

# Bulletin

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## OF INTEREST TO

### County Agencies

- Directors
- Economic Assistance Supervisors and Staff
- Employment Services Directors and Providers
- Child Care Assistance Supervisors and Staff
- Social Services Supervisors and Staff
- Child Support Supervisors and Staff

### Other Interested Parties

- Child Care Resource and Referral Directors
- Tribal Representatives

## ACTION/DUE DATE

Please notify agency staff and organizations that may be interested in these reports.

## EXPIRATION DATE

July 3, 2008

## DHS Issues Tenth Report on Welfare Reform Outcomes of Racial/Ethnic and Immigrant Groups in Minnesota

### TOPIC

Release of the report, *December 2004 Characteristics of Racial/Ethnic and Immigrant Groups in Minnesota Family Assistance Programs*.

### PURPOSE

This is the tenth report in the series of Racial/Ethnic and Immigrant Studies issued by the Department of Human Services describing welfare reform outcomes of racial/ethnic groups and subgroups. These reports inform policymakers, agencies, and organizations about current trends in public assistance programs whose goal is the economic stability of participants – the Minnesota Family Investment Program and the Diversionary Work Program.

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## BACKGROUND

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This report is part of the Racial/Ethnic and Immigrant Studies (REIS) series issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) describing welfare reform outcomes of racial/ethnic groups and subgroups. These reports inform policymakers, agencies, and organizations about current trends in public assistance programs whose goal is the economic stability of participants – the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) and the Diversionary Work Program (DWP).

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## PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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The information in this study brief updates the data in the ninth REIS report and parallels the DHS report entitled *Characteristics of December 2004 Minnesota Family Assistance Programs: Cases and Eligible Adults* (<http://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfsrver/Legacy/DHS-4219F-ENG>) that analyzes the same data from the perspectives of programs and counties. This report examines the demographic characteristics of adults eligible on MFIP and DWP cases, characteristics of cases, and economic characteristics of cases that received MFIP or DWP payments in December 2004. Throughout the study, the race/ethnicity of the case applicant was used for classifying the case. Administrative data are presented by the traditional five major racial/ethnic groups – Hispanics, non-Hispanic American Indians, Asians, blacks, and whites – and subgroups of Asians and blacks. The Asian group included a small number of Pacific Islanders.

Input from readers is invited, both reactions to this report and suggestions for indicators in future reports. Feedback, questions or comments on this report series should be forwarded to Leslie Crichton at (651) 431-3940.

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## RESOURCES ON THE INTERNET

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The current report and previous reports in the series are posted at the DHS Website listed below. Once there, you will need to scroll down to the topic **Minnesota Family Investment Program Reports** and then to the heading **Welfare Reform Outcomes of Racial/Ethnic and Immigrant Groups in Minnesota: Racial/Ethnic and Immigrant Studies (REIS) Series**.  
[http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/Economic\\_support/documents/pub/DHS\\_id\\_004113.hcsp](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/Economic_support/documents/pub/DHS_id_004113.hcsp)

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## FUTURE REPORTS

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The *December 2005 Characteristics of Racial/Ethnic and Immigrant Groups in Minnesota Family Assistance Programs* report in the REIS series is expected to be released in the Fall of 2006.

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**SPECIAL NEEDS**

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