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**Evaluation of Minnesota  
Child Support Enforcement Mechanisms and Programs:  
Report to the Minnesota Legislature**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Minnesota Legislature requires the Department of Human Services to evaluate all child support programs and enforcement mechanisms and to report a variety of measures to the legislature every two years<sup>1</sup>. This report includes information on programs and measures for the child support program in areas specified by the legislature, including:

- Minnesota's performance relative to other states
- Individual county performance
- Recommendations for improvement of the child support program
- Report of federal, state, and local government costs, and costs to private employers
- Amount of child support arrears and amount of arrears determined to be uncollectible.
- Information about Driver's License suspension and Limited Licenses.

The following sections provide a brief summary of the detailed information provided in subsequent sections of this report.

### Federal Incentive Measures

The federal Office of Child Support Enforcement requires states to meet performance standards in specific program areas. If a state meets the federal performance measure it is eligible to receive a portion of federal financial incentives. In 2003, Minnesota's child support program achieved the results presented below.

<b>Federal Performance Measures</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Federal Standard</b>
Paternity Establishment Percentage (IV-D PEP)	84%	90% *
Percent of IV-D Cases with a Support Order	79%	80%
IV-D Collection Rate for Current Support Due	69%	80%
Percent of IV-D Cases with Arrears with a Collection	68%	80%
Dollars Collected per Dollar of Administrative Expenditure	\$4.04**	\$5.00

\* Federal regulations require states to improve performance by 2 percentage points each year until they attain 90%.

\*\* Expenditures include prior quarter adjustments made in FFY 2004.

### Performance Relative to Other States

Minnesota continues to perform well in critical program areas as indicated by the states' performance on five federal performance measures. Each year the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement publishes a report that includes the ranking of all states. Minnesota's performance relative to other states is portrayed below. Minnesota is near the top in current support collections.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Appendix E of this document for statutory authority and expenditures to produce this report.

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### Minnesota Ranking on Federal Performance Measures

Measure	Rank for Minnesota
Paternity establishment	38 <sup>th</sup>
Order establishment	17 <sup>th</sup>
Current support collections	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Cases with arrears collections	7 <sup>th</sup>
Cost effectiveness	37 <sup>th</sup>

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On a related measure that is important to many customers of the child support program, Minnesota continues to perform above the national average in collections per open case, collecting an average of \$2,283. The chart below depicts the top five states in collections per open case for federal fiscal year 2003.

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### Child Support Collections per Open Case, by State (Top 5 States)

New Jersey	\$2,363
Pennsylvania	\$2,296
Minnesota	\$2,283
New Hampshire	\$2,091
Washington State	\$1,894
National Average	\$1,304

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### Individual County Performance

Minnesota's county administrators and child support workers are essential to state performance on the federal performance measures described above. Detailed federal fiscal year information about performance by individual Minnesota counties is presented in a later section of this report. Together, these counties contributed to the following results for the entire state:

- **Collections:** Minnesota's child support program collected and disbursed \$558 million.
- **Collections per Case:**
  - The average annual collection per case was \$2,283.
  - The average annual collection for a public assistance case was \$581.
  - The average annual collection for a non-public assistance case was \$5,078.

### Federal, State, and County Costs and Costs to Private Employers

Total spending on the Minnesota child support program in state fiscal year 2004 was \$144.4 million, funded as follows:

- **Federal, State and County Costs:**
  - County share: \$19.6 million (14 %)
  - State share: \$15.8 million (11 %); and
  - Federal share: \$109 million (75 %).

To assess employer's costs relating to child support, the Department of Human Services conducted a random survey of 400 employers, including nonprofit organizations. Based on the survey results, the burden to employers for providing the mandatory child support services is not overwhelming and the public-private partnership between the government and employers is generally positive.

### **Child Support Arrears and Amount Uncollectible**

As of June 30, 2004, total arrearage owed on open Minnesota child support cases was approximately \$1.5 billion. Of this:

- \$1.3 billion is unpaid child support,
- \$56 million is unpaid medical support, and
- \$56 million is unpaid child care, spousal maintenance, and fees.

The debt is owed to custodial parents and public assistance. Of this:

- \$546 million is owed on cases that have public assistance arrears
- \$686 million is owed for cases that have no public assistance arrears, and
- \$168 million is accrued interest and fees.

\$229 million is owed on interstate cases in which one parent lives outside Minnesota.

The vast majority (82%) of the total arrears amount is more than one year old. The Child Support Enforcement Division estimates that approximately \$639 million of the total arrears amount is uncollectible.

### **Driver's License Suspension**

An individual may have their Driver's License suspended by the court if they fail to pay their child support obligation. Minnesota law sets criteria for suspending an obligor's driver's license and provides due process safeguards for using this law as a child support enforcement tool. As of June 30, 2004, data from the child support program indicate that approximately:

- 29,000 parents' driver's licenses were currently suspended for failure to pay child support. There were 32,014 cases associated with these parents. About one-half of these individuals have had their license suspended more than once.
- \$25.9 million was collected on cases associated with the licenses suspended on June 30, 2004.

### **Limited Licenses**

On July 1, 2002, at the direction of the Minnesota Legislature, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety began offering provisional, time-limited Driver's Licenses to individuals whose Driver's License had been suspended for failure to pay child support. These are known as "limited licenses."

- Between July 1, 2002 and June 30, 2004 the Minnesota Department of Public Safety issued 1,430 limited licenses.
- The cases related to these licenses indicate that 686 individuals initiated a payment agreement after receiving the limited license and that 107 people paid their case in full.

### **Format of this report**

The remaining sections of this report provide detailed information about the major program areas described in this Executive Summary. These sections address each of the major areas for which the Legislature has requested information.

## PERFORMANCE ON FEDERAL INCENTIVE MEASURES

Each year, state child support programs report on several performance measures to the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE). The data are analyzed by OCSE and published during the summer of the following year. The table below shows Minnesota's performance on the five federal performance measures in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2003.

Federal Performance Measures	Score	Federal Standard
Paternity Establishment Percentage (IV-D PEP)	84%	90% *
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IV-D Collection Rate for Current Support Due	69%	80%
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Dollars Collected per Dollar of Administrative Expenditure	\$4.04**	\$5.00

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\*\* Expenditures include prior quarter adjustments made in FFY 2004.

## PERFORMANCE RELATIVE TO OTHER STATES

Minnesota continues to be among the top performing states on the five federal performance measures and in other key program areas. Major program areas are highlighted in the following section. To view detailed state-by-state data please refer to Appendix A. Specific definitions and formulas for the measures described are in Appendix C.

As indicated in the following table, Minnesota performs well, compared to other states, on the five federal performance measures. Minnesota is 7<sup>th</sup> among all states in cases with collections on arrears, which the most challenging portion of the caseload to achieve a collection. Also, the state is 3<sup>rd</sup> in collection of current support, collecting about 69 percent of the amount due for current support obligations. While Minnesota's ranking on order establishment is lower, it remains in the top half of all states. For paternity establishment, Minnesota uses the measure that tends to be lower but has better data reliability. Many states use a measure that tends to be higher but has less data reliability. Minnesota's cost effectiveness ranking of 37<sup>th</sup> places the state in the lower portion of all states. Generally, states with higher collections have higher administrative expenditures and therefore a lower cost effectiveness measure.

Federal Performance Measures	Minnesota Ranking (2003)
Paternity Establishment	38 <sup>th</sup>
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Current Support Collections	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Cases with Collections on Arrears	7 <sup>th</sup>
Cost Effectiveness	37 <sup>th</sup>

As indicated in the Table below, Minnesota ranks 3rd among all states in collections on open cases, 9th in former assistance cases and 13th in never assistance cases. Minnesota ranks 11th in total dollars collected while having only the 26th largest caseload (see full data in Appendix A), an indication of high collections on cases. Minnesota's ranking of 15th on collections for current assistance cases reflects that this is often the most difficult portion of the caseload for which to achieve a child support collection.

Collection Measures	Minnesota Ranking (2003)
Total Dollars Collected	11 <sup>th</sup>
Collections per Open Case	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Collections per Current Assistance Case	15 <sup>th</sup>
Collections per Former Assistance Case	9 <sup>th</sup>
Collections per Never Assistance Case	13 <sup>th</sup>

### INDIVIDUAL COUNTY PERFORMANCE

The following pages contain maps that depict each county's performance on the five federal performance measures. Generally, these figures indicate that the majority of Minnesota's counties perform between 70 and 80 percent for the various performance measures. The 80 percent threshold is significant because it is the threshold the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement has set as the point at which a state can attain the highest incentive amount for the performance measure, except for cost effectiveness. The cost effectiveness threshold is \$5.00 collected for every dollar spent. In addition, federal regulations require improvement in paternity establishment of two percentage points, annually, until the state attains a paternity establishment rate of 90 percent. A brief description for each map is included below.

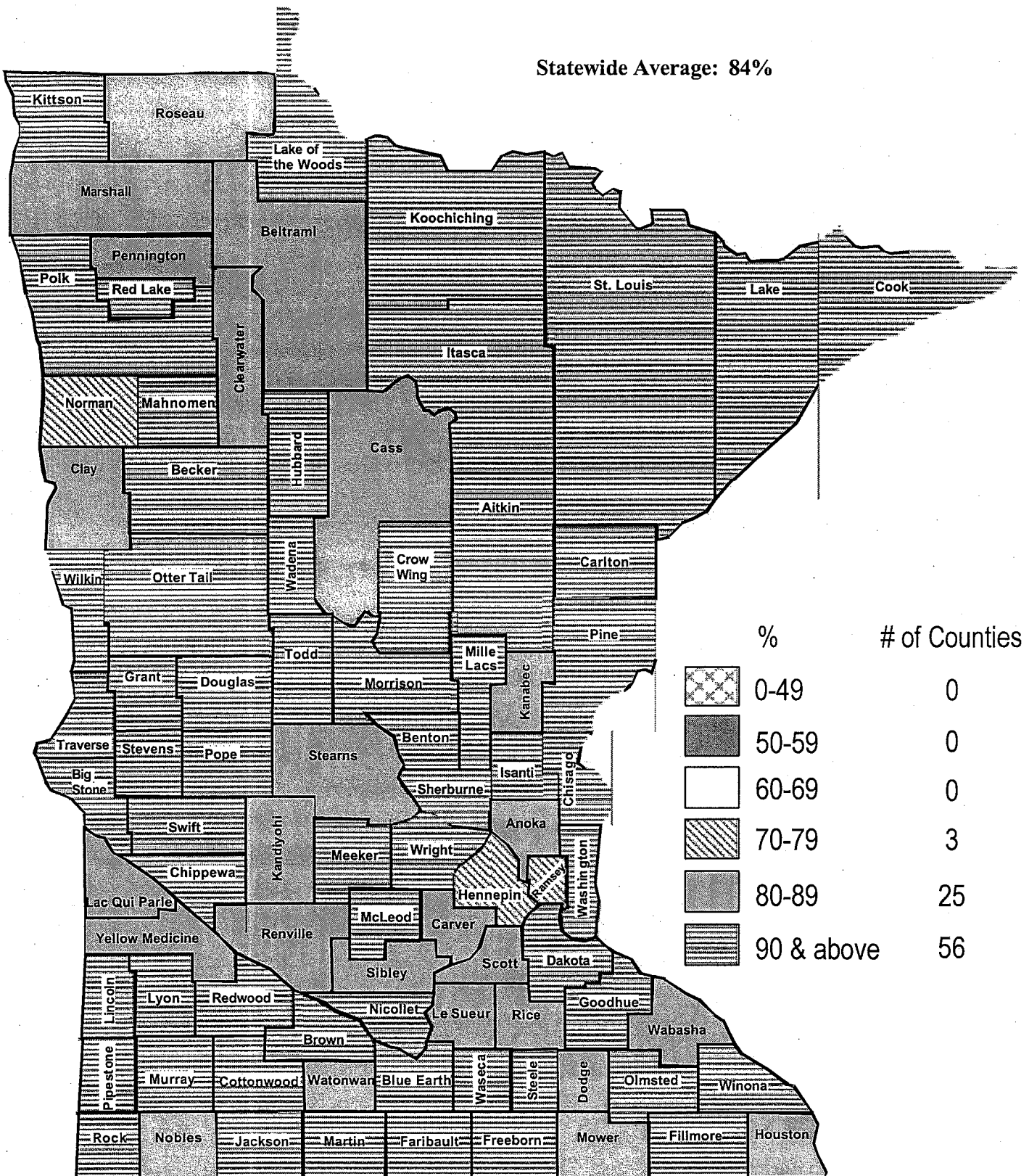
- Paternity Establishment.*** The map depicting county performance on paternity establishment for FFY 2003 shows that 56 Minnesota counties achieved a paternity establishment percentage of 90% or above. This performance helped the state to achieve its overall performance of about 84%, and meeting the performance target established by the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement. Attaining the federal target makes the state eligible to receive full incentive funding for this measure.
- Order Establishment.*** This map shows a statewide average of 79 percent for this measure. Sixteen counties are achieving order establishment rates below 80 percent, which reduces overall statewide performance. As the counties work to improve performance in this area, the state could receive additional incentive funding from the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement.
- Current Support Collections.*** The statewide average for this measure is 69 percent. This is an area where improved performance would enhance outcomes for families, improve the overall performance of the child support program, and lead to additional incentive funds for the state.

- ***Arrears Collections.*** Over half of Minnesota's counties are achieving performance above 70 percent for this measure. Improvement in this area would improve the overall performance of the child support program, and lead to additional incentive funds for the state.
- ***Cost Effectiveness.*** Overall, the state has a cost effectiveness ratio of \$4.04, which means that for each dollar invested in the child support program, more than \$4 is collected for Minnesota families. Generally, individual counties achieve outstanding performance in this area with most of them achieving a cost effectiveness ratio above \$5.



