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THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET WOULD DROP MORE THAN 230,000 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, all of which the Legislature previously rejected. More than 230,000 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 Under the Governor's 2009-10 Budget Proposals					
County	Eliminate "Safety-Net" Assistance for Certain Children	Eliminate "Child-Only" Assistance for Certain Children	Eliminate Assistance for Children Whose Parents Fail To Attend a Meeting With County Workers	Reduce CalWORKs Maximum Aid Payment by 10 Percent	Total
Alameda	4,490	2,220	1,070	1,030	8,810
Alpine	0	1	1	0	2
Amador	20	30	20	20	90
Butte	640	510	220	200	1,570
Calaveras	20	50	30	20	120
Colusa	10	40	10	10	70
Contra Costa	1,550	1,360	560	530	4,000
Del Norte	150	100	60	50	360
El Dorado	100	130	70	60	360
Fresno	5,820	4,270	1,920	1,790	13,800
Glenn	60	90	30	30	210
Humboldt	210	250	90	90	640
Imperial	760	440	370	280	1,850
Inyo	10	20	10	10	50
Kern	2,500	3,560	1,210	1,190	8,460
Kings	560	440	170	170	1,340
Lake	150	140	70	60	420
Lassen	60	40	30	20	150
Los Angeles	29,440	28,720	8,120	9,100	75,380
Madera	540	570	150	170	1,430
Marin	100	160	50	50	360

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Mariposa	10	20	10	10	50
Mendocino	120	160	90	70	440
Merced	1,250	1,090	450	430	3,220
Modoc	20	20	10	10	60
Mono	0	10	1	1	12
Monterey	400	840	260	260	1,760
Napa	40	110	30	30	210
Nevada	50	60	40	30	180
Orange	2,010	4,390	870	1,090	8,360
Placer	210	190	110	90	600
Plumas	10	20	10	10	50
Riverside	3,780	4,570	1,820	1,690	11,860
Sacramento	9,720	3,430	1,990	1,880	17,020
San Benito	100	100	50	40	290
San Bernardino	7,210	6,060	2,750	2,510	18,530
San Diego	3,570	4,460	1,690	1,600	11,320
San Francisco	820	450	260	230	1,760
San Joaquin	2,910	2,230	1,040	950	7,130
San Luis Obispo	100	260	120	100	580
San Mateo	190	490	120	130	930
Santa Barbara	420	800	240	240	1,700
Santa Clara	2,140	2,470	820	830	6,260
Santa Cruz	240	320	120	110	790
Shasta	270	360	220	170	1,020
Sierra	0	2	1	1	4
Siskiyou	120	70	50	40	280
Solano	1,120	730	350	320	2,520
Sonoma	130	530	180	170	1,010
Stanislaus	1,540	1,580	720	640	4,480
Sutter	310	190	100	90	690
Tehama	130	190	70	70	460
Trinity	30	20	10	10	70
Tulare	2,670	2,260	830	830	6,590
Tuolumne	50	60	40	30	180
Ventura	600	1,180	420	390	2,590
Yolo	380	270	140	120	910
Yuba	520	250	110	110	990
Statewide	90,400	83,400	30,400	30,200	234,400

Note: Children would lose cash assistance as of May 1, 2009 under the safety-net, child-only, and grant-reduction proposals, and between May 2009 and July 2009 under the proposal to require certain CalWORKs participants to attend a meeting with county workers. Statewide estimates of the number of children who would lose aid under each proposal come from the Department of Social Services. County estimates are based on the number children in each county's CalWORKs caseload in October 2008, the most recent month for which complete data are available. All figures are rounded to the nearest 10, except for some estimates for certain small counties. County estimates may not sum to totals due to rounding. Source: CBP analysis of Department of Social Services data