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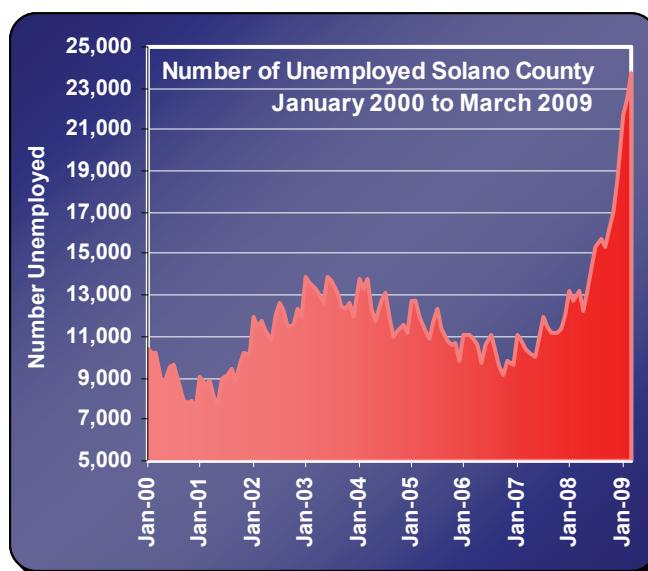
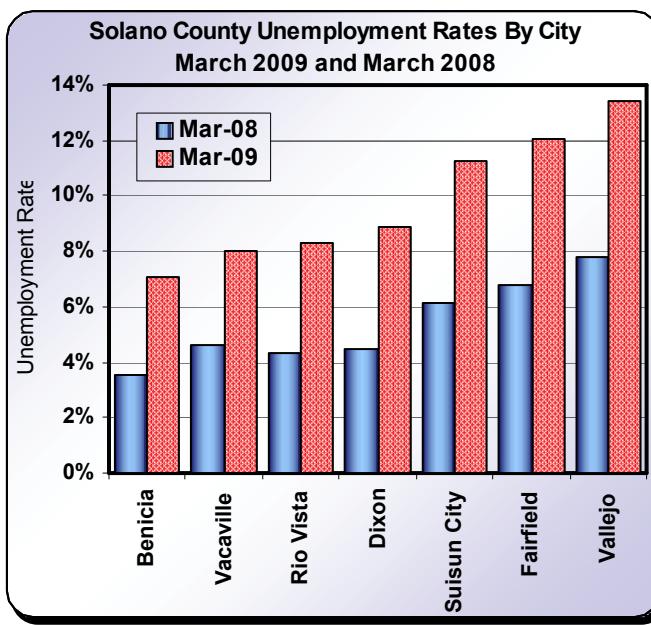
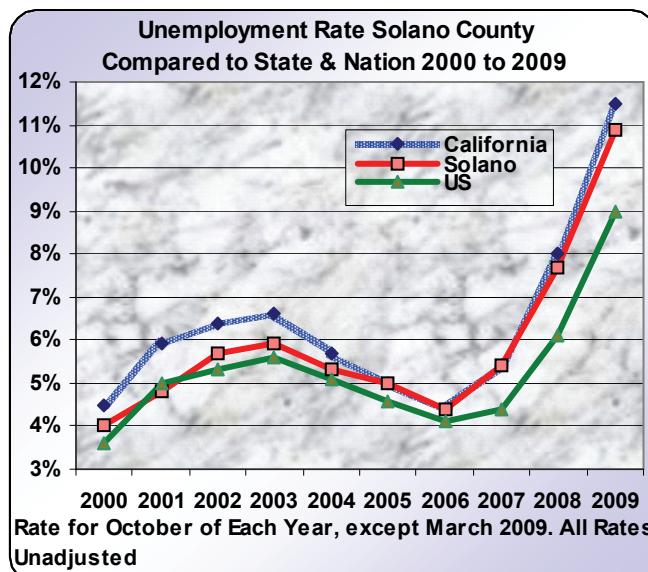
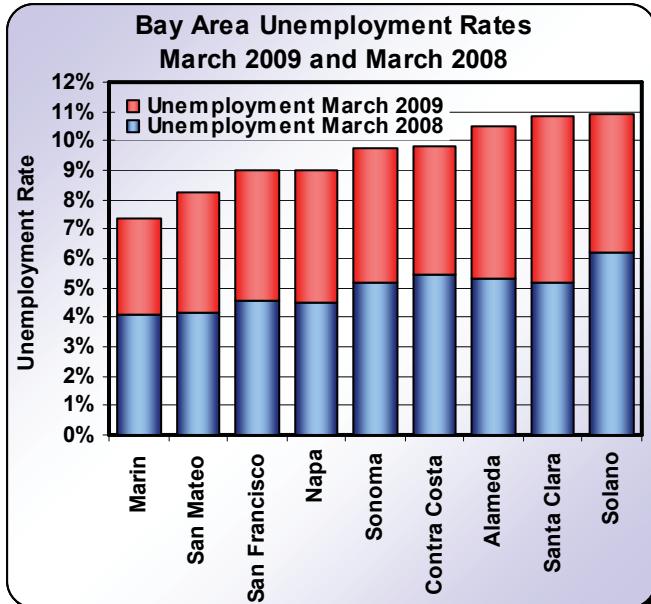
A Bi-Monthly Look at Health & Social Service Trends Shaping Solano County

