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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

- Tribal Representatives
- Child Care Resource and Referral Directors

ACTION/DUE DATE

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

EXPIRATION DATE

October 15, 2009

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

TOPIC

Release of the report, *December 2006 Characteristics of Racial/Ethnic and Immigrant Groups in Minnesota Family Cash Assistance Programs*.

PURPOSE

This report is part of the Racial/Ethnic and Immigrant Studies (REIS) series issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Services describing welfare reform outcomes of racial/ethnic groups and subgroups receiving assistance from either the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or the Diversionary Work Program (DWP) in December 2006.

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BACKGROUND

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).

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report examines the demographic characteristics of adults eligible on MFIP and DWP cases, family characteristics of cases, and economic characteristics of cases that received MFIP or DWP payments in December 2006. Throughout the study, the race/ethnicity of the case applicant was used for the case, with these categories: (1) Hispanics of all races; (2) non-Hispanic American Indians, (3) non-Hispanic Asians and Pacific Islanders, (4) non-Hispanic blacks, and (5) non-Hispanic whites. The third and fourth groups were further broken down for this study into subgroups based on citizenship and immigrant group membership. The new report is available at http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/id_004113 (see further instructions below).

The information in this study brief updates the data in the eleventh REIS report and parallels the DHS report entitled *Characteristics of December 2006 Minnesota Family Assistance Programs: Cases and Eligible Adults* that analyzes the same data from the perspectives of programs and counties. This report is also available at http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/id_004113.

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 Dana DeMaster at (651) 431-3963 dana.demaster@state.mn.us.

RESOURCES ON THE INTERNET

The current report and previous reports in the series are posted at the DHS Website http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/id_004113. 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**.

FUTURE REPORTS

The next annual report in this series will describe the family assistance caseload in December of 2007.

SPECIAL NEEDS

This information is available in other forms to people with disabilities by contacting us at 651-431-3936 (voice), toll free at 1-800-366-7895 or through the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TDD), 7-1-1 or 1-877-627-3848 (speech to speech relay service).