

**CSBG-IS 2008  
DATA REPORT  
MAY 2009**

# The Numbers

- Number of Nebraska residents (2008) – 1,783,432
- By gender and age
  - Male: 873,238
  - Female: 890,893
  - Under 19: 498,517

# Income and Employment

- Income, as defined by the IRS is, the amount received from all sources, including wages, commissions, bonuses, Social Security and other retirement benefits, unemployment compensation, disability, interest, and dividends.
- Federal Minimum wage trends (past and upcoming)
  - September 1, 1997 - \$5.15
  - July 24, 2007 - \$5.85
  - July 24, 2008 - \$6.55
  - July 24, 2009 - \$7.25
- Getting to work
  - Individual workers with access to car, truck, or van for use in commuting - 806,813
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  - Individuals who used other means of transportation or worked from home – 58,373
- Unemployment rates
  - As of 2009, Nebraska has an unemployment rate of 4.6, ranking 3<sup>rd</sup> in the country.
  - In 2008, the rate was 3.1
  - In 2007, the rate was 2.8

# Income and Employment cont.,

- Nebraska households with wage or salary income: 698,163. Of that the following is an earned income break down
  - \$0 - \$24,000 – 173,849
  - \$25,000 - \$49,000 – 110,341
  - \$ 50,000- \$99,999 – 84,921
  - \$100,000 and over – 66,119
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# Taxes

- Total number of state tax returns filed in 2007: 854,366
  - Of those 13% or 111,081 had state Earned Income Tax Credit
- Total number of federal tax returns from Nebraska in 2007:  
895,604
  - Of those 13% or 116,443 had federal Earned Income Tax Credit
- IRS rules state the following income maximums to be eligible for EITC for 2008 tax returns
  - \$38,646 (\$41,646 for married filing jointly) if you have more than one qualifying child,
  - \$33,995 (\$36,995 for married filing jointly) if you have one qualifying child, or
  - \$12,880 (\$15,880 for married filing jointly) if you do not have a qualifying child.

# Taxes

- According to Federal tax information, 47% of Nebraskans had an AGI (Adjust Gross Income) below \$50,000.
  - That percentage does not include people who do not file federal tax returns because they are not required to file, including:
    - Individuals with nontaxable combat pay
    - Those under income filing requirements based on age and filing status
    - Those with Social Security Income
    - Individuals with any combination of the above

# Housing

- The average rent in Nebraska is \$610
  - 192,288 units require additional payment for one or more utilities
  - Only 32,701 units do not have require additional payment for utilities
- 87,776 renters pay 30% or more of the household income in rent
- In 2006 67.6% of homes were owner occupied, down from 71.2% in 2004
- Foreclosures increased 31 percent in the state in 2007
- Nebraska's foreclosure rate is 0.47%

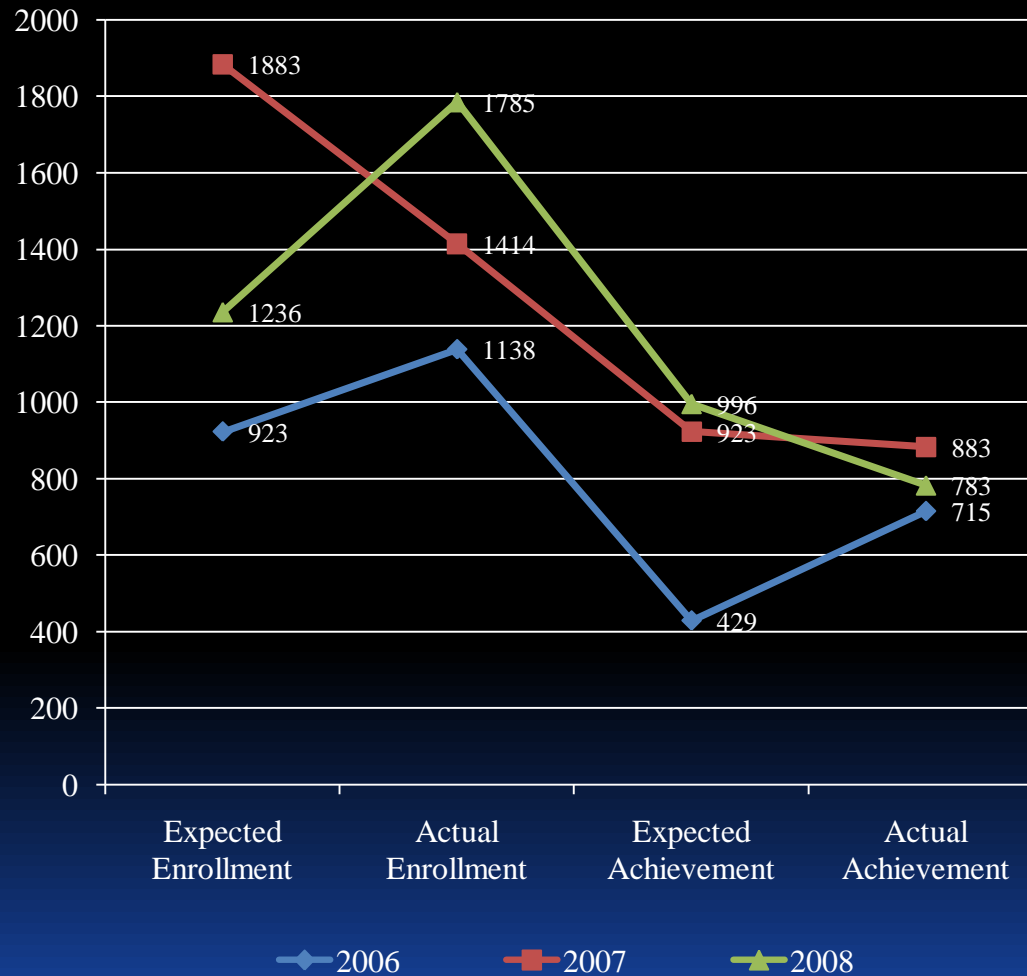
## Health and Insurance

- Between 2006 and 2007, approximately 220,000 Nebraskans did not have health insurance
- In 2007, there was a monthly average of 205,000 individuals eligible for Medicaid, including:
  - 155,895 children,
  - 23,900 “aged” adults, and
  - 32,900 blind and disabled persons

## Language and Other Obstacles

- 147,190 individuals in Nebraska do not speak English well
- Foreign born individuals in Nebraska in 2007: 99,308
  - Of those, 494 of them are refugees
- 1,898 people were released or paroled from jail or prison in 2007.
- In 2007, 13.7% of the population had at least one type of disability
  - Of that population, 66.9% were employed

