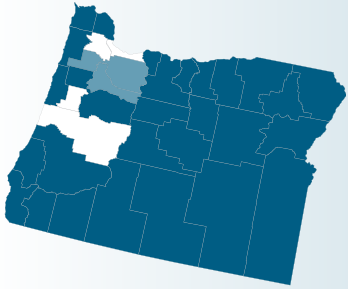


OREGON


WAIVER STATUS:
Partial

Oregon has a partial work requirement waiver. While Oregon technically has a “partial” work requirement waiver, the overwhelming majority of the state is exempted from commonsense work requirements. The current waiver fully exempts 29 out of that state’s 36 counties and part of an additional 3 counties, leaving just 4 counties fully subject to the work requirement. The current waiver runs from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.



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44,660

able-bodied adults without dependents on food stamps

 Subject to work requirement:
17,588

 Percent not working:
64%
Waiver Gimmicks
OLD DATA

Oregon’s waiver relies on data that goes back to February 2015—more than three years ago—citing an unemployment rate of 6.1%. More recent data paints a much different picture of the state’s economy.

GERRYMANDERING

Oregon combined many counties to achieve an average unemployment 20 percent higher than the national average. This leads to many counties receiving a waiver, even though those counties would not independently qualify.

For example, Wheeler County had an *unemployment rate of just 4.65%* for the time period cited in the state’s waiver request.

The Real Story
STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT
3.8% in Oregon as of December 2017

A record low.

OF 29 EXEMPTED COUNTIES IN OR
0 have unemployment rates above the 10% statutory threshold

16 have unemployment rates at or at or below 5%

Current unemployment rates are as low as 2.8% in waived counties.

5 have unemployment rates at or below 4%

In fact, according to Help Wanted Online, there are

72,460

available jobs in Oregon.