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ABSTRACT

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The purpose of the study was to identify how school districts were impacted by the state aid decisions made from 2002 and to then determine if there was a relationship between the excess or shortfall of state aid received and the achievement of students in each district during the same period as measured by standards used to identify schools in need of improvement. The study included 540 non-Abbott school districts and considered enrollment growth, change in total budget, and change in state aid. It used the 2004-2005 report of schools in need of improvement to identify districts that were failing to achieve. As more years passed from the 2001-2002 base year, the last year in which actual district enrollments were used to calculate the state aid to be received by each district, there was a greater disparity in the amount of state aid received by the school districts in terms of changes in district enrollments. At the same time, more districts were being identified as having schools in need of improvement. No direct causal relationship was identified, however parallels were identified that warrant further study.

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Introduction

Focus of the Study

This study was performed in order to establish whether or not there was any relationship between the school funding policy decisions made by the McGreevey administration for the school years 2002-2003 to the present and the achievement of students in selected New Jersey school districts during the same period as measured by standards used to identify schools in need of improvement (SINI). The study was then fine-tuned to look at the same school districts in terms of their socio-economic status as defined by District Factor Grouping (DFG) in an effort to determine if the results would vary by district DFG.

Under provisions of federal Title I law associated with the No Child Left Behind legislation, the New Jersey Department of Education was required to identify SINI through a process linking academic skills with student performance on standardized tests (New Jersey Department of Education [NJDOE], May 2, 2002). Based on their progress toward achieving state standards schools were classified in one of six categories, the lowest of which was Category I, schools in need of improvement (NJDOE, May 2, 2002).

When the McGreevey administration assumed power in New Jersey, policy decisions were made concerning the distribution of state aid to school districts that were unlike various funding formulas used in the past, including the Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act (CEIFA) that was the school funding law in place at the

time. Beginning in the 2002-2003 school year, the annual state school aid calculation was based on the amount of cash allocated to each school district using the CEIFA formulas as applied to determine state school aid for the 2001-2002 school year, the year prior to the election of Governor James E. McGreevey, rather than allocating state school aid based on the number and nature of students in individual school districts for each year. The result was that school districts with declining enrollments received aid to which they would otherwise not be entitled, and school districts with increasing enrollment did not receive increased aid to support the additional students they were required to educate. By comparing the relationship between changes to reported enrollment and changes to state aid in school districts that have SINI, this study highlighted the relationship between school districts impacted by the school funding decision made and the achievement of students in the same districts. The relationship between enrollment growth and the change in the total budget of each district in the study was also considered, as districts may or may not have been willing or able to raise funds from other sources in the absence of increased state aid. The ability and willingness of districts to increase the total district budget was a particularly sensitive issue because New Jersey's school district budgets are presented to the voters for approval.

Purpose of the Study

The purpose of the study was to identify how school districts were impacted by the state aid decisions made by the McGreevey administration in terms of enrollment growth, budget growth, and change in state aid, and to then determine if there was a relationship between the excess or shortfall of state aid received and the achievement of students in each district during the same period as measured by standards used to identify SINI.

Definitions

Abbott district: An Abbott district is one of New Jersey's 31 poor urban school districts, 28 of which were litigants in the Abbott v. Burke funding case decided by the New Jersey Supreme Court in 1990. Two additional districts (Neptune and Plainfield) were added in 1999 because of their classification as special needs districts under the "Quality Education Act of 1990" (N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-3) and one more (Salem City) was added in 2003 as a result of Education Commissioner William L. Librera's decision in the so-called Bacon case (NJDOE, February 10, 2003).

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP): New Jersey defines Adequate Yearly Progress as the proportion of all students and their respective subgroups meeting or exceeding the new state standards annually until 2014, when it is anticipated that 100% proficiency will be achieved in language arts literacy and mathematics. AYP is determined by a formula which calculates the number of proficient scores over the number of valid test scores, with 20% of the items responded to denoting a valid test score (U.S. Department of Education, 2004, p. 21).

Application for State School Aid (ASSA): The Application for State School Aid is the enrollment data collection instrument submitted by districts and used by the New Jersey Department of Education to calculate state school aid, with the exception of transportation aid (NJDOE, 2002, *A glossary of acronyms*, State Aid and School Data section).

CEIFA workgroup: The CEIFA workgroup was a group of individuals with different school finance-related backgrounds who were selected to monitor the impact of CEIFA and to provide recommendations when unanticipated consequences occurred.

Choice district: A choice district is a public school district, established pursuant to the Interdistrict Public School Choice Act of 1999, which is authorized to open a school or schools to students across district lines. In accordance with the school choice legislation there can be only one choice district per county (N.J.S.A. 18A:36B).

Collaborative Assessment and Planning for Achievement (CAPA) Team: Collaborative Assessment and Planning for Achievement (CAPA) is a joint venture between the state and local educators designed to identify obstacles to student achievement in specific districts and develop customized solutions to such problems. CAPA teams include active and retired teachers and administrators, faculty from institutions of higher education, technology experts, pupil service personnel, principals, and parents who work together to evaluate such areas as curriculum and instruction, school leadership, and the learning environment in the school (NJDOE, July 15, 2004).

Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act (CEIFA): The Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act is New Jersey school funding legislation that was passed in 1996 and established for the first time a substantive definition of the constitutional guarantee of a thorough and efficient system of public education through the establishment of Core Curriculum Content Standards and efficiency standards. CEIFA guarantees an appropriate level of funding to ensure that each child has the opportunity to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards and requires accountability for the appropriate expenditure of public funds (NJDOE, 2002, *A glossary of acronyms*, State Aid and School Data section).

Core Curriculum Content Standards (CCCS): The Core Curriculum Content Standards were adopted by the State Board of Education in 1996, and they establish

expectations for students to meet in seven academic and five workplace readiness areas. They articulate the common expectations for student achievement throughout the primary and secondary years of public education in the following subject areas: visual and performing arts, comprehensive health and physical education, language arts literacy, mathematics, science, social studies and world languages. The five cross content areas for workplace readiness encompass career planning; use of technology information and other tools; critical thinking, decision-making, and problem solving; self-management; and safety principles. The standards are automatically reviewed by the State Board every five years (NJDOE, 2002, *A glossary of acronyms*, Assessment section).

Core Curriculum Standards Aid (CCSA): Core Curriculum Standards Aid is state aid that is distributed to all eligible districts for general fund expenses to ensure that each district can provide a thorough and efficient system of education consistent with the Core Curriculum Content Standards (N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-12-15) (NJDOE, 2002, *A glossary of acronyms*, State Aid and School Data section).

Demonstrably Effective Program Aid (DEPA): Demonstrably Effective Program Aid is state aid that is allocated to individual schools with low income pupils to provide effective programs that have been shown to enhance the teaching and learning process, improve school governance, and provide students with collaborative learning environments and health and social service programs (N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-18) (NJDOE, 2002, *A glossary of acronyms*, State Aid and School Data section).

District Factor Grouping (DFG): District Factor Grouping is a system that provides a means of ranking schools by their socio-economic status for the purpose of comparing students' performance on statewide assessments across demographically similar school

districts (NJDOE, 2004, *District Factor Groups*). The grouping designation is based on information available from the census and, in 1990, included the following: percent in the community with no high school diploma; percent with some college; occupations; population density; income; unemployment; and poverty (NJDOE, 2002, *A glossary of acronyms*, State Aid and School Data section). In 2000 population density was omitted as a relevant variable (NJDOE, 2004, *District Factor Groups*). There are eight groupings starting with A, which designates the lowest socio-economic level, and includes B, CD, DE, FG, GH, I and J (NJDOE, 2002, *A glossary of acronyms*, State Aid and School Data section). Countywide school districts, such as Vocational-Technical school districts and County Special Services School Districts are not assigned DFGs because they serve many communities with differing status. For the period studied, a 2000 DFG for Lakewood had not yet been determined. The 1990 DFG for Lakewood was DFG B (NJDOE, 2004, *District Factor Groups*).

District income: District income is described as the aggregate income of the residents of the taxing district or taxing districts, based upon data provided by the Division of Taxation in the New Jersey State Department of the Treasury and contained on the New Jersey State Income Tax forms for the calendar year ending prior to the prebudget year. With respect to regional districts and their constituent districts, however, the district income as described above shall be allocated among the regional and constituent districts in proportion to the number of pupils resident in each of them (N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-3).

District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS): The District Report of Transported Resident Students is the data collection document submitted by boards of education for the calculation of state transportation aid and the district's transportation

efficiency rating (NJDOE, 2002, *A glossary of acronyms*, State Aid and School Data section).

Early Childhood Program Aid (ECPA): Early Childhood Program Aid is state aid that is distributed to all school districts with high concentrations of low income students for the purpose of providing full-day kindergarten, half-day preschool classes, and other early childhood programs and services (N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-16) (NJDOE, 2002, *A glossary of acronyms*, State Aid and School Data section).

Education production function: Education production function is a metaphor used to describe the relation between school inputs and student outcomes (Greenwald, Hedges, and Laine, 1996).

Elementary School Proficiency Assessment (ESPA): Prior to the enactment of No Child Left Behind, the Elementary School Proficiency Assessment was the earliest New Jersey state assessment administered in grade four to determine cumulative achievement of the Core Curriculum Content Standards (NJDOE, 2002, *A glossary of acronyms*, Assessment section). It was succeeded by two new assessments, New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK) for both grades three and four (U.S. Department of Education Office of Secondary and Elementary Education [USDOE], 2004, p. 39).

Equalized valuation: Equalized valuation is the equalized valuation of properties of the taxing district or taxing districts, as certified by the Director of the Division of Taxation on October 1, or subsequently revised by the tax court by January 15 of the prebudget year. With respect to regional districts and their constituent districts, however, the equalized valuations as described above shall be allocated among the regional and

constituent districts in proportion to the number of pupils resident in each of them (N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-3).

Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment (GEPA): In 1999 the Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment took the place of the Grade Eight Early Warning Test, which had been administered to eighth graders since March 1991. The GEPA was intended to provide information about student progress toward mastery of the skills specified by the Core Curriculum Content Standards (NJDOE, 2002, *A glossary of acronyms*, Assessment section).

High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA): In spring 2000 the High School Proficiency Assessment replaced the High School Proficiency Test and is used to determine student achievement of the knowledge and skills specified by all areas of the Core Curriculum Content Standards and Workplace Readiness Standards. Passing all sections of the test is a requirement for receiving a high school diploma (NJDOE, 2002, *A glossary of acronyms*, Assessment section).

Local share: Local share is the amount of funding that a local district can raise relative to other local districts based on property wealth and income levels and is used in determining the amount of Core Curriculum Standards Aid that a district will receive, if any (NJDOE, 2002, *A glossary of acronyms*, State Aid and School Data section).

Modified district enrollment: Modified district enrollment is the number of pupils other than preschool pupils, evening school pupils, post-graduate pupils and post-secondary vocational pupils who, on the last school day prior to October 16, are enrolled in the school district or county vocational school district and are receiving home instruction, enrolled in an approved private school for the disabled, enrolled in a regional

day school, enrolled in a county special services school district, enrolled in an educational services commission including an alternative high school program operated by an educational services commission, enrolled in a State college demonstration school, enrolled in the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf, or enrolled in an alternative high school program in a county vocational school (N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-3).

New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK): New Jersey academic proficiency assessment administered to elementary students in grades three and four (NJDOE, November 19, 2003).

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB): The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 was signed into law on January 8, 2002, and represents the President's education reform plan and contains sweeping changes to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act by focusing on school success as measured by student achievement. NCLB contains the President's four basic education reform principles: stronger accountability for results, increased flexibility and local control, expanded options for parents, and an emphasis on teaching methods that have been proven to work (NJDOE, *No Child Left Behind in New Jersey*, ¶1).

Non-Abbott district: A non-Abbott district is a district that was not included in the definition of an Abbott district in N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-3 and was not subsequently designated as an Abbott district by the courts (NJDOE, 2002, *A glossary of acronyms*, Facilities section).

Resident enrollment: Resident enrollment represents the number of pupils other than preschool pupils, post-graduate pupils, or post-secondary vocational pupils who, on the

last school day prior to October 16 of each year, were residents of the district (NJDOE, 2002, *A glossary of acronyms*, State Aid and School Data section).

Safe harbor: Safe harbor is a status that is attained by a district if the proportion of students in the subgroup or the total population scoring partially proficient is reduced by 10% over the previous year and secondary measures are also met. The secondary measure for elementary and middle schools is attendance rate and the secondary measure for high schools is the drop-out rate. A school defined as still being in need of improvement, but that has achieved safe harbor does not progress to the next level of sanctions (NJDOE, 2004, *Understanding accountability*).

State aid: For the purpose of this study, state aid represented the portion of funding for New Jersey's school districts that is considered formula aid, because it is generally calculated using a funding formula based on the ASSA enrollment counts.

T & E amount: The T & E amount is the cost per elementary pupil of delivering the Core Curriculum Content Standards and extracurricular and co-curricular activities necessary for a thorough regular education under the assumptions of reasonableness and efficiency contained in the Report on the Cost of Providing a Thorough and Efficient Education (N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-3).

T & E program budget: The T & E program budget is the sum total of Core Curriculum Standards Aid, Supplemental Core Curriculum Standards Aid, Stabilization Aid, designated general fund balance, miscellaneous local general fund revenue, and that portion of the district's local levy that supports the district's T & E budget (N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-3).

Transportation Aid: Transportation aid is calculated by adding aid for regular pupils, regular nonpublic pupils, and for special education pupils with no special transportation requirements to the aid for special education pupils with special transportation requirements in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-25.

Weighted enrollment: Weighted enrollment figures are used to calculate many aid amounts under CEIFA. For the 2001-2002 school year the weights were .5 for kindergarten pupils, 1.0 for elementary pupils, 1.04 for middle school pupils, and 1.11 for high school pupils. For district sending pupils to a choice district, the projected weighted enrollment includes the pupils sent at .75 for the first year of the pupils' attendance, at .50 for the second year of the pupils' attendance, at .25 for the third year of the pupils' attendance, and at .00 for the fourth year of the pupils' attendance.

Limitations of the Study

The study was limited to examining the effect of the state school funding policy applied by New Jersey during the period beginning with the 2002-2003 school year on achievement of students in 540 of New Jersey's non-Abbott districts as measured by the standards used to identify SINI.

Abbott districts were not included in the study because funding for the 31 Abbott districts was determined by the courts, not by administrative policy. The courts' decisions required that more resources go to poor urban districts than to what were described in the Abbott decision as "wealthy suburban districts."

Also excluded from the study were New Jersey's 23 non-operating school districts, 8 County Special Services School Districts, 10 Education Service Commissions, and 3 Jointure Commissions. The non-operating districts were excluded because, while they

were entitled to funding, they did not operate their own schools so there was no clear measurement of achievement for students residing in these districts. County Special Services School Districts, Education Service Commissions, and Jointure Commissions were excluded because they were not entitled to state funding, therefore were not directly impacted by the policy decisions made concerning state aid to New Jersey's school districts.

The study did not take into account the manner in which the funds were spent. Various studies have suggested that these variables may or may not serve to predict improved levels of student achievement. Furthermore, districts may have had a history of educationally efficient and effective spending prior to the 2002-2003 school year that built an educational foundation that benefited students in the preceding years, perhaps making the achievement of the student population more resilient to the effects of funding changes.

There was an inherent assumption in the study that distributing state aid based on the CEIFA formulas would result in a more equitable distribution of funds than the method used during the period beginning with the 2002-2003 school year. This assumption was made because the CEIFA formulas were based on the actual nature, needs, and number of students to be educated in each district, whereas the actual method used to distribute state aid to school districts during the period studied was based on a historical, rather than current, number of students in each district.

Disparities in the reporting may have occurred because SINI were reported on the basis of individual schools, while the study focused on information in terms of entire school districts. Because of this approach a large multi-school district with one school in

need of improvement will inaccurately appear to have the same level of failure as a single-school district that is in the same year of needing improvement. Furthermore, there was no differentiation in the study for schools that were categorized as being at a particular level as a school in need of improvement because of having achieved safe harbor.

Setting of the Study

The study examined changes in enrollment and state funding of 540 of New Jersey's non-Abbott operating school districts that were entitled to receive state aid during the period under study, which used the 2001-2002 school year as a benchmark because it was the year upon which state funding of school districts for future years was based through the 2004-2005 school year. The 2004-2005 SINI data was used to identify districts failing to achieve and was based on the results of testing from 2000-2001 through 2003-2004.

Significance of the Study

The study examined whether or not the decision not to adhere to a funding formula during the period beginning with the 2002-2003 school year influenced student achievement in New Jersey. As policymakers struggle to manage the scarce fiscal resources available to school districts, this study should add to the body of research used in their endeavor to develop policies that do not negatively impact student achievement.

Relationship of the Study to the ISSLC Standards

The study examined the effect of school funding decisions on student achievement, thereby focusing on ISSLC Standard 6, which is to promote the success of all students by understanding, responding to, and influencing the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context.

Organization of the Study

The study was divided into five chapters. Chapter 1 Introduction reviewed the focus and purpose of the study, listed definitions of terms used in the study, described the limitations of the study, detailed the setting of the study, and explained the significance of the study. It also clarified the relationship of the study to the ISSLIC standards and outlined how the study was organized. Chapter 2 Literature Review included research that supports this study. Chapter 3 The Design of the Study described how the research was designed and implemented. Chapter 4 Presentation of the Research Findings explains and illustrates the results of research. Chapter 5 Conclusions, Implications, and Further Study described the conclusions as well as implications revealed as a result of the research, and suggests areas of future research to expand understanding of the topic.

Chapter 2

Review of the Literature

Dollars and Achievement

The question of how education dollars translate into student achievement is a conundrum that has plagued both educators and policymakers for many years. As the dollars funding and spent on education increased over time, there was no apparent corresponding increase in student achievement. Numerous studies have tried, with limited success, to define the relationship between school funding or expenditures and student achievement.

Firestone, Goertz, & Natriello (1997, p. 6) pointed out that no court has overturned an inequitable school funding system without first finding a positive relationship between expenditures and educational opportunity and that, when challenged, the New Jersey Supreme Court argued that money makes a difference in the quality of education. The justices reasoned that money buys improved staff ratios, higher teacher salaries, expanded programs, more equipment, and better facilities.

Greenwald, Hedges, and Laine (1996, p. 361-362) discussed studies such as Project Talent by Flanagan et al., in 1964 and Equality of Educational Opportunity by Coleman et al., in 1966, which used the metaphor of the factory by viewing schools as producing achievement, thus employing the term *education production function* to describe the relation between school inputs and student outcomes. They noted that the diverse literature presenting the results of education production function yielded mixed

conclusions about the relation between school resources and student achievement. They point out that Coleman et al.'s (1966) original study found that resources had a surprisingly small impact on achievement, but that subsequent production function research, including reanalysis of Coleman and other's work, produced some results that supported, and other results that challenged the earlier findings.

More recent studies focused on achieving districts provide findings that do not conform to some common assumptions about spending to increase student achievement.

Sharp (1993) examined the relationship between Illinois schools' expenditure per pupil and students' state assessment exam scores. His analysis resulted in a finding that a small, but significant, negative correlation existed between spending and achievement in every subject in every grade level, with the exception of eleventh grade, where there was no significant correlation between the variables. He noted that the results of the study implied that giving schools more money does not necessarily raise student achievement, and suggested that this occurred because the majority of school funds are used for personnel costs. Sharp recommended that schools target specific programs with any increase in school funding rather than have the funds spread throughout the school.

While Sharp criticized spending additional funds for personnel, Stern (1989) explored per pupil spending on teachers' salaries because it represents the largest component of instructional cost, finding that it is the product of four factors: the teacher/pupil ratio, the level of starting salaries, the steepness of the salary schedule above the minimum, and the actual placement of incumbent teachers on the salary schedule. Using California data for third and sixth grade, Stern found that using per pupil expenditure on teachers' salaries to predict student achievement gives very different results than by using the factors used by

Sharp, suggesting that commonly used methods of analyzing instructional costs in terms of student achievement may not be discovering important relationships in the data being analyzed.

Grissmer and Flanagan (1998) studied school districts in North Carolina and Texas that experienced rapid achievement gains as measured by the 1996 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) in mathematics. They noted that several factors commonly associated with student achievement, including real per-pupil spending, teacher/pupil ratios, teachers with advanced degrees, and experience levels of teachers, do not appear to explain the test score gains. Instead, they concluded that the most plausible explanation for the score gains was found in the policy environment established in each state, noting that both states pursued similar paths to improvement, and each succeeded in changing the organizational environment and incentive structure for educators in ways that led to improvement. They suggest that the keys to this change include: creating an aligned system of standards, curriculum, and assessments; holding schools accountable for improvement by all students; and support from businesses in developing, implementing, and sustaining these changes over time.

Pan, Rudo, and Smith-Hansen (2002) performed a policy research study in which they examined the allocation of financial and human resources in a total of 12 school districts from Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Texas that showed improvements in student achievement over time. The study found that the 12 improvement districts were able to make sustained improvements in student performance without having substantially more resources than comparable districts. The researchers concluded that the improvement districts spent available funds more efficiently than other districts by

relying on data-driven allocation of resources. Additionally, the improvement districts focused on recruitment and retention efforts, salary and incentive structures, and staff-support systems to ensure having a quality staff. Finally, the 12 districts sought to improve students' performance by focusing attention and resources on instructional activities.

School Funding

Public school districts were traditionally overseen by state governments but financed and controlled locally until recent years. In 1920, 80% of the revenue for public school operation came from county and local taxes; in 1950, the local and county funding portion fell to 57%, and in 1996, to 43% (Coate & VanderHoff, 1999). One reason for the increase in state financing of public education was the concern over inequality in the per pupil expenditures across school districts, which was often motivated by the courts (Coate & VanderHoff, 1999).

School funding formulas are often controversial and frequently litigated. The National Education Association (1987) noted that on the expenditure side, all state aid distribution formulas are based on concepts of equalization. They go on to state that in the lexicon of school finance, equalization comes in two varieties. First, there are state aid formulas that equalize fiscal opportunities by utilizing a formula that equalizes the ability of school districts to raise money. The second type of equalization formula equalizes fiscal outcomes by equalizing the number of dollars available to districts on a per pupil basis. Both methods infer that equity is part of the formula; however the two varieties result in different fiscal outcomes for districts and that, in turn, generates discontent that often results in litigation.

According to the National Education Association (1987), the basics for all of today's state aid distribution formulas were developed between the years 1905 and 1930. These basics are flat grants, foundation programs, percentage equalizing, and full state funding.

Flat grants provide local districts with an equal number of dollars for each student in attendance, plus an amount for each teacher employed.

In foundation programs, the state determines a minimum amount of money to be spent per pupil throughout the state, then calculates the tax rate required to provide this minimum in the wealthiest school district (requiring all districts to tax at that rate), and, finally the state makes a commitment to make up the difference between the dollars raised locally through the mandated tax and the dollars required by the state minimum foundation program.

Percentage equalizing is when the state reimburses a percent of local expenditures in inverse proportion to the district's property wealth.

Full state funding is the consolidation of all local districts into one statewide system financed wholly by the state.

The National Education Association (1987) described how the local need, local wealth and local effort are derived. It reported that what is common between these state aid distribution formulas is that all measures of local need generally begin by counting something, such as students, teachers, classroom units or some combination of these measures. Local wealth is also arrived at by measuring something, most commonly the assessed value of local property, but sometimes modified to include a measure of local income. Local effort is factored into the calculations to determine a local contribution, or

participation ratio in the case of a percentage equalizing distribution. Because local effort determines local contributions, it provides the key to all efforts toward equalization.

New Jersey's recent funding formulas were aligned with these parameters. In the period under study, the funding formula in place was defined by the Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act of 1996 (CEIFA) which combined various categories of state aid in an effort to reflect enrollment, the nature and needs of that enrollment, and the ability of a district to provide a local contribution. The general fund formula aids that were part of CEIFA were intended to be used for the purpose of providing a thorough and efficient education to be spent at the discretion of the district receiving the aid. These general fund formula aids consisted of Core Curriculum Standards Aid, Supplemental Core Curriculum Standards Aid, Transportation Aid, Special Education Aid, Bilingual Education Aid, County Vocational Aid, Full-Time Post-Secondary Vocational Aid, Adult Post-Secondary Aid, Academic Achievement Reward Program Awards, Stabilization Aid, and Additional Supplemental Stabilization Aid. The 2001-2002 general fund state aid allocation also included Abbott Parity Remedy Aid and School Choice Aid that were not part of the original CEIFA legislation. CEIFA also included aids that were part of the special revenue fund, and use of the funds generated by these aid categories was limited to specific purposes. The restricted aids were Demonstrably Effective Program Aid (DEPA), Early Childhood Program Aid (ECPA), Distance Learning Network Aid, and Instructional Supplement Aid.

State aid enrollment data for the 2001-2002 school year, with the exception of Transportation Aid, was based upon projected October 15, 2001 enrollments using the October 13, 2000 pupil counts in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-5a multiplied by a

historically based enrollment growth factor for each district. Transportation Aid was based upon the actual transportation data submitted by districts as part of the October 13, 2000 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS).

Under the CEIFA legislation, each school district and each county vocational school district received Core Curriculum Standards Aid predicated on a local share determined by district property wealth and district income. The formula to calculate local share included a property value multiplier and an income multiplier that was annually determined by New Jersey's Commissioner of Education. The Core Curriculum Standards Aid formula calculated an estimated per pupil cost to provide a thorough and efficient education; multiplied that cost by district enrollment figures that were weighted according to whether the child was in elementary, middle, or high school; subtracted other formula aids for which the district was eligible; and subtracted the calculated local share from that amount to derive a foundation aid amount that incorporated both projected district enrollment and the local ability to pay (NJDOE, 2001, Appendix B).

Supplemental Core Curriculum Standards Aid was calculated in accordance with section 17 of CEIFA (N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-17) and language in the 2001-2002 Governor's budget (NJDOE, 2001, Appendix B). In order for a district to be eligible for Supplemental Core Curriculum Standards Aid in the 2001-2002 school year the district had to meet the following criteria: the district's concentration of low income pupils, relative to modified district enrollment had to equal or exceed 40%; the district's estimated minimum equalized tax rate had to exceed that estimated by the State as a whole by more than 10%; and for districts with a resident enrollment in excess of 2,000 pupils, the district's equalized valuation per resident pupil was not more than twice the

Statewide equalized valuation per pupil. Supplemental Core Curriculum Standards Aid was based on a district's ability to pay and was calculated as the difference between a district's estimated minimum equalized tax rate and 110% of the estimated minimum equalized tax rate for the State multiplied by the district's equalized valuation (N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-17).

Transportation Aid was calculated by adding aid for regular pupils eligible for transportation to the aid for special education pupils with special transportation requirements. The number of regular pupils eligible for transportation was based on the number of regular education pupils, regular education nonpublic pupils eligible for transportation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:39-1, and special education pupils eligible for transportation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:46-23 with no special transportation requirements as reported on the October 13, 2000 DRTRS. In 2001-2002 the number of regular pupils eligible for transportation was first multiplied by a cost coefficient of $383.88 which was added to the number of regular pupils eligible for transportation multiplied by a cost coefficient of $10.50 multiplied by the average home-to-school mileage for the regular pupils eligible for transportation as reported on the October 13, 2000 DRTRS to calculate the aid for regular pupils eligible for transportation. The aid for special education pupils with special transportation requirements was calculated by taking the number of special education pupils with special transportation requirements and multiplying it by a coefficient of $2,675.77 and adding that to the number of special education pupils with special transportation requirements multiplied by a cost coefficient of $5.10 multiplied by the average home-to-school mileage for the special education students with special transportation requirements as reported on the October 13, 2000

DRTRS. For the 2001-2002 school year the Transportation Aid amounts calculated were prorated at a rate of 95.43% (NJDOE, 2001, Appendix B).

Under CEIFA it was determined that there were four tiers of special needs students eligible for Special Education Aid. Tier I pupils were those resident students who were classified for other than speech correction services who received related services including, but not limited to, counseling, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech language therapy. In 2001-2002 districts were eligible to receive $310 in aid for each of up to four related services per projected resident student receiving these services. Tier II pupils were those resident students not receiving Tier IV intensive services who met the criteria for specific learning disability or perceptually impaired, traumatic brain injury or neurologically impaired, cognitive impairment-mild or educable mentally retarded, preschool disabled, and all classified pupils receiving services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:46 in shared time county vocational programs in a county vocational school that did not have a full child study team. In 2001-2002 districts received $3,260 for each projected resident student identified at the Tier II level. Tier III pupils were those resident students not receiving Tier IV intensive services who met the criteria for cognitive impairment-moderate or trainable mentally retarded, orthopedically impaired, auditorily impaired, communication impaired, emotionally disturbed, multiply disabled, other health impaired or chronically ill, and visually impaired. In 2001-2002 districts received $5,975 for each projected resident student identified at the Tier III level. Tier IV were those resident pupils classified as eligible for special education who met the criteria for either autistic or cognitive impairment-severe (formerly known as day training eligible), or were resident pupils who would have been considered at either the Tier II or Tier III

level had they not received one or more intensive services as specified in the pupil's individualized education program. These intensive services included, but were not limited to: individual instruction, pupil to teacher-aide ratio of 3:1 or less, high level assistive technology, extended school year, intensive related services, interpreter services, personal aide, residential placement for educational purposes, or individual nursing services. In 2001-2002 districts received $13,037 for each projected resident student identified at the Tier IV level (NJDOE, 2001, Appendix B).

For the 2001-2002 school year the Bilingual Education Aid for each district was calculated by multiplying the additional cost factor for bilingual categorical aid of $1,168 by the projected October 15, 2001 enrollment of each district's bilingual pupils (NJDOE, 2001, Appendix B).

Only county vocational school districts were eligible to receive County Vocational Aid and Full-Time Post-Secondary Vocational Aid. In 2001-2002 the additional cost factor for county vocational categorical aid of $1,883 was multiplied by the projected October 15, 2001 enrollment for each county vocational school district to calculate each county vocational district's County Vocational Aid (NJDOE, 2001, p. B14). The Full-Time Post-Secondary Vocational Aid for 2001-2002 was calculated by multiplying each county vocational school district's projected October 15, 2001 full-time post-secondary enrollment by a cost factor of $1,985 (NJDOE, 2001, Appendix B).

Adult High School, Post-Graduate Program Aid for 2001-2002 was calculated by multiplying the projected October 15, 2001 adult high school and post-graduate enrollment by a cost factor of $1,443 (NJDOE, 2001, Appendix B).

The purpose of the Academic Achievement Reward Program was "to provide rewards to districts having one or more schools that meet criteria for attaining absolute success in or significant progress towards high student academic achievement" as measured by the passing scores on one or more of the statewide assessments (N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-29). For the 2001-2002 school year the Academic Achievement Reward Program was made up of two components, Rewards-Part I in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-29 and Rewards-Part II in accordance with language in the Governor's 2001-2002 budget. For Rewards-Part I two categories of rewards were established; absolute success rewards and significant progress rewards. The passing rates for the March 2000 Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment (GEPA) and the October 1999 High School Proficiency Test (HSPT) were computed for non-special education and non-limited English proficient students. If the rate was equal to or greater than 90% for the HSPT or the rate was equal to or greater than 80% for the GEPA, the school was eligible for an absolute success reward. The remaining schools were classified into five bands based on the passing rate from the previous year. In creating the five bands the remaining schools were ranked from high to low according to their passing rates and grouped into quintiles. The improvement in the passing rate over the March 1999 GEPA and the October 1998 HSPT was computed for every school, and within each band, ten percent of the districts from each of the five bands with the highest improvement in passing rates were eligible for a significant progress reward. The award amounts differed based upon the October 15, 2001 projected number of pupils on roll in the eligible schools in the grade levels eligible to take the GEPA and the HSPT. A per pupil amount of $194 was awarded for each of those pupils for the 2001-2002 school year (NJDOE, 2001, Appendix B).

In 2001-2002 Stabilized and Stabilization Aid were calculated in accordance with section 10 of CEIFA (N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-10) and language in the Governor's budget. Stabilizing Aid refers to the process of limiting the increase in aid for certain categories of aid in accordance with the requirements of CEIFA. Through the stabilizing process state aid to districts with characteristics such as rapidly increasing enrollment were limited to an increase in state aid of no more than 10%. Stabilization Aid was provided to limit the decrease in aid for certain categories of aid in accordance with CEIFA so the sum of those aids would not be reduced by more than 10%. Stabilization aid must be applied toward the required local share of the district. For 2001-2002 the categories of aid used to calculate Stabilization Aid were the 2000-2001 state aid amounts of Core Curriculum Standards Aid, School Choice Aid, Supplemental Core Curriculum Standards Aid, Transportation Aid, Adult and Post-Graduate Program Aid, Full-Time Post-Secondary Vocational Aid, Bilingual Education Aid, County Vocational Aid, Special Education Aid, Distance Learning Network Aid, Demonstrably Effective Program Aid, Early Childhood Program Aid, Instructional Supplement Aid, and the Academic Achievement Reward Program. For the 2001-2002 school year the Governor's budget limited the decrease to a maximum of 2% rather than the 10% allowed by CEIFA. If the calculation for any school districts indicated that the decrease was $100,000 or less, the Governor's budget provided sufficient Stabilization Aid to fully protect those districts from any reduction to those aids. An additional category of Stabilization Aid referred to as Stabilization Aid II was distributed to certain districts that were disadvantaged by the language in the Governor's budget implementing the CEIFA workgroup recommendations for the 2001-2002 school year (NJDOE, 2001, Appendix B).

Additional Supplemental Stabilization Aid was calculated in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-10d and N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-10g and Regionalization Incentive Aid (RIA) was calculated in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-32.1, as well as provisions of the Governor's budget recommendation. The Section 10d Additional Supplemental Stabilization Aid, the Section 10g Additional Supplemental Stabilization Aid, and the Regionalization Incentive Aid amounts were summed and were all reported under the heading of Additional Supplemental Stabilization Aid, which was to be applied toward the required local share of the district (NJDOE, 2001, Appendix B).

