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Food Stamp Program (FSP) statutes, regulations, and waivers provide State agencies with numerous policy options. State agencies use this flexibility to improve how the program works in meeting the nutritional needs of low-income people across the nation. Choosing certain options can facilitate program design goals such as removing or reducing barriers to access and sustained participation for low-income families and individuals, providing better support for those working or looking for work, targeting benefits to those most in need, streamlining administration and field operations, and coordinating FSP activities with those of other programs. With passage of the *Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002*, the array of policy options was significantly expanded in several key areas.

The earliest effective date by which interested State agencies could implement the additional options from the Farm Bill was October 2002. The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) intermittently surveys State agencies administering the Food Stamp Program to determine which policy options are in use. Information about State agency choices among policy options is subject to frequent change. **This report catalogs choices in effect as of October 2006.** Several States have reported plans to implement various options at later dates. Those choices will be reflected in future editions of this report. Please note that this edition of the *State Options Report* continues the tracking of an option first surveyed in the 4<sup>th</sup> edition. It is State agencies able to accept applications for Food Stamps via the internet (see Page 22). In addition, this edition begins the tracking of two new options; State agencies that have implemented a waiver of the requirement for a face-to-face interview between a responsible household member and an eligibility worker at the time of recertification (see Page 23), and State agencies that are utilizing Call Centers to process reported changes in the circumstances of participating households (see Page 24). Due to space limitations the Quarterly Reporting option, which is utilized at this time by only one State agency (California), is no longer listed in the individual State agency tables of Section Two. However, Quarterly Reporting continues to be documented in Section One under Reporting Requirements (see Page 1).

Section One of the report describes the options and lists the States that have selected each of them. The options presented here from the Farm Bill are denoted with the Farm Bill logo. Information is shown in tabular and map formats. Section Two lists the 53 State agencies in alphabetical order and shows the status of each State agency in relation to each policy option. Please contact FNS, FSP, Program Development Division, at (703) 305-2433 with questions, corrections, or suggestions about this edition of the *State Options Report*.

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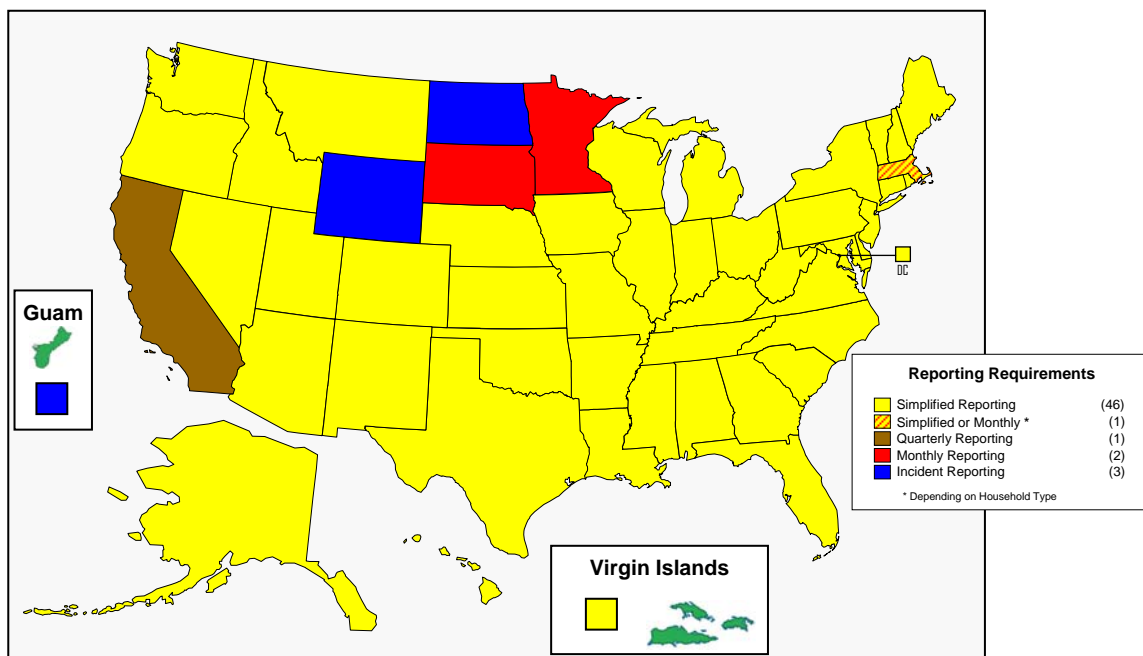
## **OPTION PROFILES**

## Reporting Requirements

State agencies have the option of requiring food stamp recipients to report on their financial circumstances at various intervals and in various ways. They can institute a type of periodic reporting system or they can rely on households to report changes within 10 days of occurrence—known as “incident reporting.” The table below shows States that have chosen periodic reporting. Participants report either quarterly or monthly, or under a “simplified” system with reduced reporting requirements. Under the simplified reporting option, households are required to report changes in income between certification and scheduled reporting periods only when total countable income rises above 130 percent of the poverty level. States implementing simplified reporting can set reporting intervals or certification periods at four, five, or six months.

