

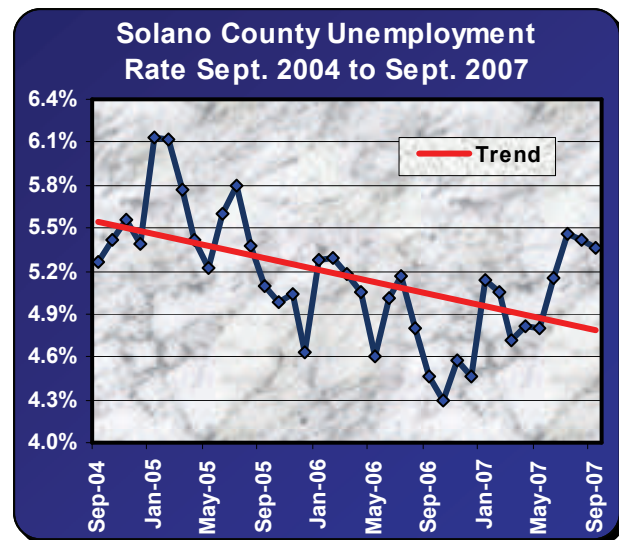
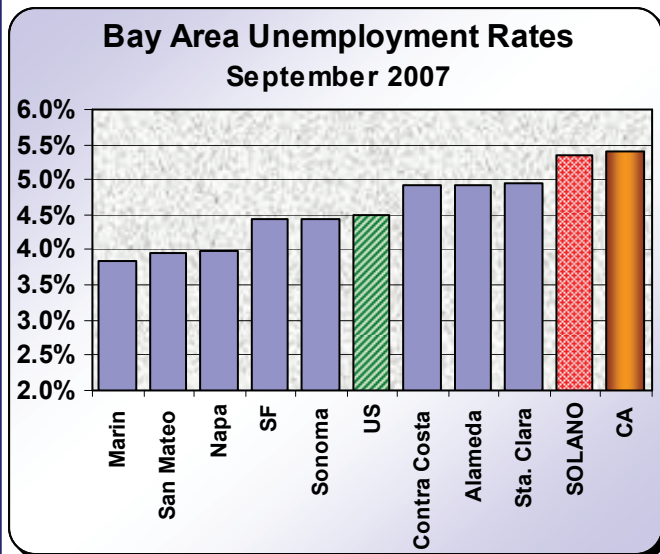
H&SS INDICATORS

A Bi-Monthly Look at Health & Social Service Trends Shaping Solano County

ECONOMY

Indicator	July	August	Sept
Labor Force	218,100	217,900	218,300
Number Employed	206,200	206,100	206,600
Number Unemployed	11,900	11,800	11,700
Unemployment Rate	5.5%	5.4%	5.4%

- The County's unemployment rate has been trending down over the past year and has consistently been on par with the statewide average.
- Solano County continues to have the highest unemployment rate in the Bay Area and the gap has appeared to widen slightly.

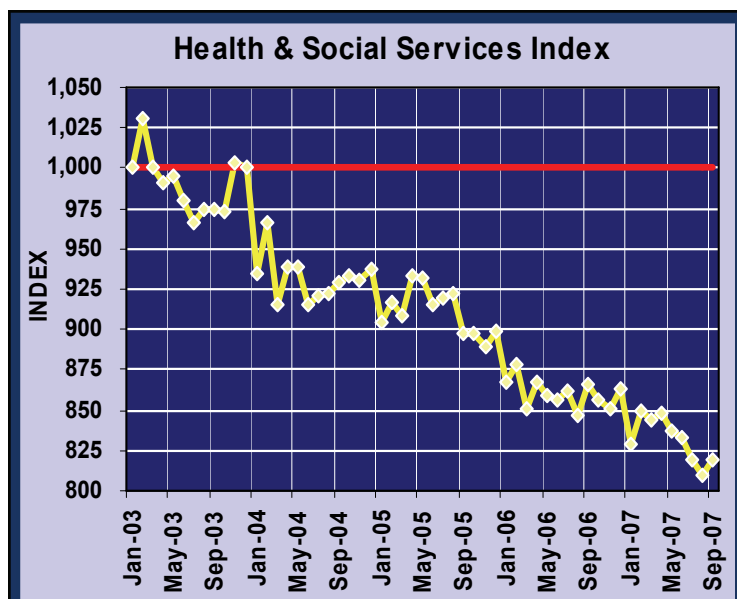


H&SS INDEX

The Health & Social Services (H&SS) Index increased slightly in September over August but remains below 820. Most of the indicators were stable with 11 of the 15 indicators showing a slight improvement in September compared to August with only four (4) registering increased client counts. In particular, there was a substantial increase in child abuse or neglect referrals — not unusual for September when school starts.