MAY 2009

ECONOMY

| Indicator | Jan | Feb | Mar |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Labor Force | 215,700 | 216,100 | 216,600 |
| Number Employed | 193,900 | 193,600 | 193,000 |
| Number Unemployed | 21,700 | 22,500 | 23,700 |
| Unemployment Rate | 10.1% | 10.4% | 10.9% |

- Solano County's unemployment rate in March reached 10.9 percent up from 6.2 percent in March 2008 and 5.0 percent in March 2007.
- The number of unemployed in Solano County rose by 10,500 between March 2008 and March 2009 — from 13,200 to 23,700 — an 80 percent increase.
- Solano County continues to have the highest unemployment rate in the Bay Area.
- The unemployment rate is highest in Vallejo, lowest in Benicia.

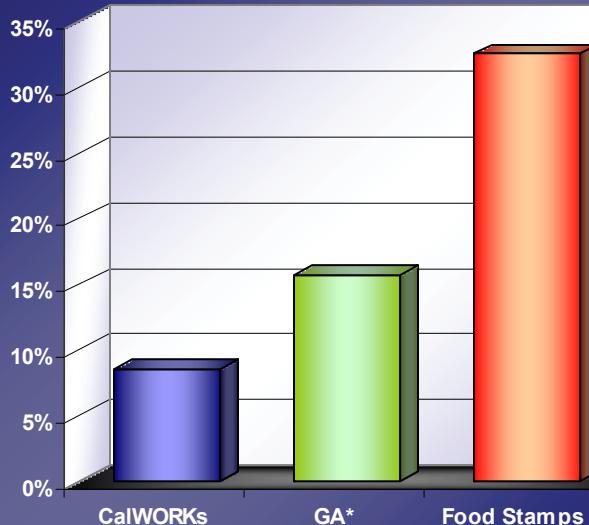


EMPLOYMENT & ELIGIBILITY SERVICES

| Indicator | Jan | Feb | Mar |
|--|--------|--------|--------|
| CalWORKs Cash Assistance Caseload | 5,597 | 5,578 | 5,687 |
| New CalWORKs Applications & Restoration Requests | 526 | 411 | 449 |
| Food Stamp Caseload | 11,862 | 12,062 | 12,364 |
| General Relief Recipients | 770 | 695 | 674 |

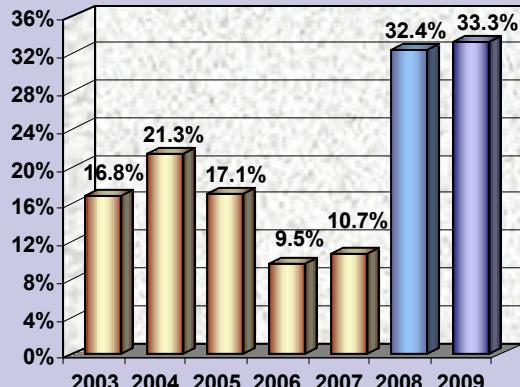
- Caseloads for the principal public assistance programs have continued to trend upward except for General Assistance and CMSP which saw slight declines in February and March.
- The Food Stamp caseload has increased the most rapidly. Nearly 30,000 Solano County residents now live in households that depend on food stamps — 1 out of every 15 residents.
- A review of the County's public assistance programs done in January 2009 found that 1 out of every 6 Solano County residents was receiving some sort of public assistance — over 67,000 unduplicated residents.

