



Work Requirements: Hourly Participation

As of October 1999

State	For single-parent families		For two-parent families*		
	Hourly requirement?	Weekly hours required	Hourly requirement?	Weekly hours required	Parents can divide the hours
Totals	38 Yes 10 No 3 Local		43 Yes 5 No 2 Local 1 N/A		34 Yes 7 No 1 Local
Alabama	Yes	32-35	Yes	35/55	Yes Both parents are required to participate unless deferred.
Alaska	Yes	30	Yes	35/55	Yes
Arizona	Yes	35	Yes	65	Yes One parent must work 40 hours and the other 25 hours.
Arkansas	Yes	30	Yes	35/55	Yes
California	Yes	32	Yes	35	Yes
Colorado	Local		Local		
Connecticut	Yes	25	Yes	35	No
Delaware	No		No		
Dist of Columbia	Yes	30	Yes	35/55	
Florida	Yes	30	Yes	35/55	Yes
Georgia	Yes	30	Yes	35	Local
Hawaii	Yes 20 hours in countable activities; 32 hours required overall	32	Yes 20 hours in countable activities; 32 hours overall	32	No
Idaho	Yes	20	Yes	20	No
Illinois	Yes	30	Yes	35	Yes

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Indiana	No		No		
Iowa	No		No		
Kansas	Yes	30	Yes	35/55	Yes
Kentucky	Yes	30	Yes	35/55	Yes
Louisiana	Yes	25	Yes	35	Yes
Maine	Yes	30	Yes	40/55	Yes
Maryland	No		Yes	35	Yes
Massachusetts	No		No		
Michigan	Yes	30	Yes	35/55	Yes
			If subject to 55-hour requirement, may be combined between the two parents.		
Minnesota	Yes	30	Yes	55	Yes
			One parent must participate for at least 35 hours per week; the other must participate for at least 20 hours per week.		
Mississippi	Yes	30	Yes	55	Yes
Missouri	Yes	30/20	Yes	35/55	Yes
	30 hours; parents with children under age 6 can choose to work 20 hours per week		If subject to 55-hour requirement, may be combined between the two parents.		
Montana	Yes	30	Yes	35	No
Nebraska	Yes	30	Yes	35/55	
Nevada	No		Yes	55 (if receiving child care)	Yes
New Hampshire	Yes	30	Yes	35/55	Yes
New Jersey	Yes	30	Yes	35	Yes

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New Mexico	Yes	29	Yes	59/40	Yes
			If child care is available, one adult is required to work 35 hours and the other must work 24 hours. At least 50 hours total must be in countable activities. If child care is not available, each parent must participate for at least 20 hours.		
New York	Local		Local		Yes
North Carolina	Yes	35	Yes	35	Yes
North Dakota	Yes	30/20	N/A		
	30 hours; 20 hours for families with children under age 6				
Ohio	Yes	30	Yes	35	Yes
	Non-exempt single parents of a child under the age of 6 must work at least 20 hours in a federally-countable activity; the other 10 hours can be in developmental or alternative activity. Single parents without a child under the age of 6 must participate in federally countable activities for all 30 hours.				
Oklahoma	Yes	30	Yes	65	Yes
			One parent must participate for 35 hours per week. The other parent must participate for 30 hours.		
Oregon	No		Yes	40	No
Pennsylvania	No		No		
Rhode Island	Yes	20	Yes	35/55	Yes
South Carolina	Yes	30	Yes	35/55	Yes
South Dakota	Yes	30/20	Yes	35/55	Yes
	30 hours; 20 hours for families with children under age 6				
Tennessee	Yes	40/20	Yes	80	Yes
	40 hours; 20 hours for those with low basic skills		Each parent must participate for 40 hours.		

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Texas	Yes	30	Yes	35	No
Utah	No		Yes	60	Yes
			40 hours for one parent; 20 hours for a second parent		
Vermont	Yes	20/40	Yes	Varies	No
	Hourly requirement applies only to families that reach the time limit. Requirement is 20 hours per week if youngest child is under age 13, 40 hours if 13 or older.		Varies depending upon the work activity		
Virginia	Yes	30	Yes	35	Yes
Washington	No	Varies	Yes	Varies	Yes
	Hourly requirement, up to 40 hours per week, is stipulated in each parent's Individual Responsibility Plan (IRP)		Each parent's required hours are stipulated in the Individual Responsibility Plan (IRP), up to 40 hours each depending on the circumstances.		
West Virginia	Yes	30	Yes	35	Yes
Wisconsin	Local		Yes	40/55	Yes
			One parent must participate in up to 40 hours of W-2 activities. The second parent can fulfill any remaining hours in unsubsidized employment, non-W-2-funded on-the-job-training, or work experience.		
Wyoming	Yes	30	Yes	35/55	Yes

* In states that have separate state programs for two-parent families, different requirements may apply.

Unless otherwise noted, weekly hours required of two-parent families of 35/55 indicates that the requirement varies based on receipt of child care subsidies. In order to be countable toward federal participation rates, two-parent families must participate for 35 hours per week if they are not receiving a federal child care subsidy and 55 hours per week if they do receive a federal child care subsidy.

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