For 2001-2002 the amount of Section 10d Additional Supplemental Stabilization Aid was $1.25 million for districts qualified to receive RIA, but for whom the net increase in aid from the receipt of RIA and the corresponding loss in Stabilization Aid called for by the RIA law is less than $1.25 million. All other eligible districts received the statutory amount of Section 10d aid of $500,000. In order to be eligible in 2001-2002 for Additional Supplemental Stabilization Aid under Section 10d of the law, in the 1997-1998 school year the district had to have met all of the following five criteria:

1. The district's projected resident enrollment for the 1997-1998 school year must have exceeded 10,000 pupils;
2. The district's 1996-1997 net budget was less than the sum of its maximum T & E budget plus the following aids for the 1997-1998 school year: Early Childhood Program Aid, Demonstrably Effective Program Aid, Instructional Supplement Aid, Transportation Aid, Special Education Aid, Distance Learning Network Aid, Adult High School and Post-Graduate Program Aid, Full-Time Post-Secondary Vocational Aid, and any Academic Achievement Reward;

3. The district's total aid payable for the categories of aid considered in the Stabilized Aid and Stabilization Aid calculations for the 1997-1998 school year exceeded the prebudget year total for the same aids by no more than 10%;
4. The district's original state aid notice for 1996-1997 was not reduced because of an administrative penalty; and
5. The district's Core Curriculum Standards Aid after the stabilization process was less than 50% of its T&E budget for the 1997-1998 school year (NJDOE, 2001, Appendix B).

Section 10g Additional Supplemental Stabilization Aid was paid to any district located in a municipality having a population composed of more than 45% senior citizens aged 65 or older according to the most recent federal decennial census. The amount of this aid for each district did not change from the inception of CEIFA. It was calculated using the district's projected October 15, 1997 resident enrollment used in the simulations enacted into the new school funding law for the 1997-1998 school year multiplied by $200 (N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-10g).

In 2001-2002, qualified districts received RIA in an amount equal to the prior year RIA inflated by the district's projected enrollment growth and the growth in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), except that the projected enrollment growth factor could not be less than 1.0. In addition, the law required that any district that received this aid would have its 2001-2002 Stabilization Aid amount reduced by its 1999-2000 stabilization amount, except that it could not be reduced to an amount below zero. Language in the Governor's budget recommendation required that if the net aid impact of receiving RIA and losing Stabilization Aid as called for in the RIA law was less than $1.25 million, then

the district would receive $1.25 million in Section 10d aid and no RIA (NJDOE, 2001, Appendix B).

School Choice Aid was a category of aid that was not originally part of CEIFA, instead it was a product of the Interdistrict Public School Choice Program Act of 1999 (N.J.S.A. 18A:36B-8). For the 2001-2002 school year School Choice Aid was calculated by multiplying the projected weighted enrollment for choice pupils for October 15, 2001 by $8,309 for DFG A or B choice districts or $7,913 for all other choice districts (NJDOE, 2001, Appendix B).

Abbott Parity Remedy Aid was not a product of the CEIFA legislation; instead it was calculated in accordance with specific language in the 2001-2002 Governor's budget (NJDOE, 2001, Appendix B). It applied only to Abbott districts and was determined by calculating the difference between the indexed average regular education spending per pupil in New Jersey's wealthiest districts, defined here as the DFG I and J districts, and each Abbott district's 2001-2002 regular education expenditure per pupil. The difference was then multiplied by the Abbott district's projected full-time resident enrollment to derive the amount of Abbott Parity Remedy Aid to which the Abbott district was entitled (NJDOE, 2001, Appendix B). The purpose of this category of state aid was to bring per pupil spending in Abbott districts to a level established by New Jersey's wealthiest districts.

Demonstrably Effective Program Aid (DEPA) was generated by individual schools within a district based upon the school's concentration of low income pupils, and was calculated based on two concentrations of poverty. Low income pupils were those pupils from households with a household income at or below 130% of the most recent federal

poverty guidelines. These are the same pupils eligible for free milk and free meals under the federal child nutrition programs. The purpose of DEPA was to provide instructional, school governance, and health and social service programs to pupils in the generating schools. This aid was only provided to schools with a concentration of low income pupils equal to or greater than 20%, except that pursuant to P.L. 2000, c.148, a school that had a low income concentration rate of greater than or equal to 20% in the prebudget year, and that fell below 20% in the budget year, would continue to generate aid in the budget year in an amount equal to the amount of aid generated by the school in the prior year, multiplied by the budget year concentration rate divided by the prebudget year concentration rate. The same calculation applied to each school that fell below the 40% low income concentration threshold. The revision was made to the law in 2000 so that schools would not experience an interruption in their demonstrably effective programs if there was a one-year aberration in the poverty rate of a school. In 2001-2002 districts received $327 per projected October 15, 2001 enrollment in listed schools enrolling low income pupils at rates equal to or greater than 20% but less than 40%. The total aid generated for each listed school in the district enrolling low income pupils at rates greater than 40% was the low income school's October 15, 2001 projected school enrollment multiplied by $463 (NJDOE, 2001, Appendix B).

Early Childhood Program Aid (ECPA) was calculated in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-16 to benefit districts with high concentrations of low income pupils. Like the low income qualification for DEPA, low income pupils were pupils from households with a household income at or below 130% of the most recent federal poverty guidelines, and are the same pupils eligible for free milk and free meals under the federal child

nutrition programs. The purpose of ECPA was to provide full-day kindergarten and preschool classes and other early childhood programs and services for the purpose of expanding instructional services to three year olds and for providing transition and social services to primary grade pupils. ECPA was only provided to districts other than county vocational school and limited purpose regional school districts with a concentration of low income pupils equal to or greater than 20%. Under the provisions of P.L. 2000, c.148, a district which had a concentration rate equal to or greater than 20% in the prebudget year and a concentration rate less than 20% in the budget year was entitled to the prebudget aid amount times the current year concentration divided by the prebudget concentration. The same applied if the district fell below the 40% threshold. For the purpose of calculating ECPA for the 2001-2002 school year, the low income concentration was determined using the October 13, 2000 ASSA information and dividing the number of low income pupils in each district by the modified district enrollment of the district. For the 2001-2002 school year districts were provided with ECPA based on three different calculations, with the ECPA award determined using the calculation yielding the highest result. In the first calculation the projected October 15, 2001 modified district enrollment was multiplied by $506 for districts in which the concentration of low income pupils was equal to or greater than 20% and less than 40% and by $817 for districts in which the concentration of low income pupils was greater than 40%. The second calculation was in conformity with P.L. 2000, c.148, for districts with a prior year concentration of low income pupils either between 20% and 40% or greater than 40% that dropped out of that level of eligibility as of October 13, 2000. The prebudget year ECPA entitlement was multiplied by a percentage determined by dividing

the prior year concentration of low income pupils by the October 13, 2000 concentration of low income pupils. The final ECPA calculation takes the qualified preschool enrollment multiplied by $4,575 added to the projected October 15, 2001 kindergarten enrollment multiplied by 70% of $3,956.50 for non-Abbott districts. Section 16 of CEIFA required that county vocational school districts and limited purpose regional school districts meeting the criteria for ECPA receive their aid as DEPA (NJDOE, 2001, Appendix B).

District Learning Network Aid was calculated in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-22 and was to be used for equipment, wiring, access fees, software and supplies, professional development, staffing, maintenance, and other uses necessary for the establishment of effective learning networks. For the 2001-2002 school year it was calculated using the districts projected October 15, 2001 enrollment multiplied by $44 (NJDOE, 2001, Appendix B).

Instructional Supplement Aid was provided for the purpose of providing supplemental services for pupils from low income families. It was calculated in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-18 for districts with concentrations of low income pupils equal to or greater than 5% and less than 20%. For the purposes of Instructional Supplement Aid low income pupils were defined on a district-wide basis as they were for the calculation ECPA. Each district's projected October 15, 2001 low income pupils were multiplied by $369 to calculate the Instructional Supplement Aid amount for the 2001-2002 school year (NJDOE, 2001, Appendix B).

Included in the general fund and special revenue fund cash amounts received by districts in 2001-2002 were adjustment amounts to reflect the difference in the aid

received in various categories caused by differences in projected and actual October 13, 2000 enrollments used to calculate aid in the 2000-2001 school year. The categories affected were Core Curriculum Standards Aid, Abbott Parity Remedy Aid, School Choice Aid, Supplemental Core Curriculum Standards Aid, Transportation Aid, Special Education Aid, Bilingual Education Aid, Stabilization Aid, Supplemental Stabilization Aid, County Vocational Aid, Adult and Post-Graduate Program Aid, Full-Time Post-Secondary Vocational Aid, the Academic Achievement Reward Program, Early Childhood Program Aid, Demonstrably Effective Program Aid, Distance Learning Network Aid, and Instructional Supplement Aid (NJDOE, 2001, Appendix B).

It is clear from the descriptions of the state aid calculations used for the 2001-2002 school year that the enrollment information gathered on October 13, 2000 and the district wealth information that was applied was critical in determining how much state aid each district received for the 2001-2002 school year.

When Governor McGreevey was inaugurated as Governor in January 2002, there was much uncertainty about the status of New Jersey's economy and its 2001-2002 budget. In order to provide timely state aid allocations to school districts so that districts could meet the deadlines required to hold school budget elections in accordance with statute, the decision was made to provide each of New Jersey's school districts with the same general fund and special revenue fund state aid cash amount in the 2002-2003 school year that was received in the 2001-2002 school year. The cash amounts of these state aid allocations for both years were based on student counts that took place on October 13, 2000 (NJDOE, January 2002, Appendix B).

An exception was made to the policy of providing no increase in state aid for the 2002-2003 school year. The calculation of 2002-2003 School Choice Aid was performed by projecting the October 15, 2002 choice pupil enrollments using the October 15, 2001 ASSA choice pupil enrollments split into the following categories: kindergarten, elementary school (grades 1-5), middle school (grades 6-8), and high school (grades 9-12). These enrollments were then weighted in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36B-8 and the total weighted enrollment for choice pupils projected for October 2002 was multiplied by $7,913 unless the choice district was a district factor group A or B receiving district, in which case the per pupil multiplier was $8,309. These funds were received by the choice districts in lieu of Core Curriculum Standards Aid for the students received. The state aid received by districts sending students to choice districts was unaffected (NJDOE, January 2002, Appendix B).

When preparing the Governor's budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year the decision was made to again not apply the CEIFA formulas to the previous October 15 resident enrollments. Instead, general and special revenue state aid categories were again held to the level of the 2001-2002 cash allocations that were based on the October 13, 2000 district enrollments, with the exceptions of School Choice Aid and a new category of general fund aid, Consolidated Aid (NJDOE, January 2003, Appendix B).

The calculation of 2003-2004 School Choice Aid was performed in the same way that it was in 2002-2003. The 2002-2003 School Choice Aid was calculated by projecting the October 15, 2003 choice pupil enrollments using the October 15, 2002 ASSA choice pupil enrollments split into the following categories: kindergarten, elementary school (grades 1-5), middle school (grades 6-8), and high school (grades 9-12). These

enrollments were then weighted in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36B-8 and the total weighted enrollment for choice pupils projected for October 2003 was multiplied by $7,913 unless the choice district was a district factor group A or B receiving district, in which case the per pupil multiplier was $8,309. These funds were received by the choice districts in lieu of Core Curriculum Standards Aid for the students received. The state aid received by districts sending students to choice districts was unaffected (NJDOE, January 2003, Appendix B).

In 2003-2004 Distance Learning Network Aid, Adult High School Aid, Post-Graduate Program Aid, and Academic Achievement Rewards were eliminated to create a new category of aid, Consolidated Aid, which was calculated in accordance with language in the Governor's budget. It was made up of approximately $87 million from the discontinued aids and an additional $50 million provided through the Governor's budget. Districts that had DFGs of I and J received an amount equal to the total of the amount allocated to the district in 2002-2003 as the sum of Distance Learning Network Aid, Adult High School Aid, Post-Graduate Program Aid, and Academic Achievement Rewards. The remaining districts received the greater of the sum of the 2002-2003 categorical aids that were eliminated in 2003-2004 or the projected October 15, 2003 enrollment multiplied by $109.72 per pupil (NJDOE, January 2003, Appendix B).

With the exception of School Choice Aid, the major categories of state aid for the 2004-2005 school year for non-Abbott school districts were again held to the levels of cash established using the October 13, 2000 enrollment information and the application of CEIFA, although this was camouflaged by the Department of Education's description that the allocations were all equal to 2003-2004 categorical state aid distributions

(NJDOE, January 2004, Appendix B). The categories that did not increase were Core Curriculum Standards Aid, Supplemental Core Curriculum Standards Aid, Transportation Aid, Special Education Aid, Bilingual Education Aid, Stabilization Aid, Supplemental Stabilization aid, County Vocational Aid, Full-Time Post-Secondary Vocational Aid, Consolidated Aid, Early Childhood Program Aid, Demonstrably Effective Program Aid, and Instructional Supplement Aid (NJDOE, January 2004, Appendix B).

As in 2003-2004, the 2004-2005 calculation of School Choice Aid was updated by using the most recent October 15 enrollment numbers and projecting them to October 15, 2004. The October 15, 2003 ASSA choice pupil enrollments were split into the following categories: kindergarten, elementary school (grades 1-5), middle school (grades 6-8), and high school (grades 9-12). These enrollments were then weighted in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36B-8 and the total weighted enrollment for choice pupils projected for October 2004 was again multiplied by $7,913 unless the choice district was a district factor group A or B receiving district, in which case the per pupil multiplier was $8,309. As in prior years, these funds were received by the choice districts in lieu of Core Curriculum Standards Aid for the students received and the state aid received by districts sending students to choice districts was unaffected (NJDOE, January 2004, Appendix B).

For the 2004-2005 school year an additional $90 million was added to the budget for state school aid for non-Abbott districts in the form of a new category of aid, Additional Formula Aid. This resulted in a 3% increase in state aid to all non-Abbott school districts, regardless of the magnitude or direction of change in their enrollments (NJDOE, January 2004, Appendix B).

Other state school aids were discussed in the Governor's 2004-2005 budget address, however these allocations weren't made available to districts until the fall of 2004, so districts were unable to plan for and develop budgets that recognized these additional revenues. These additional school aids included High Expectation for Literacy Proficiency (HELP) aid and Above Average Enrollment Growth (AAEG) aid. The Governor's 2004-2005 budget address also discussed $5 million to be allocated in the form of Positive Achievement and Cost Effectiveness (PACE) aid, which was meant to recognize districts having high achievement and below-average per pupil spending, however entitlements for this category of state aid never materialized.

The Governor's plan for HELP aid was to appropriate $5 million for non-Abbott districts that had characteristics similar to those of Abbott districts. These characteristics included being low performing, low income, and in need of assistance. The actual total amount of the statewide allocation of HELP aid was $15 million, an amount far greater than the $5 million anticipated in the budget address. The amount of each district's award varied, and neither the exact criteria nor the calculation methodology used in arriving at the HELP allocations were publicized.

For districts experiencing significant enrollment growth, the creation of AAEG aid category represented sorely needed fiscal recognition of district enrollment growth. Total AAEG aid of $10.85 million was distributed to 114 school districts, including several non-operating school districts.

Identifying Schools in Need of Improvement

Under provisions of federal Title I law associated with the No Child Left Behind legislation, the New Jersey Department of Education was required to identify SINI

through a process linking academic skills with student performance on standardized tests (NJDOE, May 2, 2002). In order to meet the federal requirements, each state had to identify those skills needed to be successful in the 21st century and how those skills were measured at three benchmark grades. In New Jersey, the skills were identified in the Core Curriculum Content Standards and student performance of these skills was initially measured by New Jersey's three achievement tests: the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA), the Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment (GEPA), and the Elementary School Proficiency Assessment (ESPA) (NJDOE, May 2, 2002). Because No Child Left Behind requires assessment in specific grade spans, New Jersey developed a new third grade test entitled New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK 3) and the former fourth grade test, ESPA, was then replaced with a new test named NJ ASK 4 (USDOE, 2004).

Based on each school's progress toward achieving state standards, the schools were classified in one of six categories. Category VI schools were those that met or exceeded state standards and could be considered exemplary models of success. Schools in Category V schools were those that attained state standards in at least one of the prior two years in each subject area. Schools in Category IV received conditional approval and were those schools that made adequate yearly progress (AYP) and were progressing toward meeting the state standards. Category III schools were those approaching the standards, with less than 5% of the students not achieving state standards in only one content area, and were making significant progress toward meeting full standards. Some progress was achieved by Category II schools, but close monitoring was required to ensure that the gains would continue. The Category I schools were those that were

identified as SINI because they did not achieve AYP and they have an achievement gap of more than 25% in attaining the state standards in either language arts literacy or mathematics (NJDOE, May 2, 2002).

In a November 22, 2004 letter from Isaac Bryant, Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Students Services at the New Jersey Department of Education, that had a subject line of "Public School Choice Requirement for Year 2 SINI under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001", New Jersey's school improvement continuum was summarized. In Year 1 schools were considered to be in early warning status because they did not make AYP for one year. Year 2 schools were those in their first year of school in need of improvement status because they did not make AYP for two consecutive years in the same content area. These schools were required to offer public school choice to give parents the option to transfer their child to another school that is not in improvement status, to develop a school improvement plan, and to get technical assistance from the district. When schools were in their second year as a school in need of improvement they did not make AYP for three consecutive years in the same content area and were considered Year 3 schools. In addition to the Year 2 requirements, Year 3 schools were also required to offer supplemental educational services to their students. SINI for three years that did not make AYP for four consecutive years in the same content area were considered Year 4 schools and had the same requirements as Year 3 schools, except that they were also required to seek technical assistance from the state, develop a corrective action plan, and participate in Collaborative Assessment and Planning for Achievement (CAPA). Year 5 schools were those in their fourth year as a school in need of improvement because they did not make AYP for five consecutive

years in the same content area. These schools were required to offer public school choice, supplemental educational services, develop a school improvement plan, seek technical assistance from the district and the state, and develop a restructuring plan. Year 6 schools were those in the fifth year as a school in need of improvement and they did not make AYP for six consecutive years in the same content area. Year 6 schools were required to take the same actions as Year 5 schools, except that in Year 6 the restructuring plan developed in the previous year was to be implemented.

By focusing on SINI, the study focused on achievement gains, as opposed to achievement levels, because "differences between the average achievement levels for schools may reflect only differences in family socioeconomic status while masking the relationship between achievement gains and expenditures." (Baker, 1991, p. 629).

Chapter 3

The Design of the Study

Description of Research Design

The study was designed to determine if the policy decisions made beginning with the 2002-2003 school year concerning state aid to New Jersey school districts, specifically the failure to apply an enrollment-based funding formula for each school district, had an impact on student achievement.

Enrollment, state aid, and budget data for the years 2001-2002 through 2004-2005 was used, as was the 2004-2005 report of SINI. The study first explored the relationships between enrollment growth and increased state aid, and then stratified that information into achievement information as defined by SINI. At the same time, even without the benefit of increased state aid, it was recognized that school districts may have been able to increase their budgets through increases in local and federal funding in an effort to meet the educational needs of their students. For that reason the growth in total budget was also considered in terms of enrollment growth and SINI.

Development and Design of Research

Except for AAEG and HELP aid amounts, state aid data was obtained from the NJDOE web site. Enrollment data, budget data, and AAEG and HELP amounts were collected directly from NJDOE Division of Finance. Districts with SINI were identified through information found on the NJDOE web site.

The enrollment, budget and state aid data was analyzed to calculate the changes that took place each year using the 2001-2002 fiscal year as a base year. The information was then separated according to the districts' status as a SINI. The information was analyzed first by looking at the changes in enrollment and state aid for a category of SINI, then the changes in enrollment and total budget were examined for the same category of SINI. This was done for each category of SINI.

Finally, the SINI data was then looked at in terms of the DFGs of the districts.

Sample and Sampling Technique

The study was limited to 540 of New Jersey's non-Abbott districts. Abbott districts were not included in the study because funding for the 31 Abbott districts was determined by the courts, not by administrative policy.

Also excluded from the study were New Jersey's 23 non-operating school districts, 8 County Special Services School Districts, 10 Education Service Commissions, and 3 Jointure Commissions. The non-operating districts were excluded because, while they were entitled to funding, they did not operate their own schools so there was no clear measurement of achievement for students residing in these districts. County Special Services School Districts, Education Service Commissions, and Jointure Commissions were excluded because these districts were not entitled to state funding, therefore were not directly impacted by the policy decisions made concerning state aid to New Jersey's school districts.

Data Collection Approach

Enrollment information used was obtained from the Office of School Funding in the Division of Finance at the New Jersey Department of Education and was based on the

resident student counts provided in the Application for State School Aid (ASSA) data collection for each year researched, beginning with the October 13, 2000 student count that was used to determine 2001-2002 school year funding. For the broad purpose of this study the enrollment information was taken as a whole, rather than scrutinizing the detailed information used to identify changes in the numbers of specific types of students, such as those who were low income or who had special needs.

State aid information was also obtained from the Office of School Funding in the Division of Finance at the New Jersey Department of Education. Consistent with the broad focus of this study, the state aid amounts used were considered as lump sum allocations rather than the individual categorical aids defined in statute or in the Governor's budget addresses.

The total budget information used for each district represented the sum of the budgeted general fund and special revenue fund appropriations. The total budget information for the years 2001-2002 through 2004-2005 was obtained by summing the total general fund appropriations and the total special revenue appropriations from the annual district budgets transmitted by the districts. The information was provided by the Office of Fiscal Policy and Planning in the Division of Finance at the New Jersey Department of Education.

For the purpose of this study, achievement information was defined in terms of SINI as reported in 2004-2005 and was obtained from the New Jersey Department of Education website.

Data Analysis

For the purpose of illustrating the findings, scattergraphs were used to portray the relationship between changes in state aid and enrollment as well as changes in total budget and enrollment. The districts were stratified according to how they were identified in terms of having SINI and the change in enrollment, state aid, and total budget information was presented for each of the years following the 2001-2002 base year. The same district may be included in more than one "Year" category of SINI if it had a school or schools that were identified as being in need of improvement for a different number of years. The graphs were presented on a similar scale to enhance comparability.

Chapter 4

Presentation of Research Findings

For the purpose of the study the 2001-2002 school year was the base year for comparisons made, as it was the last year the CEIFA funding formula was applied to determine the amount of state aid that was be distributed to each district. In the 2001-2002 school year the 540 districts studied received $2,921,947,753 in formula aid based on a resident enrollment count of 1,026,036.0 students. The changes in state aid for the three school years following the 2001-2002 base year are documented in Table 1.

Table 1

Change from the 2001-2002 Base Year for State Aid

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Statewide	$2,922,848,071	$2,971,646,531	$3,087,860,714
Change	900,318	49,698,778	165,912,961
% Change	.03%	1.70%	5.68%

Table 2 illustrates the changes in school district enrollment for the three years in the study from the 2001-2002 base year.

Table 2

Change from the 2001-2002 Base Year for Enrollment

	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Statewide	1,047,770.0	1,066,418.5	1,081,074.5
Change	21,734.0	40,382.5	55,038.5
% Change	2.12%	3.94%	5.36%

The study revealed that during the period under consideration, increases to state aid in the 540 non-Abbott districts did not keep pace with increases in enrollment. While the statewide percentage increases in state aid and enrollment from the 2001-2002 school year appeared to be closely aligned by the 2004-2005 school year, the failure to apply an enrollment-based funding formula prevented an equitable distribution of funds from being realized by individual districts. By 2004-2005, 377 of the 540 districts studied were responsible for 60,893.0 students that had not been considered as part of a comprehensive funding formula. At the same time, 161 of the 540 districts studied continued to receive formula aid for 5,854.5 students for which they were no longer responsible. Furthermore, with the exception of certain formula aids that were limited to a relatively small number of districts such as School Choice Aid, HELP, and AAEG, state aid was distributed uniformly with no consideration of changes in the number, needs, or nature of students to be educated by individual districts. This led to disparities among the districts studied, with some districts with declining enrollment receiving the same or greater percentage of state aid increase as districts with increasing enrollment.

In 2004-2005, 10 districts were reported as Year 4 SINI, which represents 1.9% of the districts studied. As Year 4 districts with SINI, it is important to note that the testing that first identified these 10 districts as SINI took place in the 2000-2001 school year, during a period in which the CEIFA formula was still being applied. For this reason the original lack of achievement on the part of these districts could not be attributed to the failure to apply an enrollment-based funding formula. Of the 10 districts in Year 4 of having SINI, two were DFG A districts, 2 were DFG B districts, five were DFG CD districts and one was a DFG DE district.

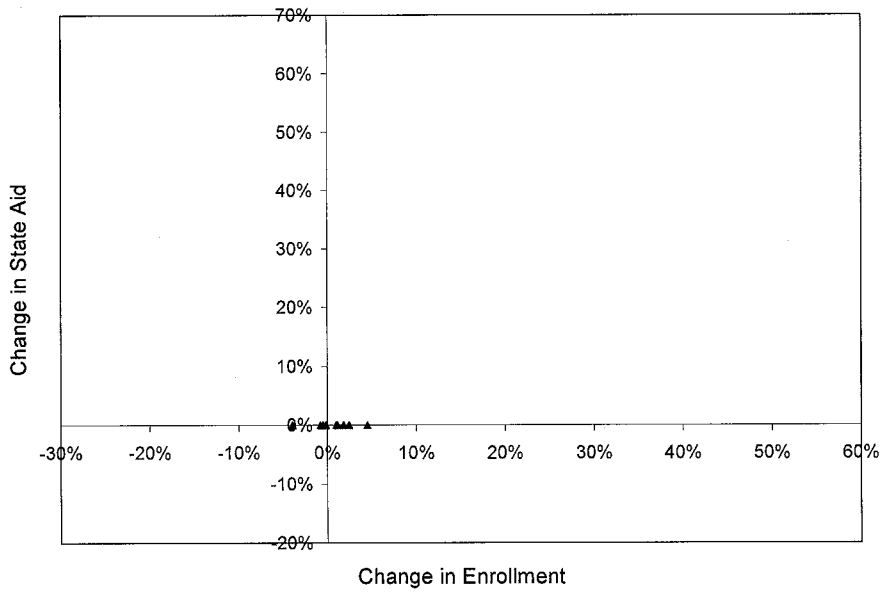
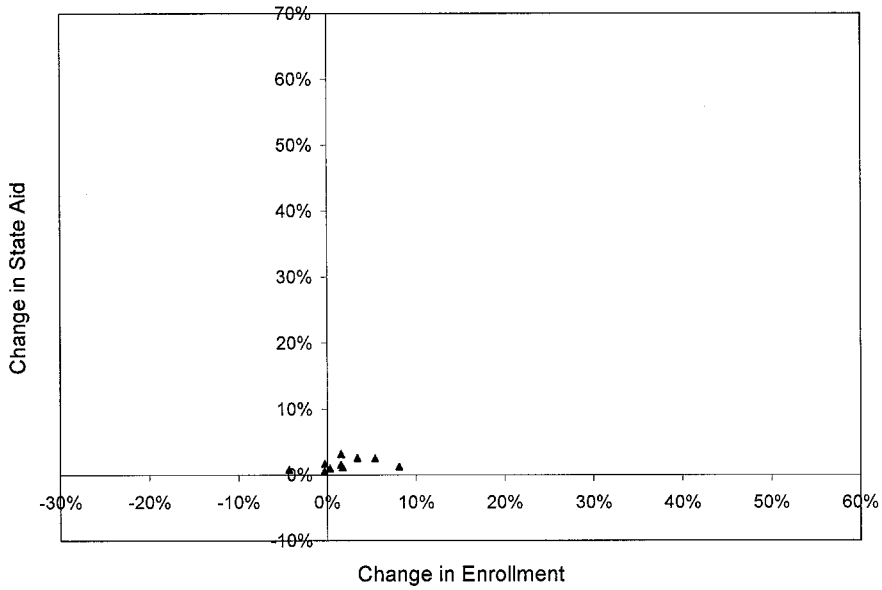


Figure 1. Changes in enrollment and state aid from 2001-2002 through 2002-2003 for districts in the study that had Year 4 SINI in 2004-2005.



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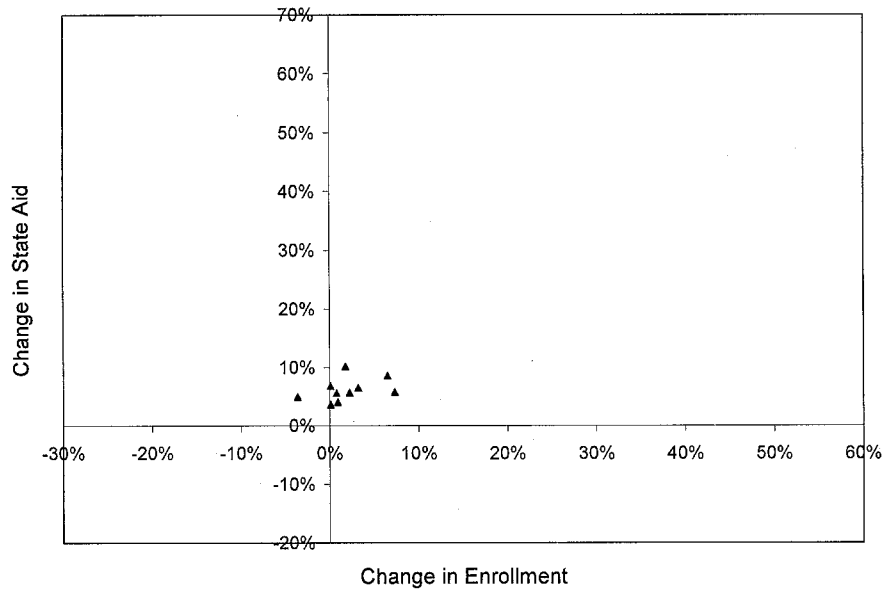
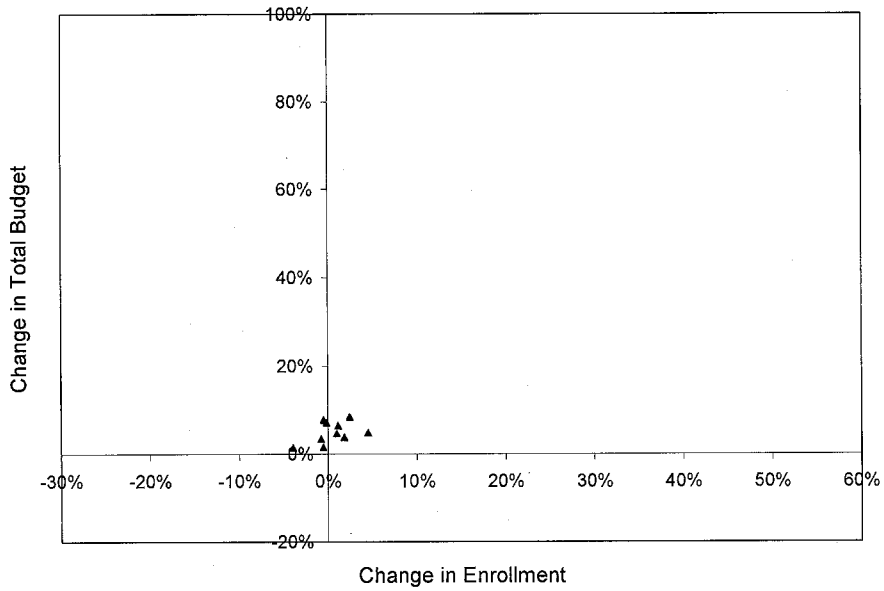


Figure 3. Changes in enrollment and state aid from 2001-2002 through 2004-2005 for districts in the study that had Year 4 SINI in 2004-2005.

As evidenced in Figure 1, Figure 2, and Figure 3, changes to both enrollment and state aid for these districts during the three year period were minimal (less than or equal to 10%), so there was no great disparity between the change in enrollment and change in state aid.

While growth in state aid was limited for the 10 school districts in the study that had Year 4 SINI in 2004-2005, through increases to local and/or federal funding, the districts were able to achieve a modest increases in the total amount budgeted in 2002-2003 as shown in Figure 4, 2003-2004 as shown in Figure 5, and in 2004-2005 as shown in Figure 6. In general, the increases in the total budget for these districts exceeded the growth in either enrollment or state aid.



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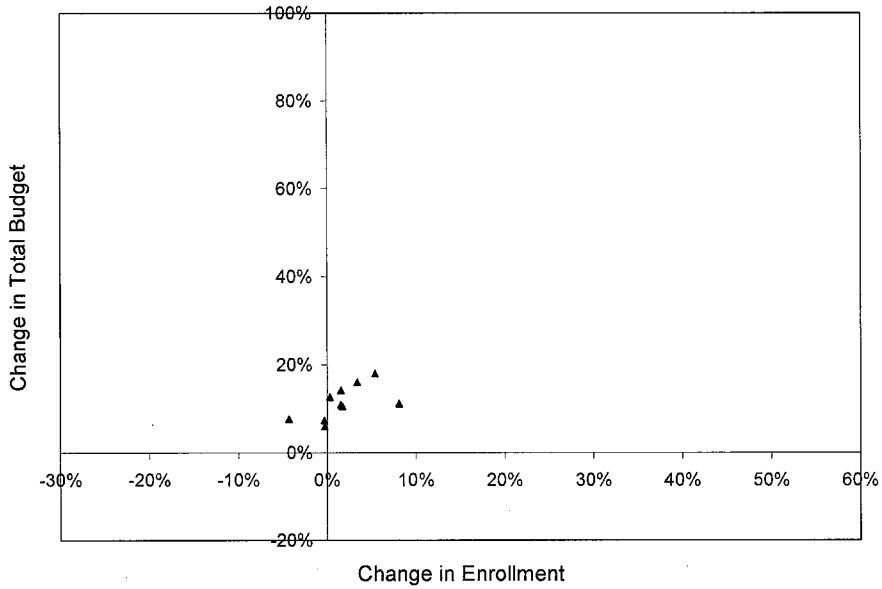

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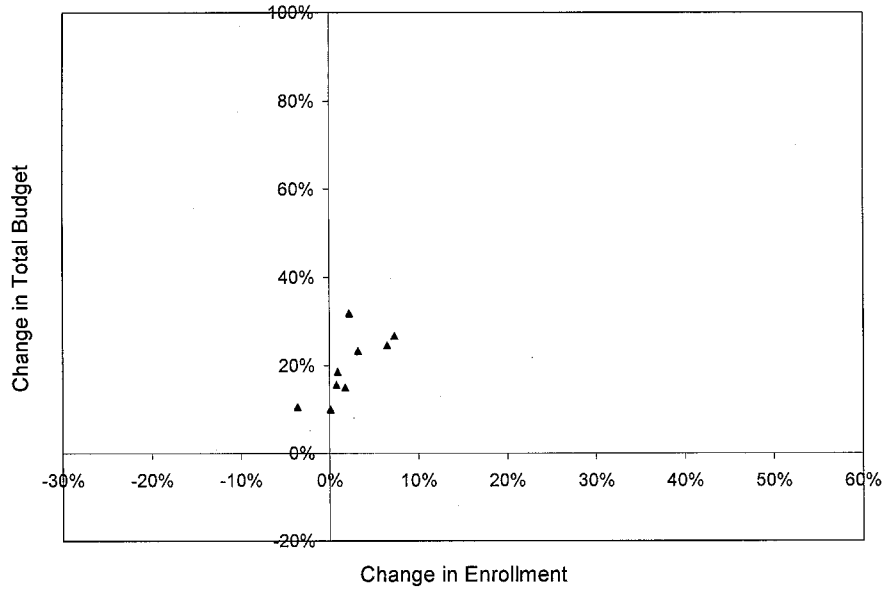
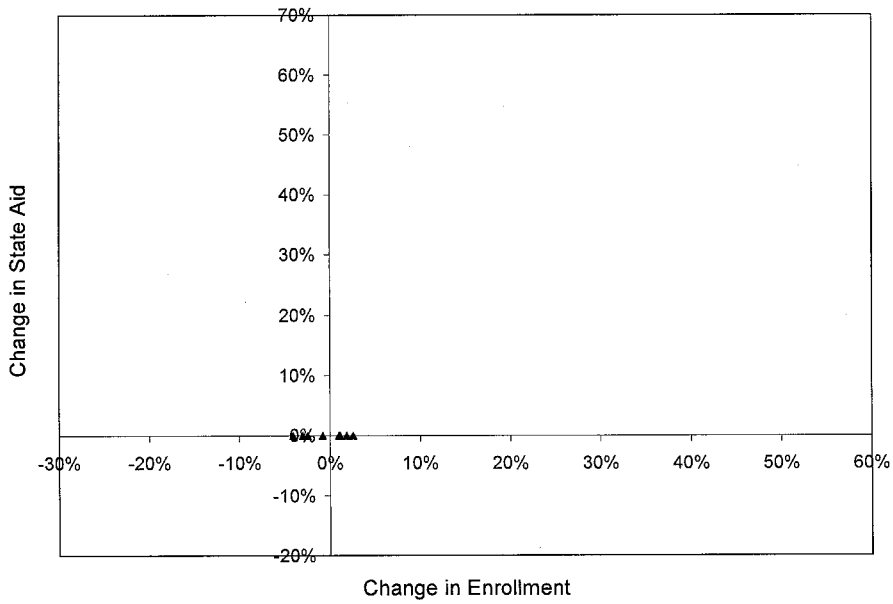


Figure 6. Changes in enrollment and total budget from 2001-2002 through 2004-2005 for districts in the study that had Year 4 SINI in 2004-2005.