# Percent of Cases with Paternity Established (FFY 2003)

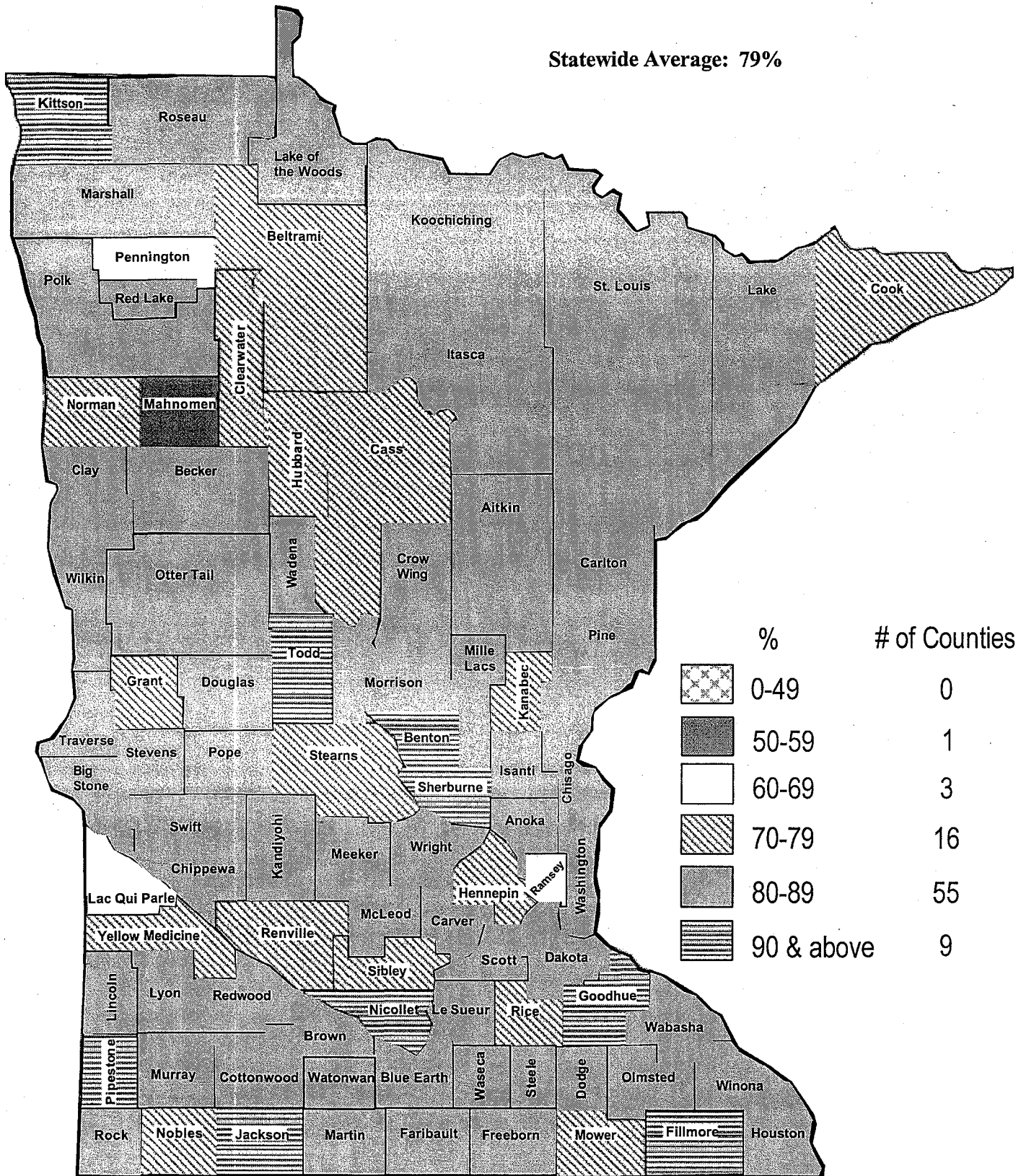
Statewide Average: 84%



%	# of Counties
0-49	0
50-59	0
60-69	0
70-79	3
80-89	25
90 & above	56

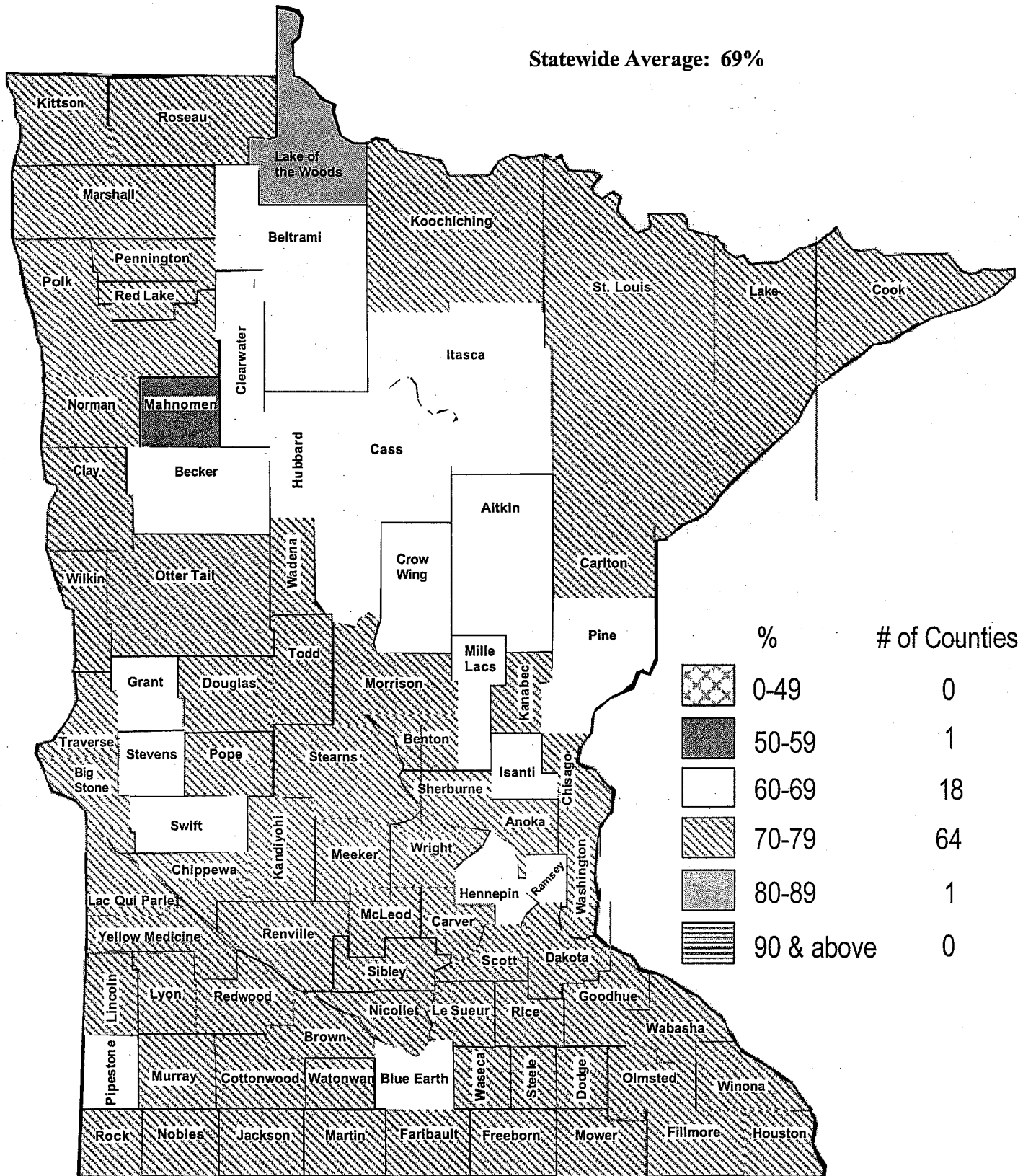
# Percent of Cases with Orders Established (FFY 2003)

Statewide Average: 79%



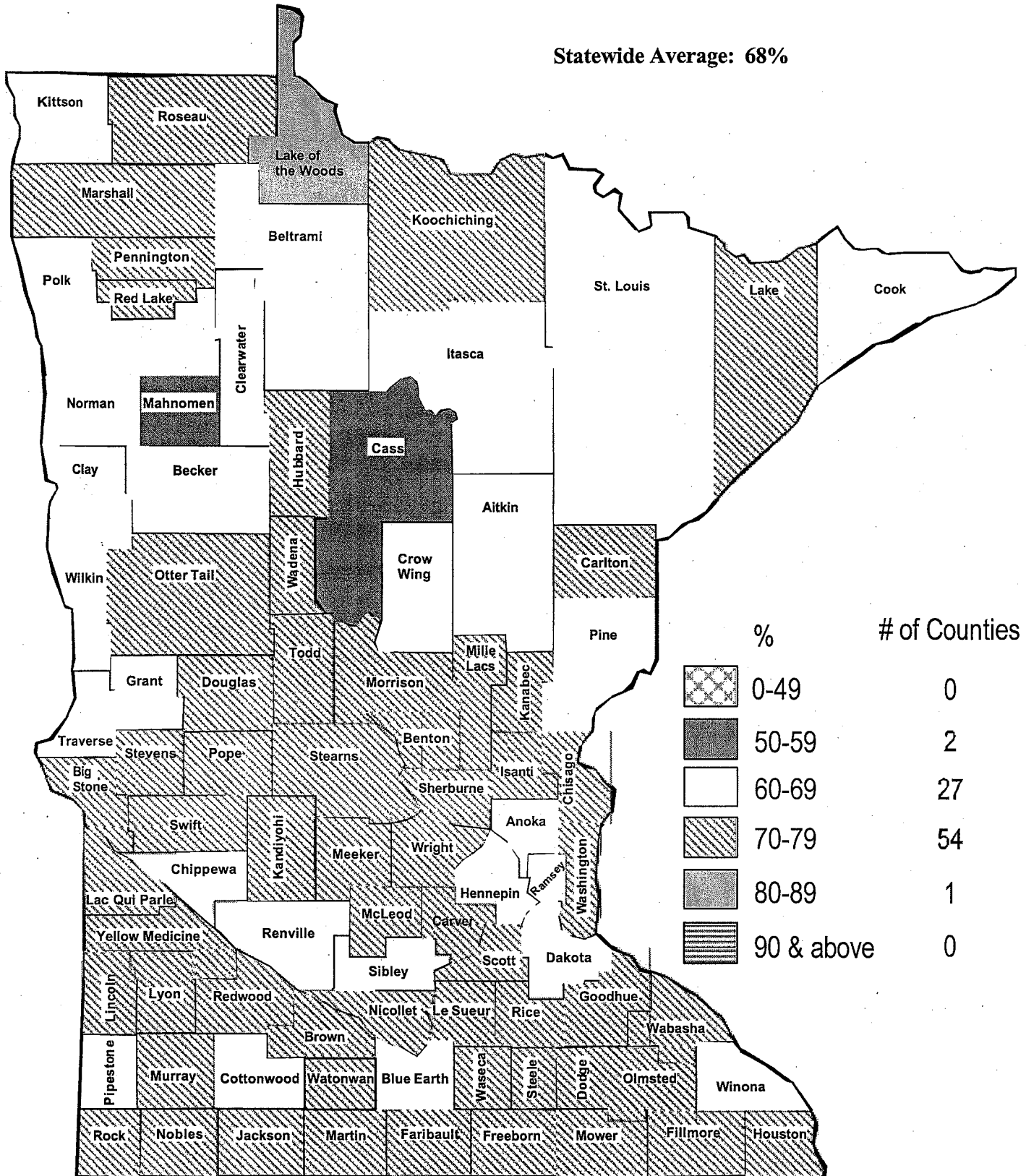
# Percent of Current Support Collected (FFY 2003)

Statewide Average: 69%



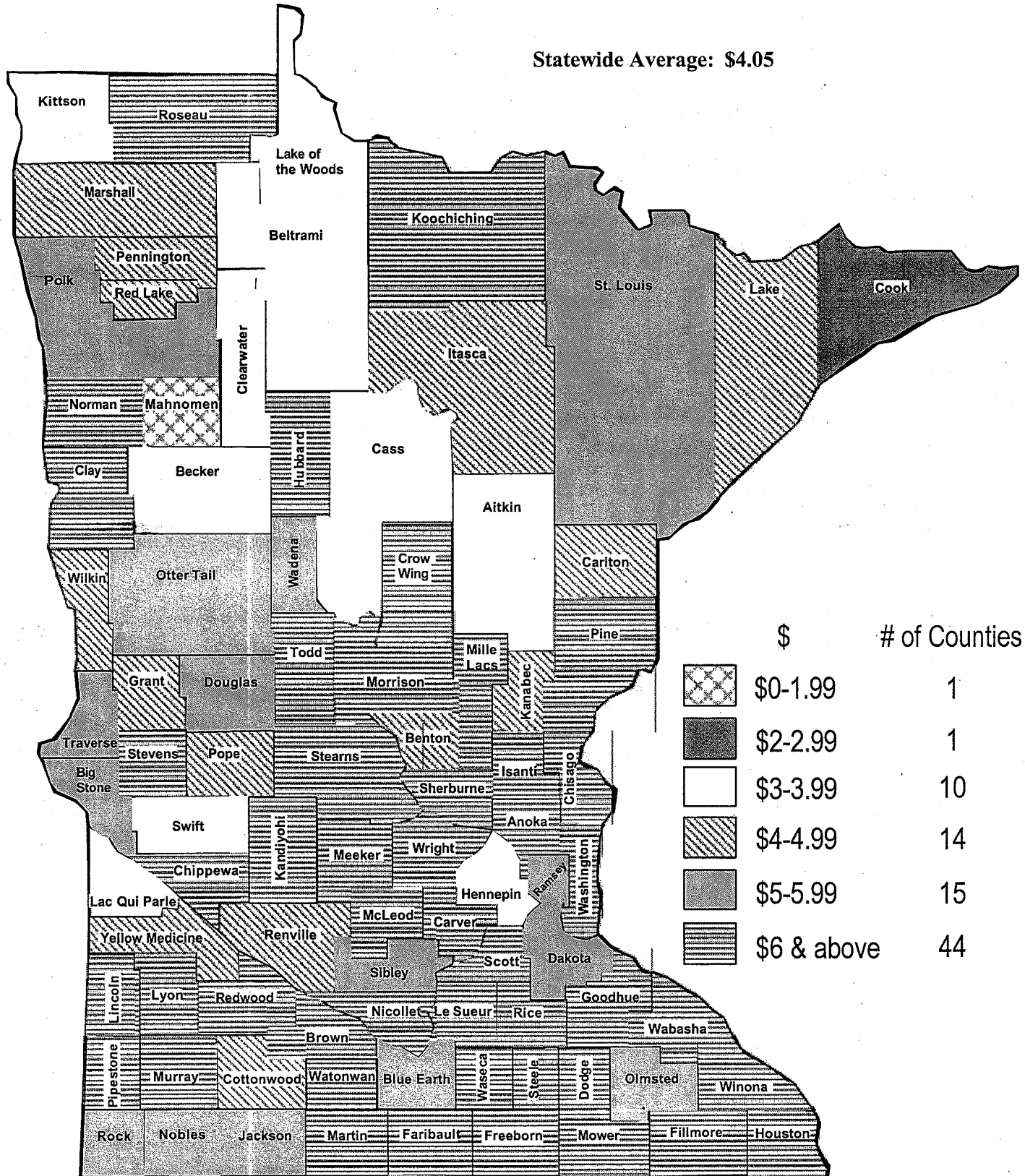
# Percent of Arrears Cases with an Arrears Collection (FFY 2003)

Statewide Average: 68%



# Ratio of Collections to Expenditures (FFY 2003)

Statewide Average: \$4.05



## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT

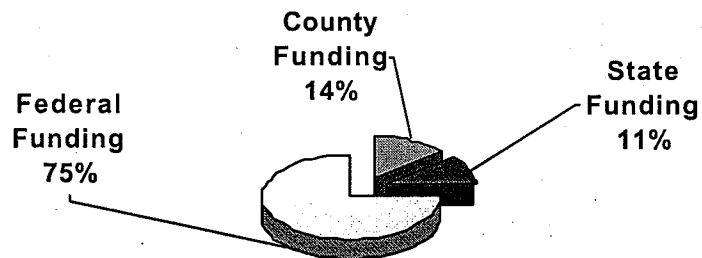
In June 2002 the Child Support Enforcement Division initiated a comprehensive strategic plan. Several meetings have been held within the last two years to review and revise the plan to reflect current events. Work continues on several initiatives to enhance performance and new initiatives have been incorporated into the Division's strategic plan. Among the initiatives to enhance performance are:

- **Management for Results:** The interactive management information reporting system that allows state and county personnel to analyze performance data in a real-time environment continues to expand. This graphic/visual means to review data, allows users to pull specific information about themselves and others for comparison purposes via maps or text lists. This will also allow for data trending which is useful to improving performance.
- **Increase Automation:** The Child Support program continues to work to implement interfaces with various agencies such as the Social Security Administration and MAXIS in order to automate the transfer of information. Automation helps to avoid workarounds and ensure data integrity.
- **Create Responsive Policies and Services:** The Child Support program has created a forum where the largest counties, by caseload size and collection, work together to improve on the five federal performance measures and assist with defining performance goals for all Minnesota counties. This group called the Big 8, began meeting in 2003 and continues to meet quarterly to share processes and best practices, discuss barriers specific to the public assistance caseload, offer solutions already in place, and make suggestions for future changes. Recently the Big 8 began discussion on setting performance goals. Each county has provided their approach to setting goals and the group continues to work toward finalizing this information. Meeting minutes and other types of information are posted to the secure e-mail system where all Minnesota county staff can access it. All counties are encouraged to use this information as is or to modify it to meet their own specific needs.

## FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY COSTS & COSTS TO PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

Federal, state, and local government resources fund Minnesota's child support program. As indicated in the chart below, 75 percent of funding is from federal resources, 14 percent from county government, and 11 percent from Minnesota state government.

### State Fiscal Year 2004 Expenditures Total \$ Spent: \$144.4 Million



**Federal funding.** Federal funding is comprised of federal financial participation (FFP), which reimburses the state 66 cents for every state and local dollar spent on eligible child support services. In addition, there is federal funding in the form of performance incentive dollars. In SFY 2004 the federal share of funding for Minnesota's child support program was \$109 million.

**Federal Performance Incentive Funding:** The table below shows Minnesota's 2003 results for the five federal performance measures<sup>2</sup>:

Paternity Establishment Percentage (IV-D PEP)	84%
Percent of IV-D Cases with a Support Order	79%
IV-D Collection Rate for Current Support Due	69%
Percent of IV-D Cases with Arrears with a Collection	68%
Dollars Collected per Dollar of Administrative Expenditure	\$4.04*

\* Expenditures include prior quarter adjustments made in FFY 2004.

These results are used to calculate Minnesota's share of federal incentive funding for the child support program. In State Fiscal Year 2003 Minnesota received about \$13.4 million or 2.93% of the national pool in federal incentive funding. This amount is determined by applying a formula that incorporates Minnesota's performance and the total amount of anticipated federal incentive funding available to all states. This formula includes a maximum amount that the state can earn, based on its collections. This incentive funding is distributed to counties according to individual county performance on identical measures as are used by the federal government.

<sup>2</sup> The formulas used to calculate these performance measures can be found in Appendix C.

**State funding.** State funding for the child support program has two components. First is general program spending, which is expenditures that are eligible for FFP. In 2004, the state contribution to total program funding was \$15.8 million, or 11 percent of total program spending after FFP. In addition, the Minnesota child support program provides incentive funding to counties, funded with state dollars that reward counties for outcomes in key program functions. Counties are required by federal regulations to reinvest all child support incentives into child support activities. These activities may include traditional child support activities or approved non-traditional activities.

The state incentive measures, along with the money earned by counties in State Fiscal Year 2004, are contained in the table below<sup>3</sup>.

<b>State Incentive</b>	<b>Amount Paid (SFY 2004)</b>
Paternity establishment	\$639,000
Child Support order establishment	\$1,538,300
Child Support order modification	\$572,600
Medical support order establishment, enforcement	\$412,350
Public Assistance State Incentive	\$79,250

**County funding.** County funding in 2004 was \$19.6 million, or 14 percent of total expenditures. The county portion of overall program funding has increased by 2 percent from 2002.

### **Costs to Private Employers**

Private businesses are essential to collecting child support in Minnesota. The state depends on thousands of employers to withhold child support amounts from earnings, submit collected amounts to the state, and maintain records necessary to properly administer the program. Federal and state laws require employers to perform these essential services, which include:

- Submitting newly hired employees to a central database
- Responding to requests for employment verification
- Responding to requests for medical insurance information
- Processing of income withholding
- Transmitting child support payments to the State

To assess employers' costs relating to child support, the Department of Human Services conducted a random survey in 2002 and again in 2004 of 400 employers, including nonprofit organizations. Comparing the results of this survey to the one conducted in 2002 (which had a similar response rate of 35%), it appears that employers are currently happier with the child support collection process and its impact on their respective businesses.

<sup>3</sup> See Appendix C for an explanation of how each incentive is calculated.



Detailed results from this survey are described below<sup>4</sup>. The results indicate the majority of the businesses report little to minimal impact to their operations. Responses to the service aspect of the survey seem to indicate that employers are happy with the contacts they have had with the Child Support Payment Center in particular and to CSED in general.

The overall response rate for the survey was 35 percent (140 surveys returned)

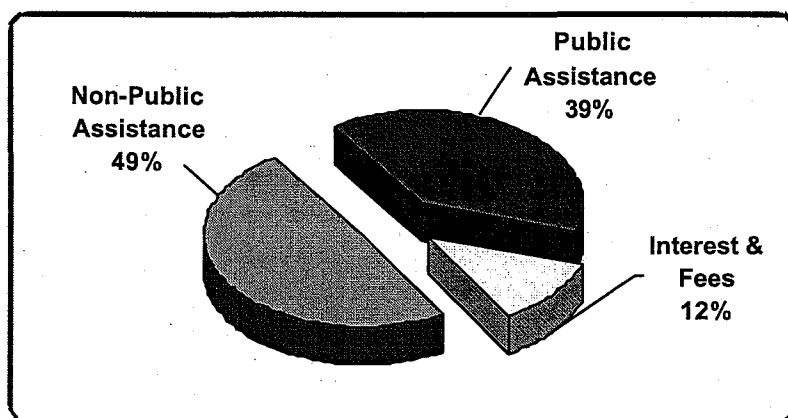
- A majority of the employers reported that the required child support activities are not burdensome or only slightly burdensome using the four-point scale.
- Twenty one employers (15 percent) reported that employees had left their jobs after they learned of the child support action taken.
- Fifty-three employers (38%) rated at least one of the six categories as moderately or very burdensome.

Activity	Rating			
	Not Burdensome	Slightly Burdensome	Moderately Burdensome	Very Burdensome
New Hire Information	59	22	17	6
Income Withholding	45	26	24	8
Transmitting Payments	57	28	20	9
Cost of Living Adjustments	48	20	18	5
Employment Identification	42	26	29	8
Medical Insurance Information Verification	36	26	31	14

<sup>4</sup> See Appendix D for additional detail.

## CHILD SUPPORT ARREARS AND AMOUNT UNCOLLECTIBLE

As of June 30, 2004, child support arrears of approximately \$1.5 billion were owed on open Minnesota child support cases. This total includes unpaid support obligations, interest, and fees. Of the total arrearage amount, \$.6 billion in unpaid support is owed on cases for which public assistance was issued to the family at some point and about \$.7 billion in non-public assistance arrears.



Approximately \$1.3 billion, or 91 percent, of the total \$1.5 billion represents unpaid child support obligations. The remaining 9 percent is comprised of other obligations, including child care and medical support obligations. Approximately \$87.7 million in outstanding arrears is owed for medical support and birthing expenses, and another \$58.5 million is owed for such things as child care, spousal maintenance and fees.

**Interstate Cases.** A significant portion of the arrears owed for child support in Minnesota is for cases where one parent lives outside the state. These are referred to as "interstate cases." Almost \$229 million, or 16 percent of the \$1.5 billion total arrears, is owed on interstate cases. Of the 153,628 child support cases with arrears, 16 percent are interstate cases.

**Age of Arrears and Uncollectible Amount.** The vast majority (82% or \$1.2 billion) of child support arrears are more than 1 year old. The table below gives a breakdown of arrears by age.

Current Receivables	Balances by Aging (SFY 2004)
Total Value:	\$1,461,693,628
1 - 30 days	\$29,531,779
31 - 60 days	\$24,771,402
61 - 90 days	\$24,713,657
91 - 120 days	\$24,063,673
121 - 365 days	\$161,286,141
Greater than 1 year	\$1,197,326,977

The Child Support Enforcement Division currently estimates that at least \$.643 billion of the total arrearage (44%) is uncollectible. This is a weighted average based on the aging of the debt. To determine the uncollectible amount, total arrears are aged into six categories from greater than one month to greater than one year. Each category is weighted as to the probability of collection.

Cases in which debt is not likely to be collected include an obligor who:

- has a history of bankruptcy;
- is incarcerated;
- is institutionalized;
- resides in a country or territory where Minnesota has no jurisdiction; or
- received General Assistance.

While these amounts have been determined to be uncollectible, there are very limited circumstances in which the amounts can be removed from child support cases. Generally, amounts that are owed to custodial parents cannot be written off without the consent of the individual. The state may choose to forgive or write off the unpaid amounts that are owed to the state for child support accrued during periods when public assistance was received and child support obligations were assigned to the state.

## DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION

Minnesota law establishes criteria for suspending an obligor's driver's license and provides due process safeguards for using this law as a child support enforcement tool. See Minn. Stat., §518.551 subd. 13(f) (1998).

Minnesota has an automated process for driver's license suspension. The automated system reviews all cases to identify those cases that meet established criteria<sup>5</sup>. The county worker may override the referral for suspension if there are known reasons that the obligor's license should not be suspended. If a case is determined to be eligible for license suspension, the obligor on that case is sent a notice regarding the license suspension. The notice states that the obligor can prevent the suspension by: (1) requesting a hearing to contest the suspension in writing and showing the court good reason why their license should not be suspended, (2) paying their arrears in full, (3) making and complying with an approved payment plan, or (4) providing the county good reason as to why their license should not be suspended. Any of these actions must be initiated with timeframes specified by law.

If a hearing is not requested and the obligor fails to enter into a payment agreement or to pay all outstanding amounts within 90 days the child support agency notifies the Department of Public Safety to suspend the obligor's license. The Department of Public Safety then sends the obligor a notice regarding the driver's license suspension. The notice states that the obligor must contact the county within 14 days or the driver's license will be suspended. If there is no response to this notice, the Commissioner of Public Safety must suspend the obligor's driver's license.

To have a driver's license reinstated after suspension for failure to pay child support, all of the obligor's child support cases must be current or must have approved payment plans. The Department of Public Safety must not reinstate the license or issue a new license to the obligor until notified by the child support agency or a court that the obligor is current on all their cases or in compliance with all payment agreements.

***Outcomes for Driver's License Suspension.*** As of June 30, 2004, there were approximately 29,000 parents' driver's license currently suspended for noncompliance with child support. There were 32,014 cases associated with these parents. During SFY 2004 \$25.9 million was collected on cases associated with the licenses suspended on June 30, 2004. These collections cannot be directly attributed as a response to the suspension of the Driver's License because the collection may have resulted from ongoing collection activities such as income withholding or tax intercept. A specific collection is not connected to a specific collection mechanism.

<sup>5</sup> The obligor must have a case that 1) is in arrears in court-ordered child support, spousal maintenance payments, or both; 2) the arrears are at least three times the obligor's total monthly support obligation; and 3) is not in compliance with a written payment agreement for current support and arrears owed that has been approved by the court or a child support agency.

During SFY 2004, there were 14,148 parents who received a notice of intent to suspend their driver's license. Of these parents, 2,098 entered into payment agreements and avoided suspension. Collections from these payment agreements totaled \$3.6 million. There were also 1,156 parents who paid their case in full and avoided suspension, resulting in \$2.8 million in collections.

Costs of administering Driver's License suspension cannot be isolated from ongoing enforcement activities of state and county child support staff.

### **Limited Drivers Licenses**

Effective July 1, 2002, Minn. Stat. §171.186 was amended to allow issuance of a one time, 90 day Limited Driver's License for an obligor whose driver's license is suspended for non-payment of child support, and who otherwise qualifies for a limited license under §171.30.

An obligor whose Driver's License has been suspended for nonpayment of child support may complete an application for a limited license with the Department of Public Safety (DPS). The Department of Public Safety will evaluate the obligor's application and driving record to determine if a one time, 90 day limited license will be granted. The driver is required to pay a \$20 fee for the limited license, in addition to any reinstatement fees<sup>6</sup>.

***Outcomes for Limited Licenses.*** Between July 1, 2002 and June 30, 2004 the Department of Public Safety granted 1,430 limited licenses to obligors. Of this group, 686 entered into payment agreements and 107 paid their case in full. These actions may have taken place as the result of other circumstances and the Child Support Enforcement Division are unable to isolate the impact of receiving a limited license.

<sup>6</sup> A Limited License is a one time only, 90-day license. An obligor can get only one license in his/her lifetime. If the limited license is revoked or the driver's license reinstated (for example, due to a payment plan) before the full 90 days is up, the obligor is NOT eligible for an additional limited license.

