

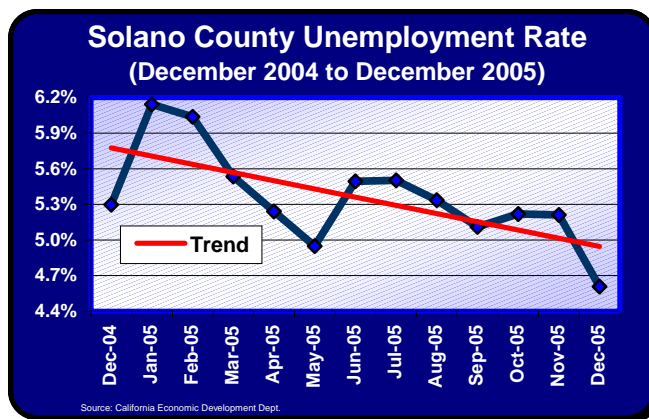
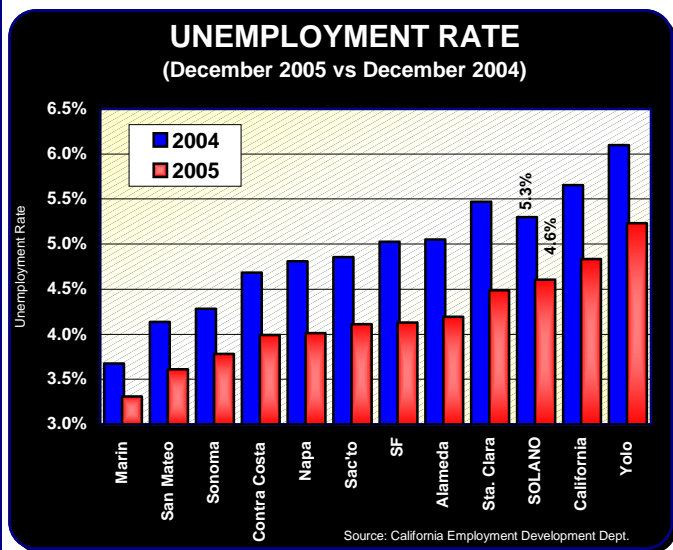
H&SS INDICATORS

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

ECONOMY

Indicator	October	November	December
Labor Force	216,500	214,900	214,900
Number Employed	205,200	203,700	204,900
Number Unemployed	11,300	11,200	9,900
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.2%	4.6%

- Both the number of unemployed in Solano County and the County's unemployment rate fell to their lowest levels since December 2001.
- Despite the substantial drop in unemployment, the County's unemployment rate remains the highest in the Bay Area.
- The decrease in unemployment in December may translate into lower cash assistance clients in early 2006 if the reduction is sustained. However, unemployment often drops temporarily in December as companies hire seasonal employees. Salary and wage levels will also play a role in the extent to which improved economic figures influence assistance programs.
- The number of employed persons increased by 5,300 between December 2004 and December 2005.

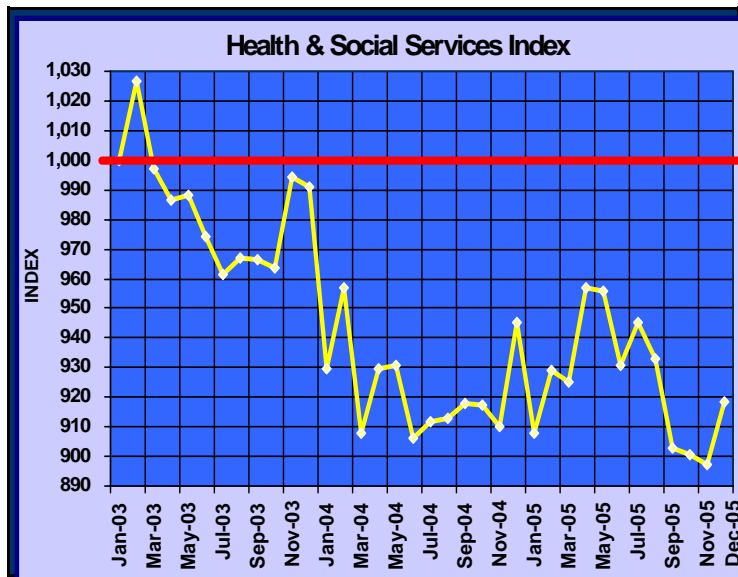


H&SS INDEX

After falling for 6 of the 7 months since May, the **Health & Social Services (H&SS) Index** rose markedly in December. The greatest improvements were in the sharp decrease in the number of unemployed along with a substantial decrease in the preliminary figure for Medi-Cal recipients. Overall, 11 of the 16 indicators showed improvement over November, 5 showed increases in client counts. It should be noted that unemployment usually decreases in December as companies hire seasonal workers.

