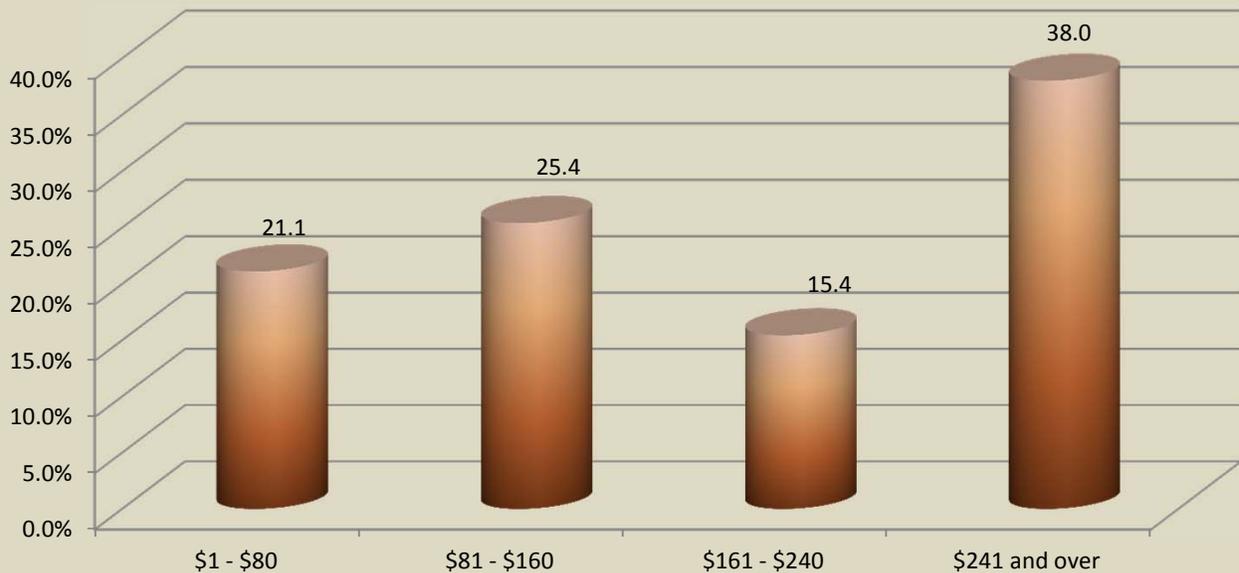
EXCESS SHELTER	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>1,485,289</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>367,516</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,117,773</u>	<u>100</u>
Households Not Reporting Shelter Cost	399,908	26.9	19,549	6.3	380,359	34.0
Households Reporting Shelter Cost;	<u>1,085,381</u>	<u>73.1</u>	<u>347,967</u>	<u>93.7</u>	<u>737,414</u>	<u>66.0</u>
No Allowable Excess Shelter Cost	95,629	8.8	19,929	5.7	75,700	10.3
Allowable Excess Shelter Cost:	<u>989,752</u>	<u>91.2</u>	<u>328,038</u>	<u>94.3</u>	<u>661,714</u>	<u>89.7</u>
\$1 - \$100	74,799	7.6	29,293	8.9	45,506	6.9
\$101 - \$200	131,687	13.3	50,682	15.5	81,005	12.2
\$201 - \$300	119,719	12.1	44,325	13.5	75,394	11.4
\$301 - \$400	123,443	12.5	44,802	13.7	78,641	11.9
\$401 - \$500	166,782	16.9	48,898	14.9	117,884	17.8
\$501 and Over	373,322	37.7	110,038	33.5	263,284	39.8
Average/Median Shelter Cost	\$464/ \$421		\$391 / \$365		\$454 / \$381	

- Of the total CalFresh households with allowable excess shelter cost, over 37 percent were allowed to deduct \$501 or more.

Note: The excess shelter deduction is a result of the shelter cost minus income and deductions.

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FIGURE 22
CALFRESH HOUSEHOLDS ALLOWED A DEPENDENT CARE DEDUCTION



DEPENDENT CARE	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	<u>1,485,289</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>367,516</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>1,117,773</u>	<u>100.0</u>
No Dependent Care Deduction	1,461,519	98.4	362,644	98.7	1,098,875	98.3
Dependent Care Deduction	<u>23,770</u>	<u>1.6</u>	<u>4,872</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>18,898</u>	<u>1.7</u>
\$1 - \$80	5,020	21.1	1,810	37.2	3,210	17.0
\$81 - \$160	6,040	25.4	1,674	34.4	4,366	23.1
\$161 - \$240	3,671	15.4	604	12.4	3,067	16.2
\$241 and over	9,039	38.0	784	16.1	8,255	43.7
Average/Median Deduction	\$257 / \$200		\$143 / \$87		\$286 / \$200	

- Households that were allowed a dependent care deduction were less than 2 percent of the total households.