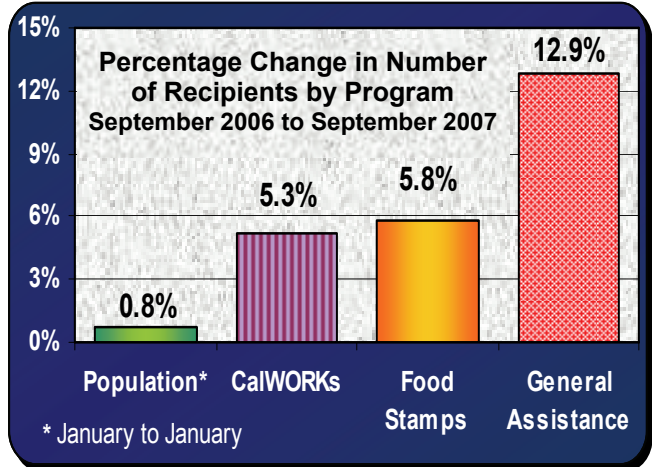
The index combines workload data from 14 key services provided by H&SS, along with data on unemployment in Solano County, to provide a monthly indicator of community demand for health and social services.

All of the monthly numbers are added together and converted into an index score with January 2003 as the index bench line figure of 1,000. Like the Dow Jones, higher scores suggest positive developments — fewer people looking for work or requiring the services that H&SS provides, for example. Falling numbers suggest increasing need for H&SS's services.

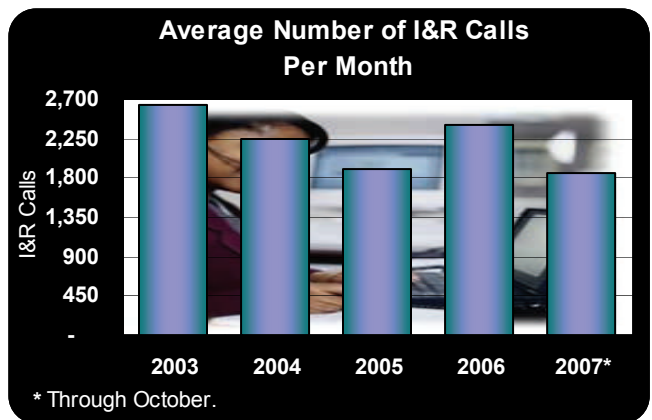


EMPLOYMENT & ELIGIBILITY

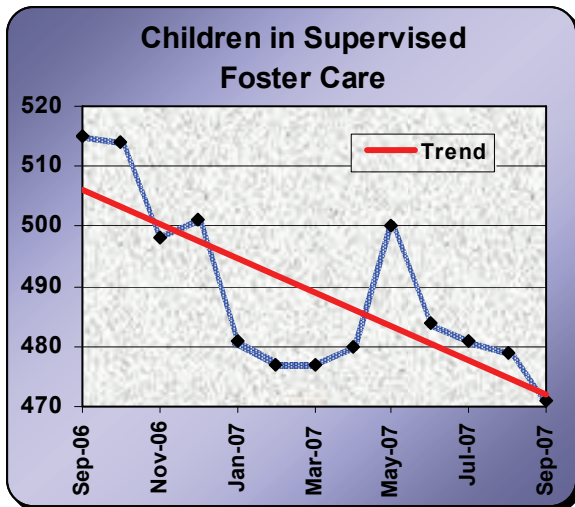
Indicator	July	August	Sept
Number of I&R Calls	1,832	2,073	1,804
CalWORKs Cash Assistance Recipients	12,631	12,949	13,091
New CalWORKs Applications & Restoration Requests	470	586	455
Food Stamp Recipients	21,228	21,151	21,296
General Relief Recipients	737	768	737



- The number of calls to the County's Information and Referral Helpline has been declining through most of 2007. The County's I&R service has been replaced by the new 211 service.
- Growth in the number of cash assistance programs — although continuing to trend upwards — has slowed in recent months. The number of food stamp recipients in September 2007 was 5.8 percent higher than in September 2006. For CalWORKs, the increase was 5.3 percent for the same period. General Assistance saw the largest percentage year-to-year increase — 12.9 percent.