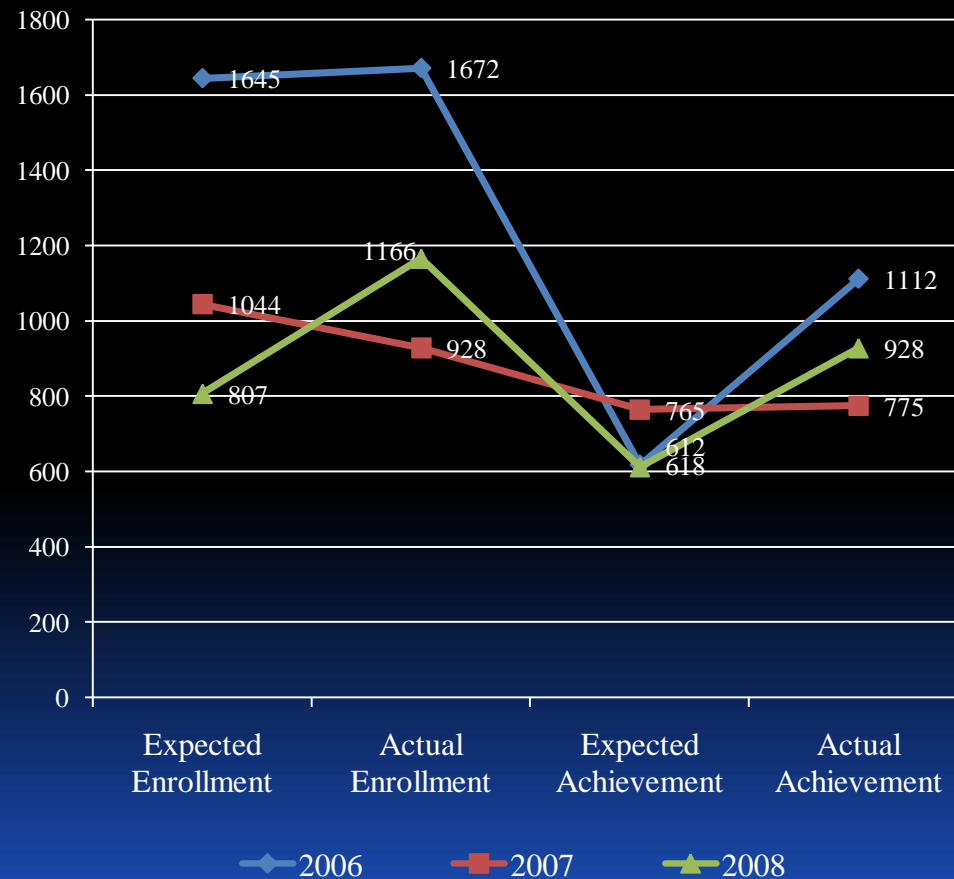
# Goal 1.1A Unemployed and obtained a job



# Goal 1.1B - Employed and Obtained an Increase in Employment Income



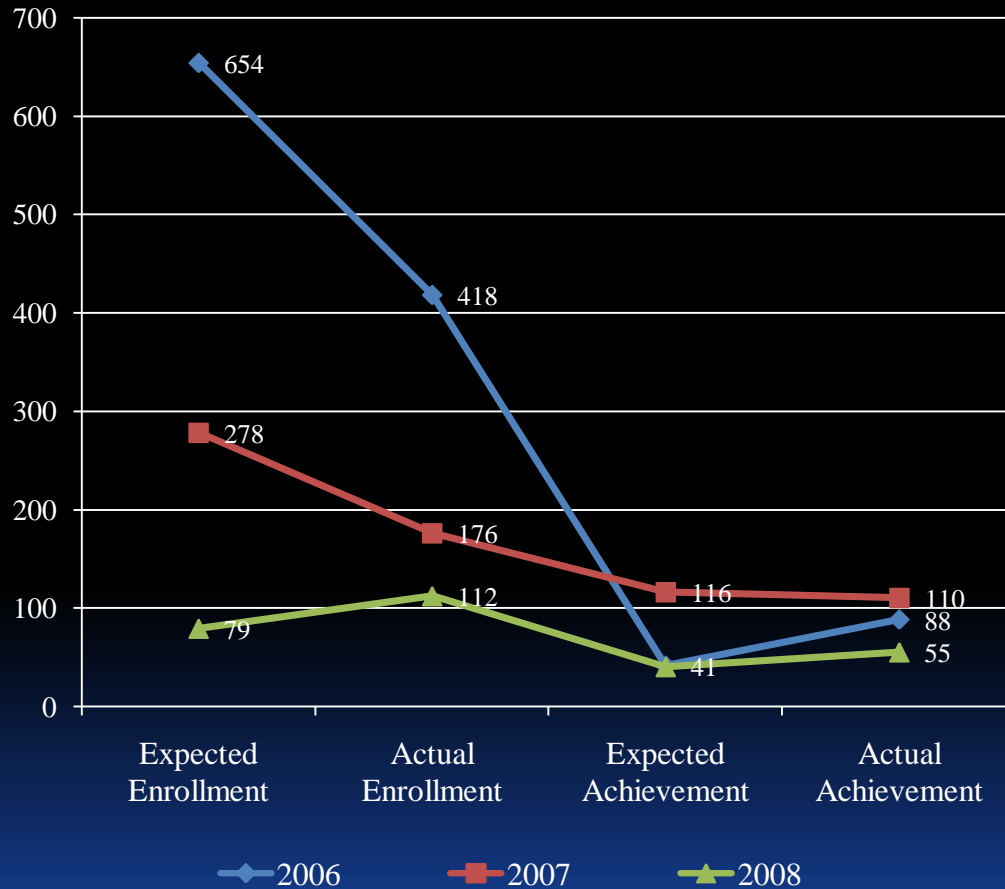
# Goal 1.2A - Obtained pre-employment skill/competencies required for employment & received training program certification or diploma



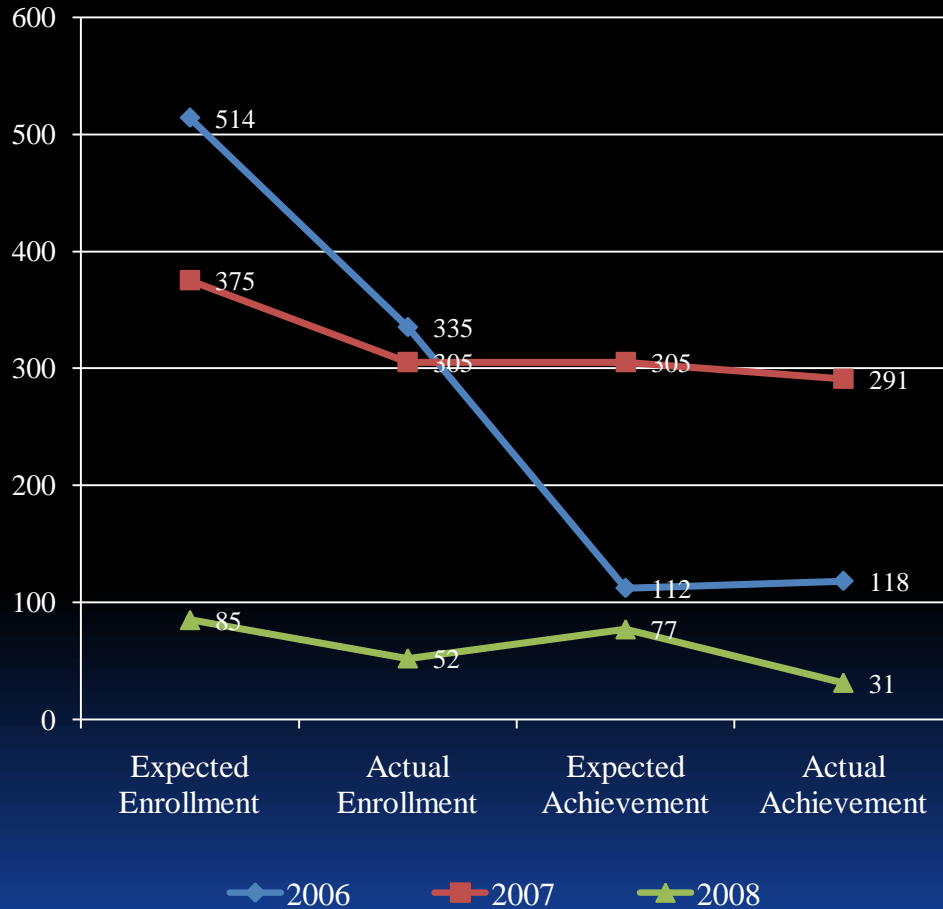
# Goal 1.2B - Completed ABE/GED and received certificate or diploma