Percent Change in Caseload
1st Quarter 2009 vs 1st Quarter 2008



* General Assistance

Percent Increase in Number of Food Stamp Cases from Previous Year



December of each year, except 2009
(March 2009 vs. March 2008)

H&SS INDEX

The **Health & Social Services (H&SS) Index** has declined steadily over the past several years and the decline has quickened as the economy has worsened. 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 — for example, fewer people looking for work or requiring the services that H&SS provides. Falling numbers suggest increasing need for H&SS's services.

The **Index has seen a quickening decline** over the past six months. Much of the decline is driven by the large increase in the number of unemployed which, in turn, places pressure on many of the programs and services provided by H&SS. The number of Solano County residents receiving services through H&SS has generally continued to grow.

Health & Social Services Index

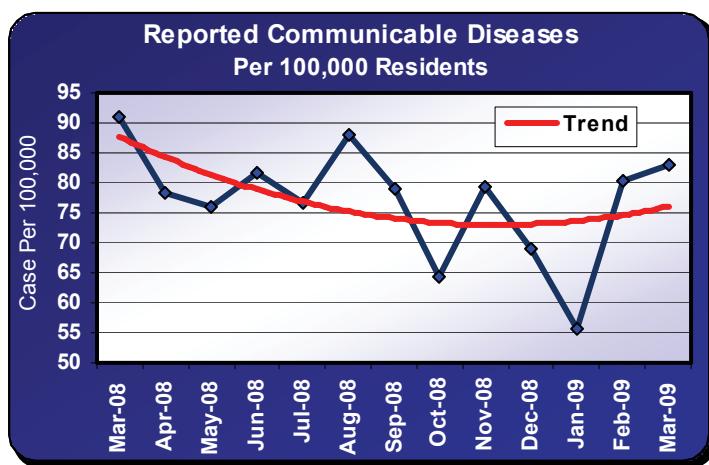
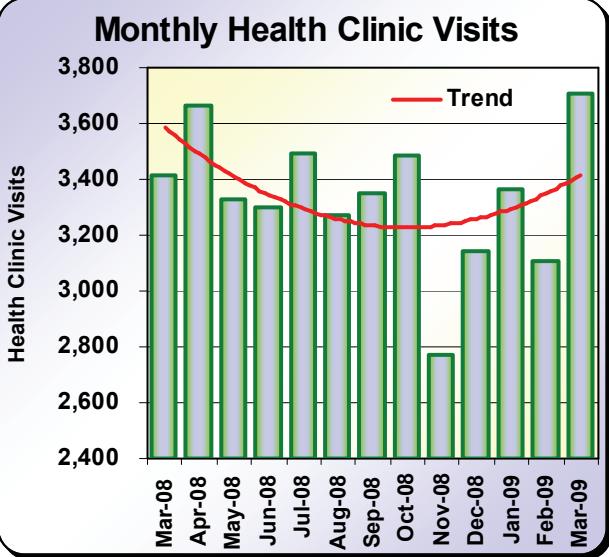


PUBLIC HEALTH

- The number of visits to the County's two medical clinics and one dental clinic increased in March. Visits to the medical clinics were 9 percent higher than in March 2008. The rate of increase has slowed in recent months as the clinics are close to capacity in both space and personnel. Dental visits were up 21 percent from the previous year.
- Wait times for a routine adult medical appointment were generally steady over the course of the quarter at 1.5 weeks in Fairfield and 3 weeks for Vallejo.
- The communicable disease rate had been falling over most of the past year but rose in February and March. Chlamydia accounts for 55 percent of the reported cases.

| Indicator | Jan | Feb | Mar |
|---|-----------|------------|--------------------|
| Average Wait Time for Routine Appointment Fairfield Clinic (Adults) | 1.5 weeks | 1.5 weeks | 1.5 weeks |
| Average Wait Time for Routine Appointment Vallejo Clinic (Adults) | 3 weeks | 3.25 weeks | 3 weeks |
| Medical Clinic Visits | 3,367 | 3,107 | 3,706 ¹ |
| Dental Clinic Visits | 383 | 387 | 435 ¹ |
| Reported Communicable Diseases Per 100,000 Population | 55.5 | 80.4 | 83.0 |
| WIC ² Clients | 10,127 | 9,706 | 10,120 |

