

# 2009 Marin County Special Report:

## PUBLIC SERVICE UTILIZATION

### QUARTERLY REPORT, April - June 2009



#### Marin County, Health & Human Services Indexes

##### Public Assistance Demand Index\*

The purpose of the Public Assistance Demand Index is to show the trend in demand for services across 11 key workload areas. The index combines CalWORKS, Food Stamp, General Assistance, Medi-CAL, CMSP case load and new application data as well as data on the number of unemployment claims and number of visits to the Career Resource Center.

Monthly numbers are added to come up with an Index total with the first quarter of 2006 (19,000) used as the benchmark for the index.

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##### Community Need Index\*

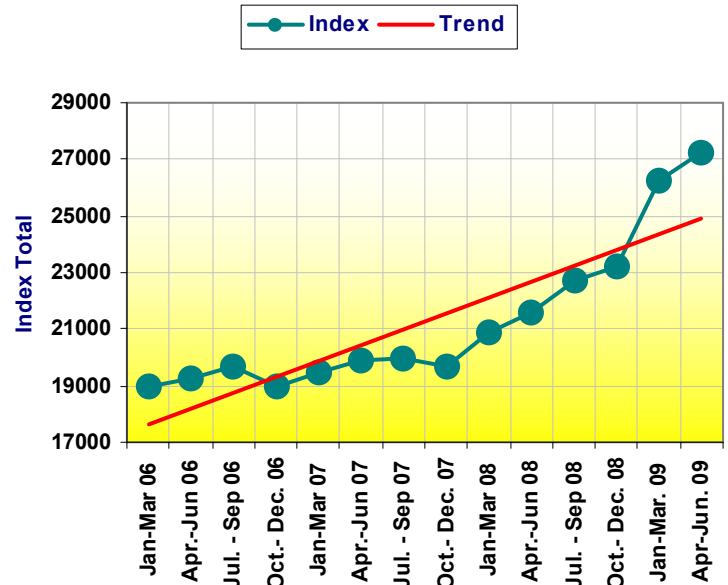
The purpose of the Community Need Index is to show aggregate need and demand for services, the index includes population data as well as information on service utilization at community agencies. The Index is broken into quarters starting with the first quarter of 2006 as a baseline.

The current index is under development and includes: number of households receiving food stamps, number of unemployed and number of households receiving food assistance at San Geronimo Food Pantry. (San Geronimo pantry is used as a proxy as all food pantries have reported increase in demand).

As with the Public Assistance Index, lower index totals would suggest a decline in demand for services, higher would indicate an increasing demand/need for services.

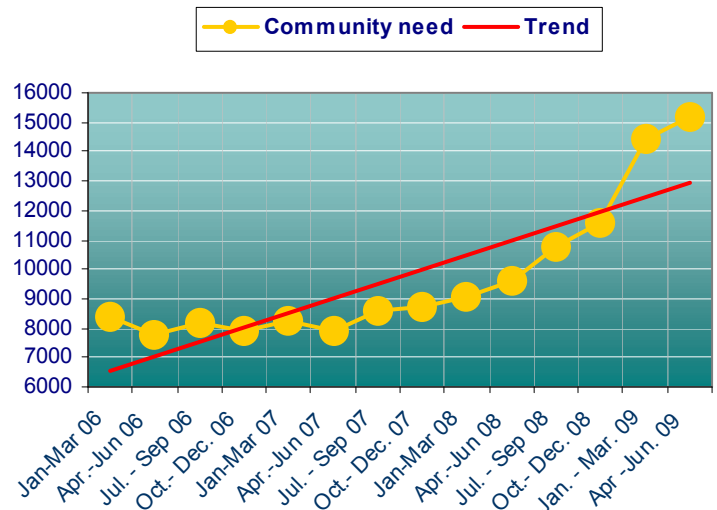
\*Need Index reflects number of households and individuals receiving services in the community.

Aggregate Public Assistance Demand Index  
Quarterly Outlook Jan. 2006 - June 2009



SOURCE: Public Assistance Reports DFA296, CA237, GR237, MC237, CMSP237 (available from <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/research/default.htm>) and reports from Career Resource Center.

Community Need Index  
Quarterly Outlook Jan 2006 - June 2009



SOURCE: Food Stamps-California Department of Social Services Research & Data reports, Unemployment-California Employment Development Department.

# Second Quarter Outlook

## Overview

- Demand and need continued to grow in the second quarter although at a much slower pace which is consistent with the growth in demand seen in 2008.
- Some areas have seen a decrease in demand this included new applications for Food Stamps, CMSP, and CalWORKS.

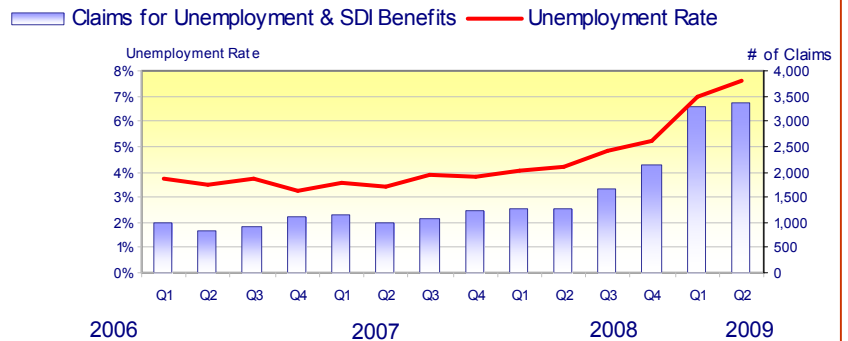
## Unemployment

- Unemployment continues to rise. The average number of unemployed persons rose 8% from the previous quarter. The number of unemployment claims received increased only 2.7% from the previous quarter.
- In the second quarter of 2008 there were 1,263 claims for unemployment compared to 3,369 claims during the second quarter of 2009. The difference represents a 167% increase.