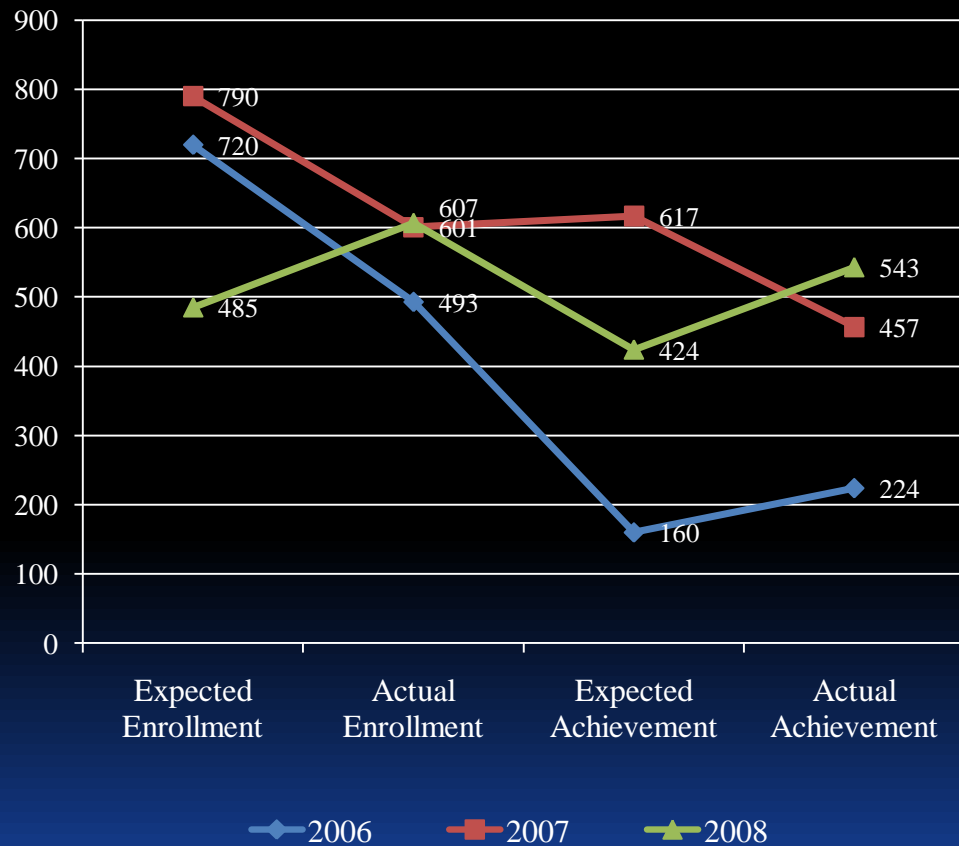
# Goal 1.2C - Completed post-secondary education program and obtained certificate or diploma



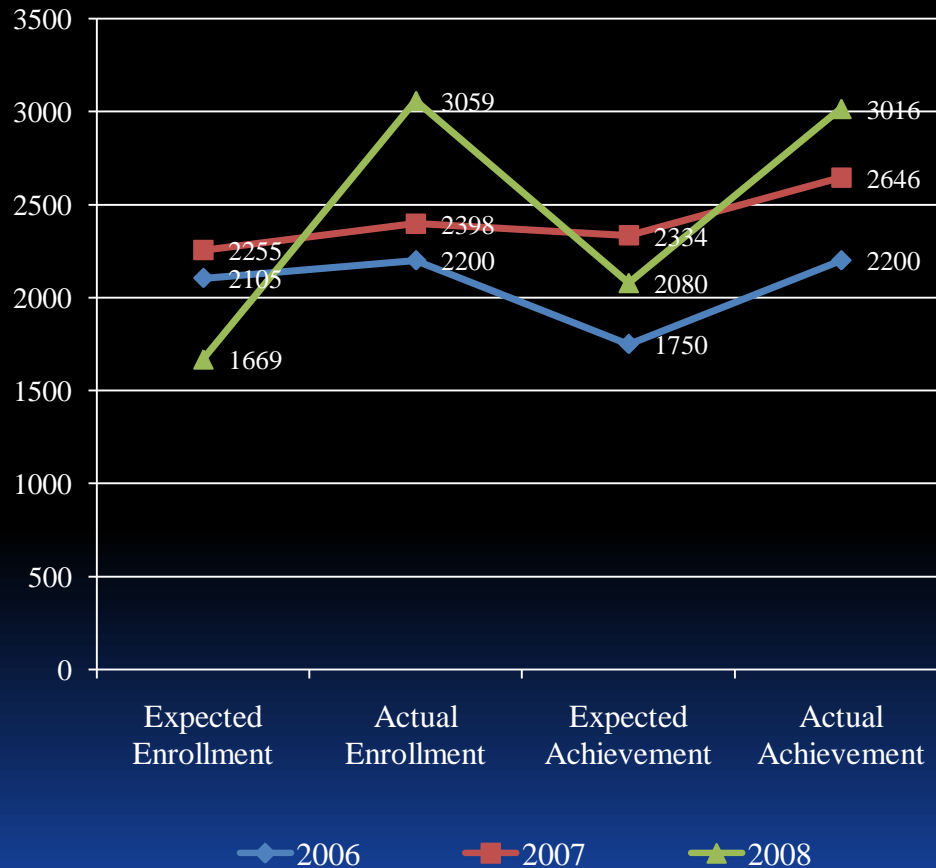
# Goal 1.2D - Enrolled children in 'before' or 'after' school programs, in order to acquire or maintain employment.