There were also 10 school districts that had Year 3 SINI in 2004-2005. When reviewing the state aid and enrollment for these 10 school districts, the patterns of state aid and enrollments shown in Figure 7, Figure 8, and Figure 9 are very similar to those of the districts with Year 4 SINI, with changes in state aid and enrollment not exceeding 10%. The assessments that first caused these districts to have SINI took place in 2001-2002, when school funding was still determined by the CEIFA funding formula.

Like the Year 4 school districts, the 10 districts with Year 3 SINI were on the lower end of the socio-economic scale, with two DFG A districts, four DFG B districts, three DFG CD districts, and one DFG DE district.



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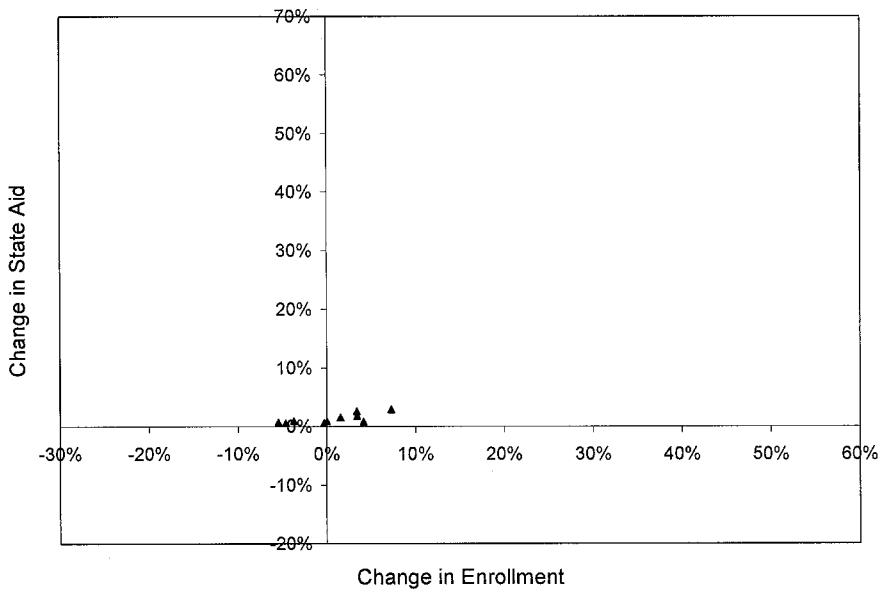

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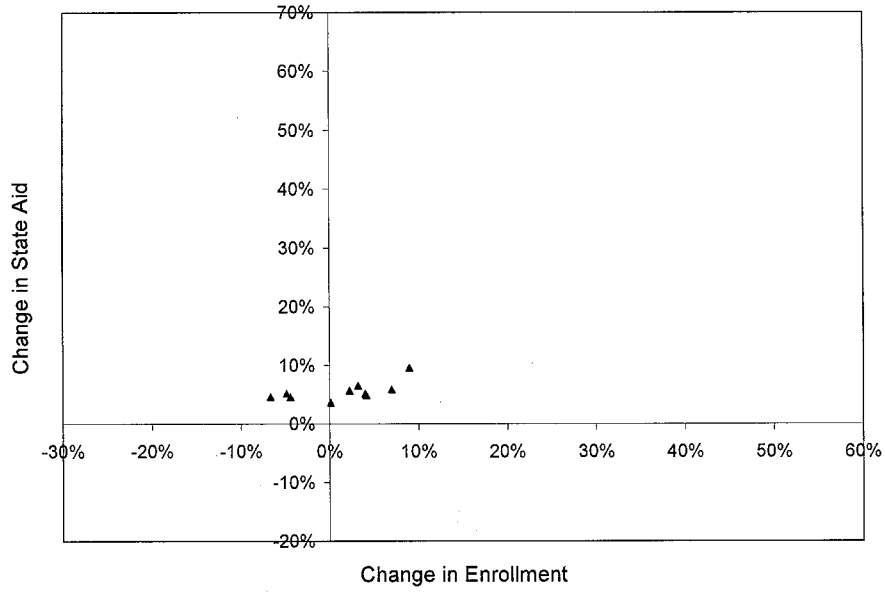
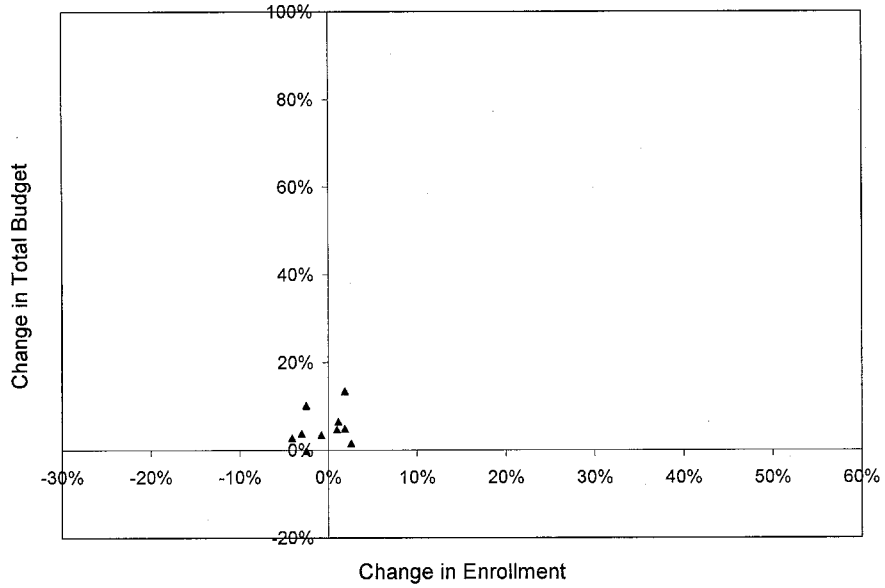


Figure 9. Changes in enrollment and state aid from 2001-2002 through 2004-2005 for districts in the study that had Year 3 SINI in 2004-2005.

When looking at Figure 10, Figure 11, and Figure 12, the total budget increases for Year 3 districts showed greater upward movement than the corresponding state aid numbers indicated. These differences appear to reflect some level of willingness and ability to raise other non-state sources of revenue on the part of these districts.



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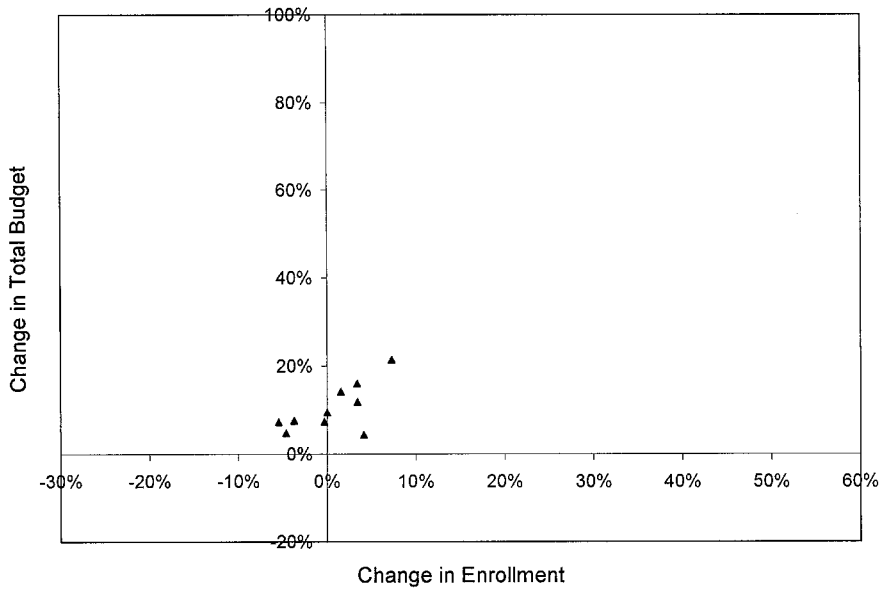

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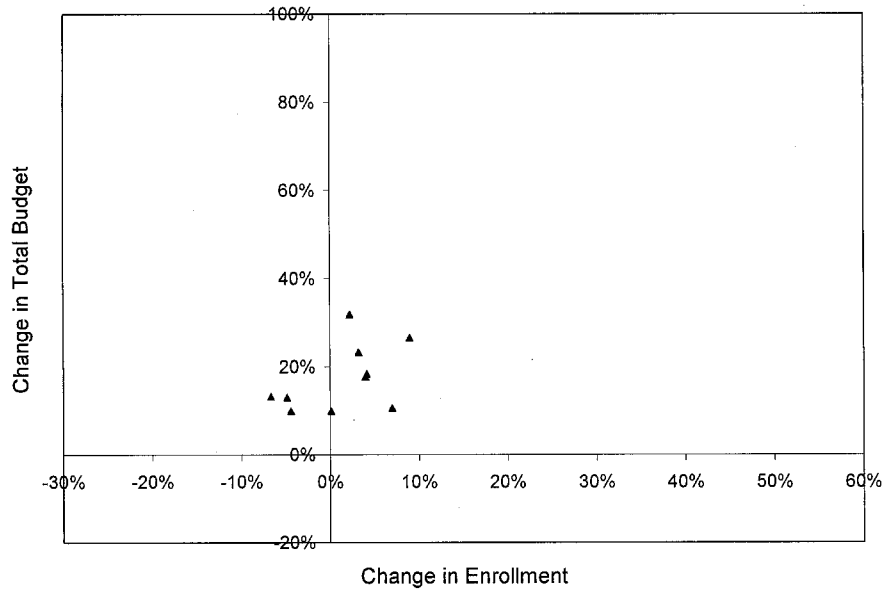
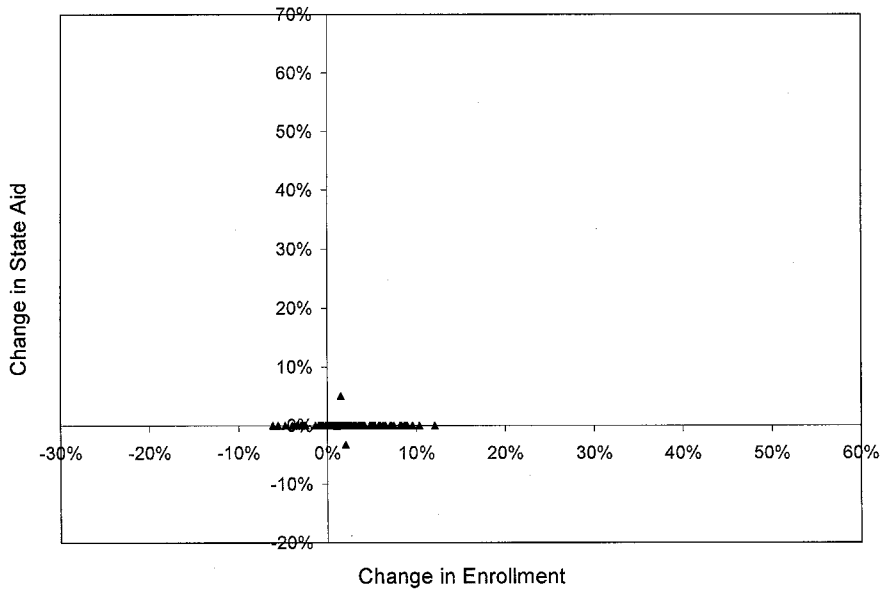


Figure 12. Changes in enrollment and total budget from 2001-2002 through 2004-2005 for districts in the study that had Year 3 SINI in 2004-2005.

In the 2004-2005 report of SINI there was a dramatic increase in the number of districts having Year 2 SINI from the number of districts with Year 3 SINI, increasing from 10 Year 3 districts to 139 Year 2 districts, 25.7% of the districts studied. Of these, 8 were DFG A, 26 were DFG B, 21 were DFG CD, 23 were DFG DE, 21 were DFG FG, 20 were DFG GH, 14 were DFG I, and 6 were not assigned a DFG. The assessments that first caused these districts to have SINI were administered during the 2002-2003 school year, the first year of the policy decision not to apply the CEIFA funding formula.

In Figure 13 the relative lack of growth in state aid for 2002-2003 was apparent. Regardless of the change in enrollment for each district, the change in state aid was primarily linear at 0%.



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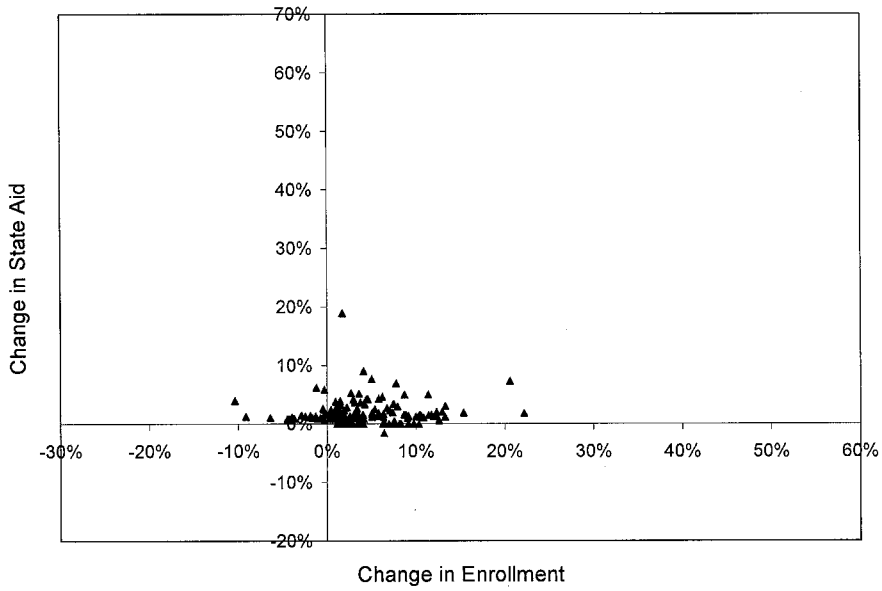
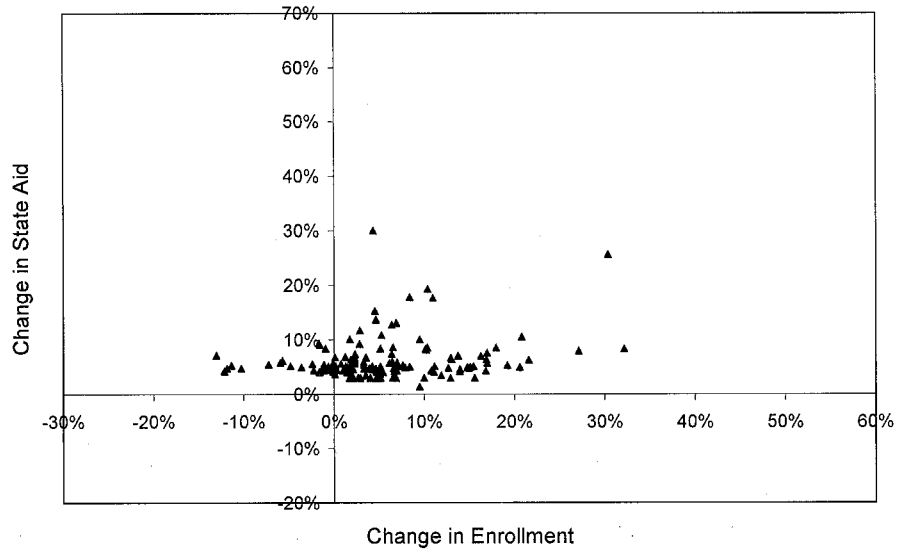


Figure 14. Changes in enrollment and state aid from 2001-2002 through 2003-2004 for districts in the study that had Year 2 SINI in 2004-2005.

With the inception of Consolidated Aid, Figure 14 showed limited growth in state aid that corresponded weakly to enrollment growth for the same period. Again the change in state aid appeared to be mostly linear, and generally fell between 0% and 5%. This was in spite of the fact that a number of districts had enrollment increases in excess of 10%.

Figure 15 showed that by the 2004-2005 school year the disparity between state aid and enrollment growth for districts with Year 2 SINI became more pronounced, as the span encompassing the change in enrollment grew more broad. An overall 3% increase in state aid pushed the change in state aid line above 0%; however for most of the districts it remained flat regardless of the change in enrollment.



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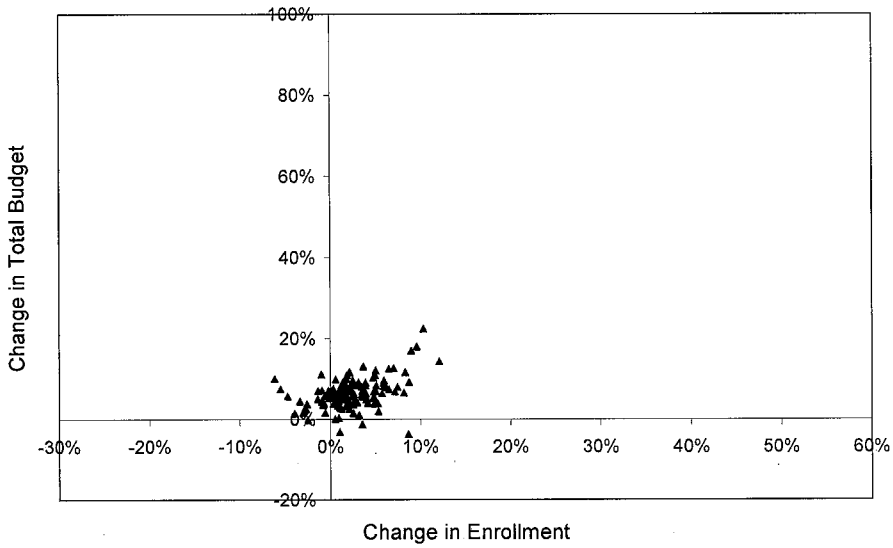
When the change in total budget was compared to the change in enrollment for the districts with Year 2 SINI for the three year period, it resulted in a closer sloping relationship, however districts with declining enrollment did not have a corresponding decline in total budgets.

The one year data in Figure 16 showed a tight cluster with a slight linear trend that indicated that the changes in both total budget and enrollment were not dramatic. It should be noted that in three districts total budgets actually declined in spite of increasing enrollment, which suggests a reluctance or inability of these districts to sustain spending at a level commensurate with enrollment growth.



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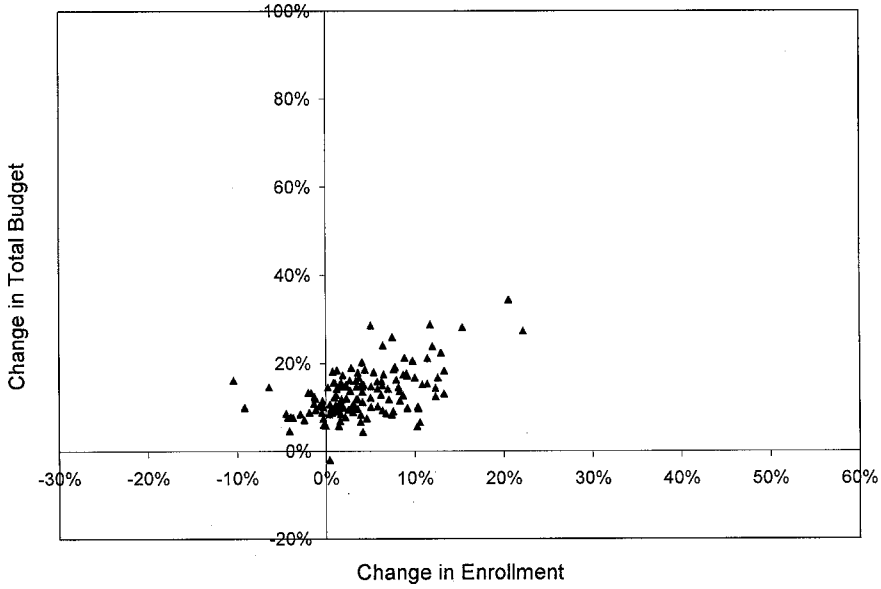

Figure 17. Changes in enrollment and total budget from 2001-2002 through 2003-2004 for districts in the study that had Year 2 SINI in 2004-2005.

By the second year shown in Figure 17, the changes in total budget and enrollment became more pronounced. While the linear trend of the graph suggested that enrollment growth generally accompanied growth in the total budget, there were districts with declining enrollment that had growth in their total budget that far outpaced other districts with increased enrollment. At the same time, there were districts with increased enrollment that had total budget growth that lagged.

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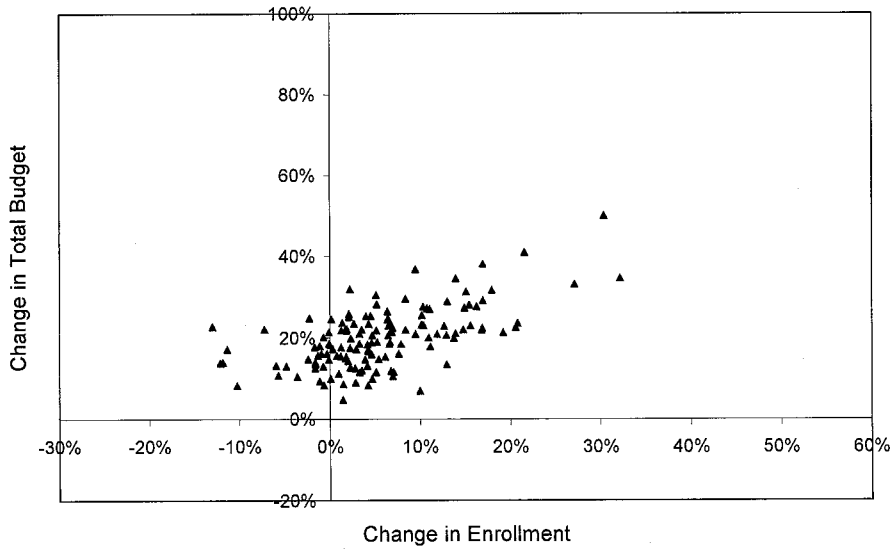
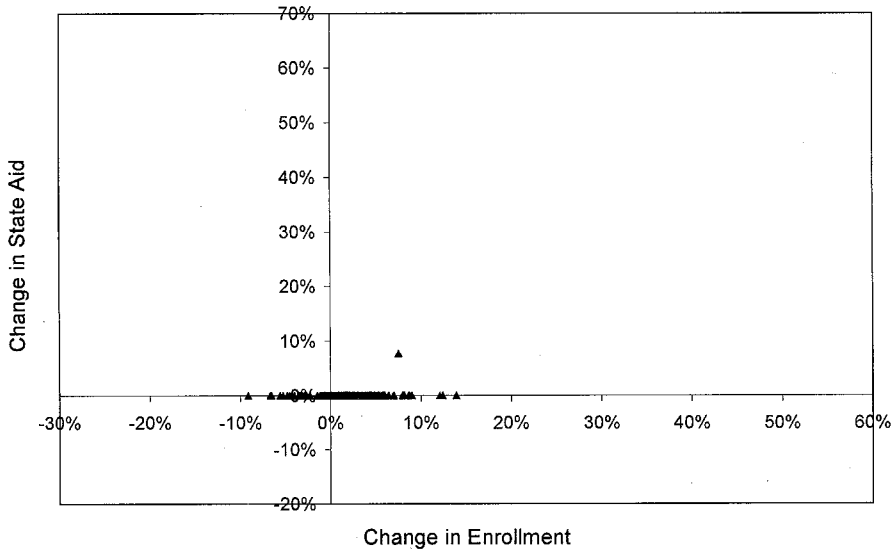


Figure 18. Changes in enrollment and total budget from 2001-2002 through 2004-2005 for districts in the study that had Year 2 SINI in 2004-2005.

Districts with Year 1 SINI in 2004-2005 were identified as a result of testing that took place in 2003-2004, the second year of the policy decision to calculate school district funding without using the CEIFA formula and, again, not considering the actual nature, needs, number of students to be educated. There was another dramatic increase in the number of districts with SINI, with 218 Year 1 SINI identified that represented 40.4% of the districts studied. Of these, 10 were DFG A districts, 23 were DFG B districts, 28 were DFG CD districts, 37 were DFG DE districts, 34 were DFG FG districts, 34 were DFG GH districts, 38 were DFG I districts, 7 were DFG J districts, and 7 had no DFG ranking.

Figure 19 illustrates that in 2002-2003 the changes in enrollment were not consistent with the changes in state aid, as the change in state aid were essentially non-existent for the 2002-2003 school year for the districts with Year 1 SINI.



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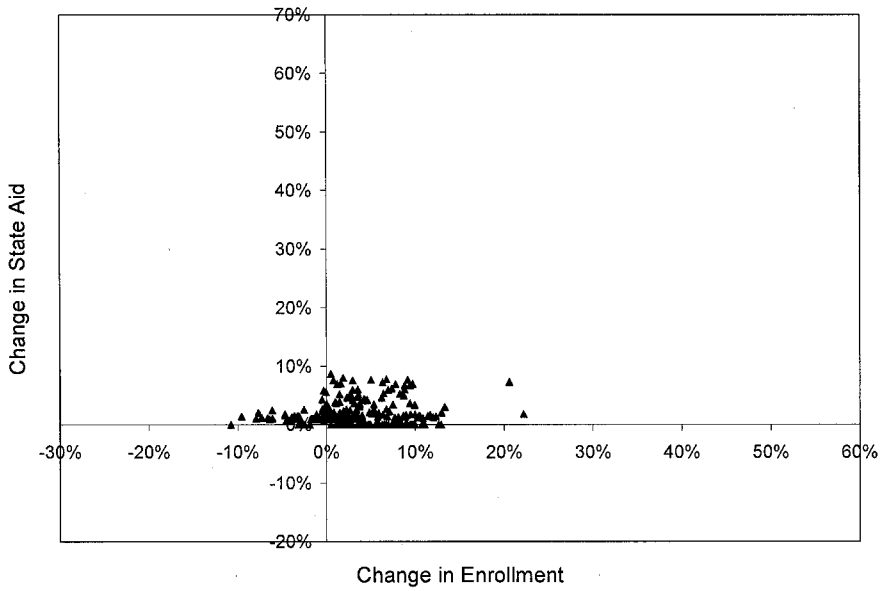

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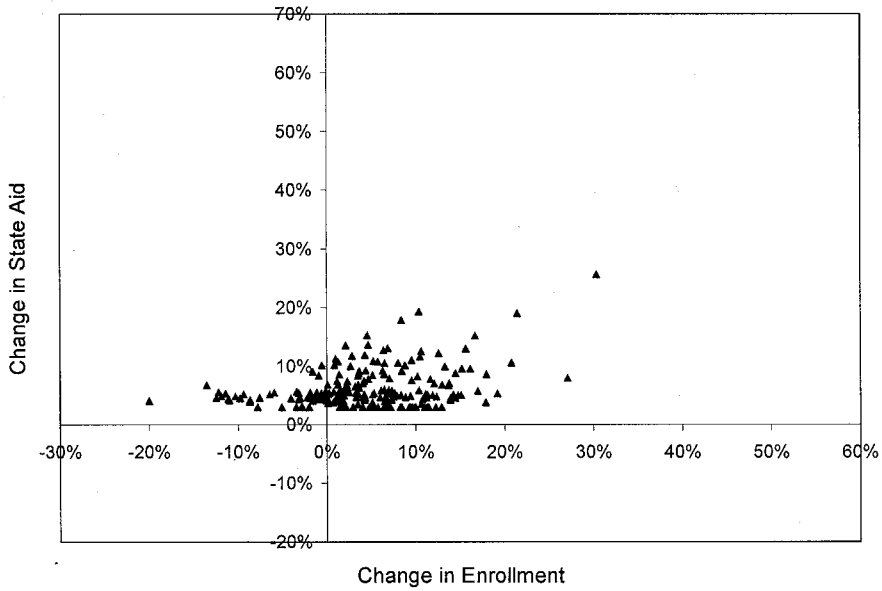


Figure 21. Changes in enrollment and state aid from 2001-2002 through 2004-2005 for districts in the study that had Year 1 SINI in 2004-2005.

Figure 20 illustrates that there was generally a small increase to state aid in the 2003-2004 school year as a result of the creation of Consolidated Aid and of choice districts receiving increases in aid. Nevertheless, it was clear that growth in state aid did not mirror enrollment growth and that levels of state aid remained essentially flat.

It is evident in Figure 21 that in 2004-2005 there was an overall 3% increase to state aid from the 2003-2004 levels, as well as increases in aid due to the creation of the HELP and AAEG state aid categories.

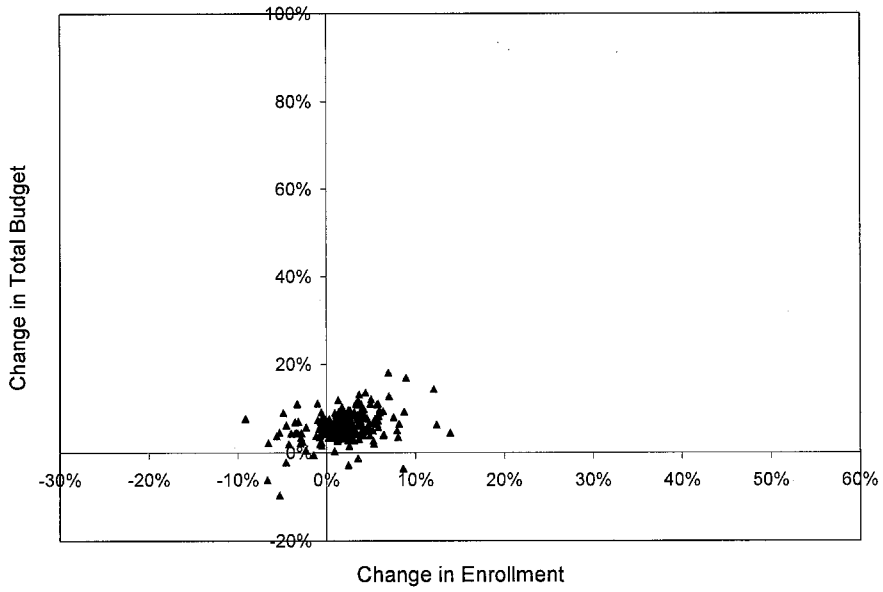
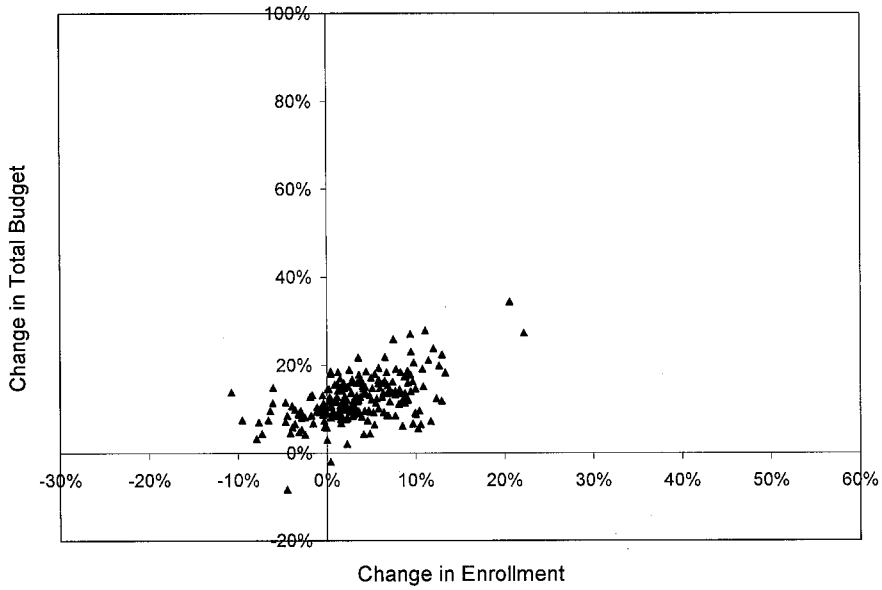


Figure 22. Changes in enrollment and total budget from 2001-2002 through 2002-2003 for districts in the study that had Year 1 SINI in 2004-2005.

