
Marin County Health & Human Services

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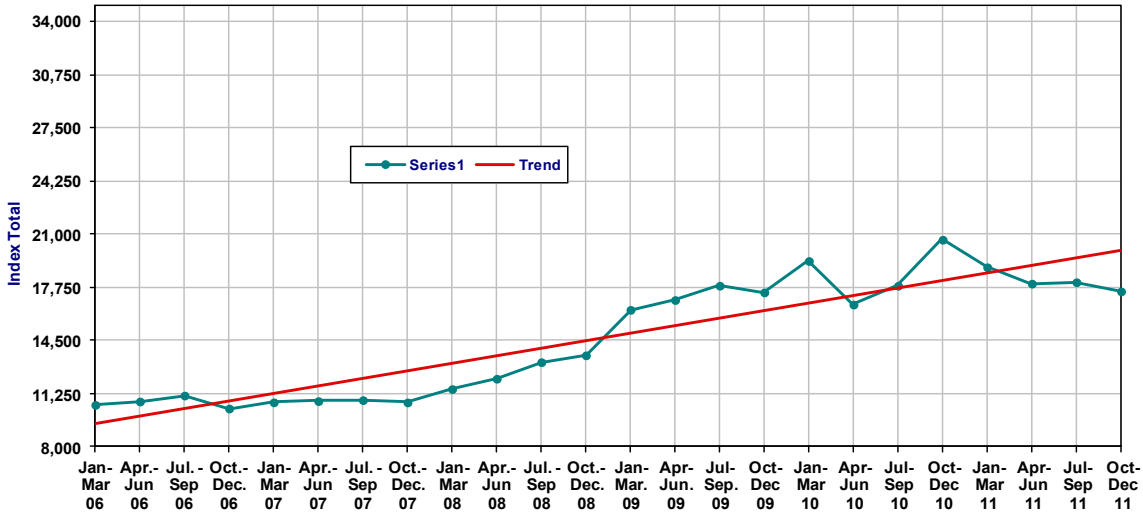
Fourth Quarter
October—December 2011

2011 Marin County Special Report:

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Aggregate Public Assistance Demand Index¹
Quarterly Outlook Jan. 2006 - Dec. 2011



*Demand Index reflects an increasing demand on staff and demand public assistance resources.

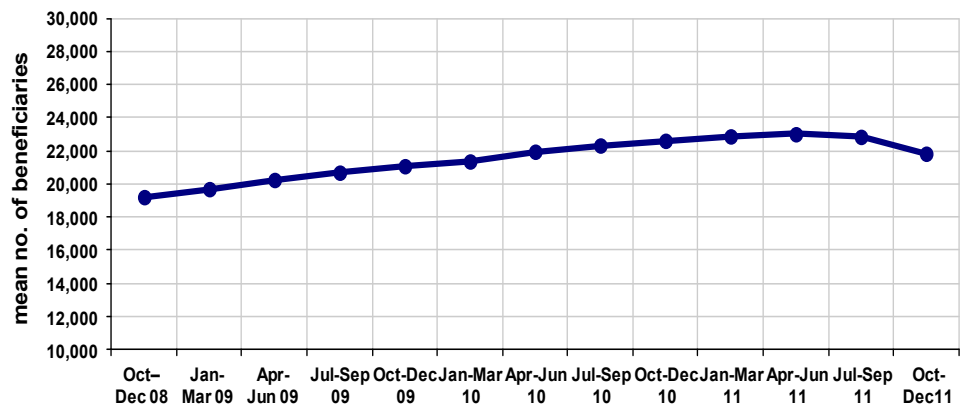
Public Assistance Demand Index*

The purpose of the Public Assistance Demand Index is to show the trend in demand for services across nine key workload areas. The index combines CalWORKS, Food Stamp, General Assistance, CMSP case load and new application data as well as data on the number of unemployment claims and visits to the Career Resource Center.

Medi-CAL Beneficiaries²
Oct. 2008- Dec. 2011

Medical Beneficiaries²

The number of Medi-CAL beneficiaries has been steadily increasing since the fourth quarter of 2008. However, the numbers have dropped slightly in both the third and fourth quarters of 2011. Per the California Department of Public Health, there were 21,838 beneficiaries in Marin County in the fourth quarter of 2011. Compared to 22,616 beneficiaries during the same time period in 2010, this represents a 3% decrease.