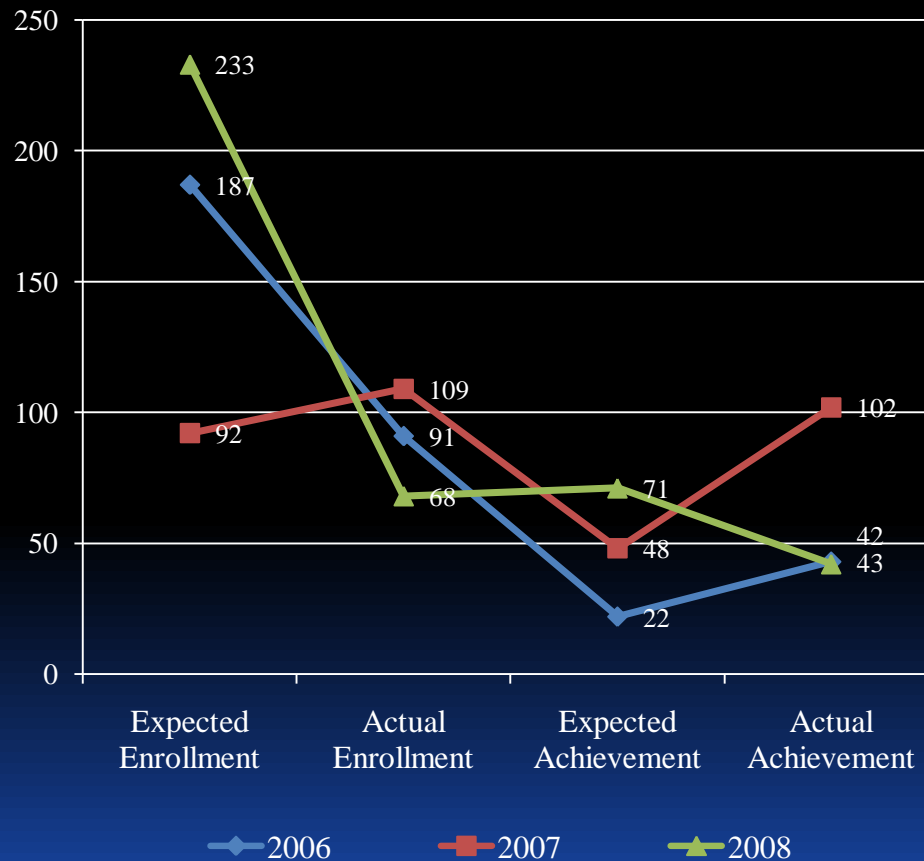
# Goal 1.2F - Obtained access to reliable transportation and/or driver's license in order to acquire or maintain employment.



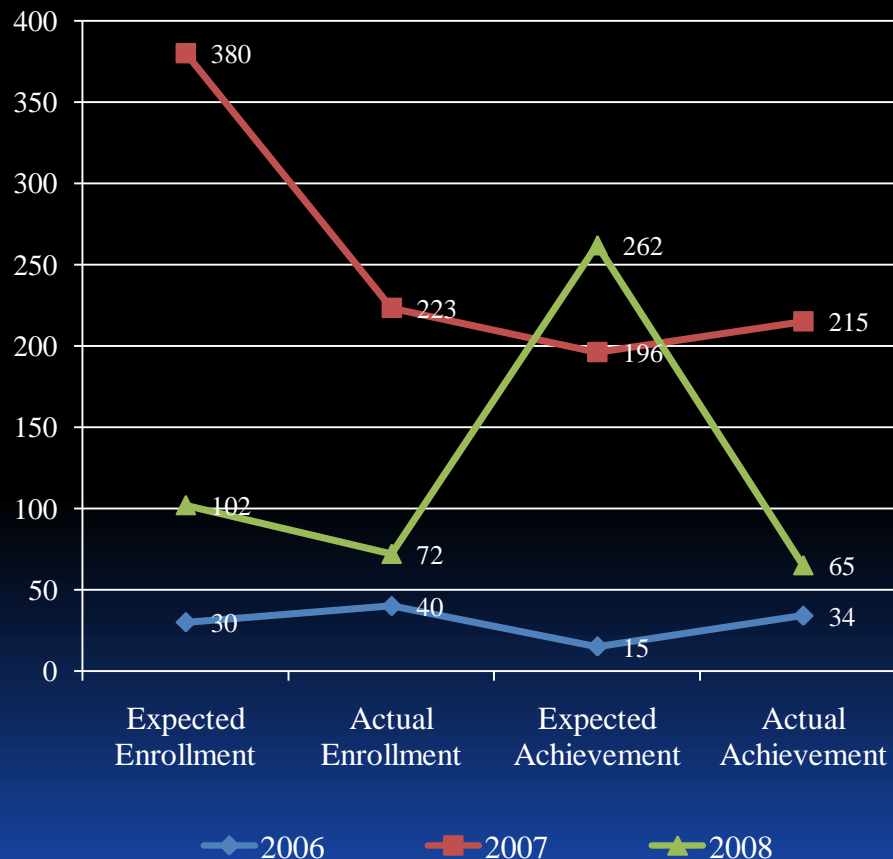
# Goal 1.3 - Enhancement #1: Number and percent of participants in tax preparation programs who identify any type of Federal or State tax credit and the aggregated dollar amount of credits.



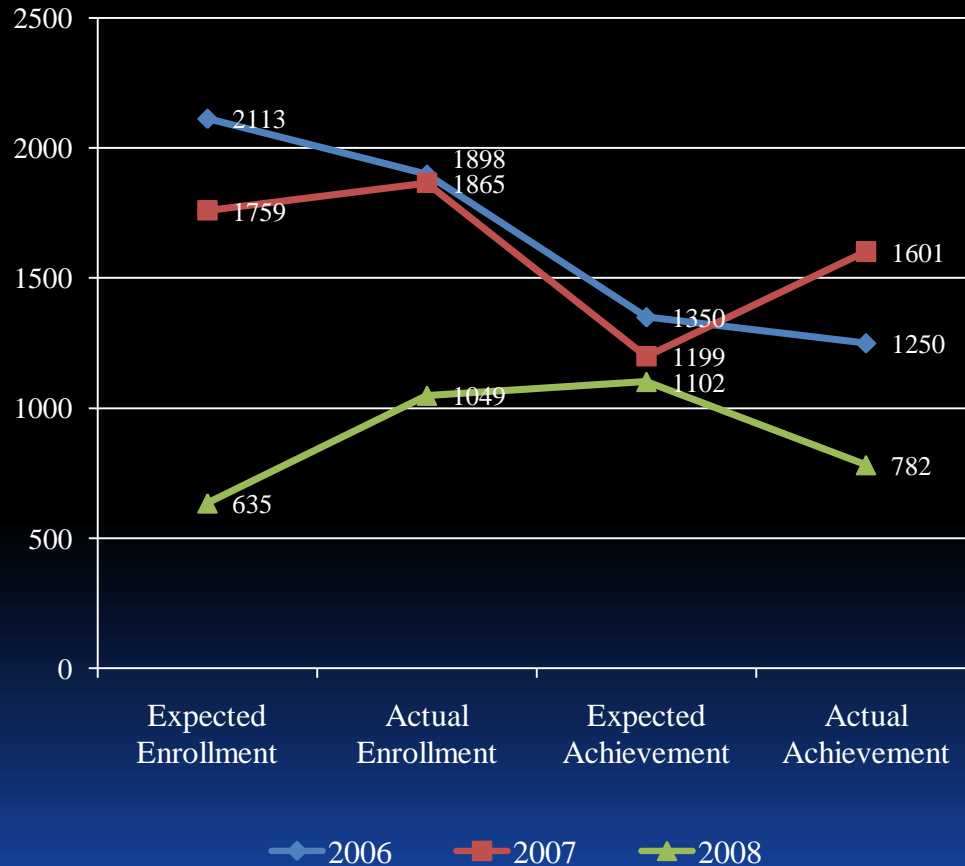
# Goal 1.3 - Enhancement #2: Number and percentage obtained court-ordered child support payments and the expected annual aggregated dollar amount of payments.