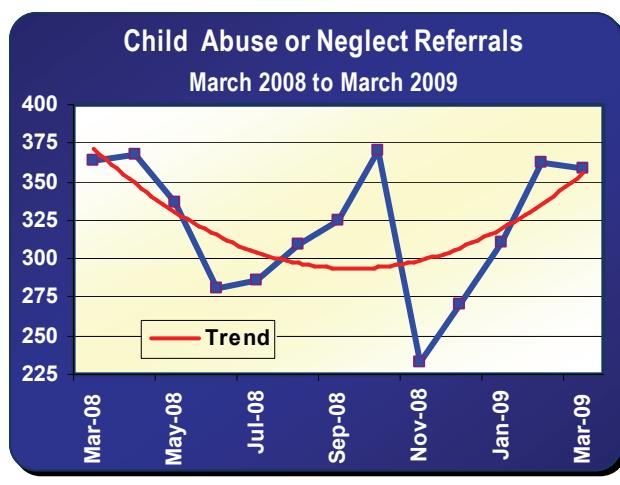
1. Preliminary.
2. Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children.



CHILD WELFARE

| Indicator | Jan | Feb | Mar |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Child Abuse or Neglect Referrals | 311 | 362 | 358 |
| Children in Supervised Foster Care | 360 | 350 | 350 |

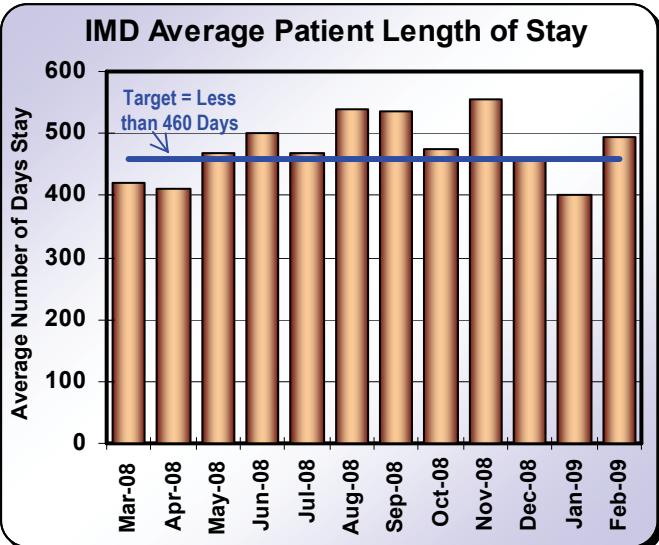
- The number of referrals for child abuse or neglect has been generally increasing since last November.
- The number of children in supervised foster care has continued to slowly decrease. There were 350 children in foster care in March 2009 compared to 388 in March 2008. The Child Welfare Services Division aims to keep children with their families whenever possible. CWS provides support services to that end. Whenever possible, families are provided voluntary services to keep the child safe and enhance family functioning.



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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

| Indicator | Jan | Feb | Mar |
|--|-----|-----|-----|
| Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) Average Length of Stay | 402 | 495 | na |
| Substance Abuse Clients | 720 | 681 | 681 |



- The number of Substance Abuse clients has slowly trended downward over the past year.
- Between March 2008 and February 2009, the average length of stay for a client at an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) was 477 days, slightly above the goal of 460 days for appropriate placement. The target was met or only slightly exceeded in 7 of the past 12 months. The average length of stay was more than 10 percent above the target in only 3 months.



OLDER & DISABLED ADULTS

| Indicator | Jan | Feb | Mar |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Elder or Dependent Adult Abuse Reports | 110 | 101 | 134 |
| Elder or Dependent Adult Abuse Confirmed | 31 | 39 | 38 |
| In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Authorized Cases | 2,895 | 2,906 | 2,944 |

- Although fluctuating from month-to-month, the number of reports of elder or dependent adult abuse has continued to trend upward over the past year. The number of reports in March 2009 was 30 percent greater than the number of reports in March 2008.
- The number of authorized IHSS cases in March 2009 was 7.2 percent higher than from the previous March. The number of authorized cases is approaching the 3,000 mark..

