

AFDC Shows 28,000 Less '73 Recipients

The nation's largest cash assistance welfare program — aid to families with dependent children (AFDC) — had 28,000 fewer recipients in September this year than in September 1973.

Preliminary figures released the end of last month by HEW Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger set the September AFDC total at 10,796,000 compared to 10,824,000 in September 1973.

Secretary Weinberger said that federal/state money payments of \$675.1 million were made to AFDC recipients in September 1974, \$65.0 million more than in September 1973.

James S. Dwight, Jr., administrator of HEW's Social and Rehabilitation Service, noted that the preliminary September figures were 32,000 higher than those for August. He said that a further breakdown of the September 1974 figures would be released, with tables, when available.

Mr. Dwight also said that complete AFDC figures for August 1974, are now available; these show that the August total was 92,000 less than the 10,856,000 persons on the rolls in August 1973 (not 80,000 less as earlier preliminary figures had indicated).