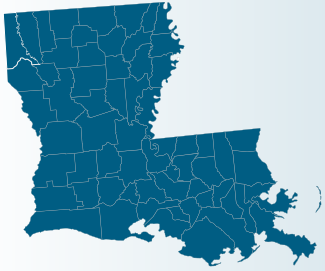


LOUISIANA



WAIVER STATUS:
Statewide



TheFGA.org

62,770

able-bodied adults without dependents on food stamps

Subject to work requirement:
0

Percent not working:
76%

Waiver Gimmicks

■ GAMING THE TIMELINE

Louisiana starts its waiver in September, the last month of the federal fiscal year. This exploits a regulatory loophole that lets them use unemployment data that dates back to September 2014 – **3 and a half years ago**.

The Real Story

■ STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT

4% in Louisiana as of December 2017

■ *A near-record low.*

■ OF 64 PARISHES IN LA

0 have unemployment rates above the 10% statutory threshold

■ *Current unemployment rates are as low as 2.8% in waived parishes.*

45 have unemployment rates at or below 5%

20 have unemployment rates at or below 4%

In fact, according to Help Wanted Online, there are

40,239

available jobs in Louisiana.