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Food Stamp Work Requirements



Work is the best way to reduce dependency for all able-bodied adults, both those without kids and parents. Work requirements can help parents model good behavior for children, ending the cycle of dependency for children growing up in families dependent on welfare. But despite a booming economy, the number of able-bodied adults on food stamps remains near a record-high level. Without any real work requirement, these adults will remain trapped on welfare. It's time to expand work requirements for able-bodied adults food stamps and end the cycle of dependency.

Voters support requiring able-bodied adults on food stamps to work, train, or volunteer.

What messages really move them? These messages work best.

- ▶ Sixty-two percent of able-bodied adults on food stamps don't work at all. **This threatens resources for the truly needy**, including seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- ▶ Food stamp work requirements **only apply to able-bodied adults**. They do not affect children, seniors, those with disabilities, or other truly needy populations.
- ▶ **Volunteering** increases job opportunity and employment.
- ▶ After work requirements were implemented, **enrollees saw their incomes more than double**.
- ▶ **Enrollees went back to work in more than 1,000 different industries** after work requirements were implemented.

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