### Second Quarter Comparisons (2008 to 2009 2nd Qtrs) New Applications

- Food Stamp	30%	increase
- CMSP	18%	increase
- CalWORKS	20%	increase
- Medi-CAL	14%	increase
- General Assistance	41%	increase

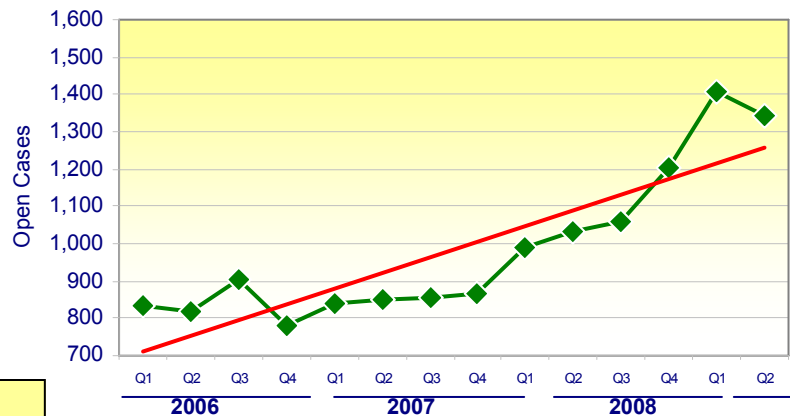
H&HS Indicators  
Claims for Unemployment & SDI Benefits since 2006



SOURCE: Employment Development Department, Labor Force Data retrieved 4/22/09 <http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov/?pageid=131> and Career Resource Center monthly reports.

Number of New Applications  
for Food Stamps since 2006

# New Applications for Food Stamps (green line with diamonds) Trend (red line)



SOURCE: DFA296 Food Stamp Program Monthly Caseload Movement Statistical Report

## Public Assistance

From the first to second quarters of 2009 there was a decrease in the number of new applications for food stamps (-4%), CMSP (-5%), GA (-11%) and CalWORKS (-11%). Despite this numbers of new applications remain high when compared with the previous year.

# Marin County, Health & Human Services Data Sets

Quarterly Indicators	Jan-Mar 06	Apr - Jun 06	Jul - Sep 06	Oct-Dec 06	Jan - Mar 07	Apr - Jun 07	Jul - Sep 07	Oct - Dec 07	Jan - Mar 08	Apr - Jun 08	Jul - Sep 08	Oct - Dec 08	Jan-Mar 09	Apr- Jun 09
<b>Unemployment Rate*</b>	3.7%	3.5%	3.7%	3.2%	3.6%	3.4%	3.9%	3.8%	4%	4.2%	4.9%	5.2%	7.0%	7.6%
<b>Unemployment Claims**</b>	972	837	922	1118	1153	997	1078	1236	1282	1263	1654	2143	3,278	3,369
<b>Number of Unemployed***</b>	4900	4633	4900	4400	4833	4633	5266	5233	5533	5900	6866	7,200	9,533	10,300
<b>Visits to CRC</b>	2289	2386	2662	2057	2430	2670	2615	2400	2921	3253	3588	3200	3,942	4,050
<b>New CRC visitors</b>	305	268	310	258	253	285	205	257	316	371	346	387	510	486
<b>Medi-Cal New Apps.</b>	2004	2020	2051	2093	2129	2284	2163	2060	2362	2337	2425	2320	2,408	2,655
<b>CMSP New Applications</b>	1453	1368	1461	1344	1339	1286	1309	1226	1257	1301	1391	1410	1,609	1,531
<b>GA New Applications</b>	163	211	148	161	154	158	147	141	107	114	171	120	182	161
<b>CalWORKS New Apps.</b>	204	297	239	177	195	214	272	205	258	237	242	313	321	285
<b>Food Stamps New Apps.</b>	832	817	903	778	837	849	853	865	990	1034	1057	1204	1,405	1,345
<b>SGVCC Food Pantry</b>	954	656	713	958	884	720	814	945	931	868	878	1084	1,485	1,143
<b>Food Stamp Households**</b>	2,511	2,459	2,537	2,513	2,544	2,540	2,533	2,573	2,612	2,830	3,000	3,173	3,408	3,728
<b>CalWORKS Open Cases*</b>	908	898	894	850	843	821	813	828	844	876	855	892	936	1,034
<b>Food Stamp Open Cases*</b>	2,311	2,398	2,398	2,374	2,372	2,363	2,373	2,429	2,512	2,641	2,785	2,876	3,168	3,439
<b>CMSP Open Cases*</b>	1,342	1,450	1,367	1,375	1,283	1,297	1,239	1,211	1,159	1,247	1,276	1,239	1,382	1,534
<b>Medi-CAL Open Cases*</b>	6,399	6,495	6,482	6,549	6,603	6,787	6,934	6,888	6,982	7,095	7,135	7,312	7,447	7,594
<b>GA Open Cases*</b>	250	319	298	267	267	297	302	314	309	312	329	319	336	392

\*Represents average number per quarter period

\*\*Represents number of Unemployment and Unemployment Disability Claims received at Social Services only.

\*\*\* Data Source: Employment Development Department, Labor Force Data retrieved 7/22/09

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