



Housing Work Requirements

THE PROBLEM: THOSE RECEIVING HOUSING ASSISTANCE AREN'T WORKING



Work is the best way to increase incomes and reduce dependency.



However, **45 percent** of able-bodied, working-age adults receiving housing assistance **do not work at all.**

THE OUTCOME: HOUSING WAITING LISTS



On average, families spend **29 months on Section 8 waiting lists** and wait for 19 months before getting into public housing.



48.4 percent of Section 8 waiting lists and 6.5 percent of waiting lists for public housing are **closed to new applicants.**

Among those stuck on waiting lists are:



Veterans



Individuals with disabilities



Homeless individuals



The elderly



Victims of domestic violence



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THE SOLUTION: WORK REQUIREMENTS

Move able-bodied adults out of government dependency and into work.

Require public housing authorities to **utilize new federal flexibility to enact work requirements in public housing programs**, preserving resources for the truly needy.

APPLIES TO

- Childless, able-bodied adults

EXEMPT

- The elderly
- Parents
- Those who are physically or mentally unfit for work

THE IMPACT: INDIVIDUALS BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT

After work requirements in other welfare programs:



Individuals **went back to work** in more than 1,000 industries.



Increased incomes more than offset lost benefits.



Time spent on welfare was **cut in half**.

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