The comparison of the change in enrollment and total budget for the one year period from 2001-2002 through 2002-2003 for Year 1 districts shows a tight cluster, with a few districts experiencing a decline in the amount of their total budget. This suggested an inability or reluctance by these districts to raise additional funds in the budget



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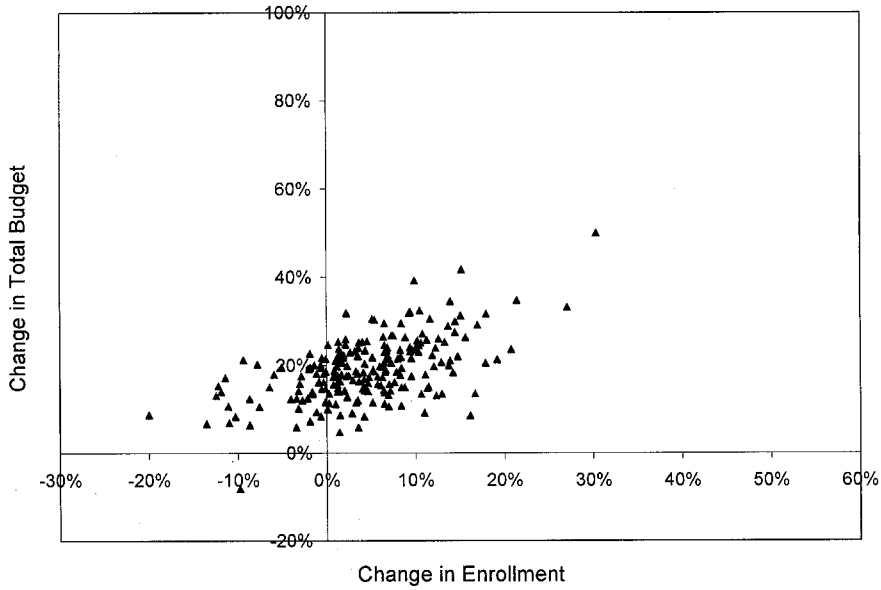
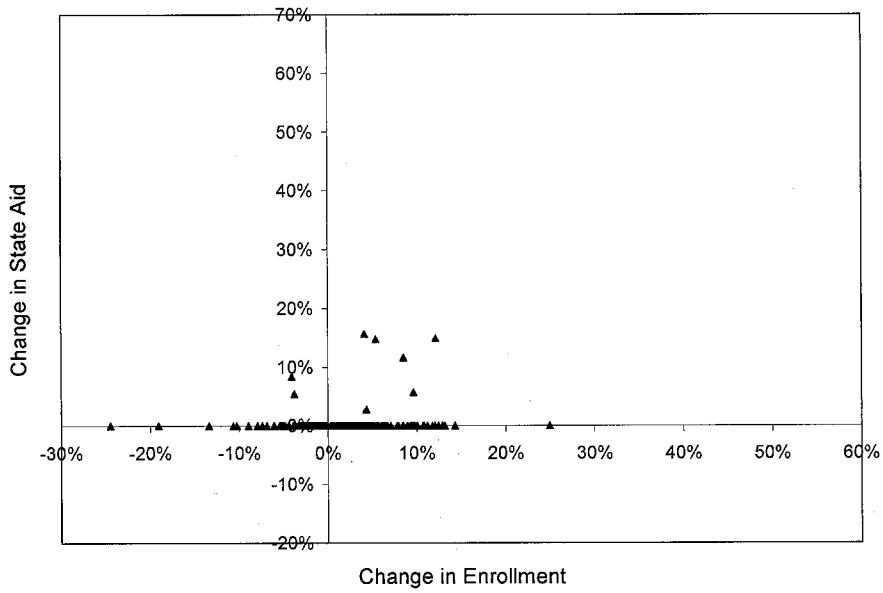


Figure 24. Changes in enrollment and total budget from 2001-2002 through 2004-2005 for districts in the study that had Year 1 SINI in 2004-2005.

The changes in enrollment and total budget for school districts having Year 1 school districts in need of improvement became less tightly clustered by the 2003-2004 school year, as evidenced in Figure 23. In Figure 24 the changes in total budget and enrollment continue to deviate from the 2001-2002 base year, however a general linear trend suggests that most districts were trying to develop budgets that addressed the changes in enrollment.

A review of the 263 districts in the study that had no SINI indicates that in comparison to districts with SINI, there were more schools with declining enrollment and more that had increases in state aid in 2002-2003, as shown in Exhibit 25. Consistent with earlier discussion, in 2002-2003 there was little overall increase in state aid for these districts that had no SINI.



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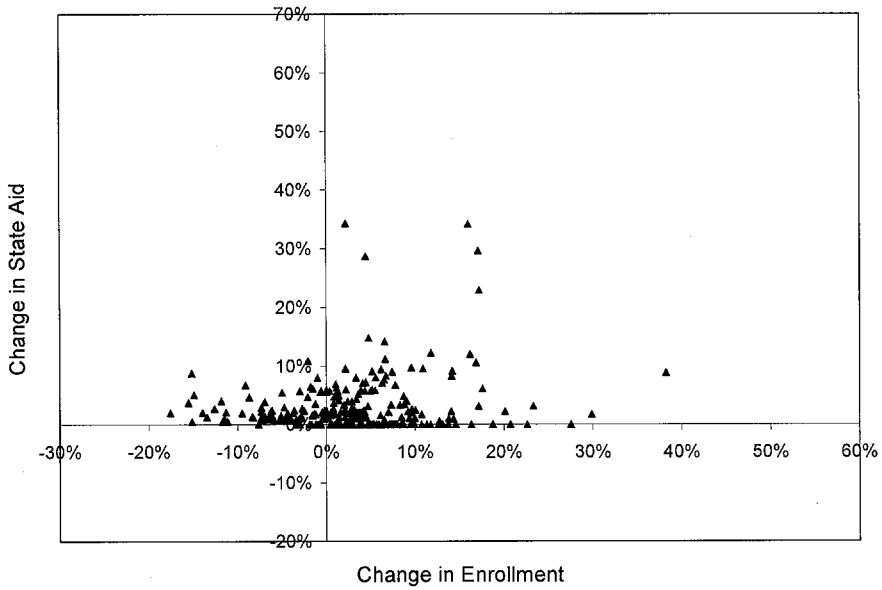

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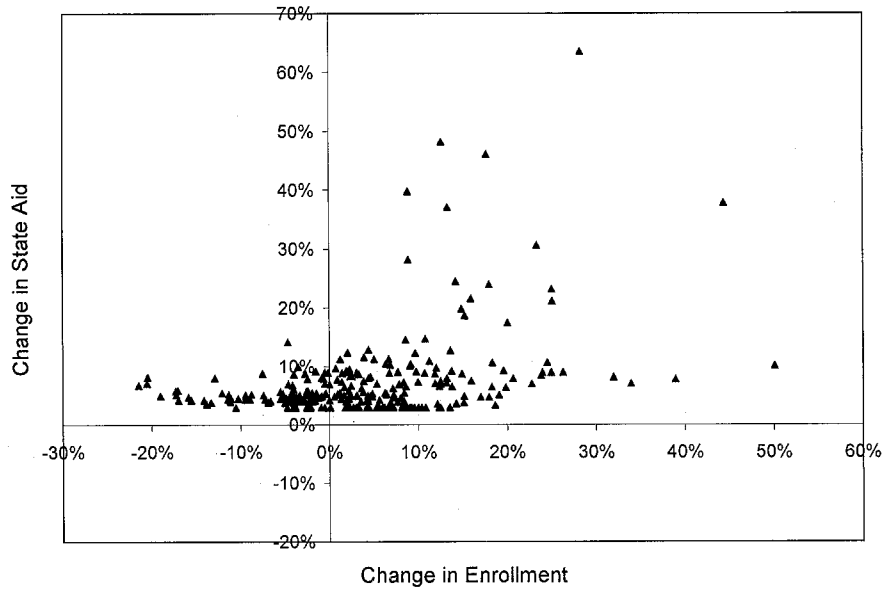

Figure 27. Changes in enrollment and state aid from 2001-2002 through 2004-2005 for districts in the study that had no SINI in 2004-2005.

Figure 26 showed that in 2003-2004, though there continued to be an apparent general flatness in growth in state aid, the growth in state aid for districts having no SINI experienced much more upward activity than the districts with SINI did for the same period of time.

Figure 27 continued to illustrate that state aid growth had a strong flat linear tendency, though in 2004-2005 it increased to 3% or greater. While most of the districts remained in a tight range of state aid growth, there were some districts that received significant increases in state aid due to their status as a choice district or because they received the new HELP or AAEG aids.

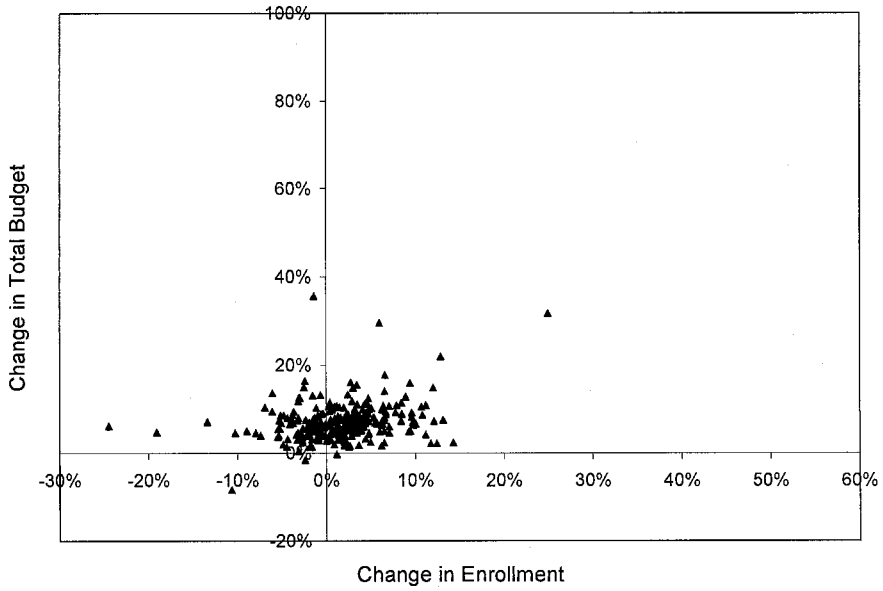

Figure 28. Changes in enrollment and total budget from 2001-2002 through 2002-2003 for districts in the study that had no SINI in 2004-2005.

In the documentation of the changes in enrollment and total budget for the one year period ending in 2002-2003 for districts that had no SINI, Figure 28 shows a cluster that is not as tight as the other figures presented showing the one year change in enrollment

and total budget. This was the result of these districts experiencing a broader change in enrollment, and a greater number of school districts receiving a 2002-2003 increase in state aid.

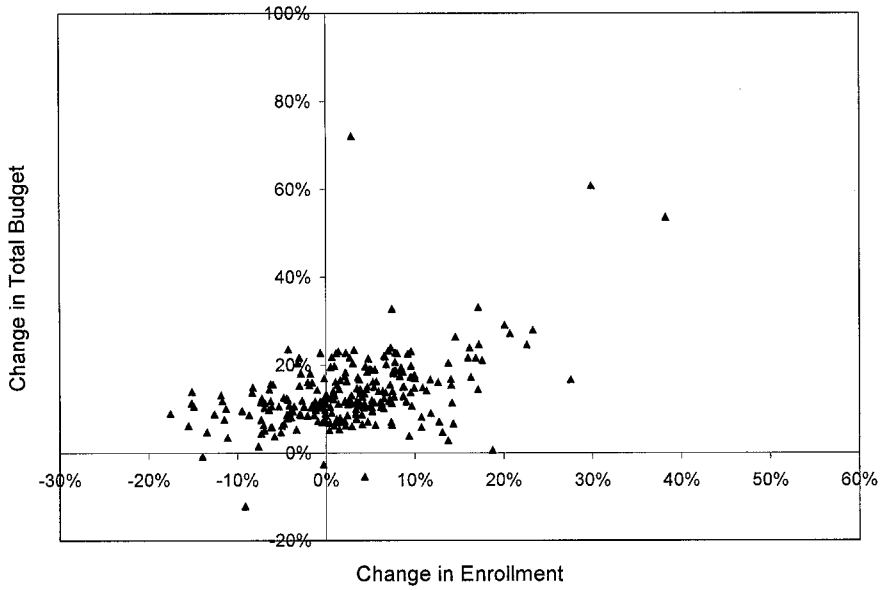

Figure 29. Changes in enrollment and total budget from 2001-2002 through 2003-2004 for districts in the study that had no SINI in 2004-2005.

Figure 29 illustrates the relationship between change in total budget and change in enrollment for the two year period ending in 2003-2004. It should be noted that in some districts the amount of the total budget declined to a level below that of the 2001-2002 total budget. Again, this suggests a certain inability or reluctance of districts to increase the budget. The figure shows a greater level of dispersion in 2003-2004 than appeared in 2002-2003, however most districts had budgets with growth limited to levels between 5% and 20% from their 2001-2002 levels, regardless of their change in enrollment.

By 2004-2005, the changes in enrollment and total budget from the 2001-2002 school year for districts with no SINI became more pronounced, as evidenced in Figure 30.

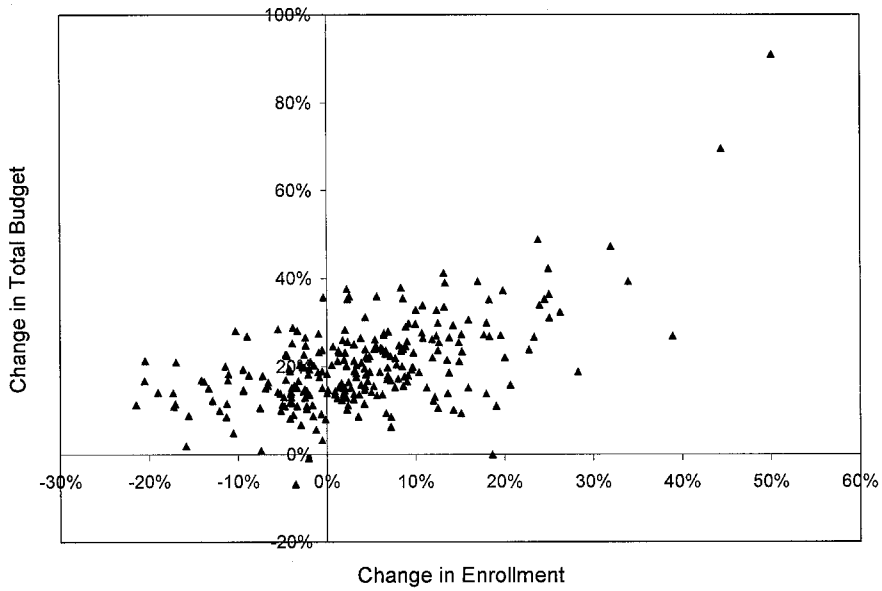

Figure 30. Changes in enrollment and total budget from 2001-2002 through 2004-2005 for districts in the study that had no SINI in 2004-2005.

To get a sense of how differently some individual districts were affected by New Jersey's policy for distributing state aids to school districts during the period studied, three districts were selected for closer review that shared the characteristics of being districts with no SINI and with a significant increase in enrollment during the period 2001-2002 through 2004-2005. Those highlighted were Stockton Boro in Hunterdon County, Mansfield Township in Burlington County, and Swedesboro-Woolwich in Gloucester County. These districts are represented in Figure 27 as the three outermost points. The enrollment, state aid, and total budget information for these districts is summarized in Table 3.

Table 3 emphasizes the differences that occurred based on the failure to apply a funding formula to calculate the distribution of state aid during the period studied. Of the three districts, Stockton had the smallest increase in enrollment, yet was awarded the

largest percentage increase in state aid. In spite of this, the increase in Stockton's budget did not keep pace with its enrollment growth which raises questions concerning why it was determined that such a large increase in state aid was warranted. Mansfield Township experienced enrollment growth at a level above the increase in state aid received, however the disparity between the change in enrollment and the change in state aid was not great. This was reasonable to expect during difficult economic times when the availability of state aid was limited. Mansfield Township was able and willing to compensate for the shortfall in state aid by increasing the district's total budget to a level that exceeded the increase in enrollment growth. Of the three districts Swedesboro-Woolwich experienced the greatest increase in enrollment growth during the three year period studied, yet received the smallest increase in state aid. The district compensated for this difference through a large increase in their total budget that significantly exceeded the increase in enrollment.

Table 3

Changes in Enrollment Growth, State Aid, and Total Budget from 2001-2002 through 2004-2005 for Three Selected School Districts

District	Enrollment growth	State aid	Total budget
Stockton Boro	28.26%	63.55%	18.84%
Mansfield Township	44.39%	37.87%	69.52%
Swedesboro-Woolwich	50.08%	10.11%	90.94%

The study went on to review the breakdown in SINI by Year in terms of DFG status as shown in Figure 31, Figure 32, Figure 33, and Figure 34.

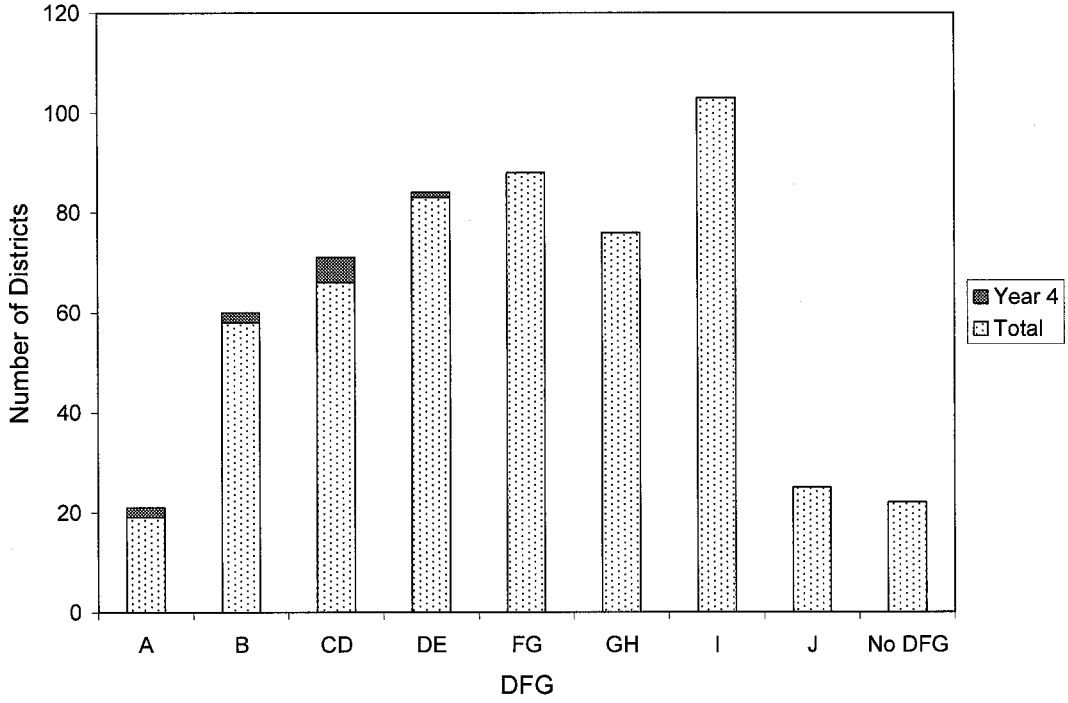

Figure 31. Districts studied that had Year 4 SINI in 2004-2005.

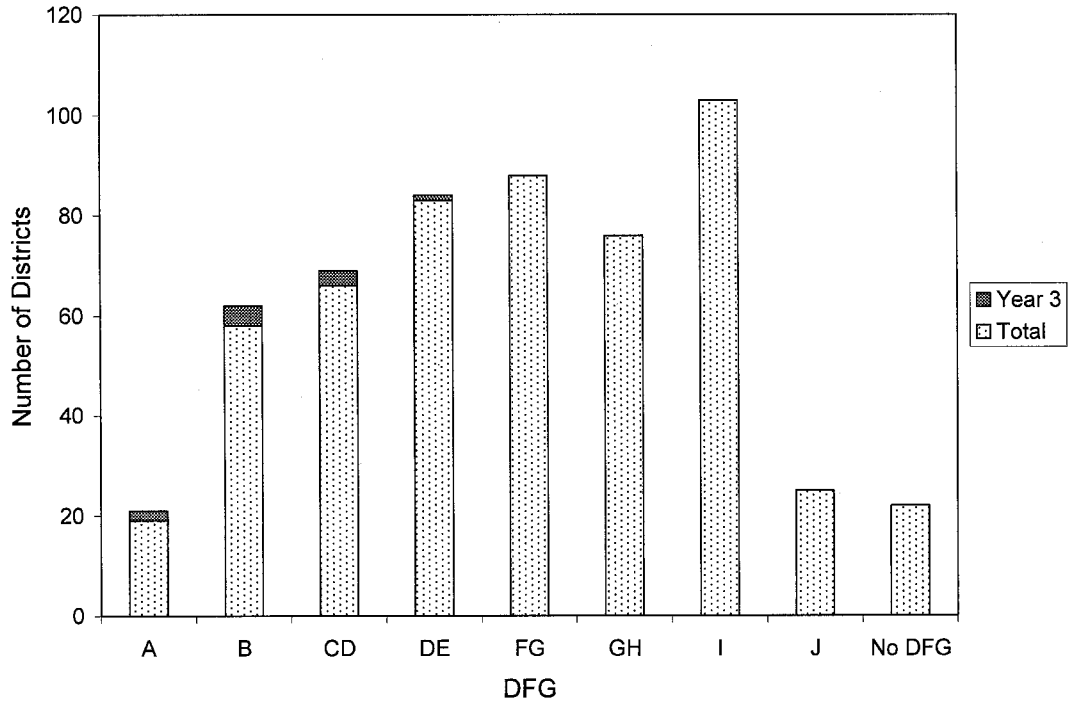

Figure 32. Districts studied that had Year 3 SINI in 2004-2005.

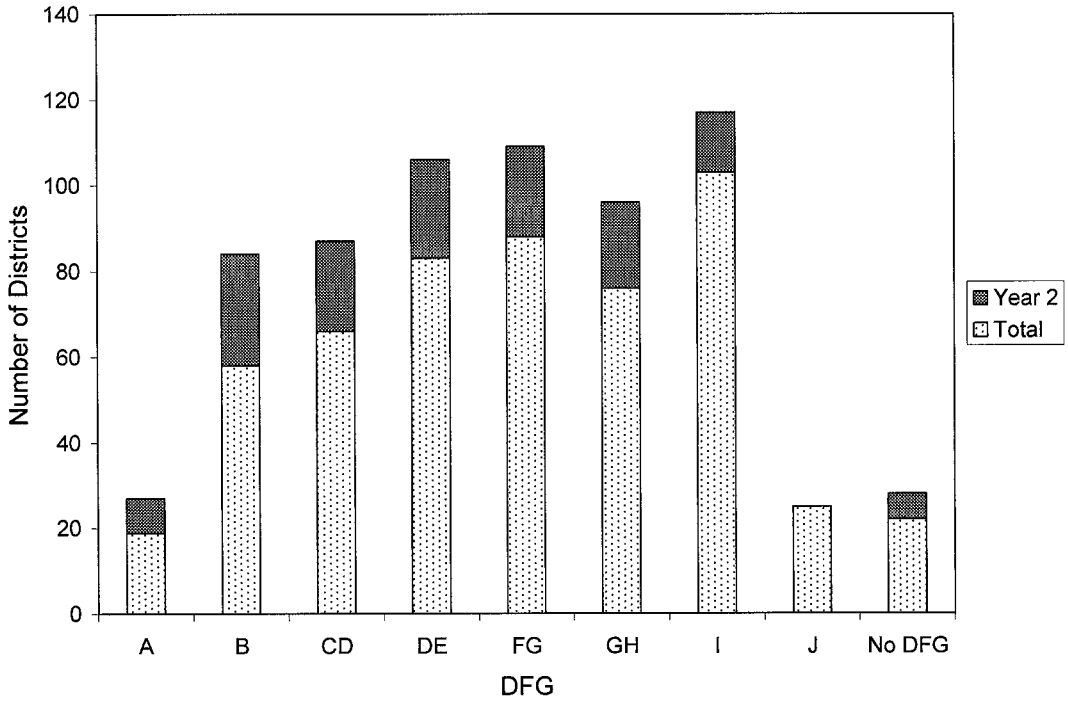

Figure 33. Districts studied that had Year 2 SINI in 2004-2005.

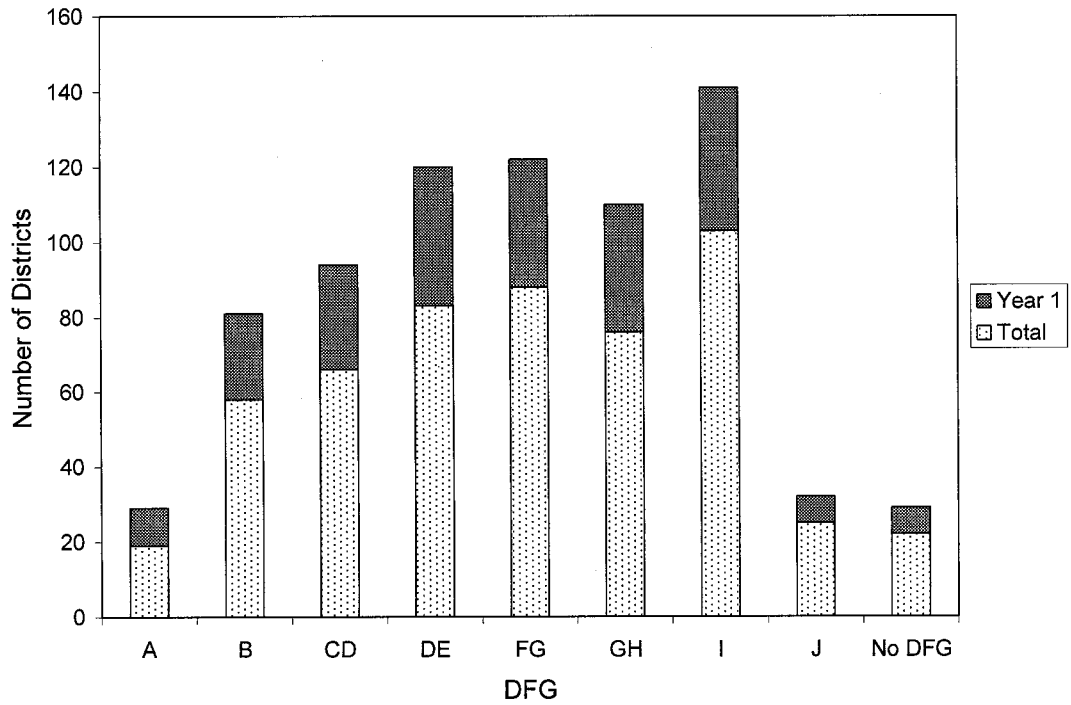

Figure 34. Districts studied that had Year 1 SINI in 2004-2005.

It is clear from these figures that the number of school districts identified with SINI multiplied during the period studied, and that the districts affected are increasingly representing more socio-economic groups as evidenced by the DFG categories impacted.

A summarized view of districts with SINI is shown in Figure 35. It shows clearly that of the 540 districts studied New Jersey had more districts with SINI reported in 2004-2005.

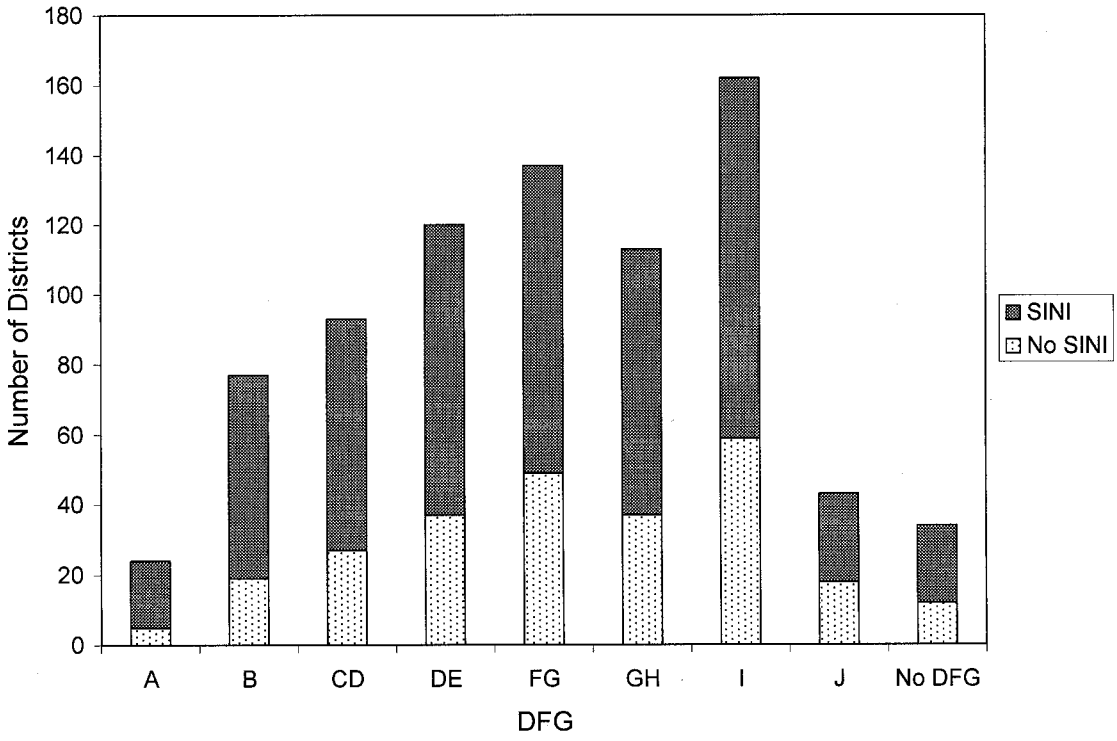

Figure 35. Districts studied having SINI in 2004-2005.

Chapter 5

Conclusions, Implications and Further Study

Conclusions

The study produced two very unmistakable outcomes. The first was that during the period covered by the study the distribution of state aid was not equitable. The second outcome was that the number of districts with schools in need of improvement is increasing rapidly.

As mentioned earlier, the National Education Association (1987, p. 4) noted that on the expenditure side, all state aid distribution formulas are based on concepts of equalization and that equalization comes in two varieties. First, there are state aid formulas that equalize fiscal opportunities by utilizing a formula that equalizes the ability of school districts to raise money. The second type of equalization formula equalizes fiscal outcomes by equalizing the number of dollars available to districts on a per pupil basis. Therefore the goal of a state aid distribution formula should be to achieve an equitable distribution of state funds to schools. A review of the findings presented in Chapter 4 indicated that during the period neither that the districts' ability to raise money studied nor that the number, nature, and needs of pupils to be educated were the primary factors considered when the amount of state aid to be distributed was determined.

There was an obvious trend that the number of districts studied that have SINI was increasing during the period studied, with over half of them having SINI in 2004-2005.

Implications

The equitable funding of school districts, measuring student achievement, and identifying solutions to improve student achievement are all very complex issues. For that reason it would be simplistic to assume that there is a straightforward cause and effect relationship that could conclude that the failure to equitably fund New Jersey's school districts resulted in an escalation of schools with non-achieving students, however because of the trends identified it should be a factor that is considered.

As the time span from the 2001-2002 base year gets broader, so does the disparity in what school districts receive and what they would be entitled to receive as calculated in the application of a funding formula. Efforts were made to fill the funding gap by increasing the total district budget with funds from other sources however, like state aid, those sources also have limits.

It is the nature of student assessment that the increase in the number of districts with SINI could be blamed on flaws in the assessments used, the broadening of the scope of the assessments, or the lack of recognition of districts with schools that have achieved safe harbor. This considered, it is still worthwhile to note that the districts that experienced the greatest increases in state aid, and had total budgets that increased in response to changes in enrollment, were those that had no SINI.

Leadership Growth

The study helped in understanding some of the political, social, economic, and legal forces that impact public education and factors that contribute to or inhibit the success of the students within that system.

Organizational Change

No organizational change resulted from the completion of this study. The 2005-2006 funding for New Jersey's schools was held to the same level provided in 2004-2005, with the exception of HELP and AAEG aids, which were eliminated for the 2005-2006 school year.

It appears that the topic is of some interest, as recently a formal complaint was filed against the New Jersey Department of Education by the Lenape Regional, Medford, Evesham, Hainesport, and Woodland school districts as well as the townships of Medford, Woodland, and Evesham which contended that the state failed to provide adequate funding for their growing enrollments as dictated by CEIFA (Callas, 2005).

Further Study Needed

The period studied involved only two years of assessment during the period in which the funding formula was not applied. More years of data concerning SINI would provide a broader base from which to identify trends. More definitive information can be obtained if additional years are included in the study.

The study only included the overall change in resident enrollment for each district. A more in-depth analysis could include the various components of the enrollment counts, including students with special needs and low income status of students within the district.

Detailed per pupil spending is an area that could be examined to identify potential explanations of why some districts to succeed and others fail in spite of other similarities.

Because so much research focuses on socio-economic status as a determining factor in the success or failure of students, stratifying the results of the study by each district's

DFG and then performing a deeper analysis of the results obtained could provide additional information.