**APPENDIX A:**

**STATE COMPARISONS (FFY 2003)**

# Preliminary Federal Fiscal Year 2003 State Comparison

State	Total collections FFY 2003	Current assistance collections FFY 2003	Former assistance collections FFY 2003	Never assistance collections FFY 2003
Alabama	\$ 223,267,646	\$ 12,255,589	\$ 73,829,606	\$ 137,182,451
Alaska	79,349,491	5,458,549	40,970,589	32,920,353
Arizona	233,501,240	13,226,616	142,233,961	78,040,663
Arkansas	135,345,918	36,673,323	39,089,597	59,582,998
California	2,132,041,944	297,034,757	1,074,730,570	760,276,617
Colorado	203,110,443	15,559,040	95,115,151	92,436,252
Connecticut	222,361,658	35,579,918	139,137,512	47,644,228
Delaware	61,504,137	3,789,225	27,668,135	30,046,777
D.C., Wash.	44,314,143	3,069,055	23,727,716	17,517,372
Florida	891,001,252	296,486,563	307,931,997	286,582,692
Georgia	453,672,698	32,485,752	213,736,403	207,450,543
Guam	8,320,588	1,232,707	2,495,178	4,592,703
Hawaii	75,708,133	5,139,844	33,581,033	36,987,256
Idaho	103,072,584	1,256,398	31,452,633	70,363,553
Illinois	471,037,130	14,635,632	89,890,606	366,510,892
Indiana	417,099,068	14,850,428	78,347,528	323,901,112
Iowa	269,972,715	75,189,163	106,124,069	88,659,483
Kansas	139,250,242	9,512,800	75,019,650	54,717,792
Kentucky	281,178,623	16,929,158	262,556,712	1,692,753
Louisiana	273,010,342	8,157,610	132,649,091	132,203,641
Maine	97,605,371	16,845,765	52,585,598	28,174,008
Maryland	409,232,429	10,107,903	172,365,789	226,758,737
Massachusetts	425,091,556	27,077,203	198,263,881	199,750,472
Michigan	1,403,936,116	55,629,979	467,502,520	880,803,617
Minnesota	558,574,634	31,797,464	276,487,521	250,289,649
Mississippi	175,065,417	4,963,881	53,833,066	116,268,470
Missouri	432,993,219	20,370,456	134,291,363	278,331,400
Montana	44,285,363	3,224,550	23,089,315	17,971,498
Nebraska	146,714,458	9,600,540	55,942,412	81,171,506
Nevada	99,633,371	2,662,245	23,864,347	73,106,779
New Hampshire	79,516,774	5,810,788	34,888,333	38,817,653
New Jersey	815,021,270	30,165,738	252,069,725	532,785,807
New Mexico	59,810,895	3,453,929	31,378,078	24,978,888
New York	1,341,103,958	68,709,311	525,548,018	746,846,629
North Carolina	496,092,172	19,133,220	275,387,905	201,571,047
North Dakota	54,533,409	2,312,779	16,811,708	35,408,922
Ohio	1,566,112,907	28,755,797	439,628,767	1,097,728,343
Oklahoma	142,434,428	5,645,059	70,655,731	66,133,638
Oregon	289,028,485	12,704,953	100,424,802	175,898,730
Pennsylvania	1,356,655,545	54,349,595	362,626,204	939,679,746
Puerto Rico	232,315,190	1,607,983	8,145,166	222,562,041
Rhode Island	52,544,957	10,892,710	31,180,085	10,472,162
South Carolina	232,500,299	10,299,534	31,553,121	190,647,644
South Dakota	52,514,697	21,138,445	20,127,439	11,248,813
Tennessee	353,682,826	42,658,397	142,966,579	168,057,850
Texas	1,507,375,863	148,593,476	727,326,889	631,455,498
Utah	137,108,429	11,015,363	76,035,037	50,058,029
Vermont	42,210,431	3,424,299	24,245,193	14,540,939
Virgin Islands	7,602,225	105,351	720,699	6,776,175
Virginia	467,452,194	144,434,765	89,719,189	233,298,240
Washington	597,257,719	32,103,190	274,999,949	290,154,580
West Virginia	157,061,989	63,432,324	48,052,841	45,576,824
Wisconsin	577,846,759	13,424,959	397,213,541	167,208,259
Wyoming	47,354,532	287,316	22,086,914	24,980,302
<b>National</b>	<b>\$ 21,176,389,882</b>	<b>\$ 1,815,261,394</b>	<b>\$ 8,452,305,462</b>	<b>\$ 10,908,823,026</b>

**Preliminary Federal Fiscal Year 2003 State Comparison - continued**

<b>State</b>	<b>Total expenditures FFY 2003</b>	<b>FTEs FFY 2003</b>	<b>Total caseload FFY 2003</b>	<b>Current assistance cases FFY 2003</b>
Alabama	\$ 64,233,813	771	248,624	29,832
Alaska	21,682,477	256	46,387	7,115
Arizona	58,995,755	913	258,871	78,896
Arkansas	47,676,023	764	128,472	17,579
California	972,416,111	10,866	1,838,497	446,329
Colorado	72,067,723	733	138,117	16,760
Connecticut	59,275,853	475	212,823	32,865
Delaware	22,899,696	216	55,198	9,006
D.C., Wash.	24,481,801	215	105,139	33,609
Florida	230,616,251	3,225	663,863	74,820
Georgia	114,088,857	1,246	480,935	91,578
Guam	4,404,764	38	12,368	398
Hawaii	16,076,982	192	99,431	28,845
Idaho	19,868,113	131	88,005	4,057
Illinois	191,741,466	1,537	724,383	92,541
Indiana	54,842,575	846	301,473	36,941
Iowa	51,434,609	596	175,180	26,489
Kansas	50,083,945	620	134,321	25,572
Kentucky	60,998,713	931	313,652	55,633
Louisiana	57,084,130	883	272,341	38,544
Maine	20,634,465	264	64,292	16,439
Maryland	97,134,343	1,069	312,744	38,521
Massachusetts	81,756,096	756	246,550	52,887
Michigan	297,044,266	2,930	1,041,056	165,290
Minnesota	142,542,751	1,580	244,655	54,742
Mississippi	24,643,581	480	301,564	29,736
Missouri	92,119,226	1,283	383,799	71,534
Montana	14,368,225	158	40,983	6,818
Nebraska	47,362,837	433	97,589	12,622
Nevada	39,823,537	429	118,319	20,120
New Hampshire	18,125,076	167	38,015	6,725
New Jersey	170,238,325	2,201	344,831	69,549
New Mexico	42,850,806	348	69,611	17,616
New York	287,129,649	2,931	886,813	156,224
North Carolina	107,657,065	1,579	417,936	58,608
North Dakota	11,645,878	151	38,776	5,391
Ohio	335,322,308	4,758	915,211	124,948
Oklahoma	50,470,419	577	137,115	21,213
Oregon	52,874,073	741	247,388	39,745
Pennsylvania	205,750,237	2,760	590,935	100,266
Puerto Rico	42,688,161	862	237,297	64,436
Rhode Island	12,325,753	130	67,923	18,664
South Carolina	38,731,071	289	218,855	39,198
South Dakota	7,495,613	105	42,546	7,393
Tennessee	69,969,809	1,023	358,754	115,815
Texas	288,660,594	2,636	897,038	126,369
Utah	35,663,343	531	75,459	14,563
Vermont	11,853,275	121	24,233	8,317
Virgin Islands	4,801,753	54	11371	1,232
Virginia	79,061,476	1,011	349,573	54,511
Washington	140,225,984	1,564	315,393	47,299
West Virginia	36,674,530	534	109,936	15,735
Wisconsin	100,556,292	1,051	340,963	26,586
Wyoming	9,399,650	225	37,750	2,770
<b>National</b>	<b>\$ 5,212,570,124</b>	<b>61,185</b>	<b>15,923,353</b>	<b>2,759,291</b>

Source: OCSE FFY 2003 Preliminary Data Report



**Preliminary Federal Fiscal Year 2003 State Comparison - continued**

<b>State</b>	<b>Former assistance cases FFY 2003</b>	<b>Never assistance cases FFY 2003</b>	<b>Collections per current assistance case FFY 2003</b>	<b>Collections per former assistance case FFY 2003</b>
Alabama	115,015	103,777	\$ 411	\$ 642
Alaska	24,721	14,551	767	1,657
Arizona	128,450	51,525	168	1,107
Arkansas	50,973	59,920	2,086	767
California	895,672	496,496	666	1,200
Colorado	80,820	40,537	928	1,177
Connecticut	119,047	60,911	1,083	1,169
Delaware	27,497	18,695	421	1,006
D.C., Wash.	43,361	28,169	912	3,727
Florida	325,484	263,559	3,963	946
Georgia	220,349	169,008	355	970
Guam	8,360	3,610	3,097	298
Hawaii	44,109	26,477	178	761
Idaho	32,026	51,922	310	982
Illinois	315,149	316,693	158	285
Indiana	142,377	122,155	402	550
Iowa	101,191	47,500	2,839	1,049
Kansas	64,626	44,123	372	1,161
Kentucky	158,973	99,046	304	1,652
Louisiana	139,608	94,189	212	950
Maine	32,169	15,684	1,025	1,635
Maryland	131,738	142,485	262	1,308
Massachusetts	132,008	61,655	512	1,502
Michigan	523,893	351,873	337	892
Minnesota	140,626	49,287	581	1,966
Mississippi	111,023	160,805	167	485
Missouri	162,161	150,104	285	828
Montana	25,164	9,001	473	918
Nebraska	44,103	40,864	761	1,268
Nevada	37,803	60,396	132	631
New Hampshire	17,262	14,028	864	2,021
New Jersey	154,292	120,990	434	1,634
New Mexico	30,358	21,637	196	1,034
New York	466,388	264,201	440	1,127
North Carolina	235,683	123,645	326	1,168
North Dakota	14,874	18,511	429	1,130
Ohio	361,395	428,868	230	1,216
Oklahoma	67,019	48,883	266	1,054
Oregon	100,010	107,633	320	1,004
Pennsylvania	234,999	255,670	542	1,543
Puerto Rico	9,337	163,524	25	872
Rhode Island	35,035	14,224	584	890
South Carolina	110,456	69,201	263	286
South Dakota	23,885	11,268	2,859	843
Tennessee	133,832	109,107	368	1,068
Texas	390,949	379,720	1,176	1,860
Utah	36,896	24,000	756	2,061
Vermont	11,160	4,756	412	2,173
Virgin Islands	2,553	7,586	86	282
Virginia	138,027	157,035	2,650	650
Washington	171,189	96,905	679	1,606
West Virginia	53,065	41,136	4,031	906
Wisconsin	177,572	136,805	505	2,237
Wyoming	16,909	18,071	104	1,306
<b>National</b>	<b>7,371,641</b>	<b>5,792,421</b>	<b>\$ 658</b>	<b>\$ 1,147</b>

Preliminary Federal Fiscal Year 2003 State Comparison - continued

State	Collections per never assistance case FFY 2003	\$ Collected per case FFY 2003	Cost per case FFY 2003	Collections/expense ratio (CSPIA) FFY 2003	Cases per FTE FFY 2003
Alabama	\$ 1,322	\$ 898	\$ 258	\$ 3.78	322
Alaska	2,262	1,711	467	4.24	181
Arizona	1,515	902	228	4.47	284
Arkansas	994	1,054	371	3.12	168
California	1,531	1,160	529	2.31	169
Colorado	2,280	1,471	522	3.22	188
Connecticut	782	1,045	279	4.04	448
Delaware	1,607	1,114	415	3.03	256
D.C., Wash.	622	421	233	2.09	489
Florida	1,087	1,342	347	4.39	206
Georgia	1,227	943	237	4.47	386
Guam	1,272	673	356	2.10	325
Hawaii	1,397	761	162	5.08	518
Idaho	1,355	1,171	226	5.70	672
Illinois	1,157	650	265	2.64	471
Indiana	2,652	1,384	182	7.91	356
Iowa	1,867	1,541	294	5.52	294
Kansas	1,240	1,037	373	3.12	217
Kentucky	17	896	194	4.88	337
Louisiana	1,404	1,002	210	5.11	308
Maine	1,796	1,518	321	4.99	244
Maryland	1,591	1,309	311	4.53	293
Massachusetts	3,240	1,724	332	5.46	326
Michigan	2,503	1,349	285	4.79	355
Minnesota	5,078	2,283	583	4.05	155
Mississippi	723	581	82	7.50	628
Missouri	1,854	1,128	240	4.95	299
Montana	1,997	1,081	351	3.63	259
Nebraska	1,986	1,503	485	3.22	225
Nevada	1,210	842	337	3.12	276
New Hampshire	2,767	2,092	477	4.72	228
New Jersey	4,404	2,364	494	5.06	157
New Mexico	1,154	859	616	1.57	200
New York	2,827	1,512	324	5.00	303
North Carolina	1,630	1,187	258	4.99	265
North Dakota	1,913	1,406	300	5.10	257
Ohio	2,560	1,711	366	4.92	192
Oklahoma	1,353	1,039	368	3.12	238
Oregon	1,634	1,168	214	5.93	334
Pennsylvania	3,675	2,296	348	6.80	214
Puerto Rico	1,361	979	180	5.67	275
Rhode Island	736	774	181	4.63	522
South Carolina	2,755	1,062	177	6.32	757
South Dakota	998	1,234	176	7.80	405
Tennessee	1,540	986	195	5.47	351
Texas	1,663	1,680	322	5.63	340
Utah	2,086	1,817	473	4.13	142
Vermont	3,057	1,742	489	3.78	200
Virgin Islands	893	669	422	1.84	211
Virginia	1,486	1,337	226	6.52	346
Washington	2,994	1,894	445	4.54	202
West Virginia	1,108	1,429	334	4.54	206
Wisconsin	1,222	1,695	295	5.95	324
Wyoming	1,382	1,254	249	5.57	168
<b>National</b>	<b>\$ 1,883</b>	<b>\$ 1,330</b>	<b>\$ 327</b>	<b>\$ 4.33</b>	<b>260</b>