CHILD WELFARE



Indicator	July	August	Sept
Child Abuse or Neglect Referrals	243	252	298
Children in Supervised Foster Care*	481	479	471

* Children in placement for 17 of the last 22 months (15 months plus a 60 day grace period).

- The number of referrals for child abuse or neglect rose in September. This is a common occurrence as referrals often rise when the school year starts.
- The number of Solano County children in foster care has been trending down over the past year.

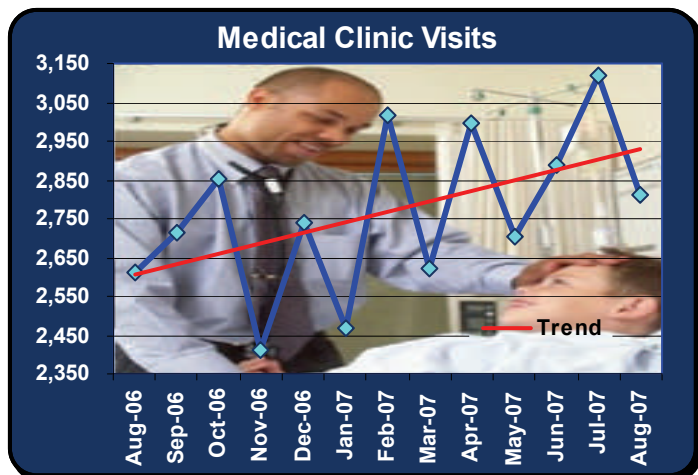
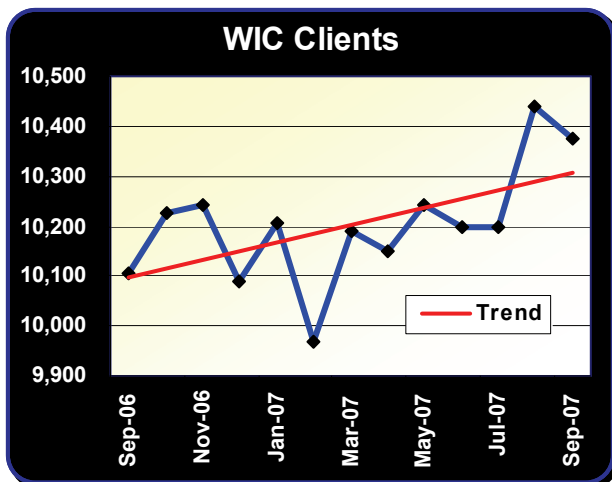
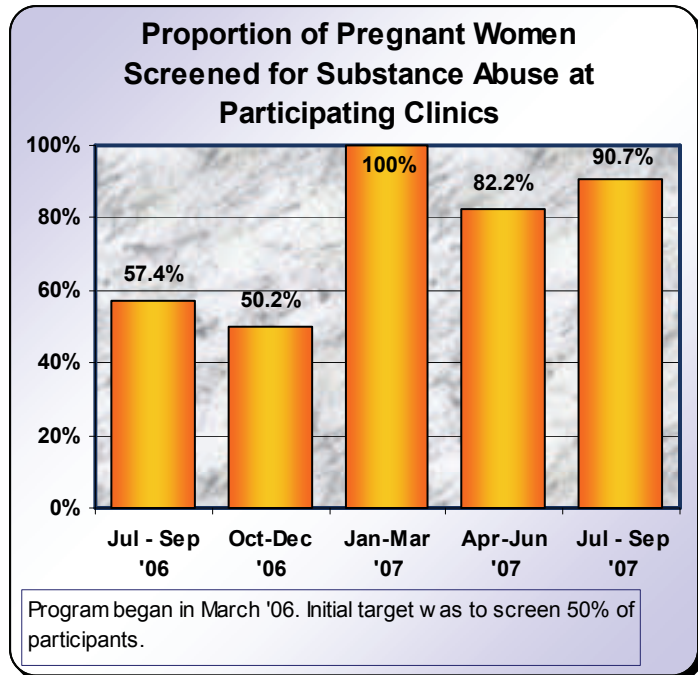
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- Although fluctuating from month-to-month, visits to the County's two medical clinics have been rising steadily over the past year. Despite a drop in September, dental visits have generally risen over the past year. For the six months ending in September, there were an average of 413 dental visits each month compared to 325 average monthly visits for the previous six month period. Waiting times for routine appointments have generally increased in recent month.
- Beginning in October, the clinics began behavioral health screening and treatment for postpartum mothers.
- The number of WIC clients increased in August and September. The number of clients in September 2007 was down 2.7 percent from the previous September.
- A priority of the Solano County Board of Supervisors is to eventually screen all pregnant women for substance use and link those in need of assistance to appropriate services. The MCAH began the program in March 2006 at a comprehensive perinatal service provider prenatal care site — the ABC prenatal program. For the first 19 months, the program screened 1,259 women and linked 92 — or 7.3 percent — to services. Between 80 and 100 percent of new clients at participating clinics were screened during the last three quarters — well above the goal of screening 50 percent of participants.
- The number of communicable disease reports during the July through September 2007 quarter was 26.2 percent higher than for the same period in 2006. 761 communicable diseases were reported for the quarter in 2007 compared to 603 in 2006. Chlamydia continues to represent about two-third of all reported cases.