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Appendix A

State Aid Received by Districts

State Aid received by districts

County	District	2001-02[a]	2002-03[b]	2003-04[c]	2004-05[d]
Atlantic	Absecon City	1,281,443	1,281,443	1,350,414	1,390,926
Atlantic	Atlantic City	17,080,347	17,080,347	17,527,096	18,052,909
Atlantic	Atlantic County Vocational	3,255,058	3,255,058	3,255,058	3,378,720
Atlantic	Brigantine City	2,820,740	2,820,740	2,925,251	3,013,009
Atlantic	Buena Regional	14,097,806	14,097,806	14,214,221	14,807,401
Atlantic	Egg Harbor City	4,225,366	4,225,366	4,259,909	4,428,459
Atlantic	Egg Harbor Township	27,872,214	27,872,214	28,312,707	29,991,651
Atlantic	Estell Manor City	1,876,522	1,876,522	1,895,918	1,952,796
Atlantic	Folsom Boro	2,383,616	2,660,319	3,198,776	3,482,495
Atlantic	Galloway Township	17,826,489	17,826,489	18,104,680	18,647,820
Atlantic	Greater Egg Harbor Reg.	22,693,828	22,693,828	22,956,596	23,824,687
Atlantic	Hamilton Township	15,929,171	15,929,171	16,124,372	16,608,103
Atlantic	Hammonton Town	8,522,524	8,522,524	8,624,826	9,235,116
Atlantic	Linwood City	1,858,306	1,858,306	1,896,905	1,953,812
Atlantic	Mainland Regional	5,794,170	5,794,170	5,914,980	6,168,164
Atlantic	Margate City	820,090	820,090	867,851	893,887
Atlantic	Mullica Township	5,008,263	5,008,263	5,052,146	5,264,760
Atlantic	Northfield City	2,810,693	2,810,693	2,861,092	2,946,925
Atlantic	Port Republic City	918,280	918,280	925,138	952,892
Atlantic	Somers Point City	4,286,659	4,286,659	4,342,348	4,472,618
Atlantic	Ventnor City	2,131,159	2,131,159	2,234,697	2,420,057
Atlantic	Weymouth Township	2,144,333	2,144,333	2,167,433	2,261,588
Bergen	Allendale Boro	598,670	598,670	598,670	616,630
Bergen	Alpine Boro	236,822	236,822	236,822	243,927
Bergen	Bergen County Vocational	6,273,084	6,273,084	6,377,803	6,869,937
Bergen	Bergenfield Boro	10,352,921	10,352,921	10,632,784	10,951,768
Bergen	Bogota Boro	3,984,507	3,984,507	4,055,260	4,176,918
Bergen	Carlstadt Boro	388,027	388,027	409,322	421,602
Bergen	Carlstadt-East Rutherford	432,974	432,974	472,676	508,659
Bergen	Cliffside Park Boro	3,527,298	3,527,298	3,678,200	3,788,546
Bergen	Closter Boro	636,425	636,425	636,425	655,518
Bergen	Cresskill Boro	900,986	900,986	900,986	983,861
Bergen	Demarest Boro	511,974	511,974	511,974	527,333
Bergen	Dumont Boro	6,717,655	6,717,655	6,881,279	7,087,717
Bergen	East Rutherford Boro	717,750	717,750	764,276	787,204
Bergen	Edgewater Boro	987,125	987,125	1,028,448	1,059,301
Bergen	Elmwood Park	1,947,754	1,947,754	2,049,003	2,110,473
Bergen	Emerson Boro	733,209	733,209	803,137	827,231
Bergen	Englewood City	6,994,910	6,994,040	8,314,816	9,094,431
Bergen	Englewood Cliffs Boro	561,481	561,481	561,481	578,325
Bergen	Fair Lawn Boro	4,712,710	4,712,710	4,994,281	5,144,109
Bergen	Fairview Boro	4,972,161	4,972,161	5,074,724	5,340,828
Bergen	Fort Lee Boro	2,804,024	2,804,024	2,998,368	3,088,319
Bergen	Franklin Lakes Boro	1,182,383	1,182,383	1,182,383	1,217,854
Bergen	Glen Rock Boro	1,710,023	1,710,023	1,710,023	1,761,324
Bergen	Hackensack City	9,650,408	9,650,408	9,961,742	10,628,406
Bergen	Harrington Park Boro	388,906	388,906	388,906	400,573
Bergen	Hasbrouck Heights Boro	1,354,812	1,354,812	1,467,573	1,511,600

State Aid received by districts

County	District	2001-02[a]	2002-03[b]	2003-04[c]	2004-05[d]
Bergen	Haworth Boro	322,548	322,548	322,548	332,224
Bergen	Hillsdale Boro	783,604	783,604	858,348	929,998
Bergen	Ho Ho Kus Boro	622,885	622,885	622,885	677,145
Bergen	Leonia Boro	2,959,900	2,959,900	2,959,900	3,048,697
Bergen	Little Ferry Boro	1,294,361	1,294,361	1,365,711	1,406,682
Bergen	Lodi Borough	10,277,096	10,277,096	10,455,173	10,768,828
Bergen	Lyndhurst Township	1,864,322	1,864,322	1,976,882	2,036,188
Bergen	Mahwah Township	3,461,096	3,461,096	3,461,096	3,663,997
Bergen	Maywood Boro	1,049,464	1,049,464	1,109,932	1,143,230
Bergen	Midland Park Boro	928,713	928,713	981,905	1,011,362
Bergen	Montvale Boro	671,649	671,649	671,649	691,798
Bergen	Moonachie Boro	512,288	512,288	537,416	553,538
Bergen	New Milford Boro	1,693,992	1,693,992	1,822,564	1,877,241
Bergen	North Arlington Boro	1,555,882	1,555,882	1,650,796	1,700,320
Bergen	Northern Highlands Reg.	666,881	666,881	666,881	726,667
Bergen	Northern Valley Regional	1,751,308	1,751,308	1,751,308	1,873,845
Bergen	Northvale Boro	313,630	313,630	344,108	375,851
Bergen	Norwood Boro	616,660	616,660	616,660	635,160
Bergen	Oakland Boro	991,305	991,305	991,305	1,021,044
Bergen	Old Tappan Boro	580,083	580,083	580,083	622,730
Bergen	Oradell Boro	472,822	472,822	472,822	487,007
Bergen	Palisades Park	1,568,953	1,568,953	1,666,020	1,716,001
Bergen	Paramus Boro	3,116,090	3,116,090	3,354,562	3,455,199
Bergen	Park Ridge Boro	749,581	749,581	749,581	772,068
Bergen	Pascack Valley Regional	1,480,634	1,480,634	1,480,634	1,525,053
Bergen	Ramapo-Indian Hill Reg.	1,757,011	1,757,011	1,757,011	1,879,719
Bergen	Ramsey Boro	1,952,181	1,952,181	1,952,181	2,010,746
Bergen	Ridgefield Boro	2,122,394	2,122,394	2,249,855	2,381,611
Bergen	Ridgefield Park Township	3,467,047	3,467,047	3,587,271	3,831,993
Bergen	Ridgewood Village	3,055,253	3,055,253	3,055,253	3,146,911
Bergen	River Dell Regional	976,936	976,936	976,936	1,006,244
Bergen	River Edge Boro	486,854	486,854	555,824	606,159
Bergen	River Vale Township	639,386	639,386	639,386	658,568
Bergen	Rochelle Park Township	586,103	586,103	620,359	638,970
Bergen	Rutherford Boro	2,615,338	2,615,338	2,737,264	2,819,382
Bergen	Saddle Brook Township	1,579,184	1,579,184	1,654,099	1,703,722
Bergen	Saddle River Boro	332,039	332,039	332,039	356,918
Bergen	South Hackensack Township	391,266	391,266	409,599	421,887
Bergen	Teaneck Township	5,277,993	5,277,993	5,587,743	5,755,375
Bergen	Tenafly Boro	2,030,009	2,030,009	2,030,009	2,090,909
Bergen	Upper Saddle River Boro	818,833	818,833	818,833	843,398
Bergen	Waldwick Boro	1,233,966	1,233,966	1,320,525	1,360,141
Bergen	Wallington Boro	2,212,690	2,212,690	2,277,930	2,346,268
Bergen	Westwood Regional	2,305,989	2,305,989	2,459,676	2,606,524
Bergen	Wood Ridge Boro	743,541	743,541	785,816	809,390
Bergen	Woodcliff Lake Boro	671,553	671,553	671,553	691,700
Bergen	Wyckoff Township	1,321,632	1,321,632	1,321,632	1,361,281
Burlington	Bass River Township	832,682	832,682	841,248	866,485

State Aid received by districts

County	District	2001-02[a]	2002-03[b]	2003-04[c]	2004-05[d]
Burlington	Beverly City	3,451,109	3,451,109	3,472,224	3,609,184
Burlington	Bordentown Regional	6,396,112	6,396,112	6,541,787	6,738,041
Burlington	Burlington County Voc.	11,026,399	11,026,399	11,147,614	11,482,042
Burlington	Burlington Township	13,756,614	13,756,614	14,043,225	14,940,522
Burlington	Chesterfield Township	283,541	283,541	301,415	310,457
Burlington	Cinnaminson Township	8,282,987	8,282,987	8,458,098	8,711,841
Burlington	Delanco Township	2,020,220	2,020,220	2,052,972	2,114,561
Burlington	Delran Township	8,425,280	8,425,280	8,578,099	8,835,442
Burlington	Eastampton Township	4,020,739	4,020,739	4,056,820	4,178,525
Burlington	Edgewater Park Township	5,577,251	5,577,251	5,651,559	5,821,106
Burlington	Evesham Township	13,997,791	13,997,791	13,997,791	14,417,725
Burlington	Florence Township	6,857,107	6,857,107	6,960,482	7,169,296
Burlington	Hainesport Township	1,318,879	1,318,879	1,360,386	1,426,443
Burlington	Lenape Regional	26,687,931	25,819,792	26,271,384	27,059,526
Burlington	Lumberton Township	6,598,819	6,598,819	6,725,318	7,016,583
Burlington	Mansfield Township	602,140	602,140	655,328	830,188
Burlington	Maple Shade Township	7,061,950	7,061,950	7,183,378	7,398,879
Burlington	Medford Lakes Boro	936,760	936,760	936,760	964,863
Burlington	Medford Township	5,040,060	5,040,060	5,040,060	5,191,262
Burlington	Moorestown Township	4,123,310	4,123,310	4,123,310	4,397,714
Burlington	Mount Holly Township	9,098,412	9,098,412	9,171,044	9,533,651
Burlington	Mount Laurel Township	5,434,268	5,434,268	5,434,268	5,597,296
Burlington	New Hanover Township	2,347,252	2,347,252	2,363,546	2,453,635
Burlington	North Hanover Township	9,856,624	9,856,624	9,934,753	10,232,796
Burlington	Northern Burlington Reg.	10,669,368	10,669,368	10,809,403	11,203,300
Burlington	Palmyra Boro	4,111,723	4,111,723	4,111,723	4,235,075
Burlington	Pemberton Borough	1,328,759	1,328,759	1,339,850	1,380,046
Burlington	Rancocas Valley Regional	12,981,404	12,981,404	13,058,262	13,543,340
Burlington	Riverside Township	7,809,379	7,809,379	7,888,776	8,228,595
Burlington	Riverton	577,482	577,482	600,118	618,122
Burlington	Shamong Township	3,998,777	3,998,777	4,039,149	4,160,323
Burlington	Southampton Township	2,173,778	2,173,778	2,229,821	2,296,716
Burlington	Springfield Township	1,220,318	1,220,318	1,243,053	1,280,345
Burlington	Tabernacle Township	5,301,783	5,301,783	5,338,979	5,499,148
Burlington	Washington Township	645,764	680,829	702,321	702,321
Burlington	Westampton	3,430,964	3,430,964	3,501,532	3,606,578
Burlington	Willingboro Township	35,915,372	35,915,372	36,143,379	37,227,680
Burlington	Woodland Township	815,127	815,127	823,781	848,494
Camden	Audubon Boro	5,610,463	5,610,463	5,698,209	5,869,155
Camden	Barrington Boro	2,869,286	2,869,286	2,933,862	3,021,878
Camden	Bellmawr Boro	3,545,128	3,545,128	3,607,683	3,795,827
Camden	Berlin Boro	2,582,334	2,582,334	2,635,121	2,714,175
Camden	Berlin Township	4,418,006	4,418,006	4,489,405	4,624,087
Camden	Black Horse Pike Regional	24,190,882	24,190,882	24,483,733	25,218,245
Camden	Brooklawn Boro	1,882,383	2,040,254	2,422,808	2,631,025
Camden	Camden County Vocational	18,600,801	18,600,801	18,684,915	19,245,462
Camden	Cherry Hill Township	14,555,748	14,555,748	14,555,748	14,992,420
Camden	Chesilhurst	2,342,187	2,342,187	2,353,455	2,444,993

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Camden	Clementon Boro	4,576,798	4,576,798	4,625,220	4,825,743
Camden	Collingswood Boro	9,529,425	9,529,425	9,650,238	10,084,768
Camden	Eastern Camden Cnty Reg.	9,099,892	9,099,892	9,254,744	9,532,386
Camden	Gibbsboro Boro	1,312,368	1,312,368	1,330,514	1,370,429
Camden	Gloucester Township	38,022,855	38,022,855	38,555,565	39,712,232
Camden	Haddon Heights Boro	1,597,152	1,597,152	1,650,674	1,700,194
Camden	Haddon Township	7,801,146	7,801,146	7,931,395	8,169,337
Camden	Haddonfield Boro	1,517,999	1,517,999	1,517,999	1,563,539
Camden	Laurel Springs Boro	1,347,258	1,347,258	1,366,950	1,407,959
Camden	Lawnside Boro	3,088,734	3,088,734	3,118,047	3,247,884
Camden	Lindenwold Boro	16,789,009	16,789,009	16,950,491	17,653,219
Camden	Magnolia Boro	2,567,527	2,567,527	2,597,604	2,675,532
Camden	Merchantville Boro	1,513,032	1,513,032	1,540,983	1,587,212
Camden	Mount Ephraim Boro	3,134,210	3,134,210	3,166,037	3,261,018
Camden	Oaklyn Boro	2,076,026	2,076,026	2,107,650	2,170,880
Camden	Pennsauken Township	33,940,143	33,940,143	34,348,022	35,853,490
Camden	Pine Hill Boro	12,839,368	12,839,368	12,962,268	13,496,955
Camden	Runnemede Boro	3,636,250	3,636,250	3,668,325	3,842,290
Camden	Somerdale Boro	2,199,595	2,199,595	2,223,294	2,289,993
Camden	Sterling High School District	4,548,462	4,548,462	4,609,314	4,747,593
Camden	Stratford Boro	3,505,816	3,505,816	3,559,329	3,666,109
Camden	Voorhees Township	6,177,524	6,177,524	6,177,524	6,362,850
Camden	Waterford Township	9,585,149	9,585,149	9,706,185	9,997,371
Camden	Winslow Township	39,725,706	39,725,706	40,115,786	41,319,260
Camden	Woodlynne Boro	4,543,545	4,543,545	4,588,461	4,777,932
Cape May	Avalon Boro	87,116	87,116	91,490	94,235
Cape May	Cape May City	446,435	446,435	455,437	469,100
Cape May	Cape May County Voc.	1,572,295	1,572,295	1,572,295	1,637,059
Cape May	Dennis Township	6,254,265	6,254,265	6,318,482	6,508,036
Cape May	Lower Cape May Regional	8,981,012	8,981,012	9,104,908	9,378,055
Cape May	Lower Township	9,009,970	9,009,970	9,121,391	9,395,033
Cape May	Middle Township	12,970,425	12,970,425	13,140,971	13,535,200
Cape May	North Wildwood City	1,012,550	1,012,550	1,037,619	1,068,748
Cape May	Ocean City	1,961,690	1,961,690	2,040,293	2,101,502
Cape May	Sea Isle City	423,939	423,939	439,392	452,574
Cape May	Stone Harbor Boro	57,705	57,705	61,583	63,430
Cape May	Upper Township	9,776,332	9,776,332	9,942,971	10,241,260
Cape May	West Cape May Boro	172,430	172,430	177,391	182,713
Cape May	Wildwood City	5,303,616	5,303,616	5,361,709	5,584,087
Cape May	Wildwood Crest Boro	702,700	702,700	719,547	741,133
Cape May	Woodbine Boro	2,734,248	2,734,248	2,753,994	2,861,090
Cumberland	Commercial Township	7,801,585	7,801,585	7,854,531	8,165,982
Cumberland	Cumberland County Voc.	3,524,953	3,524,953	3,545,528	3,651,894
Cumberland	Cumberland Regional	7,897,735	8,294,671	8,606,557	9,295,111
Cumberland	Deerfield Township	1,937,495	1,937,495	1,958,267	2,043,441
Cumberland	Downe Township	1,693,756	1,693,756	1,706,113	1,776,558
Cumberland	Fairfield Township	5,071,384	5,071,384	5,103,693	5,300,104
Cumberland	Greenwich Township	429,253	429,253	431,482	444,426

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Cumberland	Hopewell Township	2,491,042	2,491,042	2,515,791	2,591,265
Cumberland	Lawrence Township	4,243,654	4,243,654	4,279,864	4,453,033
Cumberland	Maurice River Township	3,960,089	3,960,089	3,997,620	4,163,595
Cumberland	Shiloh Boro	344,730	344,730	346,575	361,191
Cumberland	Stow Creek Township	783,192	783,192	792,976	816,765
Cumberland	Upper Deerfield Township	5,629,177	5,629,177	5,683,786	5,921,479
Essex	Belleville Town	17,896,904	17,896,904	18,206,331	19,124,074
Essex	Bloomfield Township	14,336,520	14,336,520	14,736,504	15,660,710
Essex	Caldwell-West Caldwell	1,533,590	1,533,590	1,533,590	1,579,598
Essex	Cedar Grove Township	1,162,443	1,162,443	1,245,274	1,282,632
Essex	Essex County Voc-Tech	14,328,308	14,328,308	14,463,686	14,897,597
Essex	Essex Fells Boro	141,164	141,164	141,164	145,399
Essex	Fairfield Township	421,598	421,598	473,125	512,564
Essex	Glen Ridge Boro	946,567	946,567	946,567	1,029,662
Essex	Livingston Township	3,924,720	3,924,720	3,924,720	4,042,462
Essex	Millburn Township	2,825,623	2,825,623	2,825,623	3,094,757
Essex	Montclair Town	7,416,885	7,416,885	7,798,080	8,547,921
Essex	North Caldwell Boro	294,814	294,814	294,814	303,658
Essex	Nutley Town	5,672,317	5,672,317	5,920,976	6,098,605
Essex	Roseland Boro	413,797	413,797	413,797	426,211
Essex	South Orange-Maplewood	5,362,479	5,362,479	5,362,479	5,523,353
Essex	Verona Boro	1,425,807	1,425,807	1,425,807	1,468,581
Essex	West Essex Regional	1,428,254	1,428,254	1,428,254	1,471,102
Essex	West Orange Town	6,584,943	6,584,943	7,039,936	7,760,069
Gloucester	Clayton Boro	7,016,485	7,016,485	7,089,943	7,302,641
Gloucester	Clearview Regional	10,826,085	10,826,085	10,977,795	11,401,989
Gloucester	Deptford Township	18,071,690	18,071,690	18,343,020	18,893,311
Gloucester	East Greenwich Township	1,933,636	1,933,636	1,977,140	2,059,404
Gloucester	Elk Township	2,326,094	2,326,094	2,349,453	2,448,591
Gloucester	Franklin Township	6,805,910	6,805,910	6,894,764	7,101,607
Gloucester	Gateway Regional	6,430,908	6,430,908	6,505,087	6,700,240
Gloucester	Glassboro	13,606,068	13,606,068	13,761,371	14,364,048
Gloucester	Gloucester County Voc.	4,549,062	4,549,062	4,549,062	4,701,599
Gloucester	Greenwich Township	1,367,167	1,367,167	1,400,040	1,442,041
Gloucester	Harrison Township	4,481,660	4,481,660	4,574,160	4,769,525
Gloucester	Kingsway Regional	5,720,710	5,720,710	5,825,509	6,176,274
Gloucester	Logan Township	5,389,624	5,389,624	5,462,398	5,626,270
Gloucester	Mantua Township	5,073,435	5,073,435	5,172,300	5,327,469
Gloucester	Monroe Township	24,588,055	24,588,055	24,920,441	25,668,054
Gloucester	National Park Boro	1,922,653	1,922,653	1,938,526	2,018,491
Gloucester	Paulsboro Boro	8,754,461	8,754,461	8,839,442	9,203,164
Gloucester	Pitman Boro	9,280,612	9,280,612	9,373,745	9,654,957
Gloucester	South Harrison Township	848,598	872,337	905,671	973,673
Gloucester	Delsea Regional	12,457,962	12,457,962	12,588,693	12,966,354
Gloucester	Swedesboro-Woolwich	3,866,072	3,866,072	3,932,646	4,257,025
Gloucester	Washington Township	49,581,687	49,581,687	50,131,862	51,635,818
Gloucester	Wenonah Boro	380,455	380,455	380,455	391,869
Gloucester	West Deptford Township	9,539,844	9,539,844	9,706,415	9,997,607

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Gloucester	Westville Boro	2,179,095	2,179,095	2,199,876	2,292,218
Gloucester	Woodbury City	8,522,279	8,522,279	8,612,548	8,989,601
Gloucester	Woodbury Heights Boro	922,856	922,856	940,681	968,901
Hudson	Bayonne City	32,852,585	32,852,585	33,132,141	34,794,947
Hudson	East Newark Boro	2,371,419	2,371,419	2,393,555	2,496,166
Hudson	Guttenberg Town	3,255,029	3,255,029	3,339,796	3,540,121
Hudson	Hudson County Vocational	15,889,700	15,889,700	15,889,700	16,453,984
Hudson	Kearny Town	19,638,580	19,638,580	19,991,709	20,591,460
Hudson	North Bergen Township	34,394,301	34,394,301	34,796,287	36,406,539
Hudson	Secaucus Town	1,321,425	1,321,425	1,435,759	1,478,832
Hudson	Weehawken Township	2,580,888	2,580,888	2,659,337	2,838,094
Hunterdon	Alexandria Township	1,665,125	1,665,125	1,693,687	1,744,498
Hunterdon	Bethlehem Township	1,461,654	1,461,654	1,461,654	1,505,504
Hunterdon	Bloomsbury Boro	573,222	657,820	657,820	734,807
Hunterdon	Califon Boro	265,725	265,725	265,725	273,697
Hunterdon	Clinton Town	240,755	240,755	240,755	247,978
Hunterdon	Clinton Township	1,512,028	1,512,028	1,512,028	1,557,389
Hunterdon	Delaware Township	1,069,568	1,069,568	1,094,193	1,127,019
Hunterdon	Delaware Valley Regional	3,654,981	3,654,981	3,684,625	3,795,164
Hunterdon	East Amwell Township	774,131	774,131	774,131	797,355
Hunterdon	Flemington-Raritan Reg.	6,187,083	6,187,083	6,362,061	6,552,923
Hunterdon	Franklin Township	321,740	321,740	340,854	351,080
Hunterdon	Frenchtown Boro	590,527	590,527	598,432	616,385
Hunterdon	Hampton Boro	760,992	760,992	768,114	791,157
Hunterdon	High Bridge Boro	1,484,280	1,484,280	1,501,993	1,547,053
Hunterdon	Holland Township	1,610,430	1,610,430	1,654,606	1,704,244
Hunterdon	Hunterdon Central Regional	5,625,959	5,625,959	5,625,959	5,898,778
Hunterdon	Hunterdon County Voc.	948,141	948,141	961,862	990,718
Hunterdon	Kingwood Township	1,304,298	1,304,298	1,334,309	1,374,338
Hunterdon	Lambertville City	216,459	216,459	228,532	235,388
Hunterdon	Lebanon Boro	135,402	135,402	141,662	145,912
Hunterdon	Lebanon Township	2,100,852	2,100,852	2,158,238	2,222,985
Hunterdon	Milford Boro	269,396	269,396	274,599	282,837
Hunterdon	N.Hunterdon-Voorhees Reg.	5,572,988	5,572,988	5,572,988	5,829,301
Hunterdon	Readington Township	2,036,165	2,036,165	2,036,165	2,097,250
Hunterdon	South Hunterdon Regional	637,114	637,114	645,759	665,132
Hunterdon	Stockton Boro	9,090	9,090	12,206	14,867
Hunterdon	Tewksbury Township	695,497	695,497	695,497	716,362
Hunterdon	Union Township	721,559	721,559	753,073	775,665
Hunterdon	West Amwell Township	287,115	287,115	300,938	309,966
Mercer	East Windsor Regional	16,148,015	16,148,015	16,465,955	16,959,934
Mercer	Ewing Township	6,739,057	6,739,057	7,003,661	7,529,527
Mercer	Hamilton Township	53,030,528	53,030,528	53,733,608	56,429,430
Mercer	Hopewell Valley Regional	4,015,929	4,015,929	4,015,929	4,136,407
Mercer	Lawrence Township	4,467,983	4,467,983	4,467,983	4,602,022
Mercer	Mercer County Vocational	2,415,887	2,415,887	2,438,466	2,511,620
Mercer	Princeton Regional	3,570,156	3,570,156	3,570,156	3,677,261
Mercer	Washington Township	1,820,888	1,820,888	1,932,218	2,242,985

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Mercer	W. Windsor-Plainsboro Reg.	9,467,597	9,467,597	9,467,597	9,751,625
Middlesex	Carteret Boro	18,360,207	18,360,207	18,627,746	19,602,229
Middlesex	Cranbury Township	629,837	629,837	629,837	675,507
Middlesex	Dunellen Boro	3,592,020	3,592,020	3,668,345	3,778,395
Middlesex	East Brunswick Township	17,884,043	17,884,043	17,884,043	18,420,564
Middlesex	Edison Township	13,251,356	13,251,356	13,948,695	14,367,156
Middlesex	Highland Park Boro	3,453,255	3,453,255	3,537,746	3,643,878
Middlesex	Jamesburg Boro	3,491,833	3,491,833	3,551,623	3,658,172
Middlesex	Metuchen Boro	1,341,563	1,341,563	1,448,711	1,492,172
Middlesex	Middlesex Boro	6,965,613	6,965,613	7,095,114	7,307,967
Middlesex	Middlesex County Voc.	11,150,604	11,150,604	11,150,604	11,485,122
Middlesex	Milltown Boro	1,141,566	1,141,566	1,206,464	1,242,658
Middlesex	Monroe Township	3,273,747	3,273,747	3,513,040	4,114,431
Middlesex	North Brunswick Township	8,082,707	8,082,707	8,423,185	9,113,896
Middlesex	Old Bridge Township	36,266,073	36,266,073	36,266,073	37,354,055
Middlesex	Piscataway Township	12,005,418	12,005,418	12,462,270	12,836,138
Middlesex	Sayreville Boro	14,911,516	14,911,516	15,261,615	15,719,463
Middlesex	South Amboy City	5,876,048	5,876,048	5,952,867	6,131,453
Middlesex	South Brunswick Township	18,253,687	18,253,687	18,253,687	19,099,648
Middlesex	South Plainfield Boro	7,822,242	7,822,242	7,908,295	8,145,544
Middlesex	South River Boro	8,245,718	8,245,718	8,406,010	8,658,190
Middlesex	Spotswood Boro	3,902,543	3,902,543	3,973,231	4,092,428
Middlesex	Woodbridge Township	16,931,268	16,931,268	17,643,629	19,249,907
Monmouth	Atlantic Highlands Boro	266,087	266,087	287,418	296,041
Monmouth	Avon Boro	227,993	227,993	236,827	243,932
Monmouth	Belmar Boro	1,092,671	1,092,671	1,112,999	1,146,389
Monmouth	Bradley Beach Boro	1,034,798	1,034,798	1,056,890	1,088,597
Monmouth	Brielle Boro	433,126	433,126	485,125	537,164
Monmouth	Colts Neck Township	1,392,472	1,392,472	1,392,472	1,434,246
Monmouth	Eatontown Boro	3,842,095	3,842,095	3,895,627	4,012,496
Monmouth	Fair Haven Boro	630,598	630,598	630,598	649,516
Monmouth	Farmingdale Boro	764,880	764,880	774,281	797,509
Monmouth	Freehold Boro	6,010,922	6,010,922	6,105,207	6,437,065
Monmouth	Freehold Regional	38,451,351	38,451,351	39,036,043	40,658,092
Monmouth	Freehold Township	4,743,592	4,743,592	4,996,482	5,294,786
Monmouth	Hazlet Township	11,281,629	11,281,629	11,520,437	11,866,050
Monmouth	Henry Hudson Regional	1,009,797	1,009,797	1,043,707	1,112,070
Monmouth	Highlands Boro	646,736	646,736	659,678	698,810
Monmouth	Holmdel Township	2,591,922	2,591,922	2,591,922	2,669,680
Monmouth	Howell Township	29,420,396	29,420,396	29,918,784	30,816,348
Monmouth	Keyport Boro	4,264,017	4,264,017	4,311,232	4,440,569
Monmouth	Little Silver Boro	500,671	500,671	500,671	515,691
Monmouth	Manalapan-Englishtown	17,419,413	17,419,413	17,646,570	18,175,967
Monmouth	Manasquan Boro	891,500	891,500	930,200	958,106
Monmouth	Marlboro Township	9,889,438	9,889,438	9,889,438	10,354,421
Monmouth	Matawan-Aberdeen Reg.	10,719,787	10,719,787	10,983,164	11,312,659
Monmouth	Middletown Township	18,289,033	18,289,033	18,778,201	19,341,547
Monmouth	Millstone Township	4,290,815	4,290,815	4,448,018	4,666,374

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Monmouth	Monmouth Beach Boro	239,731	239,731	239,731	246,923
Monmouth	Monmouth County Voc.	7,698,179	7,698,179	7,698,179	7,980,379
Monmouth	Monmouth Regional	4,014,060	4,014,060	4,031,984	4,152,944
Monmouth	Neptune City	1,512,374	1,512,374	1,525,886	1,571,663
Monmouth	Ocean Township	8,876,707	8,876,707	9,061,793	9,333,647
Monmouth	Oceanport Boro	513,399	513,399	544,015	560,335
Monmouth	Red Bank Boro	1,866,358	1,866,358	1,921,386	2,044,933
Monmouth	Red Bank Regional	1,350,456	1,350,456	1,408,840	1,451,105
Monmouth	Roosevelt Boro	763,889	763,889	763,889	786,806
Monmouth	Rumson Boro	642,992	642,992	642,992	662,282
Monmouth	Rumson-Fair Haven Reg.	530,067	530,067	530,067	579,247
Monmouth	Sea Girt Boro	182,742	182,742	182,742	188,224
Monmouth	Shore Regional	642,997	642,997	692,256	713,024
Monmouth	Shrewsbury Boro	351,338	351,338	351,338	361,878
Monmouth	Spring Lake Boro	374,075	374,075	374,075	385,297
Monmouth	Spring Lake Heights Boro	412,803	412,803	446,160	459,545
Monmouth	Tinton Falls	3,890,940	3,890,940	3,971,999	4,091,159
Monmouth	Union Beach	7,475,412	7,475,412	7,475,412	7,699,674
Monmouth	Upper Freehold Regional	3,653,280	3,860,650	4,040,079	4,426,098
Monmouth	Wall Township	4,134,321	4,134,321	4,339,409	4,932,075
Monmouth	West Long Branch Boro	429,143	429,143	475,718	489,990
Morris	Boonton Town	1,312,481	1,312,481	1,340,740	1,380,962
Morris	Boonton Township	656,922	656,922	656,922	676,630
Morris	Butler Boro	2,057,316	2,057,316	2,105,453	2,168,617
Morris	Sch. Dist. of The Chathams	2,485,148	2,485,148	2,485,148	2,559,702
Morris	Chester Township	1,201,039	1,201,039	1,201,039	1,237,070
Morris	Denville Township	1,541,187	1,541,187	1,541,187	1,642,886
Morris	Dover Town	14,593,533	14,593,533	14,754,896	15,399,398
Morris	East Hanover Township	1,001,573	1,001,573	1,079,443	1,111,826
Morris	Florham Park Boro	741,116	741,116	741,116	807,719
Morris	Hanover Park Regional	1,223,560	1,223,560	1,223,560	1,260,267
Morris	Hanover Township	1,133,646	1,133,646	1,196,822	1,232,727
Morris	Harding Township	446,249	446,249	446,249	459,636
Morris	Jefferson Township	12,934,500	12,934,500	13,172,336	13,567,506
Morris	Kinnelon Boro	1,779,004	1,779,004	1,779,004	1,890,897
Morris	Lincoln Park Boro	1,812,729	1,812,729	1,877,372	1,933,693
Morris	Madison Boro	1,389,707	1,389,707	1,389,707	1,431,398
Morris	Mendham Boro	293,747	293,747	293,747	322,449
Morris	Mendham Township	714,726	714,726	714,726	764,473
Morris	Mine Hill Township	1,098,241	1,262,494	1,349,655	1,505,710
Morris	Montville Township	2,442,838	2,442,838	2,442,838	2,633,168
Morris	Morris County Vocational	1,337,373	1,337,373	1,337,373	1,432,694
Morris	Morris Hills Regional	5,561,611	5,561,611	5,561,611	5,728,459
Morris	Morris Plains Boro	874,213	874,213	874,213	921,859
Morris	Morris School District	7,070,986	7,070,986	7,333,636	7,553,645
Morris	Mount Arlington Boro	749,382	749,382	793,201	816,997
Morris	Mount Olive Township	13,781,897	13,781,897	14,117,623	14,686,502
Morris	Mountain Lakes Boro	880,779	880,779	880,779	943,157

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County	District	2001-02[a]	2002-03[b]	2003-04[c]	2004-05[d]
Morris	Netcong Boro	790,626	790,626	807,710	831,941
Morris	Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp.	6,304,898	6,304,898	6,367,015	6,558,025
Morris	Long Hill Township	887,851	887,851	887,851	951,207
Morris	Pequannock Township	2,452,819	2,452,819	2,599,382	2,677,363
Morris	Randolph Township	10,554,598	10,554,598	10,554,598	10,871,236
Morris	Riverdale Boro	358,424	358,424	384,428	395,961
Morris	Rockaway Boro	467,167	467,167	495,066	509,918
Morris	Rockaway Township	3,276,478	3,276,478	3,276,478	3,374,772
Morris	Roxbury Township	12,564,831	12,564,831	12,751,294	13,133,833
Morris	Washington Township	7,611,493	7,611,493	7,611,493	7,839,838
Morris	West Morris Regional	5,013,410	5,013,410	5,013,410	5,244,902
Morris	Wharton Boro	2,509,917	2,509,917	2,568,024	2,645,065
Ocean	Barnegat Township	18,831,819	18,831,819	19,061,725	19,633,577
Ocean	Bay Head Boro	82,801	82,801	82,801	85,285
Ocean	Beach Haven Boro	61,593	61,593	67,398	69,420
Ocean	Berkeley Township	2,564,244	2,564,244	2,696,794	2,777,698
Ocean	Brick Township	35,832,798	35,832,798	36,451,563	37,545,110
Ocean	Central Regional	3,286,764	3,286,764	3,452,013	3,617,156
Ocean	Eagleswood Township	693,048	693,048	702,941	724,029
Ocean	Island Heights Boro	166,513	166,513	172,685	177,866
Ocean	Jackson Township	46,543,298	46,543,298	47,078,808	48,853,400
Ocean	Lacey Township	18,221,732	18,221,732	18,506,711	19,061,912
Ocean	Lakehurst Boro	5,008,783	5,008,783	5,044,125	5,243,167
Ocean	Lakewood Township	20,199,693	20,199,693	20,356,051	20,966,733
Ocean	Lavallette Boro	251,486	251,486	263,391	271,293
Ocean	Little Egg Harbor Township	9,546,660	9,546,660	9,645,461	9,934,825
Ocean	Long Beach Island	482,089	482,089	501,501	516,546
Ocean	Manchester Township	5,732,711	5,732,711	5,943,162	6,121,457
Ocean	Ocean County Vocational	5,539,886	5,539,886	5,609,313	5,825,787
Ocean	Ocean Gate Boro	943,985	943,985	955,592	984,260
Ocean	Ocean Township	6,757,585	6,757,585	6,841,272	7,046,510
Ocean	Pinelands Regional	11,075,541	11,075,541	11,212,422	11,608,848
Ocean	Plumsted Township	8,342,904	8,342,904	8,433,070	8,753,765
Ocean	Point Pleasant Boro	5,766,580	5,766,580	5,981,538	6,160,984
Ocean	Point Pleasant Beach Boro	714,765	714,765	738,787	760,951
Ocean	Seaside Heights Boro	808,200	808,200	829,377	875,351
Ocean	Seaside Park Boro	218,722	218,722	224,690	231,431
Ocean	Southern Regional	2,588,174	2,588,174	2,666,745	2,861,497
Ocean	Stafford Township	8,026,999	8,026,999	8,266,994	8,701,157
Ocean	Toms River Regional	65,444,911	65,444,911	66,486,128	68,480,712
Ocean	Tuckerton Boro	1,369,644	1,369,644	1,389,473	1,431,157
Passaic	Bloomingdale Boro	2,116,452	2,116,452	2,178,787	2,244,151
Passaic	Clifton City	15,931,210	15,931,210	16,670,837	18,012,129
Passaic	Haledon Boro	4,709,900	4,709,900	4,774,331	4,993,177
Passaic	Hawthorne Boro	1,964,818	1,964,818	2,121,898	2,185,555
Passaic	Lakeland Regional	4,485,310	4,485,310	4,558,115	4,694,858
Passaic	Little Falls Township	668,387	668,387	729,218	751,095
Passaic	North Haledon Boro	401,788	401,788	429,533	442,419