Source: OCSE FFY 2003 Preliminary Data Report

**APPENDIX B:**

**COUNTY COMPARISONS (SFY 2004)**

## Minnesota County Disbursements and Expenditures SFYs 2003 and 2004

County	Collections disbursed SFY 2004	Expenditures SFY 2004	Disbursement expenditure ratio SFY 2004	Collections disbursed SFY 2003	Expenditures SFY 2003	Disbursement expenditure ratio SFY 2003
Aitkin	\$ 1,651,341	\$ 457,962	\$ 3.61	\$ 1,627,414	\$ 443,880	\$ 3.67
Anoka	48,129,677	6,960,794	6.91	46,686,996	6,356,946	7.34
Becker	3,568,775	923,255	3.87	3,436,048	902,173	3.81
Beltrami	4,253,296	1,037,350	4.10	4,056,589	1,047,675	3.87
Benton	4,185,066	765,213	5.47	3,952,221	821,399	4.81
Big Stone	610,228	87,964	6.94	515,764	98,842	5.22
Blue Earth	5,531,813	1,090,091	5.07	5,378,153	1,027,882	5.23
Brown	3,614,178	458,322	7.89	3,259,105	452,453	7.20
Carlton	4,850,378	1,024,447	4.73	4,780,402	1,068,846	4.47
Carver	8,209,198	1,174,882	6.99	8,025,055	1,129,537	7.10
Cass	2,201,531	665,133	3.31	2,176,547	646,176	3.37
Chippewa	1,683,265	260,792	6.45	1,548,949	237,859	6.51
Chisago	6,845,009	777,187	8.81	6,574,985	735,548	8.94
Clay	6,856,971	986,871	6.95	6,574,450	952,136	6.90
Clearwater	992,752	277,790	3.57	904,642	247,332	3.66
Cook	328,136	143,928	2.28	326,856	136,208	2.40
Cottonwood	1,330,193	268,307	4.96	1,248,053	233,700	5.34
Crow Wing	6,760,736	1,110,273	6.09	6,483,599	1,070,498	6.06
Dakota	45,722,838	9,128,066	5.01	44,585,842	8,586,143	5.19
Dodge	2,277,038	384,914	5.92	2,122,913	351,166	6.05
Douglas	3,412,626	588,126	5.80	3,210,379	518,012	6.20
Faribault/Martin	4,786,462	631,597	7.58	4,620,328	734,141	6.29
Fillmore	2,037,794	227,734	8.95	1,838,013	218,640	8.41
Freeborn	4,041,154	578,904	6.98	3,988,590	615,503	6.48
Goodhue	5,802,359	905,512	6.41	5,942,100	960,757	6.18
Grant	550,075	119,915	4.59	459,738	111,022	4.14
Hennepin	115,000,342	28,371,235	4.05	113,347,185	29,406,352	3.85
Houston	2,054,953	222,646	9.23	2,125,917	225,679	9.42
Hubbard	1,857,330	276,533	6.72	1,808,579	282,748	6.40
Isanti	5,070,135	849,945	5.97	4,922,867	780,228	6.31
Itasca	5,751,686	1,082,547	5.31	5,465,113	1,038,062	5.26
Jackson	1,322,346	261,235	5.06	1,250,264	242,950	5.15
Kanabec	2,001,433	412,698	4.85	1,868,898	380,331	4.91
Kandiyohi	4,951,444	760,216	6.51	4,721,305	758,041	6.23
Kittson	321,632	84,640	3.80	326,295	84,975	3.84
Koochiching	2,137,348	316,313	6.76	2,012,797	289,936	6.94
Lac Qui Parle	549,171	126,598	4.34	461,321	129,569	3.56
Lake	1,275,520	245,858	5.19	1,279,313	237,744	5.38
Lake of the Woods	546,331	134,729	4.06	503,338	140,901	3.57
Le Sueur	3,375,356	453,494	7.44	3,148,370	464,599	6.78
LLM*	4,586,435	632,573	7.25	4,325,018	626,120	6.91
Mahnomen	369,882	213,748	1.73	361,707	188,780	1.92
Marshall	859,736	190,247	4.52	777,355	157,745	4.93
McLeod	4,677,692	580,293	8.06	4,414,638	530,832	8.32
Meeker	2,753,055	381,518	7.22	2,516,265	362,225	6.95

**Minnesota County Disbursements and Expenditures  
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County	Collections disbursed SFY 2004	Expenditures SFY 2004	Disbursement expenditure ratio SFY 2004	Collections disbursed SFY 2003	Expenditures SFY 2003	Disbursement expenditure ratio SFY 2003
Mille Lacs	\$ 3,406,574	\$ 405,407	\$ 8.40	\$ 3,374,587	\$ 372,339	\$ 9.06
Morrison	4,111,329	624,606	6.58	3,962,213	508,779	7.79
Mower	5,804,833	805,683	7.20	5,505,631	787,901	6.99
Nicollet	4,049,833	675,261	6.00	4,009,154	642,039	6.24
Nobles	2,224,539	367,512	6.05	2,079,096	399,025	5.21
Norman	613,908	70,253	8.74	560,593	64,266	8.72
Olmsted	15,522,285	2,828,103	5.49	14,917,073	2,841,863	5.25
Otter Tail	5,439,242	1,022,192	5.32	5,182,848	986,955	5.25
Pennington	1,665,403	379,534	4.39	1,642,277	384,484	4.27
Pine	4,007,565	581,046	6.90	3,956,067	536,502	7.37
Pipestone	1,300,262	155,306	8.37	1,177,081	188,540	6.24
Polk	4,384,298	674,491	6.50	4,097,404	678,406	6.04
Pope	967,102	172,909	5.59	899,452	200,904	4.48
Ramsey	60,940,870	12,786,241	4.77	60,507,098	10,964,526	5.52
Red Lake	405,989	82,634	4.91	379,491	82,250	4.61
Redwood	2,470,970	452,164	5.46	2,396,847	396,657	6.04
Renville	1,396,635	246,232	5.67	1,305,316	260,833	5.00
Rice	6,385,900	963,336	6.63	6,221,931	919,171	6.77
Rock	1,033,687	167,370	6.18	955,517	170,523	5.60
Roseau	1,974,239	277,506	7.11	1,892,720	256,970	7.37
St. Louis	24,948,023	4,435,686	5.62	23,901,403	4,204,323	5.68
Scott	10,806,807	1,635,917	6.61	10,333,363	1,470,307	7.03
Sherburne	8,639,079	1,050,805	8.22	7,945,922	1,008,633	7.88
Sibley	1,421,922	232,526	6.12	1,306,186	222,676	5.87
Stearns	13,688,366	1,903,288	7.19	13,069,484	1,746,727	7.48
Steele	4,298,834	636,809	6.75	4,131,455	625,456	6.61
Stevens	711,657	87,783	8.11	672,624	97,348	6.91
Swift	943,654	242,242	3.90	908,712	238,874	3.80
Todd	3,031,609	458,937	6.61	2,966,909	466,741	6.36
Traverse	329,069	84,160	3.91	277,693	48,880	5.68
Wabasha	2,110,009	256,847	8.22	1,963,099	256,303	7.66
Wadena	2,030,527	345,383	5.88	2,020,228	361,366	5.59
Waseca	2,631,339	327,746	8.03	2,566,119	314,503	8.16
Washington	24,495,916	2,949,426	8.31	23,455,848	2,850,975	8.23
Watsonwan	1,653,593	202,221	8.18	1,599,120	237,947	6.72
Wilkin	868,276	233,978	3.71	830,304	193,294	4.30
Winona	5,217,146	906,280	5.76	5,188,418	852,296	6.09
Wright	13,008,501	1,635,011	7.96	12,429,657	1,526,793	8.14
Yellow Medicine	1,085,974	257,442	4.22	1,035,288	241,698	4.28
<b>All Counties</b>	<b>\$ 589,720,480</b>	<b>\$ 108,252,668</b>	<b>\$ 5.45</b>	<b>\$ 571,584,499</b>	<b>\$ 104,640,364</b>	<b>\$ 5.46</b>
<b>State Administration</b>		<b>\$ 36,111,408</b>			<b>\$ 37,051,416</b>	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$ 144,364,076</b>	<b>\$ 4.08</b>		<b>\$ 141,691,780</b>	<b>\$ 4.03</b>

\* Lincoln, Lyon and Murray counties  
Source: QQ640201, DHS Financial Management

## Child Support Disbursements per Open Support Case SFYs 2003 and 2004

County	Collections disbursed SFY 2004	Open cases SFY 2004	Average disbursement per open case SFY 2004	Average disbursement per open case SFY 2003	Percentage change
Aitkin	\$ 1,651,341	866	\$ 1,907	\$ 1,862	2%
Anoka	48,129,677	15,262	3,154	3,105	2%
Becker	3,568,775	2,103	1,697	1,695	0%
Beltrami	4,253,296	3,271	1,300	1,201	8%
Benton	4,185,066	1,691	2,475	2,489	-1%
Big Stone	610,228	239	2,553	2,176	17%
Blue Earth	5,531,813	2,411	2,294	2,241	2%
Brown	3,614,178	1,095	3,301	3,078	7%
Carlton	4,850,378	2,098	2,312	2,316	0%
Carver	8,209,198	1,973	4,161	4,109	1%
Cass	2,201,531	1,662	1,325	1,285	3%
Chippewa	1,683,265	567	2,969	2,879	3%
Chisago	6,845,009	2,084	3,285	3,291	0%
Clay	6,856,971	3,262	2,102	2,030	4%
Clearwater	992,752	783	1,268	1,206	5%
Cook	328,136	157	2,090	2,239	-7%
Cottonwood	1,330,193	601	2,213	2,066	7%
Crow Wing	6,760,736	3,257	2,076	1,985	5%
Dakota	45,722,838	14,159	3,229	3,212	1%
Dodge	2,277,038	721	3,158	3,072	3%
Douglas	3,412,626	1,349	2,530	2,423	4%
Faribault/Martin	4,786,462	1,786	2,680	2,526	6%
Fillmore	2,037,794	646	3,154	2,806	12%
Freeborn	4,041,154	1,758	2,299	2,319	-1%
Goodhue	5,802,359	2,068	2,806	2,990	-6%
Grant	550,075	232	2,371	2,071	14%
Hennepin	115,000,342	59,919	1,919	1,879	2%
Houston	2,054,953	755	2,722	3,011	-10%
Hubbard	1,857,330	979	1,897	1,866	2%
Isanti	5,070,135	1,649	3,075	3,054	1%
Itasca	5,751,686	2,943	1,954	1,939	1%
Jackson	1,322,346	563	2,349	2,320	1%
Kanabec	2,001,433	843	2,374	2,390	-1%
Kandiyohi	4,951,444	2,277	2,175	2,087	4%
Kittson	321,632	143	2,249	2,399	-6%
Koochiching	2,137,348	792	2,699	2,587	4%
Lac Qui Parle	549,171	211	2,603	2,106	24%
Lake	1,275,520	462	2,761	2,837	-3%
Lake of the Woods	546,331	187	2,922	2,736	7%
Le Sueur	3,375,356	990	3,409	3,048	12%
LLM*	4,586,435	1,806	2,540	2,399	6%
Mahnomen	369,882	525	705	689	2%
Marshall	859,736	333	2,582	2,280	13%
McLeod	4,677,692	1,507	3,104	3,026	3%
Meeker	2,753,055	960	2,868	2,629	9%

**Child Support Disbursements per Open Support Case**  
**SFYs 2003 and 2004 - continued**

County	Collections disbursed SFY 2004	Open cases SFY 2004	Average disbursement per open case SFY 2004	Average disbursement per open case SFY 2003	Percentage change
Mille Lacs	\$ 3,406,574	1,521	\$ 2,240	\$ 2,308	-3%
Morrison	4,111,329	1,780	2,310	2,367	-2%
Mower	5,804,833	2,568	2,260	2,192	3%
Nicollet	4,049,833	1,433	2,826	2,870	-2%
Nobles	2,224,539	1,026	2,168	1,949	11%
Norman	613,908	236	2,601	2,386	9%
Olmsted	15,522,285	5,162	3,007	2,994	0%
Otter Tail	5,439,242	2,466	2,206	2,194	1%
Pennington	1,665,403	948	1,757	1,777	-1%
Pine	4,007,565	2,059	1,946	1,995	-2%
Pipestone	1,300,262	552	2,356	2,277	3%
Polk	4,384,298	1,915	2,289	2,179	5%
Pope	967,102	371	2,607	2,485	5%
Ramsey	60,940,870	35,190	1,732	1,724	0%
Red Lake	405,989	157	2,586	2,672	-3%
Redwood	2,470,970	820	3,013	3,023	0%
Renville	1,396,635	619	2,256	2,183	3%
Rice	6,385,900	2,149	2,972	2,947	1%
Rock	1,033,687	356	2,904	2,762	5%
Roseau	1,974,239	755	2,615	2,586	1%
St. Louis	24,948,023	10,828	2,304	2,245	3%
Scott	10,806,807	2,925	3,695	3,627	2%
Sherburne	8,639,079	2,528	3,417	3,255	5%
Sibley	1,421,922	622	2,286	2,051	11%
Stearns	13,688,366	4,808	2,847	2,709	5%
Steele	4,298,834	1,550	2,773	2,795	-1%
Stevens	711,657	252	2,824	2,648	7%
Swift	943,654	412	2,290	2,118	8%
Todd	3,031,609	1,243	2,439	2,385	2%
Traverse	329,069	143	2,301	1,915	20%
Wabasha	2,110,009	743	2,840	2,761	3%
Wadena	2,030,527	902	2,251	2,301	-2%
Waseca	2,631,339	987	2,666	2,747	-3%
Washington	24,495,916	6,228	3,933	3,970	-1%
Watonwan	1,653,593	712	2,322	2,249	3%
Wilkin	868,276	347	2,502	2,281	10%
Winona	5,217,146	2,051	2,544	2,519	1%
Wright	13,008,501	3,833	3,394	3,361	1%
Yellow Medicine	1,085,974	394	2,756	2,507	10%
<b>All Counties</b>	<b>\$ 589,720,480</b>	<b>247,536</b>	<b>\$ 2,382</b>	<b>\$ 2,323</b>	<b>3%</b>

\* Lincoln, Lyon and Murray counties  
Source: QQ640201, QQ320803

**Child Support Disbursements per Case with Court Order  
SFYs 2003 and 2004**

County	Collections disbursed SFY 2004	Court order caseload SFY 2004	Average disbursement per case with order SFY 2004	Average disbursement per case with order SFY 2003	Percentage change
Aitkin	\$ 1,651,341	751	\$ 2,199	\$ 2,167	1%
Anoka	48,129,677	12,799	3,760	3,745	0%
Becker	3,568,775	1,760	2,028	2,019	0%
Beltrami	4,253,296	2,408	1,766	1,789	-1%
Benton	4,185,066	1,509	2,773	2,799	-1%
Big Stone	610,228	208	2,934	2,631	11%
Blue Earth	5,531,813	2,098	2,637	2,583	2%
Brown	3,614,178	977	3,699	3,617	2%
Carlton	4,850,378	1,894	2,561	2,580	-1%
Carver	8,209,198	1,779	4,615	4,647	-1%
Cass	2,201,531	1,187	1,855	1,831	1%
Chippewa	1,683,265	493	3,414	3,234	6%
Chisago	6,845,009	1,908	3,588	3,637	-1%
Clay	6,856,971	2,803	2,446	2,449	0%
Clearwater	992,752	584	1,700	1,595	7%
Cook	328,136	124	2,646	2,867	-8%
Cottonwood	1,330,193	506	2,629	2,521	4%
Crow Wing	6,760,736	2,834	2,386	2,382	0%
Dakota	45,722,838	12,145	3,765	3,790	-1%
Dodge	2,277,038	641	3,552	3,515	1%
Douglas	3,412,626	1,173	2,909	2,829	3%
Faribault/Martin	4,786,462	1,653	2,896	2,822	3%
Fillmore	2,037,794	594	3,431	3,068	12%
Freeborn	4,041,154	1,609	2,512	2,555	-2%
Goodhue	5,802,359	1,859	3,121	3,256	-4%
Grant	550,075	189	2,910	2,657	10%
Hennepin	115,000,342	46,253	2,486	2,537	-2%
Houston	2,054,953	647	3,176	3,479	-9%
Hubbard	1,857,330	824	2,254	2,431	-7%
Isanti	5,070,135	1,399	3,624	3,690	-2%
Itasca	5,751,686	2,519	2,283	2,222	3%
Jackson	1,322,346	533	2,481	2,476	0%
Kanabec	2,001,433	683	2,930	2,962	-1%
Kandiyohi	4,951,444	1,967	2,517	2,485	1%
Kittson	321,632	133	2,418	2,631	-8%
Koochiching	2,137,348	688	3,107	2,973	4%
Lac Qui Parle	549,171	177	3,103	3,160	-2%
Lake	1,275,520	404	3,157	3,128	1%
Lake of the Woods	546,331	173	3,158	3,069	3%
Le Sueur	3,375,356	891	3,788	3,534	7%
LLM*	4,586,435	1,631	2,812	2,743	3%
Mahnomen	369,882	304	1,217	1,340	-9%
Marshall	859,736	299	2,875	2,662	8%
McLeod	4,677,692	1,313	3,563	3,501	2%
Meeker	2,753,055	859	3,205	3,006	7%