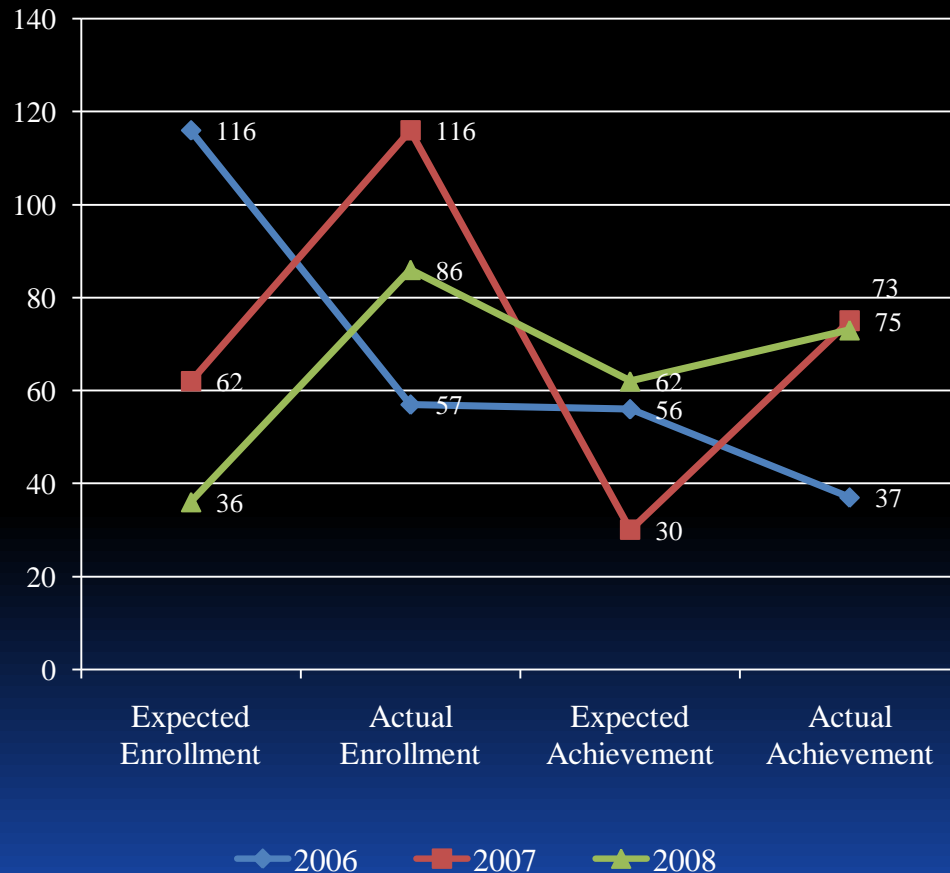
# Goal 1.3 Enhancement #3: Number and percentage enrolled in telephone lifeline and/or energy discounts with the assistance of the agency and the expected aggregated dollar amount of savings.



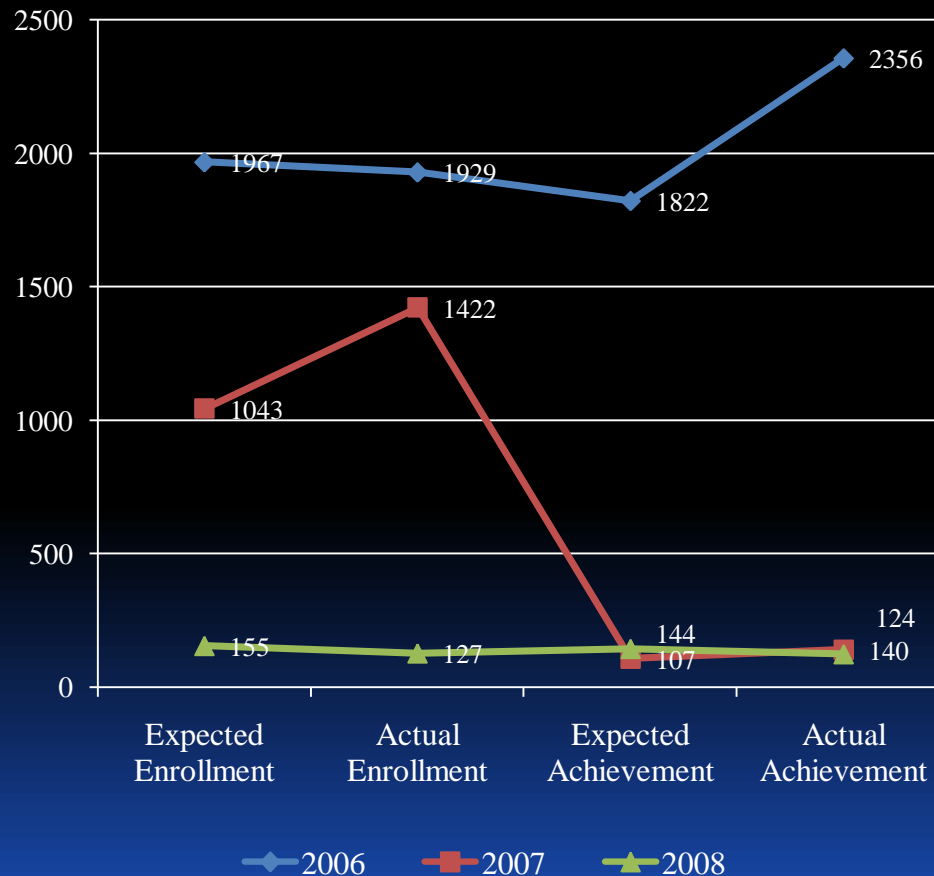
# Goal 1.3 - Utilization #1: Number and percent of demonstrating ability to complete and maintain a budget for over 90 days.