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County	District	2001-02[a]	2002-03[b]	2003-04[c]	2004-05[d]
Passaic	Passaic Co. Manchester Reg.	3,679,062	3,679,062	3,735,401	3,995,313
Passaic	Passaic Valley Regional	1,177,360	1,177,360	1,256,498	1,294,193
Passaic	Passaic County Vocational	14,150,536	14,150,536	14,150,536	14,575,052
Passaic	Pompton Lakes Boro	3,889,330	3,889,330	4,012,093	4,132,456
Passaic	Prospect Park Boro	5,319,727	5,319,727	5,369,806	5,593,064
Passaic	Ringwood Boro	3,189,670	3,189,670	3,290,470	3,389,184
Passaic	Totowa Boro	609,468	609,468	677,700	698,031
Passaic	Wanaque Boro	2,303,406	2,303,406	2,366,870	2,437,876
Passaic	Wayne Township	5,990,792	5,990,792	6,428,065	6,620,907
Passaic	West Milford Township	13,730,693	13,730,693	14,046,905	14,468,312
Passaic	West Paterson Boro	678,923	678,923	726,745	748,547
Salem	Alloway Township	2,928,627	2,928,627	2,964,219	3,053,146
Salem	Elmer Boro	1,410,039	1,410,039	1,426,602	1,469,400
Salem	Elsinboro Township	492,910	492,910	502,124	517,188
Salem	Lower Alloways Creek	957,268	957,268	975,992	1,005,272
Salem	Mannington Township	631,071	631,071	644,473	663,807
Salem	Oldmans Township	1,516,704	1,516,704	1,534,739	1,580,781
Salem	Penns Grove-Carney's Point	15,543,082	15,543,082	15,675,753	16,315,605
Salem	Pennsville	7,777,973	7,777,973	7,777,973	8,011,312
Salem	Pittsgrove Township	9,864,292	9,864,292	9,906,666	10,339,975
Salem	Quinton Township	2,463,487	2,463,487	2,481,143	2,588,689
Salem	Salem County Vocational	3,366,086	3,366,086	3,398,974	3,526,953
Salem	Upper Pittsgrove Township	2,937,623	2,937,623	2,976,407	3,065,699
Salem	Woodstown-Pilesgrove Reg.	5,880,132	5,880,132	5,925,788	6,103,562
Somerset	Bedminster Township	903,055	903,055	903,055	930,147
Somerset	Bernards Township	3,340,623	3,340,623	3,340,623	3,695,587
Somerset	Bound Brook Boro	5,330,793	5,330,793	5,330,793	5,652,484
Somerset	Branchburg Township	2,461,725	2,461,725	2,461,725	2,535,577
Somerset	Bridgewater-Raritan Reg.	8,246,662	8,246,662	8,758,234	9,283,376
Somerset	Franklin Township	12,015,501	12,015,501	12,425,387	13,005,464
Somerset	Green Brook Township	878,485	878,485	951,374	1,147,915
Somerset	Hillsborough Township	19,710,186	19,710,186	19,710,186	20,301,492
Somerset	Manville Boro	3,690,989	3,690,989	3,777,071	3,890,383
Somerset	Montgomery Township	3,550,820	3,550,820	3,550,820	4,225,345
Somerset	North Plainfield Boro	17,088,426	17,088,426	17,088,426	17,601,079
Somerset	Somerset County Vocational	1,677,613	1,677,613	1,706,271	1,757,459
Somerset	Somerset Hills Regional	1,229,063	1,229,063	1,229,063	1,321,780
Somerset	Somerville Boro	4,554,526	4,554,526	4,613,168	4,751,563
Somerset	South Bound Brook	2,852,618	2,852,618	2,893,347	3,029,218
Somerset	Warren Township	1,968,501	1,968,501	1,968,501	2,095,641
Somerset	Watchung Boro	546,514	546,514	546,514	585,094
Somerset	Watchung Hills Regional	1,244,095	1,244,095	1,244,095	1,355,623
Sussex	Andover Reg	2,538,518	2,538,518	2,592,128	2,669,892
Sussex	Byram Township	3,185,178	3,185,178	3,185,178	3,280,733
Sussex	Frankford Township	2,157,467	2,157,467	2,202,820	2,268,905
Sussex	Franklin Boro	3,027,815	3,027,815	3,063,163	3,155,058
Sussex	Fredon Township	509,311	509,311	529,543	545,429
Sussex	Green Township	2,108,273	2,108,273	2,108,273	2,190,646

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County	District	2001-02[a]	2002-03[b]	2003-04[c]	2004-05[d]
Sussex	Hamburg Boro	1,697,677	1,697,677	1,722,537	1,774,213
Sussex	Hampton Township	1,320,875	1,320,875	1,352,100	1,392,663
Sussex	Hardyston Township	2,125,901	2,125,901	2,180,261	2,245,669
Sussex	High Point Regional	6,199,916	6,199,916	6,287,263	6,515,661
Sussex	Hopatcong	11,765,658	11,765,658	11,950,724	12,309,246
Sussex	Kittatinny Regional	5,913,978	5,913,978	5,965,432	6,144,395
Sussex	Lafayette Township	640,558	640,558	661,805	693,134
Sussex	Lenape Valley Regional	3,588,050	3,588,050	3,649,155	3,758,630
Sussex	Montague Township	2,441,210	2,441,210	2,479,924	2,554,322
Sussex	Newton Town	5,075,131	5,075,131	5,123,123	5,276,817
Sussex	Ogdensburg Boro	1,959,804	1,959,804	1,979,576	2,038,963
Sussex	Sandyston-Walpack Twp.	514,414	514,414	526,225	542,012
Sussex	Sparta Township	6,420,063	6,420,063	6,420,063	6,612,665
Sussex	Stanhope Boro	1,421,620	1,421,620	1,451,389	1,494,931
Sussex	Stillwater Township	1,805,970	1,805,970	1,833,949	1,888,967
Sussex	Sussex-Wantage Regional	7,502,950	7,502,950	7,619,042	7,847,613
Sussex	Sussex County Vocational	4,081,861	4,081,861	4,117,856	4,241,392
Sussex	Vernon Township	25,849,560	25,849,560	26,124,256	26,907,984
Sussex	Wallkill Valley Regional	4,621,325	4,621,325	4,683,099	4,853,810
Union	Berkeley Heights Township	1,741,871	1,741,871	1,741,871	1,873,305
Union	Clark Township	1,407,272	1,407,272	1,505,196	1,621,497
Union	Cranford Township	2,474,874	2,474,874	2,661,841	2,741,696
Union	Garwood Boro	489,330	489,330	517,562	533,089
Union	Hillside Township	14,003,355	14,003,355	14,224,080	14,916,850
Union	Kenilworth Boro	1,368,415	1,582,779	1,773,572	2,028,238
Union	Linden City	15,996,935	15,996,935	16,404,910	17,376,462
Union	Mountainside Boro	569,809	569,809	569,809	586,903
Union	New Providence Boro	1,345,369	1,345,369	1,345,369	1,385,730
Union	Rahway City	14,566,268	14,566,268	14,835,527	15,280,593
Union	Roselle Boro	16,673,737	16,673,737	16,893,087	17,639,821
Union	Roselle Park Boro	7,602,660	7,602,660	7,718,660	7,950,220
Union	Scotch Plains-Fanwood Reg.	3,996,887	3,996,887	3,996,887	4,116,794
Union	Springfield Township	1,258,930	1,258,930	1,372,466	1,413,640
Union	Summit City	2,205,377	2,205,377	2,205,377	2,271,538
Union	Union County Vocational	2,961,565	2,961,565	2,961,565	3,193,612
Union	Union Township	21,889,541	21,889,541	22,427,792	23,724,775
Union	Westfield Town	4,430,754	4,430,754	4,430,754	4,563,677
Union	Winfield Township	1,446,720	1,446,720	1,460,760	1,518,035
Warren	Allamuchy Township	674,351	674,351	700,967	721,996
Warren	Alpha Boro	1,594,046	1,594,046	1,617,621	1,666,150
Warren	Belvidere Town	2,711,325	2,919,753	2,919,753	2,960,490
Warren	Blairstown Township	1,195,051	1,195,051	1,236,636	1,273,735
Warren	Franklin Township	746,911	746,911	772,282	806,543
Warren	Frelinghuysen Township	562,827	562,827	576,734	594,036
Warren	Great Meadows Regional	5,819,979	5,819,979	5,920,825	6,098,450
Warren	Greenwich Township	4,207,295	4,207,295	4,300,288	4,654,097
Warren	Hackettstown	4,535,117	4,535,117	4,626,481	4,765,275
Warren	Harmony Township	492,340	492,340	516,528	532,024

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County	District	2001-02[a]	2002-03[b]	2003-04[c]	2004-05[d]
Warren	Hope Township	1,010,867	1,010,867	1,030,343	1,061,253
Warren	Knowlton Township	1,243,866	1,243,866	1,269,226	1,307,303
Warren	Lopatcong Township	2,490,177	2,490,177	2,568,322	2,701,600
Warren	Mansfield Township	2,720,744	2,720,744	2,770,501	2,853,616
Warren	North Warren Regional	4,195,270	4,195,270	4,264,063	4,391,985
Warren	Oxford Township	2,154,783	2,154,783	2,176,613	2,253,004
Warren	Pohatcong Township	1,606,371	1,606,371	1,642,316	1,691,585
Warren	Warren County Vocational	2,350,720	2,350,720	2,350,720	2,421,242
Warren	Warren Hills Regional	9,453,951	9,453,951	9,599,481	9,944,840
Warren	Washington Boro	2,543,019	2,543,019	2,581,879	2,659,335
Warren	Washington Township	2,681,071	2,681,071	2,720,331	2,801,941
Warren	White Township	1,860,415	1,860,415	1,904,630	1,961,769

Note: The values represent the sum of all statutory and budgetary formula state aids.

[a]From 2001-02 State Aid excluding debt service, NJDOE, 2001. [b]From 2002-03 state aid excluding debt service, NJDOE, 2002. [c]From 2003-04 state aid excluding debt service, NJDOE 2003. [d]From 2004-05 state aid excluding debt service, NJDOE, 2004 combined with NJDOE raw data, [AAEG_HELP aid for 2004-05], 2005

Appendix B

ASSA Resident Enrollment

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County	District	10/13/00	10/15/01	10/15/02	10/15/03
Atlantic	Absecon City	1013.5	1048.0	1078.5	1027.5
Atlantic	Atlantic City	6845.5	6923.0	7075.5	6998.0
Atlantic	Atlantic County Vocational	426.5	453.0	485.0	491.0
Atlantic	Brigantine City	1524.0	1557.5	1536.5	1460.5
Atlantic	Buena Regional	2064.5	2088.5	2109.0	2095.0
Atlantic	Egg Harbor City	581.0	564.0	557.0	512.0
Atlantic	Egg Harbor Township	5790.5	6130.5	6470.0	6770.0
Atlantic	Estell Manor City	347.5	341.0	322.0	324.5
Atlantic	Folsom Boro	353.5	383.5	410.0	416.0
Atlantic	Galloway Township	4007.0	4063.0	4083.0	4091.0
Atlantic	Greater Egg Harbor Reg.	3098.5	3300.5	3509.5	3735.5
Atlantic	Hamilton Township	2741.0	2850.0	2838.0	2923.0
Atlantic	Hammonton Town	2073.5	2287.5	2178.0	2739.5
Atlantic	Linwood City	1002.0	1009.0	1007.0	1015.0
Atlantic	Mainland Regional	1431.5	1520.5	1608.0	1673.0
Atlantic	Margate City	726.0	730.0	721.5	722.0
Atlantic	Mullica Township	847.0	820.0	792.0	767.0
Atlantic	Northfield City	1066.0	1056.0	1107.0	1117.0
Atlantic	Port Republic City	169.0	164.0	161.5	160.5
Atlantic	Somers Point City	1214.0	1229.0	1245.0	1226.0
Atlantic	Ventnor City	1456.0	1459.0	1497.0	1486.5
Atlantic	Weymouth Township	373.0	371.0	359.5	366.0
Bergen	Allendale Boro	1095.0	1094.0	1108.0	1128.0
Bergen	Alpine Boro	210.0	240.0	208.0	221.0
Bergen	Bergen County Vocational	1869.5	2018.0	2087.5	2171.0
Bergen	Bergenfield Boro	3719.5	3848.5	3970.0	3946.5
Bergen	Bogota Boro	1161.0	1148.5	1109.5	1101.0
Bergen	Carlstadt Boro	521.0	504.0	495.0	500.0
Bergen	Carlstadt-East Rutherford	462.0	513.5	527.5	554.5
Bergen	Cliffside Park Boro	2051.0	2151.0	2145.0	2098.0
Bergen	Closter Boro	1132.0	1143.0	1212.0	1231.0
Bergen	Cresskill Boro	1349.0	1408.0	1452.0	1534.0
Bergen	Demarest Boro	720.0	725.0	735.0	742.0
Bergen	Dumont Boro	2683.5	2727.0	2738.5	2714.5
Bergen	East Rutherford Boro	730.0	707.0	717.0	735.0
Bergen	Edgewater Boro	623.0	585.0	631.5	675.0
Bergen	Elmwood Park	2076.0	2115.5	2106.0	2148.0
Bergen	Emerson Boro	1001.0	1014.5	1022.5	1045.0
Bergen	Englewood City	2738.0	2766.5	2784.5	2857.0
Bergen	Englewood Cliffs Boro	451.5	459.0	444.0	449.0
Bergen	Fair Lawn Boro	4633.5	4728.0	4770.0	4802.0
Bergen	Fairview Boro	1411.0	1456.0	1462.5	1430.5
Bergen	Fort Lee Boro	3495.5	3523.5	3537.0	3475.0
Bergen	Franklin Lakes Boro	1343.0	1378.0	1409.0	1476.0
Bergen	Glen Rock Boro	2189.5	2266.0	2374.0	2408.5
Bergen	Hackensack City	4542.5	4534.0	4612.0	4621.0
Bergen	Harrington Park Boro	622.0	639.0	646.0	706.0
Bergen	Hasbrouck Heights Boro	1490.0	1553.0	1590.0	1548.0

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County	District	10/13/00	10/15/01	10/15/02	10/15/03
Bergen	Haworth Boro	463.0	474.0	499.0	513.0
Bergen	Hillsdale Boro	1177.0	1251.0	1305.0	1356.0
Bergen	Ho Ho Kus Boro	728.0	798.0	813.5	836.5
Bergen	Leonia Boro	1592.0	1446.5	1420.5	1468.0
Bergen	Little Ferry Boro	1178.0	1234.5	1170.0	1217.0
Bergen	Lodi Borough	2869.5	2896.5	3051.0	3058.5
Bergen	Lyndhurst Township	2013.5	2085.0	2084.5	2140.0
Bergen	Mahwah Township	2995.5	3175.0	3267.5	3305.5
Bergen	Maywood Boro	1066.5	1117.5	1112.5	1099.0
Bergen	Midland Park Boro	1051.0	1056.0	1103.0	1122.0
Bergen	Montvale Boro	909.0	927.0	956.0	991.0
Bergen	Moonachie Boro	365.0	346.0	370.0	381.0
Bergen	New Milford Boro	1927.0	1921.0	1941.5	1950.5
Bergen	North Arlington Boro	1498.5	1480.0	1475.5	1526.5
Bergen	Northern Highlands Reg.	727.0	745.5	845.5	918.0
Bergen	Northern Valley Regional	2087.0	2160.0	2288.5	2338.5
Bergen	Northvale Boro	492.0	547.0	539.0	565.0
Bergen	Norwood Boro	667.0	681.0	671.0	640.0
Bergen	Oakland Boro	1542.0	1595.0	1623.0	1643.0
Bergen	Old Tappan Boro	753.0	802.0	824.5	828.0
Bergen	Oradell Boro	679.0	675.0	712.0	737.0
Bergen	Palisades Park	1537.0	1535.0	1518.0	1511.0
Bergen	Paramus Boro	4074.5	4113.5	4277.5	4287.5
Bergen	Park Ridge Boro	1191.0	1231.5	1281.0	1300.5
Bergen	Pascack Valley Regional	1446.0	1512.0	1566.5	1623.0
Bergen	Ramapo-Indian Hill Reg.	1906.5	1996.5	2058.5	2144.5
Bergen	Ramsey Boro	2609.5	2721.0	2775.5	2879.5
Bergen	Ridgefield Boro	1621.0	1678.0	1763.0	1825.0
Bergen	Ridgefield Park Township	1617.5	1656.5	1703.5	1722.5
Bergen	Ridgewood Village	5214.0	5298.5	5457.5	5513.0
Bergen	River Dell Regional	1339.5	1380.0	1408.5	1366.0
Bergen	River Edge Boro	929.0	941.0	990.0	1061.0
Bergen	River Vale Township	1212.0	1287.0	1307.0	1327.5
Bergen	Rochelle Park Township	593.0	585.0	625.5	638.5
Bergen	Rutherford Boro	2308.5	2352.5	2361.5	2415.5
Bergen	Saddle Brook Township	1619.5	1704.0	1677.0	1733.5
Bergen	Saddle River Boro	368.5	375.5	408.0	414.5
Bergen	South Hackensack Township	286.0	299.5	280.0	279.0
Bergen	Teaneck Township	4702.0	4747.0	4687.0	4627.5
Bergen	Tenafly Boro	2803.5	2813.0	2924.5	3072.5
Bergen	Upper Saddle River Boro	1259.0	1303.0	1354.0	1361.0
Bergen	Waldwick Boro	1520.0	1543.0	1544.5	1532.5
Bergen	Wallington Boro	1233.0	1178.0	1174.5	1183.5
Bergen	Westwood Regional	2300.0	2433.0	2501.5	2659.5
Bergen	Wood Ridge Boro	866.0	821.5	840.0	958.5
Bergen	Woodcliff Lake Boro	889.0	904.0	893.0	890.0
Bergen	Wyckoff Township	2314.0	2321.0	2439.0	2416.5
Burlington	Bass River Township	157.5	147.0	145.0	126.0

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Burlington	Beverly City	431.0	418.0	411.0	412.0
Burlington	Bordentown Regional	1912.5	2003.5	2047.5	2058.0
Burlington	Burlington County Voc.	1622.0	1607.0	1725.0	1801.0
Burlington	Burlington Township	3314.0	3546.5	3743.0	3908.5
Burlington	Chesterfield Township	266.0	265.0	269.0	272.0
Burlington	Cinnaminson Township	2571.0	2599.0	2592.5	2575.0
Burlington	Delanco Township	513.0	539.0	505.0	493.0
Burlington	Delran Township	2485.0	2551.0	2629.5	2718.5
Burlington	Eastampton Township	848.0	803.0	833.0	850.0
Burlington	Edgewater Park Township	1097.0	1124.0	1116.0	1110.0
Burlington	Evesham Township	5331.0	5438.0	5475.0	5444.0
Burlington	Florence Township	1661.5	1699.0	1601.0	1611.0
Burlington	Hainesport Township	438.0	452.0	540.0	578.0
Burlington	Lenape Regional	6580.0	6714.0	7001.0	7204.0
Burlington	Lumberton Township	1452.0	1560.0	1675.0	1765.0
Burlington	Mansfield Township	437.0	546.0	604.0	631.0
Burlington	Maple Shade Township	2191.0	2198.0	2196.0	2221.0
Burlington	Medford Lakes Boro	497.0	505.0	540.0	530.0
Burlington	Medford Township	2836.5	2983.0	3005.0	3020.5
Burlington	Moorestown Township	3686.0	3895.0	4081.0	4190.0
Burlington	Mount Holly Township	1225.0	1192.0	1170.0	1099.0
Burlington	Mount Laurel Township	4393.5	4498.0	4544.0	4600.0
Burlington	New Hanover Township	271.0	258.0	258.0	241.0
Burlington	North Hanover Township	1410.0	1355.0	1308.0	1222.0
Burlington	Northern Burlington Reg.	1699.0	1765.0	1903.0	1955.0
Burlington	Palmyra Boro	1000.5	965.0	972.0	972.0
Burlington	Pemberton Borough	202.0	186.0	189.0	188.0
Burlington	Rancocas Valley Regional	1941.0	2080.0	2185.0	2267.0
Burlington	Riverside Township	1231.0	1219.0	1277.0	1296.0
Burlington	Riverton	337.0	340.0	345.0	337.0
Burlington	Shamong Township	918.0	904.0	914.0	935.0
Burlington	Southampton Township	908.0	900.0	885.0	877.0
Burlington	Springfield Township	339.0	346.0	338.0	336.0
Burlington	Tabernacle Township	992.0	972.0	952.5	952.0
Burlington	Washington Township	145.0	139.5	123.0	141.0
Burlington	Westampton	954.0	963.0	1010.0	988.0
Burlington	Willingboro Township	5434.0	5391.0	5417.0	5439.0
Burlington	Woodland Township	139.0	150.0	152.0	145.0
Camden	Audubon Boro	1463.5	1405.0	1395.0	1352.5
Camden	Barrington Boro	825.0	861.0	901.0	878.0
Camden	Bellmawr Boro	965.0	963.0	954.0	1004.0
Camden	Berlin Boro	748.0	761.0	777.0	771.0
Camden	Berlin Township	871.0	896.0	949.0	923.0
Camden	Black Horse Pike Regional	3685.0	3881.0	4063.0	4197.0
Camden	Brooklawn Boro	317.0	304.0	331.0	345.0
Camden	Camden County Vocational	1917.0	1852.0	1992.0	1984.0
Camden	Cherry Hill Township	10979.0	11165.0	11226.0	11419.0
Camden	Chesilhurst	297.0	311.0	252.0	263.0

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Camden	Clementon Boro	774.0	749.0	762.0	776.0
Camden	Collingswood Boro	1938.0	1888.0	1890.0	1822.0
Camden	Eastern Camden Cnty Reg.	2102.0	2150.0	2208.0	2199.0
Camden	Gibbsboro Boro	312.0	306.0	292.0	284.0
Camden	Gloucester Township	8011.0	8073.0	8039.0	8035.0
Camden	Haddon Heights Boro	918.0	930.0	957.0	935.0
Camden	Haddon Township	2183.0	2188.0	2184.0	2143.0
Camden	Haddonfield Boro	2222.0	2233.0	2266.5	2261.0
Camden	Laurel Springs Boro	320.0	313.0	311.0	327.0
Camden	Lawnside Boro	426.0	434.0	432.0	456.0
Camden	Lindenwold Boro	2321.0	2322.0	2388.0	2440.0
Camden	Magnolia Boro	426.0	419.0	444.0	419.0
Camden	Merchantville Boro	447.0	435.0	441.0	432.0
Camden	Mount Ephraim Boro	652.0	665.0	671.0	675.0
Camden	Oaklyn Boro	538.0	545.0	510.5	517.5
Camden	Pennsauken Township	5923.0	6030.5	6024.0	5968.0
Camden	Pine Hill Boro	1758.0	1820.5	1785.5	1832.0
Camden	Runnemede Boro	850.0	825.0	812.0	803.0
Camden	Somerdale Boro	487.0	480.0	473.0	478.0
Camden	Sterling High School District	777.0	814.0	848.0	831.0
Camden	Stratford Boro	839.0	838.0	826.0	812.0
Camden	Voorhees Township	3629.0	3605.0	3561.0	3445.0
Camden	Waterford Township	1663.0	1686.0	1725.0	1756.5
Camden	Winslow Township	5883.5	6391.5	5907.0	5967.5
Camden	Woodlynne Boro	564.0	618.0	615.0	651.0
Cape May	Avalon Boro	154.0	156.0	131.0	122.5
Cape May	Cape May City	215.0	174.0	185.0	199.0
Cape May	Cape May County Voc.	508.5	537.5	545.0	551.0
Cape May	Dennis Township	1195.5	1169.0	1146.0	1146.5
Cape May	Lower Cape May Regional	1896.0	1878.0	1860.5	1882.0
Cape May	Lower Township	2030.0	1934.0	1844.0	1783.0
Cape May	Middle Township	2574.0	2589.0	2593.5	2515.5
Cape May	North Wildwood City	434.0	441.5	407.5	381.0
Cape May	Ocean City	1492.5	1410.0	1337.5	1297.5
Cape May	Sea Isle City	237.0	249.5	237.0	205.0
Cape May	Stone Harbor Boro	98.5	88.0	89.5	95.0
Cape May	Upper Township	2494.5	2493.0	2505.5	2480.5
Cape May	West Cape May Boro	82.0	85.0	76.0	68.0
Cape May	Wildwood City	872.5	915.5	858.0	773.0
Cape May	Wildwood Crest Boro	417.0	403.0	391.5	366.5
Cape May	Woodbine Boro	329.5	316.0	311.5	307.5
Cumberland	Commercial Township	973.5	919.0	944.5	952.5
Cumberland	Cumberland County Voc.	247.5	265.0	279.0	277.5
Cumberland	Cumberland Regional	1185.0	1202.5	1233.5	1314.5
Cumberland	Deerfield Township	358.0	336.0	335.0	332.0
Cumberland	Downe Township	245.5	249.5	238.5	242.0
Cumberland	Fairfield Township	603.0	571.0	576.0	544.0
Cumberland	Greenwich Township	94.0	71.0	83.0	81.0

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Cumberland	Hopewell Township	558.0	552.0	557.0	541.0
Cumberland	Lawrence Township	540.0	559.0	543.0	562.5
Cumberland	Maurice River Township	618.5	618.5	594.0	578.5
Cumberland	Shiloh Boro	63.0	61.0	56.0	53.0
Cumberland	Stow Creek Township	144.0	146.0	147.0	144.0
Cumberland	Upper Deerfield Township	887.0	865.0	854.0	844.0
Essex	Belleville Town	4664.5	4639.0	4651.0	4668.0
Essex	Bloomfield Township	5892.5	5955.0	5951.5	6057.0
Essex	Caldwell-West Caldwell	2542.0	2555.0	2598.0	2617.0
Essex	Cedar Grove Township	1362.5	1397.0	1448.0	1487.0
Essex	Essex County Voc-Tech	2088.0	2102.5	2064.0	2126.5
Essex	Essex Fells Boro	252.0	255.0	256.0	246.0
Essex	Fairfield Township	629.0	670.0	703.0	729.0
Essex	Glen Ridge Boro	1497.0	1597.0	1641.5	1674.5
Essex	Livingston Township	4802.5	4935.0	5084.0	5200.0
Essex	Millburn Township	3780.5	4043.0	4198.0	4354.0
Essex	Montclair Town	6201.0	6383.5	6424.5	6481.5
Essex	North Caldwell Boro	576.0	613.0	615.0	648.0
Essex	Nutley Town	4092.0	4160.5	4265.0	4263.0
Essex	Roseland Boro	424.0	423.0	441.0	438.0
Essex	South Orange-Maplewood	6396.5	6490.0	6469.5	6504.5
Essex	Verona Boro	1872.5	1909.0	2016.5	2006.0
Essex	West Essex Regional	1305.5	1338.5	1414.0	1474.0
Essex	West Orange Town	5901.0	6084.0	6359.5	6394.0
Gloucester	Clayton Boro	1212.5	1206.5	1216.0	1223.5
Gloucester	Clearview Regional	1821.0	1909.0	2045.5	2170.0
Gloucester	Deptford Township	3825.0	3895.0	3980.5	4023.0
Gloucester	East Greenwich Township	526.0	567.0	600.0	622.0
Gloucester	Elk Township	362.0	355.0	361.0	360.0
Gloucester	Franklin Township	1482.0	1419.0	1424.0	1435.0
Gloucester	Gateway Regional	1083.0	1108.5	1107.0	1128.5
Gloucester	Glassboro	2444.0	2429.0	2411.0	2385.0
Gloucester	Gloucester County Voc.	480.5	527.5	570.5	570.0
Gloucester	Greenwich Township	744.5	738.0	717.5	730.0
Gloucester	Harrison Township	1156.0	1208.0	1266.5	1385.0
Gloucester	Kingsway Regional	1093.0	1225.0	1335.5	1389.0
Gloucester	Logan Township	1268.5	1294.5	1323.0	1323.0
Gloucester	Mantua Township	1393.0	1413.0	1430.0	1453.0
Gloucester	Monroe Township	4933.0	5018.5	5218.0	5464.0
Gloucester	National Park Boro	268.0	255.0	259.0	274.0
Gloucester	Paulsboro Boro	1246.5	1258.0	1267.5	1238.0
Gloucester	Pitman Boro	1728.0	1698.5	1656.0	1612.5
Gloucester	South Harrison Township	232.0	242.0	250.0	257.0
Gloucester	Delsea Regional	1851.5	1867.5	1917.0	1951.5
Gloucester	Swedesboro-Woolwich	615.0	694.0	798.5	923.0
Gloucester	Washington Township	9719.5	9852.5	9836.0	9708.0
Gloucester	Wenonah Boro	191.0	190.0	194.0	199.0
Gloucester	West Deptford Township	3057.5	3100.0	3110.0	3176.5

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Gloucester	Westville Boro	400.0	359.0	354.0	331.0
Gloucester	Woodbury City	1585.0	1532.5	1488.5	1491.0
Gloucester	Woodbury Heights Boro	293.0	282.0	282.0	260.0
Hudson	Bayonne City	7856.5	8057.5	8180.0	8403.0
Hudson	East Newark Boro	362.0	374.0	367.5	387.0
Hudson	Guttenberg Town	1215.0	1245.0	1242.5	1258.0
Hudson	Hudson County Vocational	1423.5	1600.0	1607.0	1574.5
Hudson	Kearny Town	5029.5	5122.0	5201.0	5238.0
Hudson	North Bergen Township	6957.5	6906.0	7001.5	7115.5
Hudson	Secaucus Town	1704.5	1694.0	1712.5	1777.5
Hudson	Weehawken Township	1211.5	1168.5	1214.0	1243.5
Hunterdon	Alexandria Township	676.0	663.0	668.0	651.0
Hunterdon	Bethlehem Township	605.0	591.0	601.0	639.0
Hunterdon	Bloomsbury Boro	158.0	166.5	165.5	172.0
Hunterdon	Califon Boro	155.0	154.0	150.0	151.0
Hunterdon	Clinton Town	334.0	339.0	330.0	343.0
Hunterdon	Clinton Township	1746.0	1732.0	1736.0	1709.0
Hunterdon	Delaware Township	524.0	542.0	535.5	522.0
Hunterdon	Delaware Valley Regional	791.5	837.5	852.0	933.0
Hunterdon	East Amwell Township	481.0	460.0	488.0	470.0
Hunterdon	Flemington-Raritan Reg.	3440.0	3452.0	3516.0	3552.0
Hunterdon	Franklin Township	370.0	391.0	389.0	406.0
Hunterdon	Frenchtown Boro	138.0	131.0	126.5	128.0
Hunterdon	Hampton Boro	188.0	193.0	175.0	167.0
Hunterdon	High Bridge Boro	478.0	469.0	448.0	458.0
Hunterdon	Holland Township	700.0	695.0	681.0	683.0
Hunterdon	Hunterdon Central Regional	2446.0	2509.5	2648.5	2810.0
Hunterdon	Hunterdon County Voc.	208.5	203.5	214.5	197.0
Hunterdon	Kingwood Township	455.0	443.0	458.0	477.0
Hunterdon	Lambertville City	186.0	181.0	186.0	172.0
Hunterdon	Lebanon Boro	115.0	114.0	105.0	116.0
Hunterdon	Lebanon Township	859.0	878.0	866.0	837.0
Hunterdon	Milford Boro	142.0	142.0	128.5	115.0
Hunterdon	N.Hunterdon-Voorhees Reg.	2332.0	2405.0	2559.5	2656.5
Hunterdon	Readington Township	2135.5	2156.0	2197.0	2237.0
Hunterdon	South Hunterdon Regional	365.5	367.0	343.0	331.0
Hunterdon	Stockton Boro	46.0	44.0	47.0	59.0
Hunterdon	Tewksbury Township	730.0	737.0	737.0	702.0
Hunterdon	Union Township	623.0	619.0	644.0	647.0
Hunterdon	West Amwell Township	184.0	174.0	200.0	222.0
Mercer	East Windsor Regional	4527.5	4626.0	4756.5	4905.5
Mercer	Ewing Township	3857.5	3849.0	3913.5	3967.0
Mercer	Hamilton Township	13314.0	13425.5	13494.5	13616.5
Mercer	Hopewell Valley Regional	3692.0	3821.0	3821.5	3890.0
Mercer	Lawrence Township	3773.0	3780.5	3875.5	4028.5
Mercer	Mercer County Vocational	384.5	379.0	361.5	367.0
Mercer	Princeton Regional	3362.5	3396.0	3442.5	3410.5
Mercer	Washington Township	1500.0	1626.5	1763.5	1875.0