The index combines workload data from 15 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.

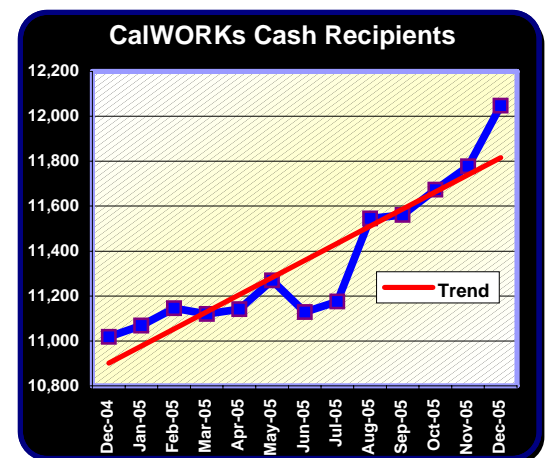
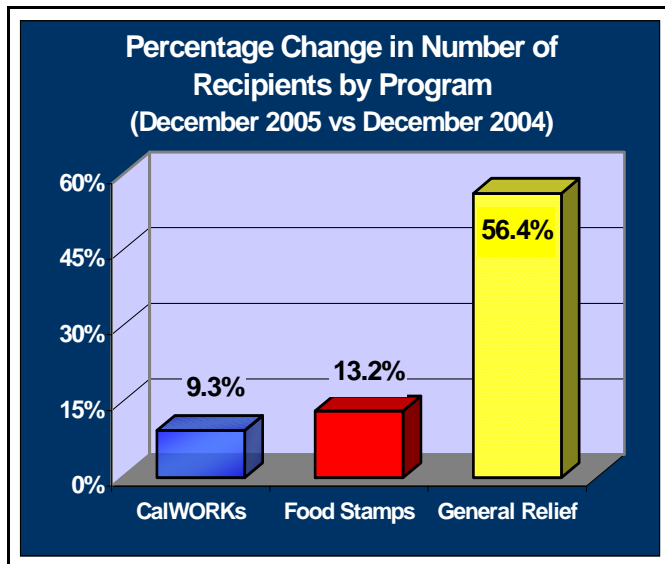
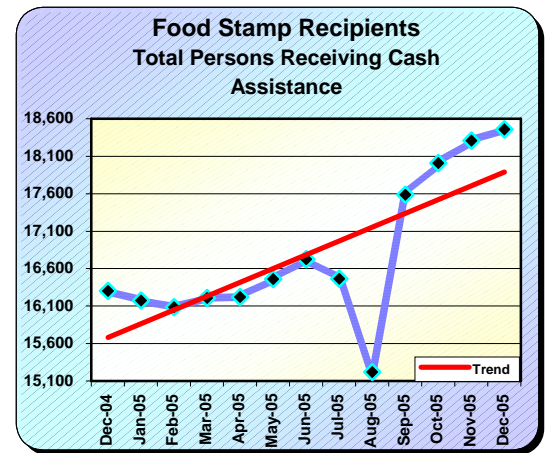
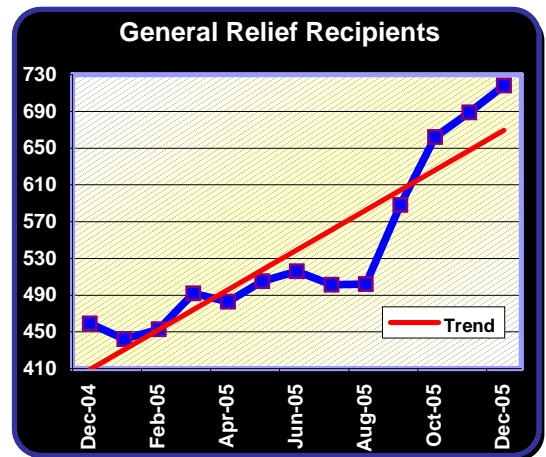
All of the monthly numbers are added together and converted into an index score with January 2003 as the index bench line figure of 1,000. Like the Dow Jones, higher scores suggest positive developments — fewer people looking for work or requiring the services that H&SS provides, for example. Falling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



