



# Congress Can RESTORE Work Requirements by ENDING the Public Health Emergency

## Ending the Public Health Emergency (PHE) Will Result in Millions of Americans Going Back to Work



Under the public health emergency, states are **prohibited from enforcing work requirements** for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs).<sup>1</sup>



There have been effectively **zero work requirements in order to receive food stamp benefits** since the beginning of the public health emergency.

## What Happens When the Public Health Emergency Ends?

- **25 pro-work states have food stamp work requirements** that will go into effect once the public health emergency ends.
- ✗ The **other half of the country has renewable waivers that will waive work requirements** beyond the emergency's end—New York's runs until Oct. 1, 2023. These states clearly don't want people to work and most would try to waive work requirements, public health emergency or not.

## Why Does This Matter?



Labor force participation remains near a **record low** while the number of open jobs sits near a **record high**. We cannot afford for millions of able-bodied adults to sit on the sidelines.



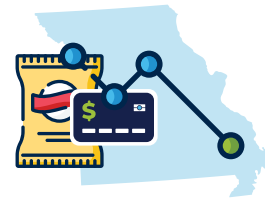
## Work Requirements WORK



In **Arkansas**, individuals saw their incomes triple within two years of leaving welfare, more than offsetting lost food stamp benefits.



In **Florida**, able-bodied adults found jobs in 1,104 different industries, touching nearly every corner of the economy.



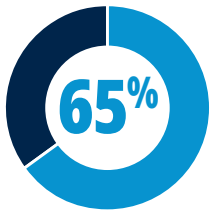
In **Missouri**, the number of ABAWDs enrolled in food stamps plummeted by 85 percent after the implementation of work requirements.

**The results are clear:** Work requirements move able-bodied adults from welfare to work, benefiting state economies and increasing incomes along the way.

1. H.R.6201 - Families First Coronavirus Response Act (2020) <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6201/text>

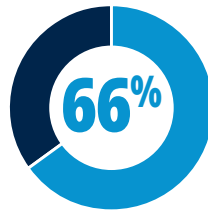
# Work Requirements Are Popular

Voters say it's time to END the public health emergency and get able-bodied adults back to work!



65% of likely voters **support** ending the public health emergency declaration.

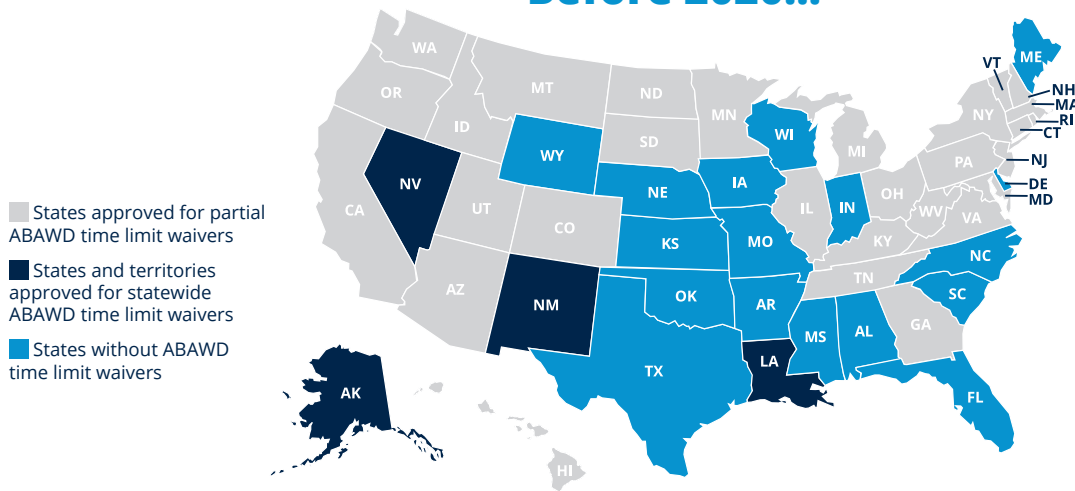
28% OPPOSE | 7% UNSURE



66% of likely voters **support** requiring ABAWDs to **work, train, or volunteer** for at least 20 hours per week to be eligible for food stamps.

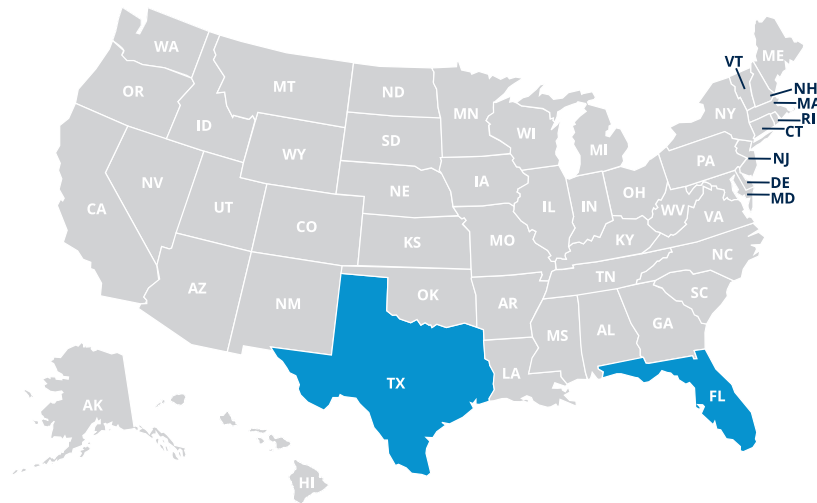
20% OPPOSE | 14% UNSURE

## Before 2020...



## Today...

Food Stamp Work Requirements Post-Public Health Emergency Suspension (Today)  
**None, except for Florida\* and Texas\*\*.**



## BOTTOM LINE:

The public health emergency is over. It's time to get Americans back to work.

\*Florida has an employment and training (E&T) mandate covering roughly 240,000 people.  
 \*\*Texas assigned 280,000 able-bodied adults to E&T programs.