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Mercer	W. Windsor-Plainsboro Reg.	8441.5	8699.5	8912.5	9139.5
Middlesex	Carteret Boro	3301.0	3438.0	3649.5	3727.5
Middlesex	Cranbury Township	722.0	743.0	775.5	817.0
Middlesex	Dunellen Boro	1096.0	1109.5	1113.5	1122.0
Middlesex	East Brunswick Township	8625.0	8752.5	8978.5	9068.5
Middlesex	Edison Township	12817.5	13078.5	13162.0	13472.0
Middlesex	Highland Park Boro	1571.5	1592.0	1565.5	1553.5
Middlesex	Jamesburg Boro	765.5	799.0	838.0	822.5
Middlesex	Metuchen Boro	1865.5	1874.0	1846.5	1888.0
Middlesex	Middlesex Boro	2137.0	2122.0	2136.0	2163.0
Middlesex	Middlesex County Voc.	1738.5	1794.0	1897.0	1911.5
Middlesex	Milltown Boro	984.0	999.0	996.5	998.0
Middlesex	Monroe Township	2984.0	3251.5	3598.0	3889.0
Middlesex	North Brunswick Township	5174.0	5300.5	5400.0	5503.0
Middlesex	Old Bridge Township	9885.0	9906.5	10064.5	10083.0
Middlesex	Piscataway Township	6805.0	6854.5	6869.0	6888.0
Middlesex	Sayreville Boro	5607.5	5707.5	5714.5	5791.0
Middlesex	South Amboy City	1166.0	1212.0	1151.0	1150.5
Middlesex	South Brunswick Township	7520.0	7944.0	8201.0	8362.0
Middlesex	South Plainfield Boro	3704.0	3790.5	3848.0	3878.0
Middlesex	South River Boro	2105.0	2190.5	2259.5	2247.5
Middlesex	Spotswood Boro	1171.5	1158.5	1121.0	1148.0
Middlesex	Woodbridge Township	12932.0	12975.5	13312.0	13530.5
Monmouth	Atlantic Highlands Boro	300.0	301.0	310.0	315.0
Monmouth	Avon Boro	151.0	143.0	140.5	144.0
Monmouth	Belmar Boro	558.0	531.0	532.0	556.0
Monmouth	Bradley Beach Boro	443.0	429.0	393.0	404.0
Monmouth	Brielle Boro	712.0	759.0	827.0	840.0
Monmouth	Colts Neck Township	1437.0	1465.0	1518.0	1524.0
Monmouth	Eatontown Boro	1462.0	1366.0	1322.0	1300.0
Monmouth	Fair Haven Boro	965.0	994.0	992.0	984.0
Monmouth	Farmingdale Boro	186.0	183.0	161.0	157.0
Monmouth	Freehold Boro	1169.5	1265.0	1291.0	1330.0
Monmouth	Freehold Regional	9244.5	9706.5	10298.5	10810.5
Monmouth	Freehold Township	4132.0	4316.0	4474.0	4565.0
Monmouth	Hazlet Township	3390.5	3404.5	3503.5	3446.0
Monmouth	Henry Hudson Regional	428.0	436.5	470.5	465.5
Monmouth	Highlands Boro	279.0	254.0	230.0	243.0
Monmouth	Holmdel Township	3376.0	3444.0	3533.0	3608.0
Monmouth	Howell Township	7374.0	7374.0	7449.0	7365.0
Monmouth	Keyport Boro	978.5	965.0	939.5	962.5
Monmouth	Little Silver Boro	837.0	851.0	841.0	829.0
Monmouth	Manalapan-Englishtown	5604.5	5713.0	5584.0	5555.0
Monmouth	Manasquan Boro	1013.5	1007.5	1008.5	1025.0
Monmouth	Marlboro Township	5475.0	5706.0	5842.0	5960.0
Monmouth	Matawan-Aberdeen Reg.	3809.0	3801.5	3909.5	3903.5
Monmouth	Middletown Township	10416.5	10470.5	10369.0	10402.0
Monmouth	Millstone Township	1942.0	2020.5	2124.0	2223.0

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Monmouth	Monmouth Beach Boro	306.0	311.0	308.0	319.0
Monmouth	Monmouth County Voc.	1634.5	1697.0	1755.5	1867.0
Monmouth	Monmouth Regional	1063.0	1085.5	1143.0	1189.0
Monmouth	Neptune City	625.5	619.0	598.0	600.5
Monmouth	Ocean Township	4435.0	4502.5	4501.5	4491.5
Monmouth	Oceanport Boro	730.0	746.0	746.0	718.5
Monmouth	Red Bank Boro	760.0	741.0	815.0	828.0
Monmouth	Red Bank Regional	800.5	817.5	847.0	851.5
Monmouth	Roosevelt Boro	153.0	172.0	173.0	164.0
Monmouth	Rumson Boro	1012.0	1011.0	1017.0	992.0
Monmouth	Rumson-Fair Haven Reg.	695.5	739.0	755.5	831.5
Monmouth	Sea Girt Boro	253.0	244.5	245.5	241.0
Monmouth	Shore Regional	662.5	658.5	705.5	737.0
Monmouth	Shrewsbury Boro	532.0	534.0	548.0	565.0
Monmouth	Spring Lake Boro	408.0	425.5	417.5	417.5
Monmouth	Spring Lake Heights Boro	532.5	556.0	562.0	568.0
Monmouth	Tinton Falls	1915.0	1860.0	1768.0	1735.0
Monmouth	Union Beach	1302.0	1283.0	1261.0	1257.0
Monmouth	Upper Freehold Regional	1183.5	1297.0	1383.0	1480.0
Monmouth	Wall Township	3919.5	4152.5	4261.0	4325.5
Monmouth	West Long Branch Boro	816.0	805.0	799.0	778.0
Morris	Boonton Town	975.0	990.0	997.0	1009.0
Morris	Boonton Township	718.0	736.5	786.5	806.5
Morris	Butler Boro	924.5	919.5	920.0	895.0
Morris	Sch. Dist. of The Chathams	2905.5	2986.5	3032.0	3178.0
Morris	Chester Township	1250.0	1242.0	1239.0	1291.0
Morris	Denville Township	1719.0	1828.0	1843.0	1931.5
Morris	Dover Town	2537.0	2502.5	2486.5	2536.0
Morris	East Hanover Township	1038.0	1077.0	1108.0	1137.0
Morris	Florham Park Boro	777.0	832.0	938.0	963.0
Morris	Hanover Park Regional	1301.0	1321.5	1363.0	1450.0
Morris	Hanover Township	1365.0	1360.0	1364.0	1453.0
Morris	Harding Township	402.0	429.0	417.0	436.0
Morris	Jefferson Township	3579.0	3537.5	3596.0	3646.5
Morris	Kinnelon Boro	1993.0	2067.0	2110.5	2135.5
Morris	Lincoln Park Boro	1315.0	1307.5	1299.0	1347.0
Morris	Madison Boro	1922.0	2076.5	2085.0	2133.0
Morris	Mendham Boro	600.0	607.0	644.0	672.0
Morris	Mendham Township	816.0	836.0	887.0	880.0
Morris	Mine Hill Township	508.0	569.5	595.5	575.5
Morris	Montville Township	3518.5	3722.5	3830.5	3928.0
Morris	Morris County Vocational	314.0	345.5	385.0	420.5
Morris	Morris Hills Regional	2303.5	2343.5	2479.0	2662.0
Morris	Morris Plains Boro	703.0	762.0	741.0	762.0
Morris	Morris School District	4471.0	4547.5	4610.0	4570.0
Morris	Mount Arlington Boro	619.0	643.0	643.0	631.5
Morris	Mount Olive Township	4202.5	4402.5	4624.0	4781.0
Morris	Mountain Lakes Boro	1162.0	1286.0	1293.5	1224.0

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County	District	10/13/00	10/15/01	10/15/02	10/15/03
Morris	Netcong Boro	300.0	292.0	278.0	266.0
Morris	Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp.	6599.5	6804.5	6863.0	7048.0
Morris	Long Hill Township	976.0	1038.0	1073.0	1092.0
Morris	Pequannock Township	2322.5	2394.0	2483.0	2518.0
Morris	Randolph Township	5219.5	5304.5	5469.0	5553.5
Morris	Riverdale Boro	363.0	373.0	379.0	386.0
Morris	Rockaway Boro	596.0	591.0	596.0	609.0
Morris	Rockaway Township	2805.0	2853.0	2885.0	2879.0
Morris	Roxbury Township	4278.0	4392.5	4406.5	4457.5
Morris	Washington Township	2792.0	2865.0	2861.0	2958.0
Morris	West Morris Regional	2101.0	2235.0	2310.5	2404.0
Morris	Wharton Boro	767.0	816.0	807.0	762.0
Ocean	Barnegat Township	3020.0	3137.5	3252.5	3238.5
Ocean	Bay Head Boro	104.5	102.0	96.5	93.5
Ocean	Beach Haven Boro	81.0	84.0	86.0	92.0
Ocean	Berkeley Township	1847.0	1948.0	1913.0	1893.0
Ocean	Brick Township	11370.0	11425.5	11444.5	11329.0
Ocean	Central Regional	2042.0	2146.0	2274.5	2235.5
Ocean	Eagleswood Township	149.0	155.0	149.0	151.0
Ocean	Island Heights Boro	135.0	125.0	114.0	106.0
Ocean	Jackson Township	8274.0	8761.0	9171.0	9495.5
Ocean	Lacey Township	4858.0	4984.5	5053.0	5067.0
Ocean	Lakehurst Boro	607.0	588.0	571.5	599.5
Ocean	Lakewood Township	5168.0	5116.5	5232.5	5432.0
Ocean	Lavallette Boro	232.0	253.5	234.0	230.5
Ocean	Little Egg Harbor Township	1619.0	1569.0	1570.0	1565.0
Ocean	Long Beach Island	380.0	357.0	335.0	302.0
Ocean	Manchester Township	2979.0	3054.0	3090.0	3084.0
Ocean	Ocean County Vocational	920.5	980.5	998.5	1096.0
Ocean	Ocean Gate Boro	206.0	208.0	189.0	171.0
Ocean	Ocean Township	1154.5	1182.5	1206.5	1176.5
Ocean	Pinelands Regional	1704.0	1814.5	1874.5	1919.5
Ocean	Plumsted Township	1507.0	1597.0	1657.0	1735.5
Ocean	Point Pleasant Boro	3150.5	3217.5	3185.0	3189.0
Ocean	Point Pleasant Beach Boro	725.0	728.5	739.5	737.0
Ocean	Seaside Heights Boro	259.0	287.0	284.0	265.0
Ocean	Seaside Park Boro	127.0	110.0	111.0	105.0
Ocean	Southern Regional	2013.0	2188.5	2280.5	2431.0
Ocean	Stafford Township	2188.0	2265.0	2361.0	2410.0
Ocean	Toms River Regional	17724.5	17978.5	18254.5	18306.0
Ocean	Tuckerton Boro	320.0	311.0	310.0	307.0
Passaic	Bloomingdale Boro	965.5	965.5	966.0	984.0
Passaic	Clifton City	9890.5	10185.5	10504.0	10568.0
Passaic	Haledon Boro	936.0	940.0	945.0	950.0
Passaic	Hawthorne Boro	2280.0	2316.0	2322.0	2302.0
Passaic	Lakeland Regional	1033.5	1046.5	1068.5	1049.0
Passaic	Little Falls Township	837.0	866.0	880.0	854.0
Passaic	North Haledon Boro	565.0	569.0	571.0	616.0

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County	District	10/13/00	10/15/01	10/15/02	10/15/03
Passaic	Passaic Co. Manchester Reg.	730.5	791.0	795.0	806.0
Passaic	Passaic Valley Regional	1013.0	1059.0	1108.0	1147.5
Passaic	Passaic County Vocational	1958.0	1969.0	2002.5	2015.0
Passaic	Pompton Lakes Boro	1734.0	1753.5	1799.0	1797.0
Passaic	Prospect Park Boro	751.0	765.0	751.0	781.0
Passaic	Ringwood Boro	1411.0	1481.0	1477.0	1462.0
Passaic	Totowa Boro	890.0	896.0	949.0	966.0
Passaic	Wanaque Boro	1012.0	1023.0	1041.0	1034.0
Passaic	Wayne Township	8158.0	8471.5	8672.5	8810.5
Passaic	West Milford Township	4679.5	4658.0	4730.0	4763.5
Passaic	West Paterson Boro	882.0	914.0	918.0	942.0
Salem	Alloway Township	588.5	587.0	597.0	613.5
Salem	Elmer Boro	258.5	256.0	259.0	222.0
Salem	Elsinboro Township	159.5	148.5	149.5	144.5
Salem	Lower Alloways Creek	264.0	269.5	275.5	258.5
Salem	Mannington Township	207.0	203.5	206.0	201.5
Salem	Oldmans Township	323.5	316.0	302.0	295.5
Salem	Penns Grove-Carney's Point	2211.0	2124.0	2115.5	2130.5
Salem	Pennsville	2123.5	2107.0	2071.0	2065.0
Salem	Pittsgrove Township	1722.0	1747.5	1755.0	1710.0
Salem	Quinton Township	430.5	433.5	407.5	416.0
Salem	Salem County Vocational	400.0	394.5	455.0	468.0
Salem	Upper Pittsgrove Township	587.5	574.0	590.0	586.5
Salem	Woodstown-Pilesgrove Reg.	1235.5	1243.5	1254.0	1244.5
Somerset	Bedminster Township	817.0	787.0	801.5	831.5
Somerset	Bernards Township	4221.0	4497.5	4752.5	4994.0
Somerset	Bound Brook Boro	1372.0	1450.5	1458.0	1460.5
Somerset	Branchburg Township	2325.5	2406.0	2477.0	2541.5
Somerset	Bridgewater-Raritan Reg.	7937.5	8278.5	8518.0	8777.0
Somerset	Franklin Township	6202.5	6443.5	6666.5	6834.0
Somerset	Green Brook Township	973.0	1064.5	1110.0	1200.0
Somerset	Hillsborough Township	7142.5	7391.5	7724.5	7605.0
Somerset	Manville Boro	1369.0	1368.0	1335.0	1335.0
Somerset	Montgomery Township	3828.0	4035.5	4310.0	4648.0
Somerset	North Plainfield Boro	3152.0	3204.5	3371.0	3364.5
Somerset	Somerset County Vocational	354.0	395.5	392.0	417.5
Somerset	Somerset Hills Regional	1439.5	1515.0	1551.0	1669.0
Somerset	Somerville Boro	1574.5	1596.0	1614.0	1595.0
Somerset	South Bound Brook	654.0	634.5	635.0	616.5
Somerset	Warren Township	1969.0	2068.0	2172.0	2225.0
Somerset	Watchung Boro	572.0	602.0	609.0	665.0
Somerset	Watchung Hills Regional	1128.5	1235.0	1293.0	1410.0
Sussex	Andover Reg	959.0	988.0	1026.0	1020.0
Sussex	Byram Township	1129.0	1155.0	1185.0	1190.0
Sussex	Frankford Township	639.0	657.0	665.0	685.0
Sussex	Franklin Boro	628.0	608.0	582.0	559.0
Sussex	Fredon Township	255.0	273.0	278.0	313.0
Sussex	Green Township	648.5	678.0	697.0	698.0

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County	District	10/13/00	10/15/01	10/15/02	10/15/03
Sussex	Hamburg Boro	398.0	388.0	381.0	357.0
Sussex	Hampton Township	473.0	484.5	472.0	466.0
Sussex	Hardyston Township	762.0	788.0	786.0	791.0
Sussex	High Point Regional	1165.5	1179.0	1245.0	1331.0
Sussex	Hopatcong	2794.0	2774.0	2793.0	2762.0
Sussex	Kittatinny Regional	1234.5	1270.0	1315.0	1319.0
Sussex	Lafayette Township	349.0	362.0	378.0	365.0
Sussex	Lenape Valley Regional	767.0	816.5	843.5	861.5
Sussex	Montague Township	525.0	576.0	557.0	567.0
Sussex	Newton Town	1222.5	1271.0	1257.5	1302.0
Sussex	Ogdensburg Boro	397.0	401.0	396.0	388.0
Sussex	Sandyston-Walpack Twp.	191.0	208.0	179.0	181.0
Sussex	Sparta Township	3674.0	3727.5	3886.0	4041.0
Sussex	Stanhope Boro	416.0	397.0	436.0	463.0
Sussex	Stillwater Township	432.0	429.0	434.0	411.0
Sussex	Sussex-Wantage Regional	1751.0	1770.0	1758.0	1718.0
Sussex	Sussex County Vocational	614.5	619.0	575.0	561.0
Sussex	Vernon Township	5457.5	5475.0	5416.5	5369.0
Sussex	Wallkill Valley Regional	798.5	809.0	869.0	893.5
Union	Berkeley Heights Township	2275.0	2410.0	2489.5	2491.5
Union	Clark Township	2025.5	2099.5	2221.5	2363.0
Union	Cranford Township	3272.0	3331.0	3368.0	3459.5
Union	Garwood Boro	553.5	538.5	555.5	552.5
Union	Hillside Township	3239.0	3270.5	3288.0	3342.5
Union	Kenilworth Boro	1058.0	1101.5	1239.0	1191.5
Union	Linden City	5655.5	5792.5	5958.0	6023.0
Union	Mountainside Boro	863.5	871.5	903.5	911.0
Union	New Providence Boro	2006.5	2090.0	2154.0	2194.5
Union	Rahway City	3611.0	3743.5	3820.0	3894.5
Union	Roselle Boro	2809.5	2936.0	3036.0	3014.5
Union	Roselle Park Boro	1979.5	2006.0	2006.5	2061.5
Union	Scotch Plains-Fanwood Reg.	4629.5	4736.0	4819.0	4947.0
Union	Springfield Township	1746.0	1803.5	1875.0	1914.0
Union	Summit City	3160.0	3286.0	3365.0	3515.5
Union	Union County Vocational	554.0	560.5	706.5	769.5
Union	Union Township	7917.0	8040.5	7952.0	7841.5
Union	Westfield Town	5444.0	5575.0	5743.5	5901.0
Union	Winfield Township	164.0	185.5	187.5	169.0
Warren	Allamuchy Township	455.0	448.0	468.0	452.5
Warren	Alpha Boro	410.0	387.5	381.5	398.0
Warren	Belvidere Town	565.0	607.5	616.5	589.5
Warren	Blairstown Township	548.0	581.0	596.0	595.0
Warren	Franklin Township	330.0	331.0	354.0	373.5
Warren	Frelinghuysen Township	211.0	212.0	211.0	202.0
Warren	Great Meadows Regional	1483.0	1502.0	1497.5	1468.0
Warren	Greenwich Township	942.5	1056.0	1132.0	1173.5
Warren	Hackettstown	1385.5	1413.0	1383.5	1408.0
Warren	Harmony Township	433.5	435.0	439.0	429.5

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County	District	10/13/00	10/15/01	10/15/02	10/15/03
Warren	Hope Township	285.0	282.5	292.5	298.0
Warren	Knowlton Township	353.0	367.0	365.0	345.0
Warren	Lopatcong Township	936.5	998.0	1097.0	1159.5
Warren	Mansfield Township	748.0	724.0	746.0	752.0
Warren	North Warren Regional	975.0	946.0	1008.5	1045.0
Warren	Oxford Township	431.0	444.0	446.0	411.5
Warren	Pohatcong Township	545.5	548.5	545.0	550.5
Warren	Warren County Vocational	298.5	340.0	303.0	323.5
Warren	Warren Hills Regional	1856.0	1945.5	2017.0	2062.0
Warren	Washington Boro	641.0	612.0	620.0	561.0
Warren	Washington Township	695.0	658.0	646.0	666.0
Warren	White Township	603.0	615.0	628.5	640.5

Note: From NJDOE raw data, [ASSA resident enrollment data from October 13, 2000 through October 15, 2004], 2005.

Appendix C

Total Budget

Total Budget (General Fund plus Special Revenue Fund Budgets)

County	District	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Atlantic	Absecon City	8,358,570	8,728,294	9,136,537	9,738,407
Atlantic	Atlantic City	87,362,107	93,051,794	101,372,934	115,224,797
Atlantic	Atlantic County Voc.	8,687,007	8,830,192	8,929,285	9,500,783
Atlantic	Brigantine City	14,581,013	15,379,923	16,372,630	17,347,670
Atlantic	Buena Regional	26,880,359	28,746,355	28,964,279	29,200,287
Atlantic	Egg Harbor City	6,563,213	6,702,970	6,862,042	7,479,219
Atlantic	Egg Harbor Township	54,034,783	58,896,083	69,643,734	74,629,202
Atlantic	Estell Manor City	3,254,165	3,383,618	3,631,228	3,790,495
Atlantic	Folsom Boro	3,859,511	4,202,112	4,696,482	4,910,417
Atlantic	Galloway Township	35,158,899	38,297,089	41,233,227	43,997,820
Atlantic	Greater Egg Harbor Reg.	39,954,591	42,896,569	45,170,643	48,990,860
Atlantic	Hamilton Township	26,517,966	27,828,517	29,075,691	31,548,924
Atlantic	Hammonton Town	22,852,625	27,964,234	29,400,361	30,759,959
Atlantic	Linwood City	8,655,394	9,080,000	10,344,792	10,701,636
Atlantic	Mainland Regional	15,512,148	16,716,492	17,751,299	19,003,044
Atlantic	Margate City	9,991,482	10,285,839	11,047,963	11,500,617
Atlantic	Mullica Township	7,218,469	7,549,226	7,923,984	8,261,268
Atlantic	Northfield City	8,109,927	8,814,614	9,205,130	9,923,328
Atlantic	Port Republic City	1,973,972	2,222,699	2,144,795	2,197,772
Atlantic	Somers Point City	11,258,491	11,550,980	12,329,200	12,517,373
Atlantic	Ventnor City	13,392,157	13,835,440	15,637,669	16,707,655
Atlantic	Weymouth Township	3,509,133	3,589,079	3,740,628	3,761,064
Bergen	Allendale Boro	10,530,094	10,968,878	11,342,292	11,856,223
Bergen	Alpine Boro	4,022,284	4,118,168	4,313,128	4,647,821
Bergen	Bergen County Voc.	51,019,559	53,569,750	54,741,150	55,374,446
Bergen	Bergenfield Boro	40,309,217	42,760,137	43,766,555	46,525,019
Bergen	Bogota Boro	12,554,272	13,294,333	13,624,314	13,813,754
Bergen	Carlstadt Boro	6,637,579	6,837,783	7,050,552	7,439,172
Bergen	Carlstadt-East Rutherford	8,017,501	8,355,352	8,930,438	9,783,232
Bergen	Cliffside Park Boro	24,531,488	25,482,967	26,356,035	29,401,019
Bergen	Closter Boro	11,271,226	11,838,346	12,601,859	13,263,109
Bergen	Cresskill Boro	15,771,182	16,840,066	17,788,900	18,696,942
Bergen	Demarest Boro	7,683,389	8,484,407	9,020,328	9,604,278
Bergen	Dumont Boro	27,995,158	29,211,941	30,016,213	31,598,867
Bergen	East Rutherford Boro	8,657,268	9,682,047	10,214,592	10,786,753
Bergen	Edgewater Boro	8,225,811	9,004,031	10,126,931	11,339,795
Bergen	Elmwood Park	20,424,872	22,181,362	23,894,685	24,951,398
Bergen	Emerson Boro	12,448,051	13,386,172	13,923,771	14,704,699
Bergen	Englewood City	43,406,330	42,042,198	50,162,088	50,635,250
Bergen	Englewood Cliffs Boro	7,441,705	7,738,349	8,212,825	8,848,575
Bergen	Fair Lawn Boro	55,595,947	58,137,401	61,698,837	64,669,764
Bergen	Fairview Boro	14,266,053	15,223,505	15,801,975	16,479,333
Bergen	Fort Lee Boro	38,052,995	39,435,967	44,004,898	43,607,229
Bergen	Franklin Lakes Boro	14,931,599	15,802,116	17,502,968	20,794,068
Bergen	Glen Rock Boro	25,634,926	27,846,484	30,603,850	34,044,802
Bergen	Hackensack City	60,120,999	64,427,226	66,698,829	69,151,864
Bergen	Harrington Park Boro	6,227,966	6,553,764	7,128,640	7,565,377
Bergen	Hasbrouck Heights Boro	15,507,410	16,432,339	17,636,549	18,744,426

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County	District	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Bergen	Haworth Boro	5,050,380	5,420,560	6,203,558	6,389,763
Bergen	Hillsdale Boro	11,878,919	12,764,476	13,642,946	14,663,465
Bergen	Ho Ho Kus Boro	7,894,483	8,619,628	9,211,691	9,563,232
Bergen	Leonia Boro	17,936,448	19,291,092	20,422,685	21,561,987
Bergen	Little Ferry Boro	11,673,527	12,204,271	13,041,345	13,725,296
Bergen	Lodi Borough	34,100,421	35,272,323	37,272,822	40,400,384
Bergen	Lyndhurst Township	22,216,833	24,825,960	24,909,669	26,050,468
Bergen	Mahwah Township	36,426,095	39,772,920	42,264,158	45,388,951
Bergen	Maywood Boro	11,426,679	12,564,656	12,973,857	13,863,143
Bergen	Midland Park Boro	13,805,341	14,865,825	15,291,550	16,165,254
Bergen	Montvale Boro	10,200,928	10,834,462	11,169,787	11,895,371
Bergen	Moonachie Boro	5,215,979	5,509,348	5,800,307	6,164,331
Bergen	New Milford Boro	20,631,224	21,513,752	22,560,768	23,506,179
Bergen	North Arlington Boro	15,576,075	16,587,475	17,268,643	17,921,340
Bergen	Northern Highlands Reg.	15,384,212	16,211,247	18,045,100	20,361,049
Bergen	Northern Valley Regional	31,054,039	33,701,447	36,108,910	37,180,959
Bergen	Northvale Boro	5,112,345	5,671,650	6,122,051	6,414,908
Bergen	Norwood Boro	6,602,226	6,862,319	7,203,879	7,537,613
Bergen	Oakland Boro	17,082,952	18,422,641	19,845,943	20,997,529
Bergen	Old Tappan Boro	7,508,785	8,070,004	8,806,124	9,737,182
Bergen	Oradell Boro	6,571,496	7,153,976	7,821,253	8,147,635
Bergen	Palisades Park	14,889,307	15,669,333	16,676,226	17,519,749
Bergen	Paramus Boro	50,408,722	53,452,828	56,549,966	59,987,305
Bergen	Park Ridge Boro	13,538,763	14,704,528	15,989,655	17,561,733
Bergen	Pascack Valley Regional	23,183,701	24,536,036	26,337,767	28,749,496
Bergen	Ramapo-Indian Hill Reg.	30,501,845	33,249,506	37,405,338	37,731,618
Bergen	Ramsey Boro	32,852,769	35,718,044	37,485,635	38,987,324
Bergen	Ridgefield Boro	21,475,481	23,086,696	24,411,875	27,070,006
Bergen	Ridgefield Park Township	21,953,738	22,567,442	23,378,683	24,423,023
Bergen	Ridgewood Village	59,392,281	62,623,089	65,214,829	68,747,754
Bergen	River Dell Regional	17,163,843	18,006,533	18,939,034	19,664,785
Bergen	River Edge Boro	8,160,924	8,842,731	9,961,824	10,554,669
Bergen	River Vale Township	12,707,764	13,500,219	15,084,057	15,150,731
Bergen	Rochelle Park Township	7,138,095	7,483,675	8,492,439	8,700,211
Bergen	Rutherford Boro	25,820,528	26,634,313	27,883,734	29,440,556
Bergen	Saddle Brook Township	17,894,275	18,796,862	19,532,823	20,708,733
Bergen	Saddle River Boro	6,232,965	6,415,740	6,602,084	6,894,420
Bergen	South Hackensack Twp.	3,959,426	4,128,661	4,295,650	4,470,837
Bergen	Teaneck Township	65,724,718	68,679,662	72,347,420	74,580,282
Bergen	Tenafly Boro	34,500,999	36,689,766	39,672,747	42,642,085
Bergen	Upper Saddle River Boro	13,611,633	14,659,559	16,127,002	16,991,837
Bergen	Waldwick Boro	16,191,063	16,851,754	17,923,871	19,235,765
Bergen	Wallington Boro	11,309,710	11,472,272	12,061,060	12,783,207
Bergen	Westwood Regional	28,672,533	30,745,016	31,960,672	36,223,080
Bergen	Wood Ridge Boro	9,368,164	10,168,020	10,797,223	11,962,334
Bergen	Woodcliff Lake Boro	9,312,253	9,650,735	9,946,727	10,681,504
Bergen	Wyckoff Township	22,169,030	23,639,155	25,498,533	27,097,272
Burlington	Bass River Township	1,888,240	1,770,577	1,949,738	2,052,217

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County	District	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Burlington	Beverly City	5,472,164	5,678,979	5,735,956	6,014,044
Burlington	Bordentown Regional	21,820,924	22,968,561	24,380,942	25,341,596
Burlington	Burlington County Voc.	22,117,531	23,703,903	25,429,708	28,110,076
Burlington	Burlington Township	31,055,642	34,995,136	38,014,428	40,896,734
Burlington	Chesterfield Township	2,686,389	2,928,860	3,296,874	3,695,091
Burlington	Cinnaminson Township	24,848,451	26,788,892	28,721,663	30,973,689
Burlington	Delanco Township	4,963,905	5,471,904	5,757,998	6,215,904
Burlington	Delran Township	23,221,260	25,427,975	27,716,089	30,680,412
Burlington	Eastampton Township	6,914,440	7,230,415	7,506,109	7,847,728
Burlington	Edgewater Park Township	11,434,268	12,530,381	12,789,510	13,210,008
Burlington	Evesham Township	49,290,320	52,669,349	56,042,187	62,053,789
Burlington	Florence Township	15,778,177	16,628,096	17,349,402	18,269,610
Burlington	Hainesport Township	4,772,373	5,249,410	6,105,967	7,027,049
Burlington	Lenape Regional	75,898,499	81,303,678	94,173,762	103,814,146
Burlington	Lumberton Township	13,468,795	14,543,791	17,261,883	18,992,885
Burlington	Mansfield Township	4,473,778	5,892,776	6,874,660	7,583,888
Burlington	Maple Shade Township	21,109,155	22,705,578	24,176,047	26,125,980
Burlington	Medford Lakes Boro	4,594,030	4,960,770	5,283,905	5,680,538
Burlington	Medford Township	28,620,535	30,516,511	32,871,271	37,066,020
Burlington	Moorestown Township	38,782,376	41,320,544	46,215,217	50,013,155
Burlington	Mount Holly Township	14,829,237	15,192,231	16,092,229	16,064,807
Burlington	Mount Laurel Township	42,043,321	45,762,167	48,228,698	50,735,439
Burlington	New Hanover Township	3,847,877	4,176,239	4,335,340	4,550,614
Burlington	North Hanover Township	15,956,198	17,204,201	17,932,845	18,358,924
Burlington	Northern Burlington Reg.	20,428,491	22,139,662	25,306,656	26,815,995
Burlington	Palmyra Boro	11,016,993	11,499,104	11,906,220	12,946,280
Burlington	Pemberton Borough	2,518,585	2,634,449	2,765,186	2,898,371
Burlington	Rancocas Valley Regional	23,185,181	24,772,136	27,063,751	28,275,057
Burlington	Riverside Township	13,474,361	14,462,461	15,201,525	15,979,775
Burlington	Riverton	3,491,110	3,558,192	3,790,109	4,131,268
Burlington	Shamong Township	9,475,635	10,005,347	10,130,088	10,776,157
Burlington	Southampton Township	9,250,294	9,746,404	10,004,955	10,402,003
Burlington	Springfield Township	3,384,150	3,603,260	3,762,596	3,979,938
Burlington	Tabernacle Township	10,211,431	10,608,809	11,036,093	11,412,868
Burlington	Washington Township	1,553,692	1,688,844	1,729,765	1,861,335
Burlington	Westampton	8,468,354	9,227,295	9,863,730	10,502,095
Burlington	Willingboro Township	56,337,654	58,302,911	60,472,411	61,924,704
Burlington	Woodland Township	1,995,578	2,212,176	2,072,864	2,473,065
Camden	Audubon Boro	15,557,672	16,233,811	16,663,822	17,188,666
Camden	Barrington Boro	8,697,741	9,324,116	10,656,746	11,096,040
Camden	Bellmawr Boro	9,509,282	10,216,656	10,506,061	10,907,015
Camden	Berlin Boro	6,587,619	7,081,400	7,307,487	7,837,452
Camden	Berlin Township	9,848,890	10,237,531	11,033,622	11,797,839
Camden	Black Horse Pike Reg.	42,524,179	43,378,869	44,914,752	51,488,659
Camden	Brooklawn Boro	3,030,247	3,230,492	3,627,434	3,777,899
Camden	Camden County Voc.	32,467,911	33,910,134	35,140,805	36,353,921
Camden	Cherry Hill Township	111,139,078	120,640,769	127,951,270	139,330,106
Camden	Chesilhurst	3,096,006	3,482,452	3,528,820	3,716,646