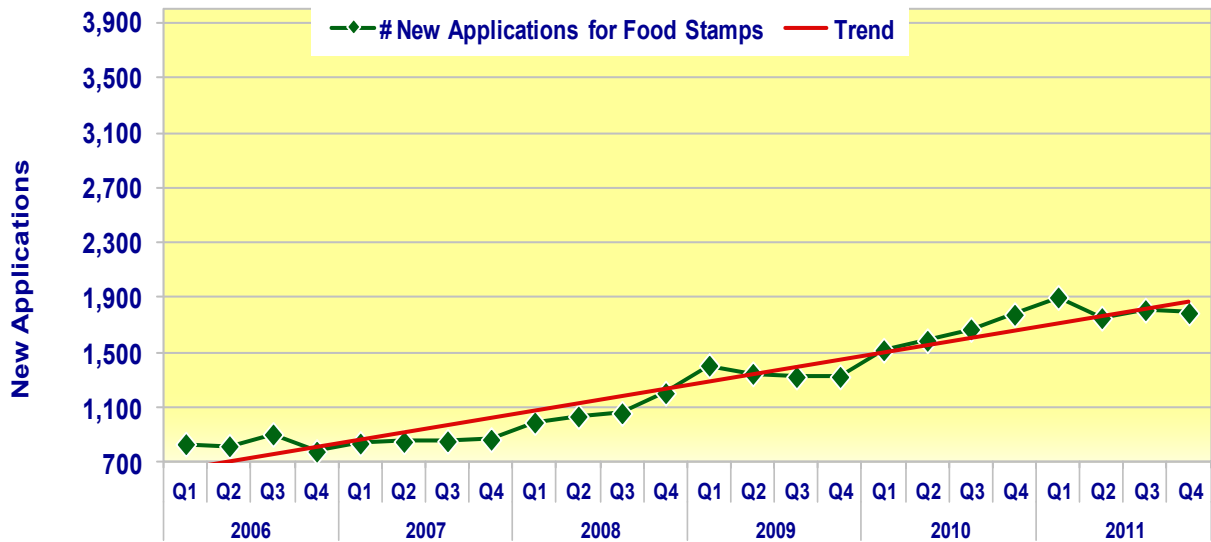


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Community Need Index - This measure has been eliminated because of significant changes in food programs which prevents accurate trending.

Number of New Applications for Food Stamps since 2006⁶



Food Stamps⁶

- In the fourth quarter of 2011 there were 1,788 new applications for food stamps compared to 1,776 in the fourth quarter of 2010—a 1% increase.
- In the fourth quarter of 2011, there was an 11% increase in the average number of households receiving food stamps, up from 4,802 in 2010.

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Annual Comparisons New Applications*

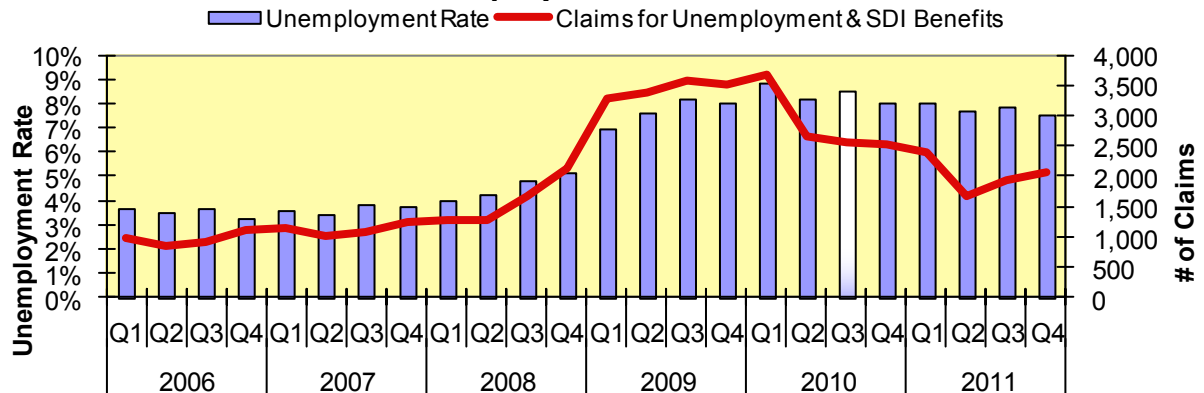
- Food Stamp	↑0.68%
- General Assistance	↑3.9%
- CMSP	↓10.7%
- CalWORKS	↓15.2%

*Numbers may change as data from C4 conversion are adjusted.

Public Assistance¹

In comparing the fourth quarter from 2010 to 2011, there was an **increase** in the number of new applications for: Food stamps (1%) and General Assistance (4%), and a **decrease** in the number of new applicants for: CMSP (11%) and CalWORKS (15%).

Claims for Unemployment and SDI Benefits since 2006



Unemployment⁵

- The average number of unemployed decreased 18% from the fourth quarter in 2010. The unemployment rate decreased from 8.1% to 7.6%.
- In the fourth quarter of 2011 there were 2,088 new claims for unemployment compared to

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