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FIGURE 23
REPORTING STATUS OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD



REPORTING STATUS	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
	Number	Percent	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,485,289	100.0	367,516	100.0	1,117,773	100.0
Quarterly Reporting	1,183,135	79.7	363,038	98.8	820,097	73.4
Change Reporting	227,728	15.3	4,352	1.2	223,376	20.0
Transitional Benefits	62,449	4.2	0	0.0	62,449	5.6
Other	11,977	0.8	126	0.0	11,851	1.1

- **Nearly 99 percent of public assistance households report on a quarterly basis.**

Reporting Status Definitions:

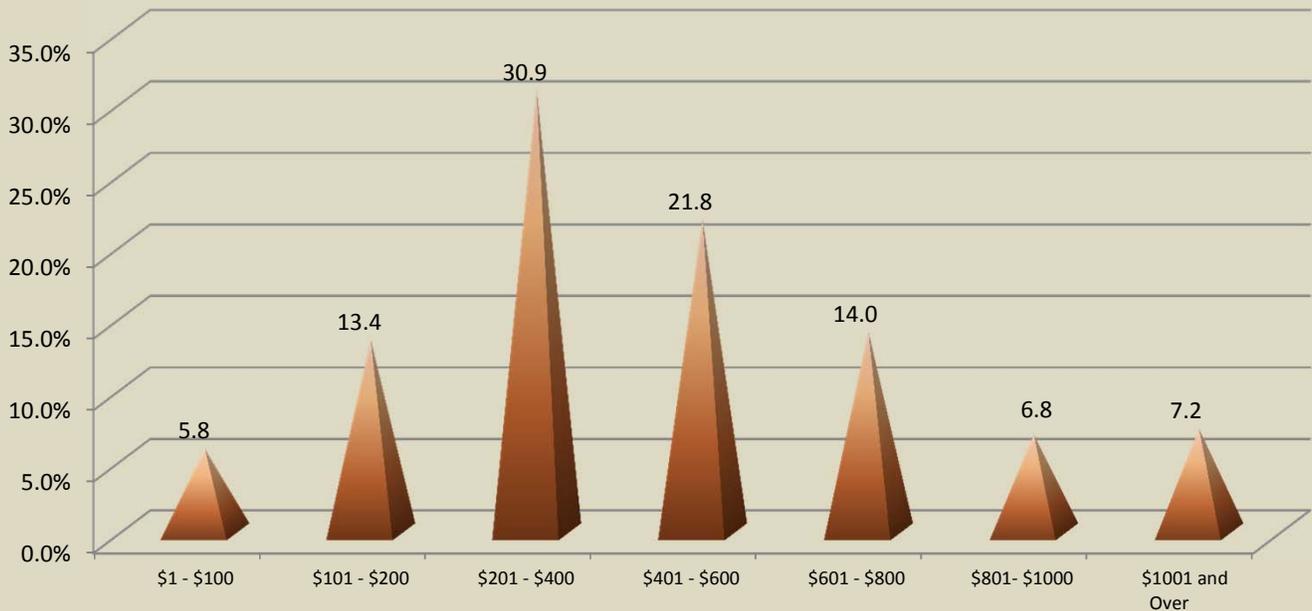
Quarterly Reporting - Households subject to the quarterly reporting requirements must submit complete reports on a quarterly basis.

Change Reporting - Households subject to the change reporting requirements must report certain changes in circumstances within ten days of becoming aware of the change.

Transitional Benefits - There are no reporting requirements during the transitional months.

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FIGURE 24
REPORTED BUDGET MONTH SHELTER COST OF THE CALFRESH HOUSEHOLD



SHELTER COST	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		CLASSIFICATION			
			PUBLIC ASSISTANCE		NONASSISTANCE	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total	1,485,289	100.0	367,516	100.0	1,117,773	100.0
Households Not Reporting Shelter Cost	399,908	26.9	19,549	5.3	380,359	34.0
Households Reporting Shelter Cost	1,085,381	73.1	347,967	94.7	737,414	66.0
\$1 - \$100	62,964	5.8	17,772	5.1	45,192	6.1
\$101 - \$200	145,964	13.4	50,982	14.7	94,982	12.9
\$201 - \$400	335,733	30.9	118,097	33.9	217,636	29.5
\$401 - \$600	237,057	21.8	88,661	25.5	148,396	20.1
\$601 - \$800	151,815	14.0	45,738	13.1	106,077	14.4
\$801 - \$1000	73,672	6.8	14,417	4.1	59,255	8.0
\$1001 and Over	78,176	7.2	12,300	3.5	65,876	8.9
Average/Median Shelter Cost	\$492 / \$400		\$437 / \$400		\$516 / \$425	

- The average amount of shelter cost for CalFresh households was \$492 per month.

Reliability Estimates for Selected Sample Sizes¹

Selected Sample Size	Characteristic Percent				
	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%
	Estimated reliability at 95% confidence (+ or -):				
5,600	0.80%	1.07%	1.22%	1.31%	1.34%
4,300	0.91%	1.22%	1.40%	1.49%	1.52%
4,000	0.95%	1.26%	1.45%	1.55%	1.58%
3,300	1.04%	1.39%	1.60%	1.71%	1.74%
3,000	1.10%	1.46%	1.67%	1.79%	1.83%
2,700	1.15%	1.54%	1.78%	1.89%	1.92%
2,300	1.25%	1.67%	1.91%	2.04%	2.09%
1,500	1.55%	2.07%	2.37%	2.53%	2.58%
1,000	1.90%	2.53%	2.90%	3.10%	3.16%
500	2.68%	3.68%	4.10%	4.38%	4.47%
400	3.00%	4.00%	4.58%	4.90%	5.00%
300	3.46%	4.62%	5.29%	5.66%	5.77%
200	4.24%	5.66%	6.48%	6.93%	7.07%

Example: Figure 10 shows that 10% of total CalFresh households were four-person households. The reliability chart shows a reliability of + or - 0.80% for a sample size of 5600 (actual sample 5545). This means we are 95% confident that the true value lies between 10.8% and 9.2% (10.0%+/-0.80%). That is, there is 1 chance in 20 (5%) that the true value falls outside this range.

¹ Reliability is based on an unrestricted random sample of **cases** and, as a result, the actual reliability of the data may be better than reflected in the table. Reliability does not apply to **persons** (recipient) data.