EMPLOYMENT & ELIGIBILITY

Indicator	October	November	December
Number of I&R Calls	1,661	1,855	2,179
CalWORKs Cash Assistance Recipients	11,674	11,777	12,048
New CalWORKs Applications	451	482	420
Food Stamp Recipients	18,009	18,307	18,460
General Relief Recipients	662	689	718

- Client counts for all of the County's cash assistance programs rose steadily throughout 2005.
- Between December 2004 and December 2005, the number of CalWORKs cash assistance recipients increased by more than 1,000. The number of food stamp recipients grew by over 2,1000.
- The number of call to the County's Information and Referral (I&R) line increased sharply in December. The number of calls earlier in the year may have been lower than normal because of the need to transfer staff to work on CalWIN implementation.



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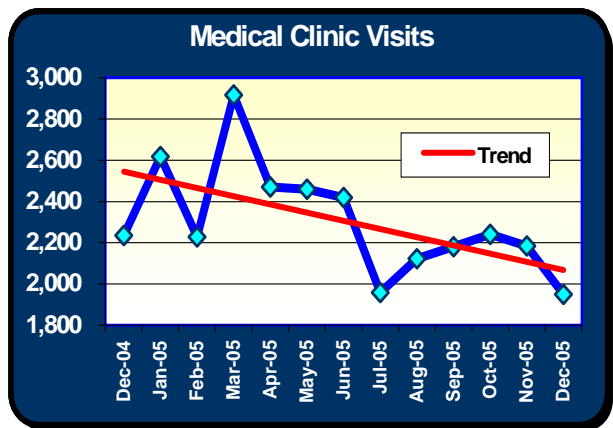
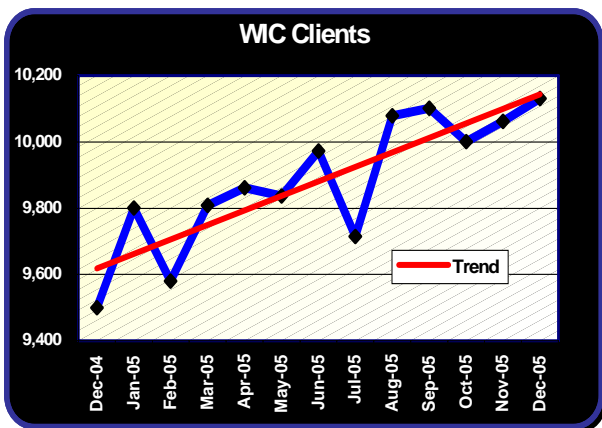


PUBLIC HEALTH

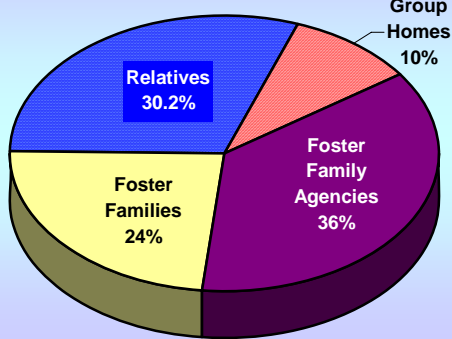
- Visits to the County's two medical and one dental clinic generally trended down during the year. Lower client counts in December may have been due in part to the holiday season.
- Medi-Cal enrollment appears to have decreased during the last quarter of Calendar Year 2005.
- The number of WIC clients rose by 6.6 percent between December 2004 and December 2005.

Indicator	October	November	December
Medi-Cal Enrollment*	56,704	56,499	54,408
CMSP Enrollment	4,176	na	na
Medical Clinic Visits	2,241	2,185	1,950**
Dental Clinic Visits	408	355	262**
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Clients	10,001	10,062	10,131

* Estimate based on actual enrollees through January 2005 and H&SS caseload and intake activity figures through December. ** Preliminary.