Indicator	July	August	Sept
Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Clients ¹	392	370	339
Toll Free Hotline for Women, Children & Teens	467	539	468
Medical Clinic Visits	2,891	3,121	2,820 ²
Dental Clinic Visits	457	475	347 ²
Reported Communicable Disease Cases	242	240	295
WIC ³ Clients	10,200	10,438	10,377

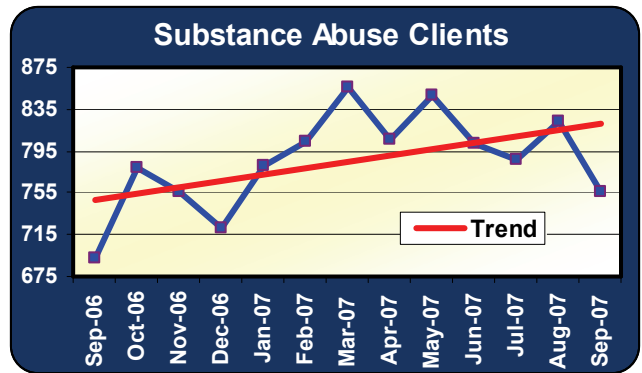
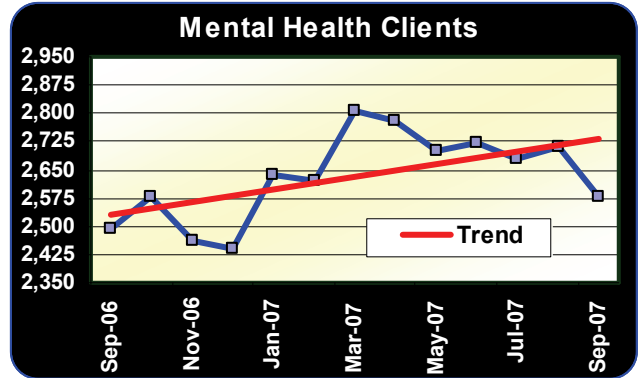
1. Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP), Prenatal Care Guidance (PCG), Black Infant Health (BIH), BabyFirst Solano.
 2. Preliminary. Medical includes Vallejo & Fairfield FHS Clinics.
 3. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children.



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Indicator	July	August	Sept
Mental Health Clients	2,678	2,713	2,577
Substance Abuse Clients	787	824	756

- Both Mental Health and Substance Abuse clients have been revised since the last indicators. Previous data downloads under-reported the number of clients.
- The number of Mental Health clients in September 2007 was up 3.2 percent compared to the previous September. For Substance Abuse, the number of clients in September 2007 was up 9.1 percent from the year before.



OLDER & DISABLED ADULTS

Indicator	July	August	Sept
Elder or Dependent Adult Abuse Referrals	109	108	102
Elder or Dependent Adult Abuse Confirmed	26	46	39
Number of Providers on IHSS Registry	242	245	270

- The number of elder or dependent adult abuse referrals has been trending upward over the past year. For the 12 months ending in September 2007, there have been an average of 98 elder or dependent adult abuse reports each month.