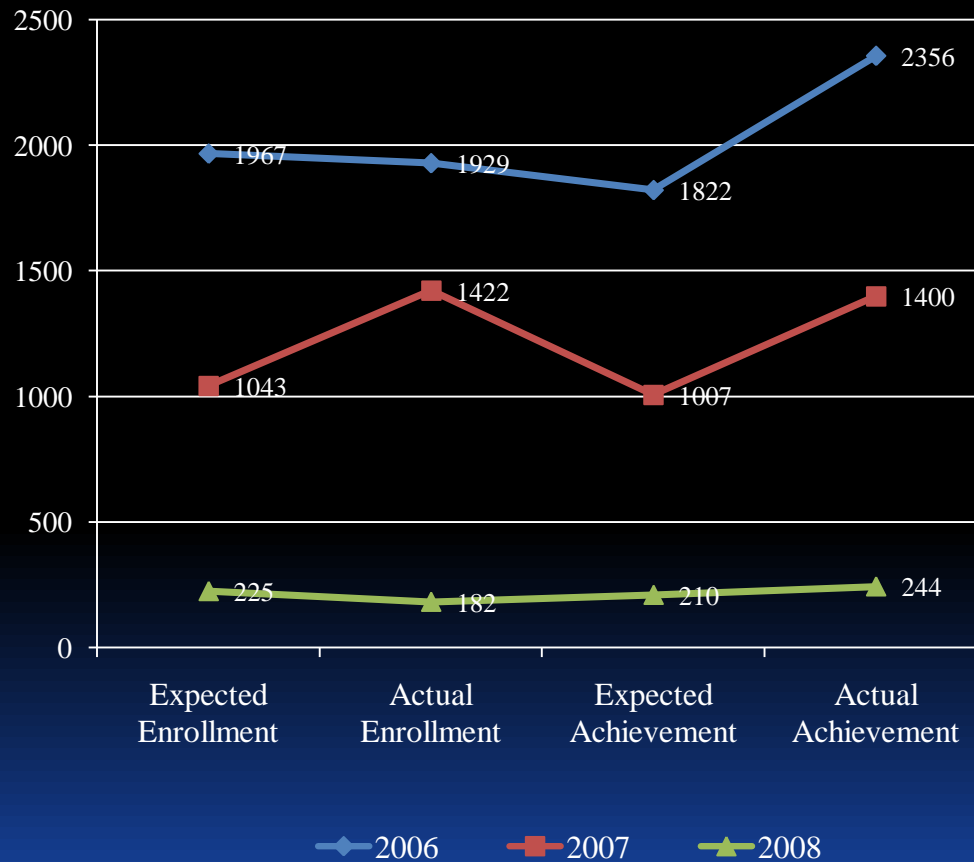
# Goal 1 State Indicator 1 - Obtained Housing Finance



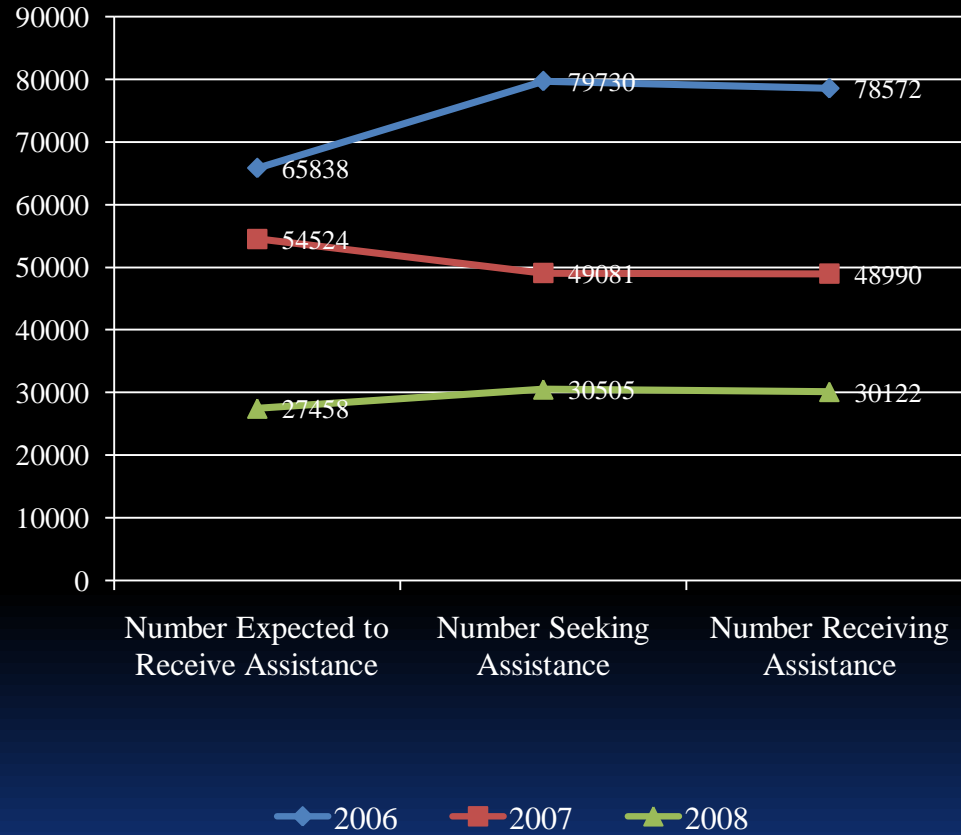
# Goal 1 State Indicator 2 - Obtained Rental Housing Assistance



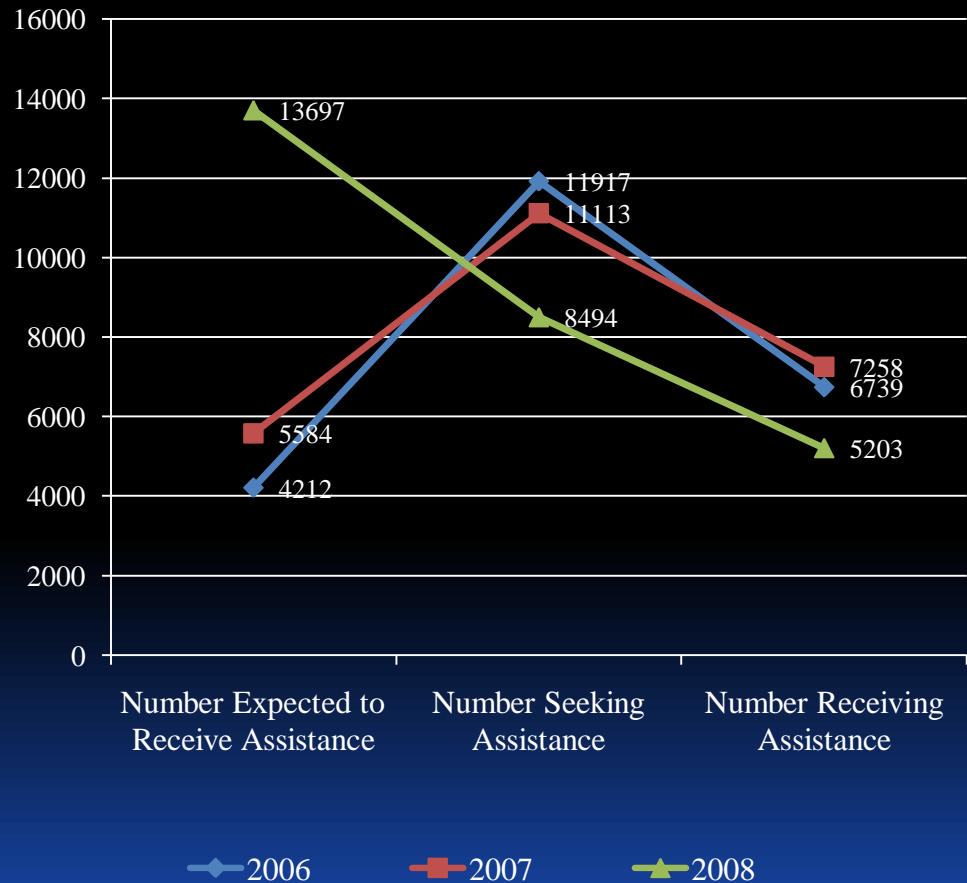
# Goal 1 State Indicator 3 - Obtained Home Ownership Counseling