**Child Support Disbursements per Case with Court Order  
SFYs 2003 and 2004 - continued**

County	Collections disbursed SFY 2004	Court order caseload SFY 2004	Average disbursement per case with order SFY 2004	Average disbursement per case with order SFY 2003	Percentage change
Mille Lacs	\$ 3,406,574	1,299	\$ 2,622	\$ 2,744	-4%
Morrison	4,111,329	1,566	2,625	2,699	-3%
Mower	5,804,833	2,058	2,821	2,754	2%
Nicollet	4,049,833	1,307	3,099	3,182	-3%
Nobles	2,224,539	811	2,743	2,649	4%
Norman	613,908	182	3,373	3,418	-1%
Olmsted	15,522,285	4,330	3,585	3,594	0%
Otter Tail	5,439,242	2,047	2,657	2,614	2%
Pennington	1,665,403	632	2,635	2,607	1%
Pine	4,007,565	1,681	2,384	2,360	1%
Pipestone	1,300,262	504	2,580	2,521	2%
Polk	4,384,298	1,747	2,510	2,492	1%
Pope	967,102	344	2,811	2,883	-2%
Ramsey	60,940,870	23,778	2,563	2,571	0%
Red Lake	405,989	132	3,076	3,085	0%
Redwood	2,470,970	708	3,490	3,514	-1%
Renville	1,396,635	487	2,868	2,725	5%
Rice	6,385,900	1,694	3,770	3,732	1%
Rock	1,033,687	318	3,251	3,092	5%
Roseau	1,974,239	622	3,174	3,149	1%
St. Louis	24,948,023	9,271	2,691	2,643	2%
Scott	10,806,807	2,415	4,475	4,427	1%
Sherburne	8,639,079	2,296	3,763	3,581	5%
Sibley	1,421,922	512	2,777	2,649	5%
Stearns	13,688,366	3,838	3,567	3,493	2%
Steele	4,298,834	1,357	3,168	3,292	-4%
Stevens	711,657	226	3,149	2,912	8%
Swift	943,654	377	2,503	2,391	5%
Todd	3,031,609	1,148	2,641	2,609	1%
Traverse	329,069	131	2,512	2,314	9%
Wabasha	2,110,009	638	3,307	3,218	3%
Wadena	2,030,527	809	2,510	2,570	-2%
Waseca	2,631,339	825	3,190	3,248	-2%
Washington	24,495,916	5,460	4,486	4,518	-1%
Watonwan	1,653,593	618	2,676	2,706	-1%
Wilkin	868,276	312	2,783	2,731	2%
Winona	5,217,146	1,786	2,921	2,895	1%
Wright	13,008,501	3,436	3,786	3,781	0%
Yellow Medicine	1,085,974	336	3,232	3,045	6%
<b>All Counties</b>	<b>\$ 589,720,480</b>	<b>200,220</b>	<b>\$ 2,945</b>	<b>\$ 2,946</b>	<b>0%</b>

\* Lincoln, Lyon and Murray counties  
Source: QQ640201, QQ320803

## Child Support Caseload Comparisons SFYs 2003 and 2004

County	Open cases SFY 2004	Open cases SFY 2003	Percentage change	FTE - child support workers SFY 2004	Open caseload to worker ratio SFY 2004	Open caseload to worker ratio SFY 2003	FTE - cooperative agreement workers SFY 2004	Total FTE staff SFY 2004	Open caseload to total FTE staff ratio SFY 2004
Aitkin	866	874	-1%	6.0	144	171	0.2	6.2	140
Anoka	15,262	15,038	1%	63.5	240	233	27.2	90.7	168
Becker	2,103	2,027	4%	12.5	168	162	0.5	13.0	162
Beltrami	3,271	3,378	-3%	13.0	252	243	0.1	13.1	250
Benton	1,691	1,588	6%	9.3	182	165	0.6	9.9	171
Big Stone	239	237	1%	1.5	159	158	0.1	1.6	149
Blue Earth	2,411	2,400	0%	10.6	227	226	0.5	11.1	217
Brown	1,095	1,059	3%	5.1	215	208	0.1	5.2	211
Carlton	2,098	2,064	2%	13.4	157	153	1.1	14.5	145
Carver	1,973	1,953	1%	11.4	173	168	1.1	12.5	158
Cass	1,662	1,694	-2%	6.5	256	226	0.0	6.5	256
Chippewa	567	538	5%	3.4	167	158	0.1	3.5	162
Chisago	2,084	1,998	4%	9.0	232	222	1.0	10.0	208
Clay	3,262	3,238	1%	14.7	222	220	0.4	15.1	216
Clearwater	783	750	4%	2.6	301	300	0.2	2.8	280
Cook	157	146	8%	1.3	121	122	0.1	1.4	112
Cottonwood	601	604	0%	3.4	177	183	0.1	3.5	172
Crow Wing	3,257	3,267	0%	15.0	217	218	0.2	15.2	214
Dakota	14,159	13,881	2%	65.8	215	192	17.0	82.8	171
Dodge	721	691	4%	4.2	172	165	0.1	4.3	168
Douglas	1,349	1,325	2%	8.6	157	147	0.2	8.8	153
Faribault/Martin	1,786	1,829	-2%	8.8	203	201	0.2	9.0	198
Fillmore	646	655	-1%	2.0	323	328	0.2	2.2	294
Freeborn	1,758	1,720	2%	7.3	241	236	0.5	7.8	225
Goodhue	2,068	1,987	4%	10.5	197	209	1.5	12.0	172
Grant	232	222	5%	1.4	166	185	0.2	1.6	145
Hennepin	59,919	60,329	-1%	276.5	217	212	28.0	304.5	197
Houston	755	706	7%	3.2	236	221	0.4	3.6	210
Hubbard	979	969	1%	5.6	175	231	2.0	7.6	129
Isanti	1,649	1,612	2%	8.8	187	237	4.6	13.4	123
Itasca	2,943	2,818	4%	11.3	260	231	1.0	12.3	239
Jackson	563	539	4%	2.5	225	207	0.1	2.6	217
Kanabec	843	782	8%	6.2	136	130	0.8	7.0	120
Kandiyohi	2,277	2,262	1%	10.0	228	226	0.3	10.3	221
Kittson	143	136	5%	1.0	143	136	0.2	1.2	119
Koochiching	792	778	2%	3.5	226	195	0.2	3.7	214
Lac Qui Parle	211	219	-4%	1.6	132	168	0.1	1.7	124
Lake	462	451	2%	2.4	193	188	0.1	2.5	185
Lake of the Woods	187	184	2%	1.1	170	153	0.1	1.2	156
Le Sueur	990	1,033	-4%	6.0	165	175	0.3	6.3	157
LLM*	1,806	1,803	0%	8.0	226	194	0.5	8.5	212
Mahnomen	525	525	0%	2.7	194	175	0.3	3.0	175
Marshall	333	341	-2%	2.6	128	110	0.1	2.7	123
McLeod	1,507	1,459	3%	7.60	198	187	0.5	8.1	186
Meeker	960	957	0%	5.00	192	184	0.3	5.3	181

## Child Support Caseload Comparisons SFYs 2003 and 2004 - continued

County	Open cases SFY 2004	Open cases SFY 2003	Percentage change	FTE - child support workers SFY 2004	Open caseload to worker ratio SFY 2004	Open caseload to worker ratio SFY 2003	FTE - cooperative agreement workers SFY 2004	Total FTE staff SFY 2004	Open caseload to total FTE staff ratio SFY 2004
Mille Lacs	1,521	1,462	4%	5.50	277	292	0.2	5.7	267
Morrison	1,780	1,674	6%	8.60	207	212	1.1	9.7	184
Mower	2,568	2,512	2%	9.40	273	264	1.3	10.7	240
Nicollet	1,433	1,397	3%	7.00	205	200	0.4	7.4	194
Nobles	1,026	1,067	-4%	4.20	244	213	0.6	4.8	214
Norman	236	235	0%	0.60	393	392	0.2	0.8	295
Olmsted	5,162	4,982	4%	27.50	188	181	4.5	32.0	161
Otter Tail	2,466	2,362	4%	11.00	224	215	0.8	11.8	209
Pennington	948	924	3%	5.10	186	178	0.3	5.4	176
Pine	2,059	1,983	4%	8.00	257	248	0.8	8.8	234
Pipestone	552	517	7%	2.10	263	246	0.3	2.4	230
Polk	1,915	1,880	2%	9.00	213	209	0.4	9.4	204
Pope	371	362	2%	1.80	206	157	0.3	2.1	177
Ramsey	35,190	35,105	0%	146.00	241	229	7.5	153.5	229
Red Lake	157	142	11%	1.00	157	129	0.0	1.0	157
Redwood	820	793	3%	5.30	155	176	0.1	5.4	152
Renville	619	598	4%	3.00	206	199	0.1	3.1	200
Rice	2,149	2,111	2%	8.00	269	264	2.6	10.6	203
Rock	356	346	3%	2.30	155	150	0.1	2.4	148
Roseau	755	732	3%	3.40	222	236	0.1	3.5	216
St. Louis	10,828	10,646	2%	42.80	253	238	11.0	53.8	201
Scott	2,925	2,849	3%	15.50	189	228	1.2	16.7	175
Sherburne	2,528	2,441	4%	11.60	218	242	0.4	12.0	211
Sibley	622	637	-2%	3.40	183	187	0.2	3.6	173
Stearns	4,808	4,825	0%	20.70	232	233	0.6	21.3	226
Steele	1,550	1,478	5%	9.10	170	162	0.6	9.7	160
Stevens	252	254	-1%	1.40	180	231	0.2	1.6	158
Swift	412	429	-4%	2.30	179	204	0.3	2.6	158
Todd	1,243	1,244	0%	6.80	183	191	0.2	7.0	178
Traverse	143	145	-1%	1.10	130	145	0.2	1.3	110
Wabasha	743	711	5%	4.10	181	173	0.2	4.3	173
Wadena	902	878	3%	4.30	210	204	0.4	4.7	192
Waseca	987	934	6%	4.80	206	228	0.3	5.1	194
Washington	6,228	5,908	5%	29.00	215	204	6.8	35.8	174
Watonwan	712	711	0%	2.30	310	339	0.2	2.5	285
Wilkin	347	364	-5%	2.10	165	121	0.4	2.5	139
Winona	2,051	2,060	0%	11.80	174	175	1.6	13.4	153
Wright	3,833	3,698	4%	20.10	191	184	2.3	22.4	171
Yellow Medicine	394	413	-5%	3.20	123	129	0.4	3.6	109
<b>All Counties</b>	<b>247,536</b>	<b>244,875</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1140.5</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>141.2</b>	<b>1281.7</b>	<b>193</b>
<b>State Administration</b>				<b>194.0</b>			<b>82.7</b>	<b>276.7</b>	
<b>Total FTE</b>				<b>1334.5</b>			<b>223.9</b>	<b>1558.4</b>	

\* Lincoln, Lyon and Murray counties  
Source: QQ320803, County Survey

## County Court Order Summaries SFY 2004

County	Open cases SFY 2004	Court order caseload SFY 2004	Open cases with no court order SFY 2004	% Open cases with court order SFY 2004	Open cases with current support due SFY 2004	Open cases with current support disbursed SFY 2004	% Open cases with current support disbursed SFY 2004	% Disbursed of current support due SFY 2004
Aitkin	866	751	115	87%	449	361	80%	67%
Anoka	15,262	12,799	2,463	84%	9,784	7,678	78%	72%
Becker	2,103	1,760	343	84%	1,190	836	70%	63%
Beltrami	3,271	2,408	863	74%	1,474	940	64%	60%
Benton	1,691	1,509	182	89%	1,096	882	80%	72%
Big Stone	239	208	31	87%	154	132	86%	80%
Blue Earth	2,411	2,098	313	87%	1,509	1,126	75%	68%
Brown	1,095	977	118	89%	790	665	84%	78%
Carlton	2,098	1,894	204	90%	1,208	955	79%	71%
Carver	1,973	1,779	194	90%	1,426	1,157	81%	74%
Cass	1,662	1,187	475	71%	729	477	65%	58%
Chippewa	567	493	74	87%	378	324	86%	80%
Chisago	2,084	1,908	176	92%	1,471	1,135	77%	71%
Clay	3,262	2,803	459	86%	1,835	1,403	76%	71%
Clearwater	783	584	199	75%	333	228	68%	67%
Cook	157	124	33	79%	86	64	74%	64%
Cottonwood	601	506	95	84%	338	278	82%	74%
Crow Wing	3,257	2,834	423	87%	1,896	1,494	79%	69%
Dakota	14,159	12,145	2,014	86%	9,585	7,267	76%	70%
Dodge	721	641	80	89%	519	426	82%	75%
Douglas	1,349	1,173	176	87%	903	718	80%	72%
Faribault/Martin	1,786	1,653	133	93%	1,211	1,004	83%	72%
Fillmore	646	594	52	92%	478	412	86%	76%
Freeborn	1,758	1,609	149	92%	1,189	917	77%	69%
Goodhue	2,068	1,859	209	90%	1,338	1,044	78%	71%
Grant	232	189	43	81%	143	118	83%	71%
Hennepin	59,919	46,253	13,666	77%	30,572	21,191	69%	67%
Houston	755	647	108	86%	523	424	81%	76%
Hubbard	979	824	155	84%	627	473	75%	63%
Isanti	1,649	1,399	250	85%	1,103	865	78%	69%
Itasca	2,943	2,519	424	86%	1,652	1,233	75%	67%
Jackson	563	533	30	95%	364	303	83%	75%
Kanabec	843	683	160	81%	475	362	76%	69%
Kandiyohi	2,277	1,967	310	86%	1,333	1,043	78%	70%
Kittson	143	133	10	93%	102	81	79%	78%
Koochiching	792	688	104	87%	533	432	81%	73%
Lac Qui Parle	211	177	34	84%	145	122	84%	75%
Lake	462	404	58	87%	297	242	81%	68%
Lake of the Woods	187	173	14	93%	139	125	90%	81%
Le Sueur	990	891	99	90%	700	590	84%	76%
LLM*	1,806	1,631	175	90%	1,159	960	83%	75%
Mahnomen	525	304	221	58%	167	102	61%	59%
Marshall	333	299	34	90%	236	198	84%	74%
McLeod	1,507	1,313	194	87%	1,069	904	85%	75%
Meeker	960	859	101	89%	674	542	80%	70%