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County	District	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Camden	Clementon Boro	7,684,195	8,018,491	8,203,267	8,556,654
Camden	Collingswood Boro	22,761,641	23,611,178	24,366,324	25,760,432
Camden	Eastern Camden Co. Reg.	22,718,292	24,280,072	25,002,674	26,982,531
Camden	Gibbsboro Boro	2,870,859	3,038,854	3,286,282	3,642,832
Camden	Gloucester Township	67,880,744	71,107,184	73,572,064	79,615,655
Camden	Haddon Heights Boro	13,284,698	14,373,416	15,285,484	16,236,952
Camden	Haddon Township	20,604,007	21,912,180	23,605,636	24,610,164
Camden	Haddonfield Boro	21,805,082	23,124,766	24,646,698	26,301,966
Camden	Laurel Springs Boro	3,126,139	3,257,705	3,393,328	3,529,874
Camden	Lawnside Boro	5,647,497	5,957,744	5,973,317	6,307,444
Camden	Lindenwold Boro	27,990,365	29,456,005	30,766,134	31,218,961
Camden	Magnolia Boro	4,624,879	4,692,962	5,117,666	5,143,775
Camden	Merchantville Boro	5,199,683	5,404,637	5,647,613	5,772,812
Camden	Mount Ephraim Boro	6,324,898	6,434,775	6,706,174	6,868,379
Camden	Oaklyn Boro	5,545,738	5,715,232	5,806,880	6,043,123
Camden	Pennsauken Township	62,503,290	64,890,663	69,126,595	72,276,688
Camden	Pine Hill Boro	25,489,003	25,165,105	27,235,946	27,603,628
Camden	Runnemede Boro	8,639,017	8,989,799	9,709,921	9,869,869
Camden	Somerdale Boro	4,683,853	5,047,317	5,529,874	5,669,945
Camden	Sterling High School Dist.	10,665,906	11,771,420	12,502,594	13,070,489
Camden	Stratford Boro	8,187,905	8,717,110	9,078,020	9,555,190
Camden	Voorhees Township	34,163,441	36,535,869	38,554,304	40,854,771
Camden	Waterford Township	18,898,468	19,945,137	21,087,339	21,443,849
Camden	Winslow Township	70,413,329	67,832,118	69,036,805	73,788,514
Camden	Woodlynne Boro	5,389,678	6,358,643	6,341,375	6,902,695
Cape May	Avalon Boro	2,336,862	2,489,138	2,583,911	2,835,045
Cape May	Cape May City	3,304,881	3,462,481	3,279,744	3,332,018
Cape May	Cape May County Voc.	9,075,267	9,701,050	10,198,608	11,214,282
Cape May	Dennis Township	11,425,992	12,055,738	12,449,777	12,992,159
Cape May	Lower Cape May Reg.	21,396,126	22,322,965	23,262,732	24,159,169
Cape May	Lower Township	20,528,768	21,698,743	22,563,510	23,359,960
Cape May	Middle Township	28,799,036	31,630,745	34,029,297	35,955,454
Cape May	North Wildwood City	6,859,569	7,184,717	7,645,068	7,909,410
Cape May	Ocean City	30,583,302	32,867,366	35,529,142	37,558,762
Cape May	Sea Isle City	4,170,929	4,285,613	4,297,318	4,449,935
Cape May	Stone Harbor Boro	1,978,775	1,813,930	1,738,571	1,844,897
Cape May	Upper Township	23,496,137	25,247,713	27,732,466	28,598,561
Cape May	West Cape May Boro	913,898	930,013	982,821	1,019,106
Cape May	Wildwood City	13,651,232	15,153,216	15,459,340	16,002,544
Cape May	Wildwood Crest Boro	5,080,721	5,292,873	5,378,585	5,588,630
Cape May	Woodbine Boro	3,777,499	3,881,442	4,053,112	4,277,500
Cumberland	Commercial Township	9,744,219	10,114,402	10,682,115	10,962,658
Cumberland	Cumberland County Voc.	6,594,740	6,993,389	7,061,109	7,457,560
Cumberland	Cumberland Regional	13,637,333	14,533,767	15,161,560	16,374,865
Cumberland	Deerfield Township	3,251,984	3,577,304	3,727,725	3,972,847
Cumberland	Downe Township	4,031,904	4,388,665	4,246,781	4,841,542
Cumberland	Fairfield Township	7,713,359	6,967,827	7,076,651	7,083,466
Cumberland	Greenwich Township	1,036,173	1,099,887	1,158,950	1,208,018

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County	District	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Cumberland	Hopewell Township	4,615,595	4,939,919	5,183,109	5,553,303
Cumberland	Lawrence Township	6,005,662	6,346,251	6,582,740	6,792,622
Cumberland	Maurice River Township	6,168,675	6,525,404	6,831,595	7,092,235
Cumberland	Shiloh Boro	676,291	706,560	699,709	689,593
Cumberland	Stow Creek Township	1,430,379	1,488,075	1,597,613	1,630,575
Cumberland	Upper Deerfield Twp.	10,058,187	10,039,908	10,822,583	11,363,662
Essex	Belleville Town	43,208,642	43,887,313	45,774,708	47,513,983
Essex	Bloomfield Township	55,468,615	57,109,347	60,463,965	62,435,616
Essex	Caldwell-West Caldwell	26,955,824	28,638,493	30,242,475	31,429,460
Essex	Cedar Grove Township	16,716,438	16,947,222	18,619,423	19,715,275
Essex	Essex County Voc-Tech	28,365,587	29,966,724	31,043,937	34,555,773
Essex	Essex Fells Boro	2,358,977	2,611,715	2,748,536	2,944,386
Essex	Fairfield Township	7,048,485	7,404,053	7,688,309	8,119,504
Essex	Glen Ridge Boro	15,650,019	17,135,636	18,342,846	19,757,459
Essex	Livingston Township	60,697,903	65,068,566	70,728,902	74,978,155
Essex	Millburn Township	42,932,061	50,701,857	54,904,068	60,860,290
Essex	Montclair Town	68,646,672	74,464,799	80,896,173	86,113,604
Essex	North Caldwell Boro	5,942,609	6,582,946	7,139,538	7,717,981
Essex	Nutley Town	38,459,841	40,805,194	42,163,368	44,307,903
Essex	Roseland Boro	4,537,537	4,711,392	4,932,767	5,457,765
Essex	S. Orange-Maplewood	67,235,900	71,157,900	75,813,807	82,055,576
Essex	Verona Boro	19,516,573	20,421,047	21,179,790	22,279,308
Essex	West Essex Regional	20,087,568	20,835,455	22,386,422	24,248,360
Essex	West Orange Town	70,183,012	76,063,616	83,559,404	90,911,715
Gloucester	Clayton Boro	11,479,204	12,374,081	12,940,137	13,610,295
Gloucester	Clearview Regional	19,034,307	20,328,378	21,416,533	23,093,606
Gloucester	Deptford Township	36,725,864	40,725,778	44,155,811	47,097,229
Gloucester	East Greenwich Township	5,322,893	5,814,804	6,214,494	7,196,987
Gloucester	Elk Township	4,120,574	4,404,658	4,013,568	4,254,117
Gloucester	Franklin Township	12,498,445	12,737,167	13,232,589	13,768,826
Gloucester	Gateway Regional	12,826,226	13,498,571	14,208,201	14,657,157
Gloucester	Glassboro	25,780,146	27,274,339	28,569,874	29,588,546
Gloucester	Gloucester County Voc.	11,600,000	12,342,424	11,674,086	11,594,086
Gloucester	Greenwich Township	8,810,424	9,253,891	9,742,067	10,004,023
Gloucester	Harrison Township	9,495,698	10,379,997	11,686,511	13,026,794
Gloucester	Kingsway Regional	15,519,316	17,739,737	19,770,507	20,664,492
Gloucester	Logan Township	13,162,716	14,209,961	14,646,971	15,198,509
Gloucester	Mantua Township	10,992,855	12,141,399	13,377,996	14,418,999
Gloucester	Monroe Township	44,890,310	49,481,824	52,024,720	57,100,461
Gloucester	National Park Boro	3,100,053	3,158,967	3,265,469	3,414,357
Gloucester	Paulsboro Boro	16,917,974	16,966,446	18,333,082	18,335,420
Gloucester	Pitman Boro	16,737,177	17,734,673	18,544,165	19,361,088
Gloucester	South Harrison Township	2,354,408	2,620,020	2,795,818	3,152,230
Gloucester	Delsea Regional	19,343,595	20,490,731	21,630,885	22,192,931
Gloucester	Swedesboro-Woolwich	5,979,866	7,291,030	9,616,442	11,417,784
Gloucester	Washington Township	92,764,426	101,275,619	105,901,917	109,982,963
Gloucester	Wenonah Boro	1,949,657	2,033,763	2,104,691	2,175,155
Gloucester	West Deptford Township	30,624,243	32,234,475	33,713,196	35,114,777

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County	District	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Gloucester	Westville Boro	3,528,572	3,690,735	3,796,639	3,915,377
Gloucester	Woodbury City	17,109,512	18,984,027	19,657,070	20,177,620
Gloucester	Woodbury Heights Boro	2,837,159	3,033,957	3,104,547	3,166,118
Hudson	Bayonne City	83,264,059	84,502,725	86,887,886	92,078,988
Hudson	East Newark Boro	3,478,513	3,862,392	3,748,329	3,937,215
Hudson	Guttenberg Town	10,417,376	10,122,694	10,635,769	11,026,007
Hudson	Hudson County Voc.	33,679,097	35,823,700	37,721,700	38,198,391
Hudson	Kearny Town	53,348,197	55,934,543	59,658,380	63,128,216
Hudson	North Bergen Township	70,827,656	73,739,510	77,499,416	79,868,574
Hudson	Secaucus Town	21,321,342	22,896,415	23,929,935	25,661,470
Hudson	Weehawken Township	13,467,525	14,389,265	15,062,379	16,561,430
Hunterdon	Alexandria Township	6,440,688	6,816,747	7,163,870	7,446,831
Hunterdon	Bethlehem Township	5,685,089	6,110,051	6,980,409	7,731,486
Hunterdon	Bloomsbury Boro	1,633,763	1,766,555	1,984,609	2,108,433
Hunterdon	Califon Boro	1,611,347	1,823,986	1,939,785	1,976,617
Hunterdon	Clinton Town	5,051,523	5,309,007	5,547,058	5,817,007
Hunterdon	Clinton Township	16,092,201	16,913,781	17,964,322	19,016,874
Hunterdon	Delaware Township	4,980,745	5,751,678	6,116,054	6,760,542
Hunterdon	Delaware Valley Regional	10,949,574	11,582,247	12,402,953	13,197,185
Hunterdon	East Amwell Township	5,154,840	5,320,027	5,432,540	5,903,139
Hunterdon	Flemington-Raritan Reg.	32,762,403	35,142,107	37,569,117	39,649,950
Hunterdon	Franklin Township	4,021,575	4,291,082	4,506,371	4,952,853
Hunterdon	Frenchtown Boro	1,751,206	1,872,491	1,991,873	2,064,055
Hunterdon	Hampton Boro	2,113,257	2,147,101	2,354,429	2,470,454
Hunterdon	High Bridge Boro	5,210,192	5,280,101	5,515,116	5,634,925
Hunterdon	Holland Township	6,241,963	6,601,090	6,987,378	7,901,479
Hunterdon	Hunterdon Central Reg.	35,805,849	37,833,722	40,664,370	45,603,912
Hunterdon	Hunterdon County Voc.	3,636,440	4,231,235	6,257,507	4,672,248
Hunterdon	Kingwood Township	4,453,610	4,701,757	5,027,059	5,290,934
Hunterdon	Lambertville City	2,337,049	2,421,166	2,534,564	2,584,172
Hunterdon	Lebanon Boro	1,576,330	1,629,820	1,711,822	1,791,531
Hunterdon	Lebanon Township	9,173,360	9,960,092	10,466,215	10,991,772
Hunterdon	Milford Boro	1,540,624	1,584,243	1,687,566	1,758,070
Hunterdon	N.Hunterdon-Voorhees	33,916,860	37,015,478	40,885,217	45,630,840
Hunterdon	Readington Township	21,775,185	22,722,210	23,619,113	25,554,069
Hunterdon	South Hunterdon Reg.	6,076,197	6,779,415	6,717,815	7,249,275
Hunterdon	Stockton Boro	413,196	446,167	488,872	491,031
Hunterdon	Tewksbury Township	7,572,828	8,177,342	9,066,604	9,757,955
Hunterdon	Union Township	6,325,729	6,598,462	6,952,798	7,329,100
Hunterdon	West Amwell Township	2,617,816	2,761,431	2,956,855	3,032,081
Mercer	East Windsor Regional	53,105,909	57,481,748	60,934,658	64,778,841
Mercer	Ewing Township	44,100,312	47,111,764	48,138,295	48,081,122
Mercer	Hamilton Township	130,456,890	134,782,147	142,559,887	147,027,076
Mercer	Hopewell Valley Reg.	41,713,499	46,239,133	50,789,571	54,383,109
Mercer	Lawrence Township	45,992,440	49,317,605	52,359,060	56,777,512
Mercer	Mercer County Voc.	9,808,271	10,481,052	11,333,747	12,008,825
Mercer	Princeton Regional	46,242,327	49,025,605	53,206,067	56,746,345
Mercer	Washington Township	16,587,607	18,492,082	20,078,982	22,624,911

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County	District	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Mercer	W. Windsor-Plainsboro	100,889,959	106,795,491	113,472,878	118,817,293
Middlesex	Carteret Boro	36,722,549	38,196,632	39,135,834	41,665,868
Middlesex	Cranbury Township	8,939,315	9,994,042	11,865,222	12,629,645
Middlesex	Dunellen Boro	9,794,899	10,225,921	10,501,266	10,889,244
Middlesex	East Brunswick Township	93,132,878	99,412,582	105,703,257	113,432,469
Middlesex	Edison Township	134,847,985	145,013,608	156,514,821	164,267,718
Middlesex	Highland Park Boro	18,012,822	18,996,736	20,073,839	21,262,469
Middlesex	Jamesburg Boro	7,948,884	9,023,098	9,783,840	10,071,146
Middlesex	Metuchen Boro	20,381,061	21,717,745	23,301,407	24,716,146
Middlesex	Middlesex Boro	20,895,124	22,372,063	23,069,699	24,301,621
Middlesex	Middlesex County Voc.	35,202,538	35,557,286	38,650,134	37,659,113
Middlesex	Milltown Boro	10,188,164	10,631,801	10,894,617	11,737,374
Middlesex	Monroe Township	37,242,709	43,546,372	50,058,839	55,872,897
Middlesex	North Brunswick Twp.	49,665,329	53,958,779	58,893,153	62,828,686
Middlesex	Old Bridge Township	97,625,663	103,630,700	107,248,894	111,543,384
Middlesex	Piscataway Township	70,719,552	74,980,573	79,376,257	83,252,696
Middlesex	Sayreville Boro	52,332,468	54,953,385	57,563,160	62,054,571
Middlesex	South Amboy City	11,879,816	12,634,660	13,356,887	13,733,854
Middlesex	South Brunswick Twp.	80,481,796	89,222,725	95,527,432	101,160,790
Middlesex	South Plainfield Boro	39,101,695	40,485,402	41,699,555	42,971,904
Middlesex	South River Boro	18,202,879	19,135,318	19,714,684	20,351,969
Middlesex	Spotswood Boro	16,770,752	18,496,282	18,800,066	20,004,342
Middlesex	Woodbridge Township	128,059,694	135,456,371	141,160,341	148,489,165
Monmouth	Atlantic Highlands Boro	3,359,824	3,458,377	3,659,369	3,836,210
Monmouth	Avon Boro	2,214,378	2,377,352	2,442,645	2,589,736
Monmouth	Belmar Boro	7,847,992	8,551,269	8,760,995	9,263,726
Monmouth	Bradley Beach Boro	5,616,004	6,062,707	6,182,569	6,625,883
Monmouth	Brielle Boro	6,667,520	7,853,624	8,265,410	8,664,182
Monmouth	Colts Neck Township	14,195,678	15,666,294	16,509,321	17,632,397
Monmouth	Eatontown Boro	15,187,288	15,520,451	16,330,890	16,806,015
Monmouth	Fair Haven Boro	8,019,985	8,629,686	8,962,150	9,243,979
Monmouth	Farmingdale Boro	2,046,254	2,109,323	2,142,180	2,227,155
Monmouth	Freehold Boro	11,431,804	12,176,305	12,544,639	13,712,468
Monmouth	Freehold Regional	103,498,940	116,004,037	125,399,681	133,752,732
Monmouth	Freehold Township	38,350,302	41,323,958	45,419,675	50,780,658
Monmouth	Hazlet Township	34,623,324	36,769,896	39,161,140	40,809,052
Monmouth	Henry Hudson Regional	6,603,271	6,891,462	7,212,334	7,592,011
Monmouth	Highlands Boro	3,190,149	3,349,381	3,476,772	3,582,625
Monmouth	Holmdel Township	33,453,311	36,134,515	38,480,018	42,808,797
Monmouth	Howell Township	72,006,584	75,922,961	83,228,774	87,424,163
Monmouth	Keyport Boro	12,949,231	13,592,178	13,950,458	14,571,503
Monmouth	Little Silver Boro	7,388,150	7,768,759	8,304,087	9,419,211
Monmouth	Manalapan-Englishtown	49,071,061	51,769,736	54,414,531	57,082,438
Monmouth	Manasquan Boro	15,411,977	16,822,693	17,441,692	18,452,289
Monmouth	Marlboro Township	48,018,335	52,730,940	56,872,450	60,674,010
Monmouth	Matawan-Aberdeen Reg.	43,592,082	45,431,049	48,100,119	51,273,542
Monmouth	Middletown Township	107,782,142	114,326,931	117,204,412	123,617,016
Monmouth	Millstone Township	18,732,983	20,641,776	23,808,440	24,344,650

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County	District	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Monmouth	Monmouth Beach Boro	3,080,237	3,310,865	3,751,334	3,681,086
Monmouth	Monmouth County Voc.	30,715,653	32,550,068	32,673,196	33,836,356
Monmouth	Monmouth Regional	18,964,153	19,449,626	20,680,106	22,930,629
Monmouth	Neptune City	5,774,499	5,982,376	6,228,497	6,650,554
Monmouth	Ocean Township	44,862,947	48,494,985	51,574,415	54,699,825
Monmouth	Oceanport Boro	6,785,073	6,978,957	7,204,335	7,371,917
Monmouth	Red Bank Boro	10,687,569	11,771,045	12,975,299	13,525,252
Monmouth	Red Bank Regional	15,871,652	17,711,428	18,132,664	19,763,981
Monmouth	Roosevelt Boro	2,109,437	2,155,852	2,208,224	2,241,382
Monmouth	Rumson Boro	9,015,669	9,532,385	10,080,737	10,741,858
Monmouth	Rumson-Fair Haven Reg.	10,181,192	11,193,264	12,057,117	12,937,390
Monmouth	Sea Girt Boro	3,078,733	3,207,012	3,348,145	3,418,029
Monmouth	Shore Regional	9,972,740	10,676,305	10,983,122	11,491,697
Monmouth	Shrewsbury Boro	4,510,174	4,786,638	5,427,172	5,594,794
Monmouth	Spring Lake Boro	4,790,632	5,173,641	5,570,504	6,019,094
Monmouth	Spring Lake Heights Boro	5,574,928	5,755,454	5,930,377	6,100,425
Monmouth	Tinton Falls	18,475,945	19,097,144	19,769,213	22,402,736
Monmouth	Union Beach	13,379,760	13,306,276	14,023,958	14,170,042
Monmouth	Upper Freehold Regional	17,777,637	19,235,991	21,619,730	23,293,150
Monmouth	Wall Township	42,161,124	46,217,786	49,504,061	51,889,003
Monmouth	West Long Branch Boro	6,871,106	7,423,559	7,977,318	8,428,797
Morris	Boonton Town	14,505,310	15,211,454	16,034,204	17,129,803
Morris	Boonton Township	7,938,382	8,557,362	9,029,571	10,082,946
Morris	Butler Boro	14,430,734	15,309,705	15,810,387	16,466,380
Morris	Sch.Dist. of the Chathams	32,430,533	34,322,854	36,867,762	39,927,976
Morris	Chester Township	13,672,144	14,394,038	15,094,237	16,191,831
Morris	Denville Township	15,478,794	17,099,959	17,874,144	20,561,680
Morris	Dover Town	29,099,461	31,141,121	32,960,416	34,428,746
Morris	East Hanover Township	12,913,556	13,856,206	14,672,508	15,171,048
Morris	Florham Park Boro	9,631,844	10,666,308	12,249,471	12,905,668
Morris	Hanover Park Regional	20,358,543	21,524,531	22,286,963	23,439,648
Morris	Hanover Township	16,097,348	17,018,978	17,790,326	19,267,133
Morris	Harding Township	6,195,246	6,743,387	7,228,529	7,433,084
Morris	Jefferson Township	35,409,477	36,743,256	39,257,797	43,302,682
Morris	Kinnelon Boro	20,604,349	22,102,919	23,502,893	25,220,512
Morris	Lincoln Park Boro	14,133,801	15,100,403	15,794,057	16,460,008
Morris	Madison Boro	27,404,191	28,380,914	29,097,546	29,923,879
Morris	Mendham Boro	6,585,553	6,569,870	7,048,108	7,394,248
Morris	Mendham Township	10,357,858	10,918,151	11,687,043	12,474,839
Morris	Mine Hill Township	5,046,804	5,413,257	6,291,482	7,017,946
Morris	Montville Township	38,280,810	42,497,029	44,991,751	49,990,299
Morris	Morris County Vocational	9,965,348	10,633,289	12,416,509	13,888,774
Morris	Morris Hills Regional	35,227,787	38,173,421	41,794,445	43,335,464
Morris	Morris Plains Boro	10,097,262	10,830,635	11,262,258	12,538,249
Morris	Morris School District	69,737,028	71,974,817	77,247,185	81,963,858
Morris	Mount Arlington Boro	6,414,570	6,739,173	7,323,473	7,900,725
Morris	Mount Olive Township	48,567,255	52,119,750	56,812,862	61,487,334
Morris	Mountain Lakes Boro	23,085,609	25,529,972	26,361,760	28,620,471

Total Budget (General Fund plus Special Revenue Fund Budgets)

County	District	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Morris	Netcong Boro	3,323,483	3,401,901	3,471,778	3,608,135
Morris	Parsippany-TroyHillsTwp	83,003,317	87,336,509	96,382,410	103,016,086
Morris	Long Hill Township	10,011,759	10,683,328	11,488,686	12,213,614
Morris	Pequannock Township	24,109,579	24,785,316	26,163,493	27,706,196
Morris	Randolph Township	54,043,863	57,206,281	61,170,928	61,768,633
Morris	Riverdale Boro	3,944,472	4,578,142	4,716,852	4,877,285
Morris	Rockaway Boro	5,756,474	5,924,285	6,158,340	6,503,379
Morris	Rockaway Township	31,923,997	35,065,745	37,973,876	39,423,922
Morris	Roxbury Township	47,276,024	49,360,117	51,444,060	55,236,338
Morris	Washington Township	27,690,169	29,700,710	30,750,180	32,898,260
Morris	West Morris Regional	30,825,565	33,696,468	35,360,267	39,319,256
Morris	Wharton Boro	7,915,091	8,231,979	8,655,315	9,455,990
Ocean	Barnegat Township	31,874,234	35,359,543	36,369,150	38,432,692
Ocean	Bay Head Boro	1,822,793	1,793,529	1,849,623	1,911,686
Ocean	Beach Haven Boro	1,164,041	1,225,416	1,285,858	1,325,538
Ocean	Berkeley Township	17,137,825	18,327,514	20,080,077	23,303,491
Ocean	Brick Township	98,819,514	102,576,640	107,461,219	114,756,313
Ocean	Central Regional	23,746,168	25,737,244	27,398,454	28,731,161
Ocean	Eagleswood Township	1,523,378	1,636,159	1,694,684	1,876,366
Ocean	Island Heights Boro	#VALUE!	1,658,022	1,693,221	1,774,610
Ocean	Jackson Township	85,443,437	92,464,528	98,409,729	104,294,861
Ocean	Lacey Township	41,490,166	44,076,401	47,829,054	51,209,192
Ocean	Lakehurst Boro	7,096,181	7,131,086	7,361,538	7,491,108
Ocean	Lakewood Township	69,528,517	77,223,150	82,321,375	90,755,524
Ocean	Lavallette Boro	2,795,252	2,932,751	2,970,858	3,052,344
Ocean	Little Egg Harbor Twp.	15,471,281	17,418,732	18,820,812	19,820,711
Ocean	Long Beach Island	5,241,498	5,956,431	5,930,237	6,119,583
Ocean	Manchester Township	30,142,790	32,026,420	35,176,543	36,796,165
Ocean	Ocean County Vocational	18,141,758	18,574,146	21,623,428	20,143,905
Ocean	Ocean Gate Boro	1,905,449	2,054,611	2,189,456	2,305,076
Ocean	Ocean Township	12,977,138	14,125,456	14,851,971	15,772,399
Ocean	Pinelands Regional	20,722,872	23,306,075	24,194,093	25,478,634
Ocean	Plumsted Township	13,802,771	17,886,120	16,243,238	17,571,306
Ocean	Point Pleasant Boro	27,161,887	28,067,907	29,468,796	31,145,744
Ocean	Point Pleasant Beach Bor.	9,552,361	9,994,180	10,229,799	10,740,450
Ocean	Seaside Heights Boro	2,744,907	2,982,323	3,037,959	3,714,609
Ocean	Seaside Park Boro	1,421,369	1,521,914	1,546,307	1,621,235
Ocean	Southern Regional	41,162,358	44,931,432	48,689,471	50,900,943
Ocean	Stafford Township	20,935,303	22,378,617	24,335,570	25,801,635
Ocean	Toms River Regional	163,041,239	171,303,557	177,560,141	181,858,659
Ocean	Tuckerton Boro	2,861,598	2,989,132	3,125,636	3,212,417
Passaic	Bloomingdale Boro	11,548,265	12,323,931	12,586,919	13,171,356
Passaic	Clifton City	95,532,045	99,547,491	107,839,942	116,020,027
Passaic	Haledon Boro	8,678,876	9,074,581	9,692,533	10,518,123
Passaic	Hawthorne Boro	23,022,605	25,026,914	26,689,920	27,865,369
Passaic	Lakeland Regional	14,751,680	15,199,645	16,095,025	17,153,637
Passaic	Little Falls Township	8,011,600	8,900,954	9,521,530	10,283,699
Passaic	North Haledon Boro	5,228,101	5,599,417	6,074,763	6,572,556

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County	District	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Passaic	Passaic Co. Manchester R	9,501,011	10,601,326	11,518,459	12,124,181
Passaic	Passaic Valley Regional	13,678,907	14,744,430	16,119,419	17,132,411
Passaic	Passaic County Voc.	36,972,254	36,995,099	41,389,816	43,342,787
Passaic	Pompton Lakes Boro	18,433,809	19,951,205	21,414,336	23,079,302
Passaic	Prospect Park Boro	7,202,741	8,173,305	7,883,950	8,481,547
Passaic	Ringwood Boro	15,744,710	16,141,196	16,872,688	17,879,933
Passaic	Totowa Boro	8,430,536	9,304,809	10,276,917	11,417,527
Passaic	Wanaque Boro	9,868,542	10,420,241	11,162,631	11,855,599
Passaic	Wayne Township	86,963,165	93,112,355	98,894,285	105,687,881
Passaic	West Milford Township	48,019,150	50,832,319	53,076,997	55,420,015
Passaic	West Paterson Boro	9,129,672	9,773,342	10,290,424	10,936,101
Salem	Alloway Township	5,225,019	5,530,103	5,982,278	5,993,109
Salem	Elmer Boro	2,500,504	2,572,282	2,819,947	2,922,739
Salem	Elsinboro Township	1,566,546	1,729,227	1,751,780	1,796,683
Salem	Lower Alloways Creek	3,835,741	4,039,236	3,628,943	3,804,254
Salem	Mannington Township	2,526,667	2,663,497	2,819,627	2,888,041
Salem	Oldmans Township	3,654,700	3,673,688	3,928,810	3,889,672
Salem	Penns Grove-Carney's Pt.	24,615,479	24,962,389	26,504,530	27,199,152
Salem	Pennsville	21,364,514	21,772,608	22,266,706	23,925,077
Salem	Pittsgrove Township	16,764,033	17,850,958	19,241,701	20,139,316
Salem	Quinton Township	4,378,176	4,810,392	4,841,408	5,036,957
Salem	Salem County Vocational	5,869,822	7,964,427	7,070,099	8,179,083
Salem	Upper Pittsgrove Twp.	5,295,863	5,594,520	5,722,863	5,912,792
Salem	Woodstown-Pilesgrove R.	14,755,516	15,595,869	16,357,088	17,309,624
Somerset	Bedminster Township	9,794,174	10,714,905	11,301,732	12,340,918
Somerset	Bernards Township	47,727,604	51,611,128	55,403,077	60,565,150
Somerset	Bound Brook Boro	15,652,425	16,664,857	18,145,459	18,881,917
Somerset	Branchburg Township	26,480,900	28,714,602	32,280,313	34,925,013
Somerset	Bridgewater-Raritan Reg.	85,998,837	93,012,685	97,899,984	107,565,658
Somerset	Franklin Township	77,902,655	84,982,651	98,065,859	97,838,909
Somerset	Green Brook Township	11,766,226	12,360,644	13,581,578	14,913,290
Somerset	Hillsborough Township	67,729,461	73,194,291	77,564,074	83,304,258
Somerset	Manville Boro	12,992,385	13,782,493	14,355,538	14,922,145
Somerset	Montgomery Township	38,208,468	41,114,564	45,822,367	51,505,176
Somerset	North Plainfield Boro	34,296,500	36,799,520	39,169,676	42,276,396
Somerset	Somerset County Voc.	12,678,175	12,956,586	13,710,547	14,429,690
Somerset	Somerset Hills Regional	20,968,214	22,642,997	25,291,522	27,383,014
Somerset	Somerville Boro	23,762,009	25,944,798	28,259,767	29,780,631
Somerset	South Bound Brook	6,622,992	6,727,198	7,176,011	7,336,891
Somerset	Warren Township	24,783,799	26,490,201	27,305,336	31,960,608
Somerset	Watchung Boro	6,504,064	6,761,407	7,639,858	8,306,405
Somerset	Watchung Hills Regional	18,069,451	20,944,337	22,828,558	25,714,108
Sussex	Andover Reg	9,557,989	10,976,858	11,781,446	12,152,096
Sussex	Byram Township	8,931,867	9,504,471	10,628,106	11,264,875
Sussex	Frankford Township	8,294,355	8,621,543	8,833,228	9,003,782
Sussex	Franklin Boro	6,858,392	7,336,844	7,159,734	7,331,778
Sussex	Fredon Township	2,775,659	2,904,189	3,099,703	3,437,051
Sussex	Green Township	6,656,977	7,420,000	7,592,532	7,673,856

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County	District	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Sussex	Hamburg Boro	3,459,262	3,977,956	4,275,040	4,430,684
Sussex	Hampton Township	4,803,661	5,442,729	5,617,499	5,779,024
Sussex	Hardyston Township	6,686,859	6,996,290	8,252,599	8,461,109
Sussex	High Point Regional	16,877,988	17,903,417	19,485,357	19,971,829
Sussex	Hopatcong	27,781,245	28,842,171	29,407,491	30,376,261
Sussex	Kittatinny Regional	14,501,960	15,378,267	16,312,533	17,113,005
Sussex	Lafayette Township	3,148,934	3,414,693	3,699,448	3,835,815
Sussex	Lenape Valley Regional	10,286,601	10,702,711	11,199,260	11,635,899
Sussex	Montague Township	6,064,590	6,488,721	6,763,103	7,107,647
Sussex	Newton Town	17,450,419	18,594,371	19,228,768	19,849,820
Sussex	Ogdensburg Boro	3,745,628	3,942,804	4,009,541	4,134,600
Sussex	Sandyston-Walpack Twp.	2,003,219	2,260,723	2,318,150	2,281,791
Sussex	Sparta Township	36,165,084	38,531,290	42,188,434	44,819,644
Sussex	Stanhope Boro	4,001,506	3,914,987	4,179,691	4,593,701
Sussex	Stillwater Township	4,556,481	4,839,999	5,034,072	5,148,039
Sussex	Sussex-Wantage Regional	16,947,134	18,381,406	20,100,654	20,788,760
Sussex	Sussex County Vocational	11,113,462	11,734,489	12,183,070	12,488,277
Sussex	Vernon Township	53,067,104	55,088,203	58,539,483	60,481,592
Sussex	Wallkill Valley Regional	10,140,058	11,339,542	11,927,728	12,400,825
Union	Berkeley Heights Twp.	28,972,968	31,601,946	33,049,497	35,230,294
Union	Clark Township	25,671,785	26,469,939	27,394,039	29,150,039
Union	Cranford Township	35,584,788	37,750,390	39,819,967	41,773,110
Union	Garwood Boro	5,889,518	6,063,433	6,192,296	6,361,670
Union	Hillside Township	34,054,421	35,670,079	38,887,415	41,982,502
Union	Kenilworth Boro	12,548,638	13,796,796	14,365,056	15,746,374
Union	Linden City	65,415,806	70,935,797	77,173,914	81,488,501
Union	Mountainside Boro	9,373,657	10,363,632	11,100,160	11,700,849
Union	New Providence Boro	21,092,982	22,107,168	24,510,705	26,165,422
Union	Rahway City	38,625,772	43,674,719	42,572,848	45,778,116
Union	Roselle Boro	36,199,567	37,948,877	40,244,026	45,865,557
Union	Roselle Park Boro	19,757,039	20,835,770	21,698,084	22,686,818
Union	Scotch Plains-Fanwood R	49,814,444	53,248,633	57,116,420	60,912,343
Union	Springfield Township	23,248,407	24,557,446	25,875,297	27,874,658
Union	Summit City	36,093,354	39,165,157	42,050,932	45,384,854
Union	Union County Vocational	11,345,344	11,975,033	13,235,565	14,405,965
Union	Union Township	81,390,971	87,124,600	90,037,708	94,473,335
Union	Westfield Town	59,661,105	63,102,534	66,509,488	71,209,206
Union	Winfield Township	2,390,621	2,569,774	2,549,143	2,719,318
Warren	Allamuchy Township	4,769,217	5,392,378	5,307,034	5,904,365
Warren	Alpha Boro	4,194,467	4,348,941	4,409,946	4,476,685
Warren	Belvidere Town	8,470,436	9,141,535	9,502,145	9,731,921
Warren	Blairstown Township	6,136,582	6,437,385	7,061,887	7,092,743
Warren	Franklin Township	2,909,112	3,222,239	3,605,343	3,886,036
Warren	Frelinghuysen Township	2,032,556	2,120,568	2,303,874	2,429,083
Warren	Great Meadows Regional	13,550,533	14,191,894	15,317,240	16,088,734
Warren	Greenwich Township	8,469,387	9,732,758	10,928,742	11,460,970
Warren	Hackettstown	20,615,567	21,647,687	22,635,134	23,969,321
Warren	Harmony Township	4,726,194	5,176,502	5,454,667	5,826,347

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County	District	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Warren	Hope Township	3,093,602	3,351,212	3,476,571	3,610,551
Warren	Knowlton Township	3,244,114	3,413,703	3,495,740	3,601,135
Warren	Lopatcong Township	7,972,278	9,096,538	10,611,562	11,871,188
Warren	Mansfield Township	6,428,807	6,908,039	7,185,684	7,738,367
Warren	North Warren Regional	11,080,165	11,545,546	12,391,923	12,942,463
Warren	Oxford Township	3,793,474	4,130,497	4,350,633	4,653,592
Warren	Pohatcong Township	5,317,890	5,562,282	5,789,560	6,081,783
Warren	Warren County Voc.	6,607,075	6,903,729	7,168,698	7,316,861
Warren	Warren Hills Regional	23,162,064	24,460,690	26,111,754	27,296,887
Warren	Washington Boro	5,816,109	6,176,506	6,330,163	6,575,728
Warren	Washington Township	6,461,554	6,720,523	6,870,273	7,227,616
Warren	White Township	6,428,228	6,594,792	7,089,451	7,306,278

Note: From NJDOE raw data, [Budgetary appropriation line item data from the 2001-2002 through 2004-2005 fiscal years], 2005.