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## THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET WOULD DROP NEARLY 200,000 CHILDREN FROM THE CALWORKS PROGRAM

The California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Program provides cash assistance for eligible low-income families with children, while helping parents find jobs and overcome barriers to employment. Governor Schwarzenegger proposes major CalWORKs policy changes that are similar to proposals he put forward – and that the Legislature rejected – in 2007. Nearly 200,000 children would lose CalWORKs cash assistance under the Governor's proposals, which depart from the state's historic, bipartisan commitment to provide a strong work incentive for parents, while promoting the well-being of children.

Estimated Number of Children Who Would Lose CalWORKs Cash Assistance Through June 2009 Under the Governor's Proposals				
County	Eliminate "Safety-Net" Assistance for Certain Children	Eliminate "Child-Only" Assistance for Certain Children	Impose "Full-Family Sanctions" on Certain Families	Total
Alameda	3,860	1,940	1,530	7,330
Alpine	0	1	0	1
Amador	10	30	30	70
Butte	630	490	200	1,320
Calaveras	30	40	20	90
Colusa	10	30	30	70
Contra Costa	1,330	1,150	750	3,230
Del Norte	170	90	40	300
El Dorado	80	110	120	310
Fresno	5,060	3,650	3,780	12,490
Glenn	60	70	60	190
Humboldt	180	220	250	650
Imperial	670	380	750	1,800
Inyo	10	20	10	40
Kern	2,310	3,130	4,130	9,570
Kings	510	370	370	1,250
Lake	130	130	160	420
Lassen	50	40	20	110
Los Angeles	29,180	25,010	11,950	66,140
Madera	550	510	230	1,290

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Marin	70	130	130	330
Mariposa	10	20	10	40
Mendocino	110	150	260	520
Merced	1,140	920	1,100	3,160
Modoc	20	20	5	45
Mono	2	10	3	16
Monterey	340	750	500	1,590
Napa	30	100	60	190
Nevada	30	60	60	150
Orange	1,900	3,520	1,760	7,180
Placer	180	160	80	420
Plumas	10	10	*	20
Riverside	3,120	3,620	1,920	8,660
Sacramento	9,720	2,820	500	13,040
San Benito	70	90	60	220
San Bernardino	6,450	5,050	3,200	14,700
San Diego	3,100	3,980	1,860	8,940
San Francisco	900	400	650	1,950
San Joaquin	2,590	1,900	1,300	5,790
San Luis Obispo	70	220	350	640
San Mateo	160	410	90	660
Santa Barbara	400	670	390	1,460
Santa Clara	2,030	2,020	1,300	5,350
Santa Cruz	180	270	200	650
Shasta	260	330	550	1,140
Sierra	1	2	3	6
Siskiyou	90	70	30	190
Solano	990	610	110	1,710
Sonoma	110	430	490	1,030
Stanislaus	1,460	1,340	1,100	3,900
Sutter	190	170	120	480
Tehama	120	170	190	480
Trinity	30	20	20	70
Tulare	2,300	1,930	430	4,660
Tuolumne	40	60	90	190
Ventura	400	910	270	1,580
Yolo	350	230	240	820
Yuba	520	220	270	1,010
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>84,330</b>	<b>71,180</b>	<b>44,080</b>	<b>199,590</b>

\* Not available.

Note: Children would lose cash assistance as of June 1, 2008 under the safety-net and child-only proposals and as of June 1, 2009 under the full-family sanctions proposal. Estimates of the number of children who would lose aid under each proposal come from the Department of Social Services. All figures are rounded to the nearest 10, except for some estimates for certain small counties. County estimates are based on the number of safety-net, child-only, and sanctioned families in each county's CalWORKs caseload in November 2007. Plumas County did not report the number of families in sanction status in November 2007. County estimates do not sum to totals due to rounding.

Source: CBP analysis of Department of Social Services data