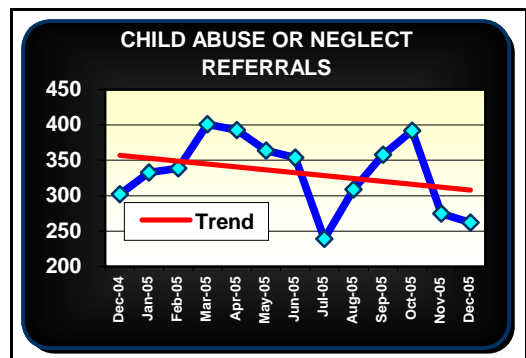
Foster Children by Type of Placement (December 2005)



- The number of referrals for child abuse or neglect in December 2005 was down 13.2 percent from December 2004. For the entire year, referrals were down 6.2 percent in 2005 from 2004.
- The number of children in supervised foster care rose by nearly 10 percent during the last quarter of 2005 from 524 to 570.

CHILD WELFARE

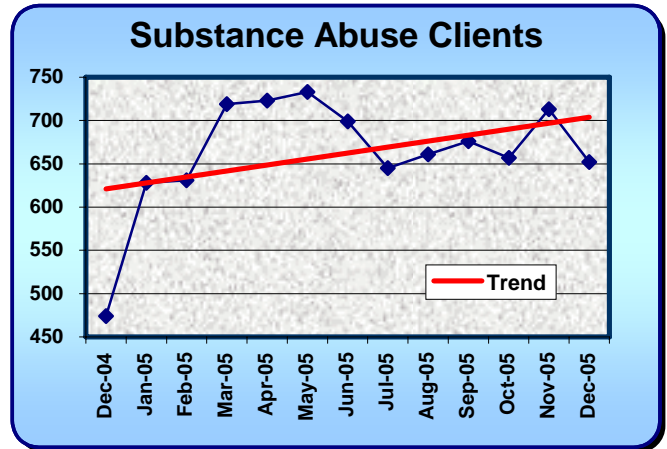
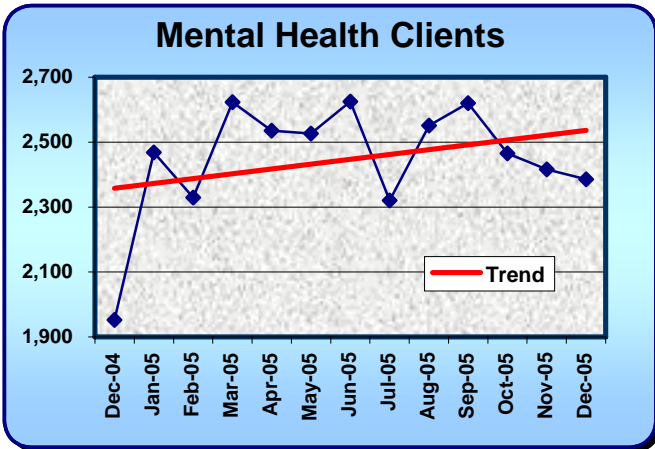
Indicator	October	November	December
Child Abuse or Neglect Referrals	392	275	262
Children in Supervised Foster Care	524	542	570



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Indicator	October	November	December
Mental Health Clients	2,466	2,416	2,386
Substance Abuse Clients	657	713	652

- For both Mental Health and Substance Abuse, the number of clients remained fairly constant throughout 2005.
- The average number of clients seen monthly by Mental Health fell slightly from 2,554 to 2,489. For Substance Abuse, the monthly client average increased by just over 10 percent from 614 to 678.



OLDER & DISABLED ADULTS

Indicator	October	November	December
Elder or Dependent Adult Abuse Referrals	73	93	83
Elder or Dependent Adult Abuse Confirmed	24	27	22
In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Authorized Cases	2,500	2,523	2,534

- The number of elder and dependent adult abuse referrals rose in November but fell back in December.
- The number of referrals was substantially higher during first half of 2005 than during the latter part of the year. This pattern may reflect the fact that there were a number of high profile elder abuse cases reported in the media during the early part of the year.