## County Court Order Summaries SFY 2004 - continued

County	Open cases SFY 2004	Court order caseload SFY 2004	Open cases with no court order SFY 2004	% Open cases with court order SFY 2004	Open cases with current support due SFY 2004	Open cases with current support disbursed SFY 2004	% Open cases with current support disbursed SFY 2004	% Disbursed of current support due SFY 2004
Mille Lacs	1,521	1,299	222	85%	922	664	72%	61%
Morrison	1,780	1,566	214	88%	1,076	815	76%	69%
Mower	2,568	2,058	510	80%	1,450	1,118	77%	70%
Nicollet	1,433	1,307	126	91%	950	748	79%	72%
Nobles	1,026	811	215	79%	596	470	79%	71%
Norman	236	182	54	77%	156	135	87%	77%
Olmsted	5,162	4,330	832	84%	3,401	2,731	80%	75%
Otter Tail	2,466	2,047	419	83%	1,466	1,156	79%	70%
Pennington	948	632	316	67%	463	367	79%	75%
Pine	2,059	1,681	378	82%	1,059	740	70%	60%
Pipestone	552	504	48	91%	354	283	80%	74%
Polk	1,915	1,747	168	91%	1,255	961	77%	71%
Pope	371	344	27	93%	273	230	84%	75%
Ramsey	35,190	23,778	11,412	68%	16,315	10,670	65%	60%
Red Lake	157	132	25	84%	108	93	86%	80%
Redwood	820	708	112	86%	515	420	82%	78%
Renville	619	487	132	79%	360	294	82%	76%
Rice	2,149	1,694	455	79%	1,355	1,073	79%	73%
Rock	356	318	38	89%	255	207	81%	77%
Roseau	755	622	133	82%	499	437	88%	80%
St. Louis	10,828	9,271	1,557	86%	6,822	5,057	74%	70%
Scott	2,925	2,415	510	83%	1,914	1,574	82%	77%
Sherburne	2,528	2,296	232	91%	1,808	1,450	80%	72%
Sibley	622	512	110	82%	378	295	78%	70%
Stearns	4,808	3,838	970	80%	2,959	2,397	81%	75%
Steele	1,550	1,357	193	88%	1,081	876	81%	73%
Stevens	252	226	26	90%	181	148	82%	69%
Swift	412	377	35	92%	271	217	80%	68%
Todd	1,243	1,148	95	92%	791	644	81%	71%
Traverse	143	131	12	92%	104	85	82%	75%
Wabasha	743	638	105	86%	488	414	85%	73%
Wadena	902	809	93	90%	585	460	79%	71%
Waseca	987	825	162	84%	662	507	77%	71%
Washington	6,228	5,460	768	88%	4,310	3,391	79%	74%
Watonwan	712	618	94	87%	449	357	80%	74%
Wilkin	347	312	35	90%	214	173	81%	73%
Winona	2,051	1,786	265	87%	1,280	1,047	82%	73%
Wright	3,833	3,436	397	90%	2,649	2,139	81%	73%
Yellow Medicine	394	336	58	85%	267	225	84%	75%
<b>All Counties</b>	<b>247,536</b>	<b>200,220</b>	<b>47,316</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>143,423</b>	<b>107,301</b>	<b>75%</b>	<b>69%</b>

\* Lincoln, Lyon and Murray counties  
Source: QQ320803

## County Results: Federal Performance Measures FFY 2003

County	Children in open IV-D cases with paternity established FFY 2003	Children in open IV-D cases not born in marriage FFY 2002	Paternity measure FFY 2003	Open cases with orders established FFY 2003	Open cases FFY 2003	Establishment measure FFY 2003	Current support collected FFY 2003	Current support due FFY 2003	Current support measure FFY 2003
Aitkin	436	459	94%	757	866	87%	\$ 1,085,911	\$ 1,627,957	66%
Anoka	7,107	7,941	89%	12,537	15,043	83%	38,127,733	52,304,969	72%
Becker	1,105	1,154	95%	1,713	2,037	84%	2,527,694	4,019,743	62%
Beltrami	1,566	1,953	80%	2,298	3,247	70%	2,848,782	4,421,873	64%
Benton	874	857	101%	1,438	1,595	90%	3,068,206	4,220,014	73%
Big Stone	103	113	91%	197	243	81%	425,031	578,835	73%
Blue Earth	1,181	1,221	96%	2,086	2,379	87%	4,015,606	5,913,323	67%
Brown	542	550	98%	928	1,090	85%	2,740,211	3,530,428	77%
Carlton	935	1,010	92%	1,839	2,064	89%	3,635,737	5,063,475	72%
Carver	907	1,016	89%	1,709	1,946	87%	6,454,229	8,530,208	75%
Cass	891	1,112	80%	1,182	1,648	71%	1,558,149	2,587,782	60%
Chippewa	259	271	95%	475	536	88%	1,308,527	1,642,331	79%
Chisago	1,033	1,047	98%	1,799	2,003	89%	5,137,221	7,307,817	70%
Clay	1,606	1,788	89%	2,692	3,276	82%	5,127,914	7,291,995	70%
Clearwater	359	405	88%	560	746	75%	640,772	958,508	67%
Cook	71	76	93%	114	145	78%	250,421	349,532	71%
Cottonwood	269	265	101%	480	584	82%	959,940	1,331,072	72%
Crow Wing	1,649	1,724	95%	2,721	3,295	82%	4,725,404	6,893,392	68%
Dakota	7,691	8,316	92%	11,826	13,923	84%	36,252,816	51,038,195	71%
Dodge	320	366	87%	610	691	88%	1,745,914	2,344,448	74%
Douglas	616	648	95%	1,134	1,304	86%	2,504,503	3,428,102	73%
Faribault/Martin	814	834	97%	1,622	1,805	89%	3,615,996	4,909,078	73%
Fillmore	315	317	99%	589	650	90%	1,502,809	1,940,193	77%
Freeborn	965	1,032	93%	1,562	1,740	89%	3,181,044	4,521,899	70%
Goodhue	977	1,018	95%	1,817	1,999	90%	4,580,394	6,326,795	72%
Grant	89	95	93%	181	228	79%	384,740	552,159	69%
Hennepin	31,375	40,664	77%	44,889	60,000	74%	87,369,838	130,588,718	66%
Houston	328	377	87%	608	708	85%	1,708,634	2,142,490	79%
Hubbard	463	485	95%	750	950	78%	1,305,442	2,033,281	64%
Isanti	821	852	96%	1,337	1,616	82%	3,780,212	5,472,051	69%
Itasca	1,427	1,495	95%	2,472	2,828	87%	4,167,494	6,211,320	67%
Jackson	231	235	98%	515	554	92%	986,205	1,325,889	74%
Kanabec	401	474	84%	640	808	79%	1,394,845	1,993,063	70%
Kandiyohi	1,276	1,442	88%	1,903	2,276	83%	3,469,640	4,925,867	70%
Kittson	85	82	103%	126	138	91%	276,477	352,660	78%
Koochiching	399	426	93%	688	771	89%	1,566,162	2,115,794	74%
Lac Qui Parle	91	108	84%	158	232	68%	360,765	475,351	75%
Lake	215	219	98%	404	449	89%	995,514	1,379,394	72%
Lake of the Woods	88	79	111%	169	192	88%	388,948	474,184	82%
LeSueur	512	595	86%	899	1,039	86%	2,457,146	3,260,062	75%
LLM*	862	941	91%	1,594	1,804	88%	3,431,785	4,775,041	71%
Mahnomen	351	381	92%	268	511	52%	261,872	468,931	55%
Marshall	143	160	89%	286	323	88%	626,686	830,599	75%
McLeod	719	759	94%	1,267	1,487	85%	3,610,320	4,710,132	76%
Meeker	496	541	91%	822	939	87%	1,977,607	2,775,272	71%

**County Results: Federal Performance Measures**  
**FFY 2003 - continued**

County	Children in open IV-D cases with paternity established FFY 2003	Children in open IV-D cases not born in marriage FFY 2002	Paternity measure FFY 2003	Open cases with orders established FFY 2003	Open cases FFY 2003	Establishment measure FFY 2003	Current support collected FFY 2003	Current support due FFY 2003	Current support measure FFY 2003
Mille Lacs	815	872	93%	1,234	1,492	82%	\$ 2,279,705	\$ 3,606,617	63%
Morrison	894	925	96%	1,470	1,674	87%	2,944,181	4,138,203	71%
Mower	1,246	1,487	83%	2,009	2,523	79%	4,264,787	6,073,628	70%
Nicollet	748	775	96%	1,260	1,396	90%	3,092,934	4,257,110	72%
Nobles	546	636	85%	799	1,082	73%	1,621,479	2,286,834	70%
Norman	105	135	77%	167	219	76%	447,923	622,054	72%
Olmsted	2,490	2,656	93%	4,183	5,104	81%	12,173,453	16,053,826	75%
Otter Tail	1,077	1,166	92%	1,994	2,382	83%	3,912,302	5,443,859	71%
Pennington	466	564	82%	624	943	66%	1,311,665	1,778,970	73%
Pine	963	1,046	92%	1,688	1,996	84%	2,754,847	4,470,882	61%
Pipestone	237	234	101%	468	515	90%	937,836	1,341,745	69%
Polk	1,025	1,049	97%	1,655	1,887	87%	3,264,627	4,523,260	72%
Pope	155	147	105%	313	369	84%	712,811	944,344	75%
Ramsey	19,110	26,028	73%	23,580	34,906	67%	44,085,837	72,752,475	60%
Red Lake	66	59	111%	126	144	87%	298,790	396,296	75%
Red Wood	424	409	103%	667	797	83%	1,856,968	2,416,204	76%
Renville	296	359	82%	475	617	76%	1,080,191	1,429,596	75%
Rice	1,034	1,170	88%	1,668	2,109	79%	5,015,092	6,598,837	76%
Rock	168	170	98%	311	348	89%	791,077	996,798	79%
Roseau	293	329	89%	595	720	82%	1,507,199	1,907,991	78%
St. Louis	5,840	6,116	95%	9,048	10,685	84%	18,808,097	26,469,897	71%
Scott	1,286	1,479	86%	2,334	2,845	82%	8,419,379	11,007,731	76%
Sherburne	1,255	1,320	95%	2,242	2,455	91%	6,509,013	9,064,668	71%
Sibley	315	355	88%	482	612	78%	1,033,282	1,470,849	70%
Stearns	2,208	2,571	85%	3,739	4,804	77%	10,296,440	13,689,326	75%
Steele	719	759	94%	1,275	1,473	86%	3,340,058	4,500,303	74%
Stevens	126	136	92%	220	248	88%	521,846	770,864	67%
Swift	203	223	91%	380	433	87%	674,463	993,458	67%
Todd	634	667	95%	1,126	1,237	91%	2,140,743	2,987,933	71%
Traverse	88	90	97%	125	156	80%	229,565	328,268	70%
Wabasha	328	381	86%	619	716	86%	1,617,624	2,084,765	77%
Wadena	462	476	97%	784	883	88%	1,570,760	2,170,759	72%
Waseca	477	514	92%	784	943	83%	2,023,326	2,797,408	72%
Washington	2,896	3,110	93%	5,240	6,004	87%	19,402,601	25,953,846	74%
Watsonwan	361	435	82%	589	693	84%	1,222,217	1,699,738	71%
Wilkin	171	181	94%	314	361	86%	660,301	865,699	76%
Winona	1,001	1,078	92%	1,770	2,031	87%	4,042,710	5,330,886	76%
Wright	1,714	1,789	95%	3,296	3,725	88%	10,011,270	13,410,853	74%
Yellow Medicine	175	197	88%	335	420	79%	823,823	1,127,616	73%
<b>All Counties</b>	<b>125,380</b>	<b>147,996</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>194,649</b>	<b>244,655</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>\$ 446,242,512</b>	<b>\$ 638,708,615</b>	<b>69%</b>
<b>OCSE 157 FFY 2003 Submission**</b>	<b>124,750</b>								

\* Lincoln, Lyon and Murray counties  
Source: QQ320920 and QQ320921

\*\* This number represents the unduplicated count of children. Some children may appear on more than one child support case, so the total for all counties contains a duplicate count of children.

**APPENDIX C:**

**GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND FORMULAS**



## Glossary

**\$ Collected per case:** This is the total dollars of collections disbursed by each state during the federal fiscal year, divided by each state's total caseload.

**% Disbursed of current support due:** This is the total collections disbursed in current support, divided by the total dollars of current support due.

**% Open cases with court order:** This is the number of cases with court orders established at the end of the fiscal year, divided by the number of open cases at the end of the fiscal year.

**% Open cases with current support disbursed:** This is the number of cases that have a court order and received a current support disbursement divided by the total number of court order cases with a current charging amount.

**AFDC:** Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) was the national income maintenance program, replaced with Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) during the 1996 welfare reform legislation passed by the United States Congress.

**Arrears collection measure:** This is the total number of cases that had a collection on arrears during the federal fiscal year, divided by the number of cases that had arrears due during the fiscal year.

**Average disbursement per case with order:** This is the total collections disbursed divided by the number of open support cases with a support order in place.

**Average disbursement per open case:** This is the total collections disbursed for all cases, divided by the total number of open cases.

**Cases per FTE:** Total active IV-D cases divided by the total Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff associated with child support activities.

**Children in open IV-D cases not born in marriage:** This is the number of children in open IV-D cases that were not born in marriage.

**Children in open IV-D cases with paternity established:** This is the number of children in open IV-D cases with paternity established as of the end of federal fiscal year.

**Collections disbursed:** These are child support dollars collected and sent to persons or agencies.

**Collections/expense ratio (CSPIA):** This is the total dollars collected by each state during the federal fiscal year, divided by the total dollars spent by each state to provide child support services. CSPIA is the Child Support Performance and Incentives Act.

**Collections per current assistance case:** This is the total collections disbursed for current assistance cases, divided by the number of current assistance cases. This is also referred to as collections per current assistance case in the federal fiscal year section of this report.

**Collections per former assistance case:** This is the total collections disbursed for former assistance cases, divided by the number of former assistance cases. This is also referred to as collections per former assistance case in the federal fiscal year section of this report.

## Glossary - continued

**Collections per never assistance case:** This is the total collections disbursed for never assistance cases, divided by the number of never assistance cases. This is also referred to as collections per never assistance case in the federal fiscal year section of this report.

**Cost effectiveness measure:** This is the total dollars collected during the federal fiscal year divided by the total dollars spent for providing child support services during the same year. It is also called the CSPIA collections/expense ratio in this report.