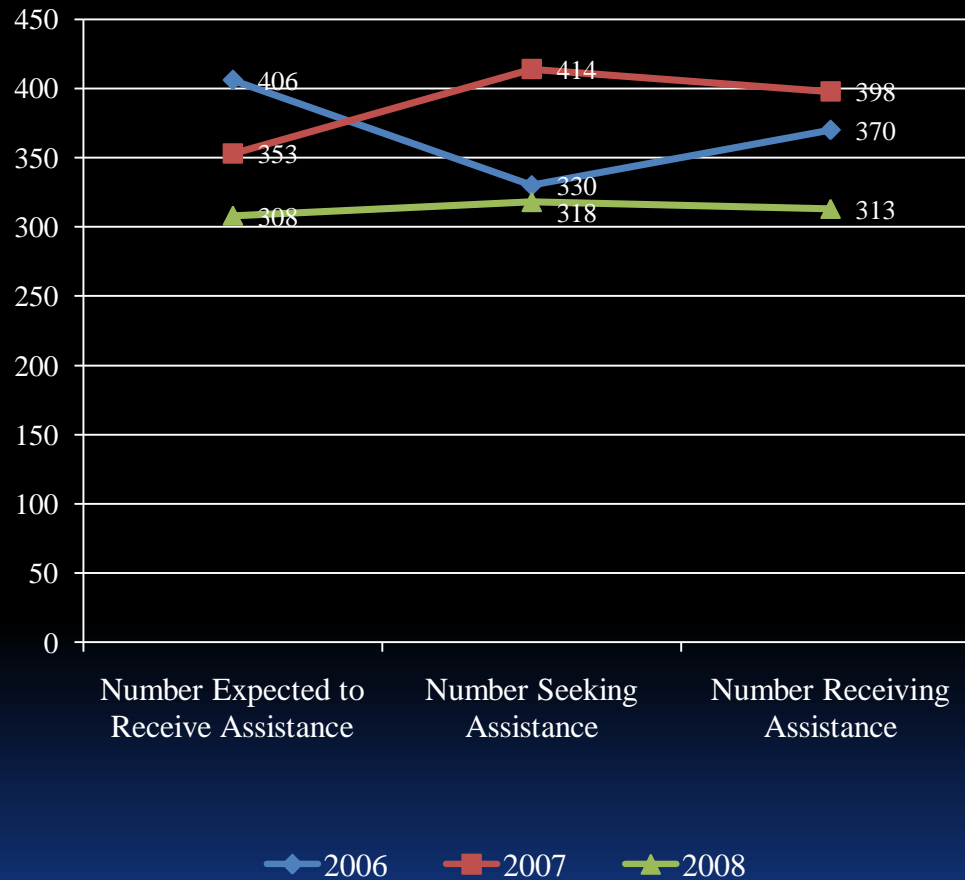
# Goal 6.2A - Food



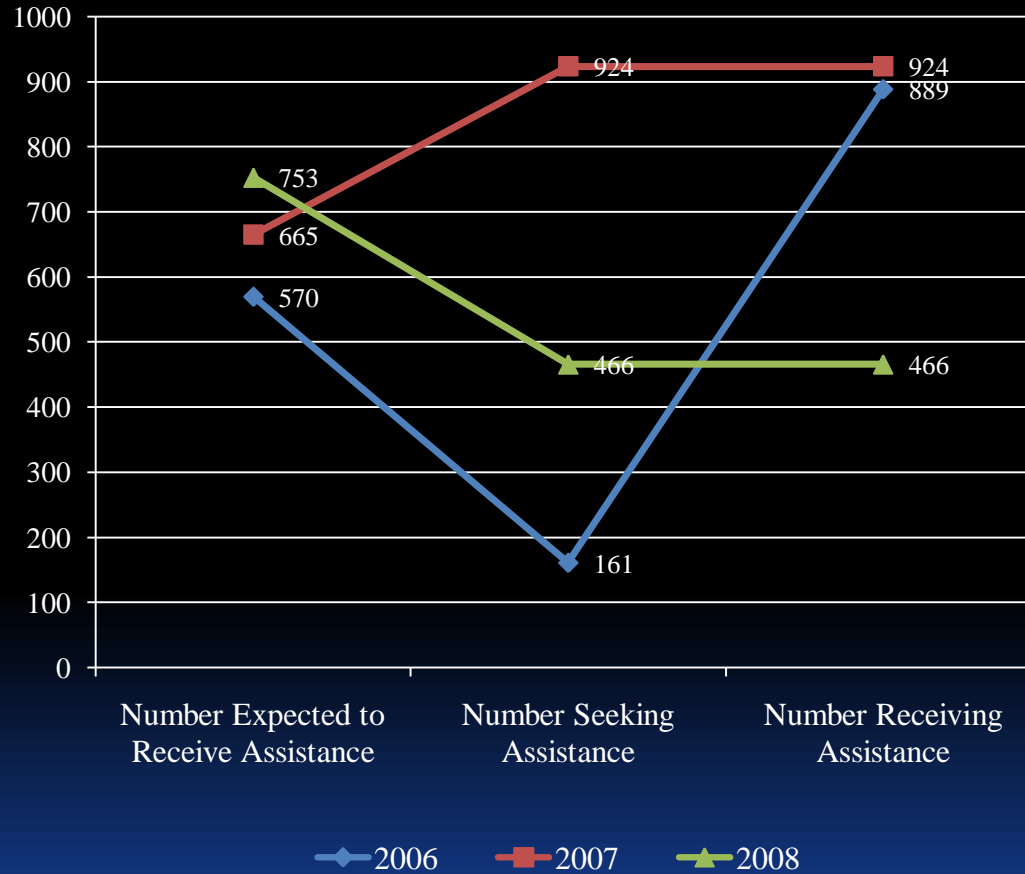
# Goal 6.2B - Emergency Vendor Payments, Including Fuel/Energy Bills



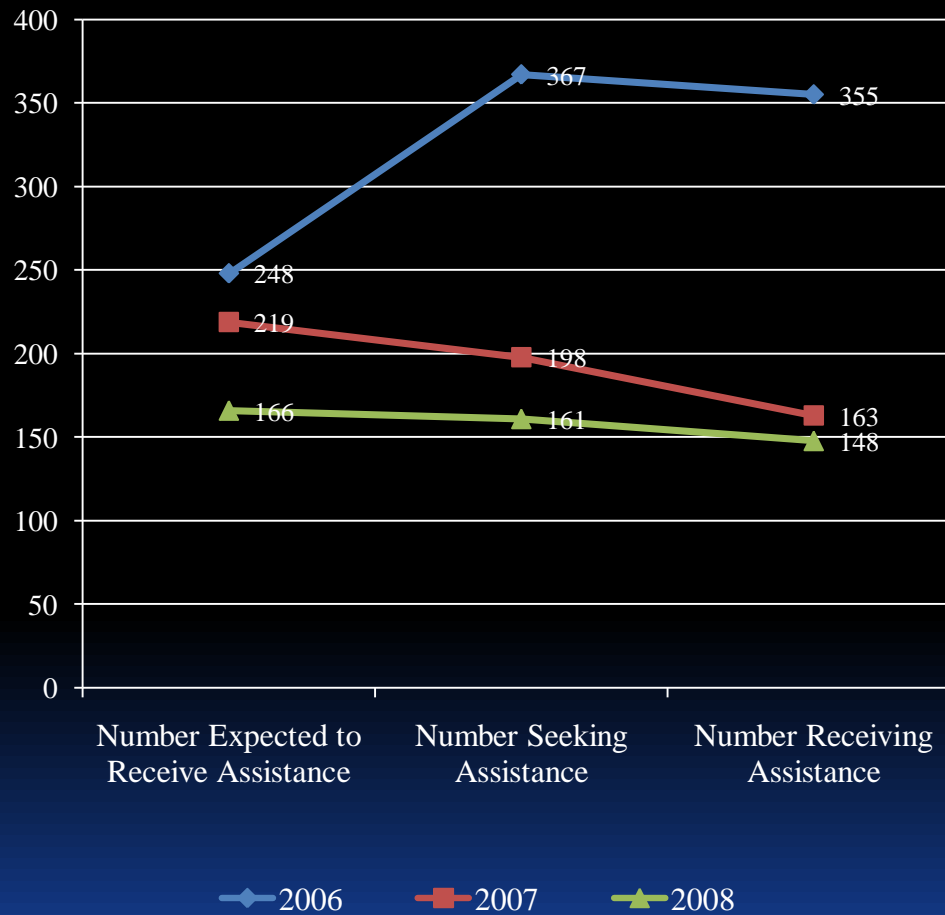
# Goal 6.2C - Temporary Shelter



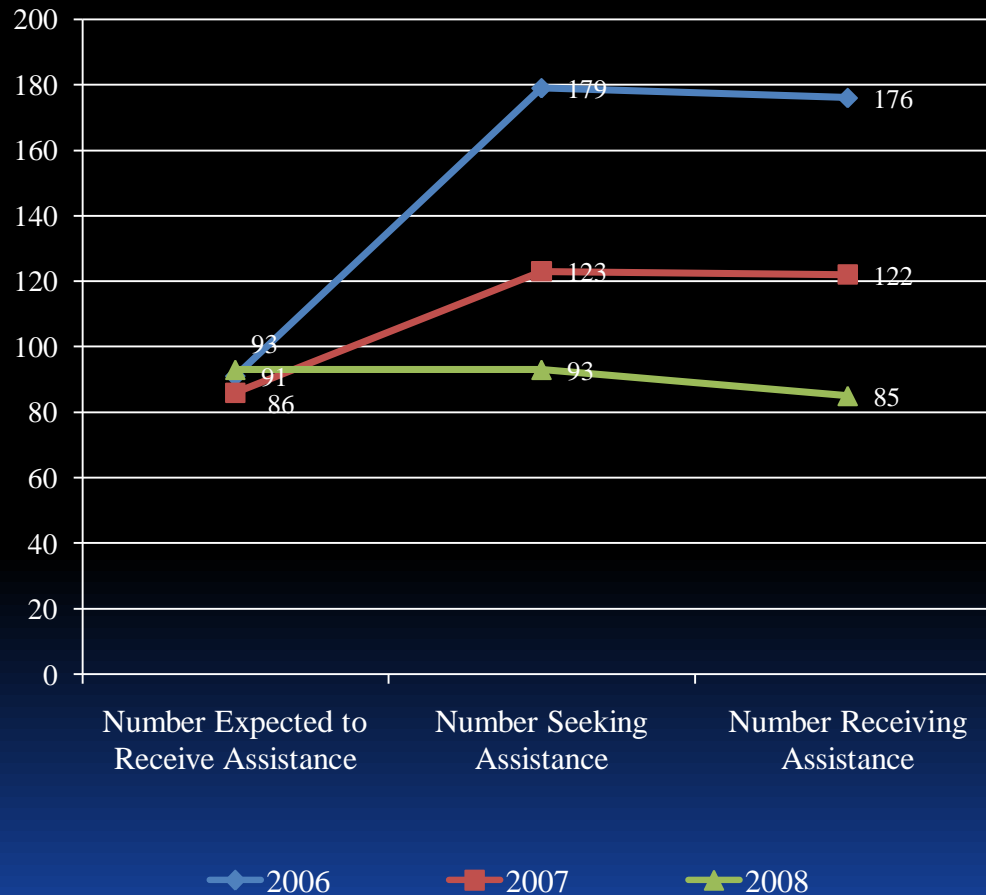
# Goal 6.2D - Emergency Medical Care



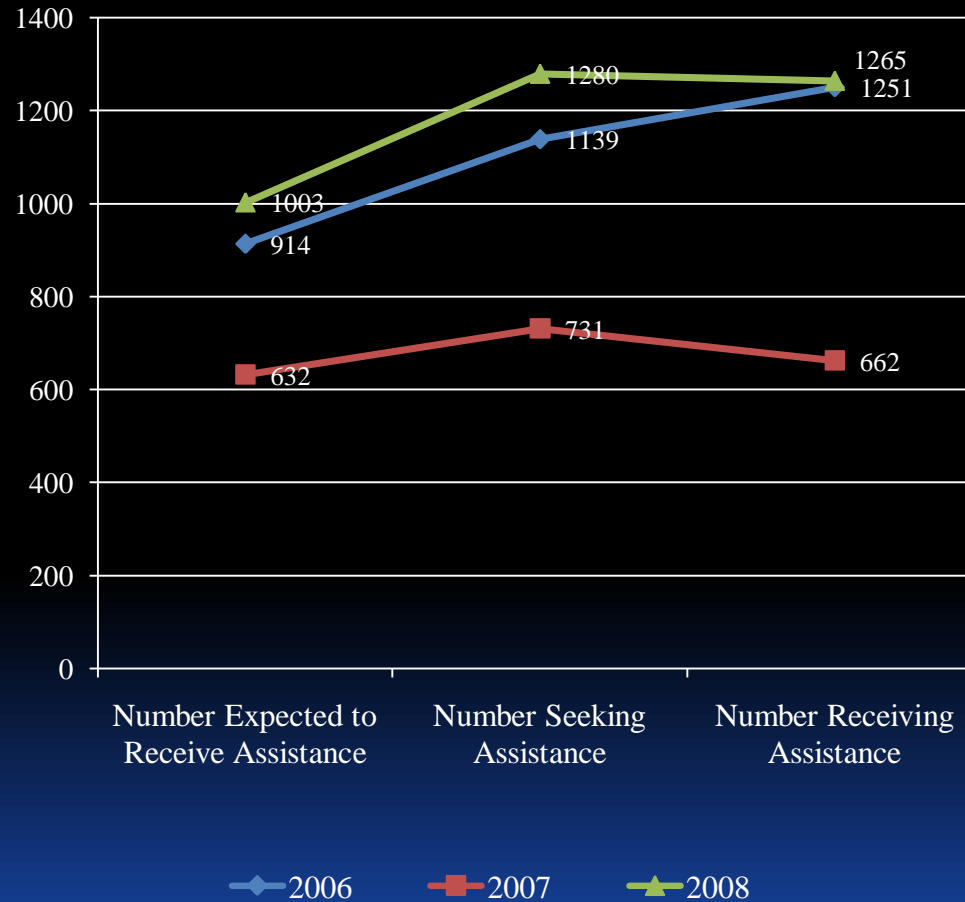
# Goal 6.2E - Protection from Violence



# Goal 6.2F - Legal Assistance



# Goal 6.2G - Transportation



# Goal 6.2H - Disaster Relief