**Cost per case:** This is total dollars spent for providing child support services, divided by the number of open cases.

**Court order caseload:** This is the total number of cases currently served by Minnesota's child support program that have a support order in place at the end of the fiscal year, federal or state.

**Current assistance case:** This is the number of open cases that currently receive public assistance, which includes MFIP, AFDC, and IV-E Foster Care.

**Current assistance collections:** This is the total amount of collections made on current assistance cases.

**Current support collected:** This is the total dollars collected toward the current support obligation (as opposed to arrears) during the federal fiscal year.

**Current support due:** This is the total dollars due in current support obligations during the federal fiscal year.

**Current support measure:** This is the total dollars collected toward current support obligations divided by the total dollars due in current support obligation.

**Disbursement expenditure ratio:** This is the total collections disbursed divided by the total dollars spent for child support services. This is also referred to as the cost effectiveness measure and the collections/expense ratio.

**DRA:** Title IV of the Social Security Act, requires the Office of Child Support Enforcement's (OCSE) Office of Audit to conduct Data Reliability Audits (DRAs) to evaluate the completeness, reliability, security and accuracy of the performance measure data reported by the states. This audit is conducted annually.

**Establishment measure:** This is the total number of open cases with orders established as of the end of the federal fiscal year divided by the number of open cases as of the end of the fiscal year.

**Expenditures:** These are dollars spent by each county for providing child support services. They are also referred to as "costs" in this report.

**Federal Fiscal Year 2003 ("FFY 2003"):** This is the time period from October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003.

**Federal incentive:** This is the total amount of money each county earned by its performance during the federal fiscal year on the five federal performance measures. For the definition of these measures, please refer to the inside back cover page of this report.

## Glossary - continued

**Federal performance measures:** Five measures are used to evaluate the performance of each state IV-D agency: Establishments - 1) Paternity and 2) Orders; Collections - 3) Current Support and 4) Arrears; and 5) Cost Effectiveness.

**Federal tax offset:** These are collections made through intercepting federal tax refunds of noncustodial parents who are behind in their child support payments.

**Former assistance case:** This is the number of open cases that received MFIP, AFDC or IV-E Foster Care at some time in the past.

**Former assistance collections:** This is the total amount of collections made on cases that received MFIP, AFDC or IV-E Foster Care at some point in the past.

**FTEs:** (Full Time Equivalent) This is each state's/county's count of total staff dedicated to providing child support services.

**FTE - child support workers 6/30/2004:** This is the count of the number of Full Time Equivalent staff dedicated to working directly on and supporting child support cases.

**FTE - cooperative agreement workers 6/30/2004:** This is the count of the number of Full Time Equivalent staff on contract to support the effort associated with child support cases.

**Income withholding:** These are collections where a portion of a noncustodial parent's paycheck is withheld and then sent to the Child Support Payment Center to pay toward that parent's child support obligation.

**IV-D:** A IV-D case is one maintained by a state child support program. IV-D refers to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, which federally mandated creation of state operated child support programs throughout the country.

**MFIP:** Minnesota Family Investment Program is Minnesota's income maintenance program under TANF, the federal income maintenance program.

**Never assistance case:** This is the number of open cases that have never received MFIP, AFDC or IV-E Foster Care.

**Never assistance collections:** This is the total amount of collections made on cases that have never received MFIP, AFDC or IV-E Foster Care.

**Open caseload to total FTE staff ratio 6/30/2004:** This is the total number of open cases as of 6/30/2004 divided by the total number of FTE staff, including cooperative agreement staff.

**Open caseload to worker ratio 6/30/2004:** This is the total number of open cases divided by the number of FTE child support workers. This ratio excludes cooperative agreement staff.

**Open cases:** This is the total number of cases being served by Minnesota's child support program as of the end of the fiscal year, which could be a federal or state fiscal year.

**Open cases with arrears due:** This is the total number of open cases that have arrears due during the federal fiscal year.

## Glossary - continued

**Open cases with collections on arrears:** This is the total number of open cases with arrears due that also had a collection toward arrears during the federal fiscal year.

**Open cases with current support due:** This is the number of cases that have a court order and have a current charging amount due.

**Open cases with current support disbursed:** This is the number of cases that have a court order that also received a current support disbursement during the fiscal year.

**Open cases with no court order:** This is the number of open cases at the end of the fiscal year that require services to establish a child support order.

**Open cases with orders established:** This is the number of open cases that also have a court order establishing child support. This is also referred to as court order caseload in this report.

**Other state collections:** These are collections made by other states for a Minnesota case.

**Paternity measure:** This is the number of children in open IV-D cases with paternity established as of the end of the current federal fiscal year divided by the number of children in open IV-D cases not born in marriage as of the end of the previous federal fiscal year.

**Regular collections:** These are collections made directly by the noncustodial parent to the Child Support Payment Center.

**(State) Establishment incentive:** This is a \$100 bonus paid (from Minnesota) to counties for each support order they establish.

**(State) Medical support bonus:** This is a \$50 per child bonus paid (from the State of Minnesota) to counties, for each medical assistance or MNCARE child, for whom health insurance is either identified or enforced.

**(State) Modification incentive:** This is a \$100 bonus paid (from Minnesota) to counties for each modification where the county successfully completes a legal action resulting in a court order.

**(State) PA incentive:** This is an incentive paid to counties based on "total public assistance collections" defined as current and former assistance recoveries and foster care recoveries. Medical assistance recoveries are not included in determining the incentive.

**(State) Paternity incentive:** This is a \$100 bonus paid (from Minnesota) to counties for each parentage order they establish, and for each Recognition Of Parentage form signed in their county office.

**State Fiscal Year 2004 ("SFY 2004"):** This is the time period from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

**State tax offset:** These are collections made through intercepting state tax refunds of noncustodial parents who are behind in their child support payments.

**TANF:** Temporary Assistance to Needy Families is the federal income maintenance program passed in 1996 that replaced the AFDC program.

## **Glossary - continued**

**Total caseload:** This is the count of each state's open cases, as of the end of the fiscal year.

**Total collections (state counts):** This is the total dollars collected by each state during Federal Fiscal Year 2003.

**Total expenditures (state counts):** This is the total money spent by each state to provide child support services.

**Total federal and state incentives:** This is each county's sum of all federal and Minnesota funded incentives received during the state fiscal year.

**Total FTE staff 6/30/2004:** This is the total number of Full Time Equivalent staff dedicated to overseeing and working on child support issues, although sometimes not directly with child support cases. This total also includes cooperative agreement staff.

**Total state incentive:** This is each county's sum of all the Minnesota funded incentives received during the state fiscal year.

**Unemployment compensation offset:** These are collections made through intercepting a portion of a noncustodial parents' unemployment compensation check to pay toward their child support obligation.

**APPENDIX D:**

**EMPLOYER SURVEY FORM AND RESULTS**

# Biennial Employer Survey

(Results based on 140 responses from the 400 surveys sent)

## Survey of Employers on Child Support Compliance for the Minnesota Legislature

### 1. What is the nature of your business in Minnesota?

Enter the number from the following list:

6	1) Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	2	8) Public Administration	1	15) Travel / Tourism
1	2) Mining	21	9) Manufacturing	0	16) Biosciences
19	3) Construction	9	10) Transportation	0	17) Environmental Technologies
1	4) Electric, Fuel Distribution	3	11) Communications	1	18) Medical Technologies
4	5) Wholesale Trade	3	12) Sanitary Services	2	19) Printing / Publishing
19	6) Retail Trade	4	13) Non-profit Entity	3	20) Software / Computer Svcs
6	7) Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	19	14) Service Sector	11	21) Other, Specify below:

### 2. How many employees do you have?

24	0-5	37	>5
41	6-20	5	Blank
33	21-50		

### 3. How would you rate your satisfaction with the Child Support Payment Center (CSPC)?

Use the following scale (circle one):

81	1 = Satisfied	12	Blank
6	3 = Dissatisfied	32	2 = Neither Satisfied / Dissatisfied
		9	4 = N/A - Have Not Used

### 4. With respect to the activities listed in the table below; please provide your estimate of the amount of time it takes each month to complete the activity, the cost of the activity, then using the scale, tell us the relative burden of the activity on your business operations.

MONTHLY			
Activity	Hours	Cost	Burden*
Submit New Hire Information	0.85	\$38.41	3.29
Process Notice of Income Withholding	1.07	58.73	3.05
Send/Transmit Child Support Payments to the CSPC	1.19	45.87	3.17
Make Cost of Living Adjustments to CS payments	0.74	33.21	3.22
Employment Verification Form	1.24	38.27	2.97
Answer requests for insurance information	1.16	69.01	2.79

\* Use the following scale:

1 = Very Burdensome	2 = Moderately Burdensome
3 = Slightly Burdensome	4 = Not Burdensome

### 5. Do you pass along any of the income withholding costs to the employees from whom income is withheld? (State statute allows \$1.00)

12	Yes	123	No
5	Blank	5	N/A

### 6. Have any of your employees left employment as a direct result of income withholding or reporting their employment to the child support office?

111	No	21	Yes	If yes, how many?				
7	Blank	1	Other	Unk=1x	3=1x	5=1x	9=1x	
				1=7x	2=2x	4=2x	7=1x	10-13=4x

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7. In the past year, have you called the state child support office for any reason?

Yes  No  Blank

If you called the state office, what was the purpose of the call? \_\_\_\_\_

8. During the phone contact:

Was the question answered to your satisfaction?  Yes  No  Blank  N/A

Was the response time to your satisfaction?  Yes  No  Blank  N/A

9. If you have called the state office, have you used the interactive voice response (IVR) system?

Yes  No  Blank  N/A

If you have used the IVR system, please indicate your satisfaction with it using the following scale:

1 = Satisfied      2 = Neither Satisfied / Dissatisfied      3 = Dissatisfied

Satisfied  Neither  Dissatisfied  Blank  N/A

10. Do you have any suggestions on how we can improve the service we provide to you over the phone?

\_\_\_\_\_

11. Have you used the New Hire website: (<http://www.mn-newhire.com>) to report newly hired employees at your business?

Yes  No  Blank  N/A

Has it been helpful?  Yes  No  Blank  N/A

12. Do you have any suggestions on how we can improve our New Hire reporting process?

\_\_\_\_\_

13. Have you used the Minnesota Child Support Enforcement website:

[http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/children/documents/pub/DHS\\_id\\_000160.hcsp](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/children/documents/pub/DHS_id_000160.hcsp)

to review the latest program policies and procedures?  Yes  No  Blank

Has it been helpful?  Yes  No  Blank  N/A

14. Are you enrolled in the 'electronic fund transfer' program to transfer your child support payments, to the payment center?  Yes  No  N/A

If not, and you are interested in participating in this program please provide: your company's name, a contact person and their phone number to get the process started.

\_\_\_\_\_

15. What is the one thing you would like to see the child support program improve upon or change, as it relates to your business? \_\_\_\_\_

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16. Any other comments? \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPENDIX E:**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND COSTS OF PRODUCING THIS REPORT**

## Statutory Authority

### **This Report To The Legislature Is Mandated By 1998 Minnesota Laws, Chapter 382, Article 1, Section 34:**

#### Sec. 34. [REPORT]

- (a) The commissioner of human services shall evaluate all child support programs and enforcement mechanisms to determine the following:
  - (1) Minnesota's performance on the child support and incentive measures submitted by the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement to the United States Congress;
  - (2) Minnesota's performance relative to other states;
  - (3) individual county performance; and
  - (4) Recommendations for further improvement.
- (b) The commissioner shall evaluate in separate categories the federal, state, and local government costs of child support enforcement in the state. The evaluation must also include a representative sample of private business costs relating to child support enforcement based on a survey of at least 50 Minnesota businesses and nonprofit organizations.
- (c) The commissioner shall also report on the amount of child support arrearages in this state with separate categories for the amount of child support in arrears for 90 days, six months, one year, and two or more years. The report must establish a process for determining when an arrearage is considered uncollectible based on the age of the arrearage and likelihood of collection of the amount owed. The amounts determined to be uncollectible must be deducted from the total amount of outstanding arrearages for purposes of determining arrearages that are considered collectible.
- (d) The first report on these topics shall be submitted to the legislature by January 1, 1999, and subsequent reports shall be submitted biennially before January 15 of each odd-numbered year.

### **The section on driver's license suspension in this report to the Legislature is mandated by Minn. Stat., Sec. 518.551, Subdivision 13(f) (1998) as amended in 2002:**

#### Subd. 13 Driver's license suspension

- (f) On January 15, 1997 and every two years after that, the commissioner of human services shall submit a report to the legislature that identifies the following information relevant to the implementation of this section:
  - (1) The number of child support obligors notified of an intent to suspend a driver's license;
  - (2) the amount collected in payments from the child support obligors notified of an intent to suspend a driver's license;
  - (3) the number of cases paid in full and payment agreements executed in response to notification of an intent to suspend a driver's license;
  - (4) the number of cases in which there has been notification and no payments or payment agreements;
  - (5) the number of driver's licenses suspended; and
  - (6) the cost of implementation and operation of the requirements of this section.
  - (7) the number of limited licenses issued and number of cases in which payment agreements are executed and cases are paid in full following issuance of a limited license.

**Cost to Produce this Report**

The following is a summary of the costs of preparing this report, as mandated by the Laws of 1994:

State Staff Assistance	\$ 5,000
<u>Printing and Mailing</u>	<u>\$ 150</u>
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$ 5,150</b>

## Federal Performance Measures

	Formula	FFY00	FFY01	FFY02	FFY03
<b>Paternity</b>	$\frac{\text{Children in Open IV-D Cases with Paternity Established}^1}{\text{Children in Open IV-D Cases Born outside of Marriage}^1}$	74%	80%	82%	84%
<b>Orders Established</b>	$\frac{\text{Cases open at the End of Fiscal Year with Support Orders Established}^2}{\text{Cases Open at End of Fiscal Year}^2}$	75%	77%	78%	79%
<b>Collections on Current Support</b>	$\frac{\text{Total Amount of Support Distributed as Current Support During Fiscal Year}^2}{\text{Total Amount of Current Support Due for the Fiscal Year}^2}$	68%	67%	72%	69%
<b>Collections on Arrears</b>	$\frac{\text{Total Cases with Support Distributed as Arrears During Fiscal Year}^2}{\text{Total Cases with Arrearages Due for All Fiscal Years}^2}$	70%	82%	65%	68%
<b>Cost Effectiveness</b>	$\frac{\text{Collections Forwarded to Other States + Total Collections Distributed + Fees Retained by Other States}^3}{\text{Total IV-D Dollars Expended}^4}$	\$4.11	\$4.13	\$4.05	\$4.04

**Sources:**

- 1 - QQ320920
- 2 - QQ320921
- 3 - QQ640201
- 4 - DHS Financial Management (OCSE 396A)