Simplified (Reduced) Reporting			Quarterly Reporting	Monthly Reporting
47			1	3
ALABAMA	KENTUCKY	OHIO	CALIFORNIA	MASSACHUSETTS MINNESOTA SOUTH DAKOTA
ALASKA	LOUISIANA	OKLAHOMA		
ARIZONA	MAINE	OREGON		
ARKANSAS	MARYLAND	PENNSYLVANIA		
COLORADO	MASSACHUSETTS	RHODE ISLAND		
CONNECTICUT	MICHIGAN	SOUTH CAROLINA		
DELAWARE	MISSISSIPPI	TENNESSEE		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	MISSOURI	TEXAS		
FLORIDA	MONTANA	UTAH		
GEORGIA	NEBRASKA	VERMONT		
HAWAII	NEVADA	VIRGIN ISLANDS		
IDAHO	NEW HAMPSHIRE	VIRGINIA		
ILLINOIS	NEW JERSEY	WASHINGTON		
INDIANA	NEW MEXICO	WEST VIRGINIA		
IOWA	NEW YORK	WISCONSIN		
KANSAS	NORTH CAROLINA			

NOTE: The reporting method(s) selected may be applied to only some of the household types in the State eligible to report periodically.

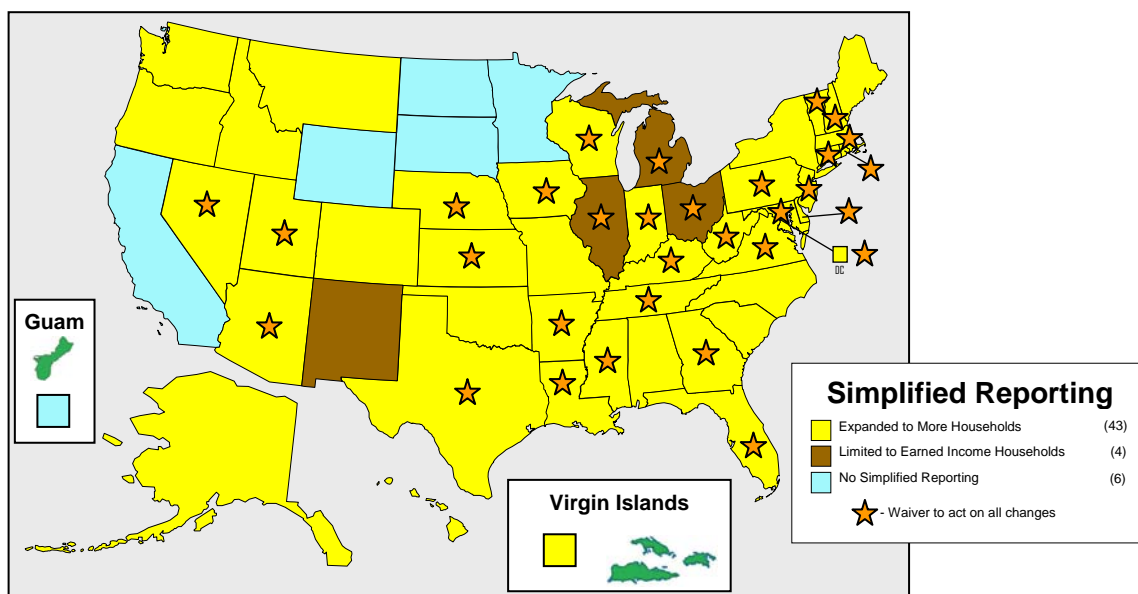




## Simplified Reporting Expansion

Prior to passage of the Farm Bill, the FSP contained the option to use a reporting system with reduced reporting requirements for earned income households on a semi-annual schedule. With passage of the Farm Bill's Simplified Reporting option, States can expand their reporting systems for earned income households to any and all households that can be asked to report periodically. Of the 47 States currently using Simplified Reporting, 43 have expanded it beyond earned income households. In between certification and scheduled reporting periods, a household's monthly benefit amount is not decreased as long as total income is less than 130 percent of the poverty level. States can request a waiver that will allow them to reduce benefits on the basis of change information affecting eligibility and benefit levels in other programs. This waiver has been given to 31 of the 47 States with Simplified Reporting systems.

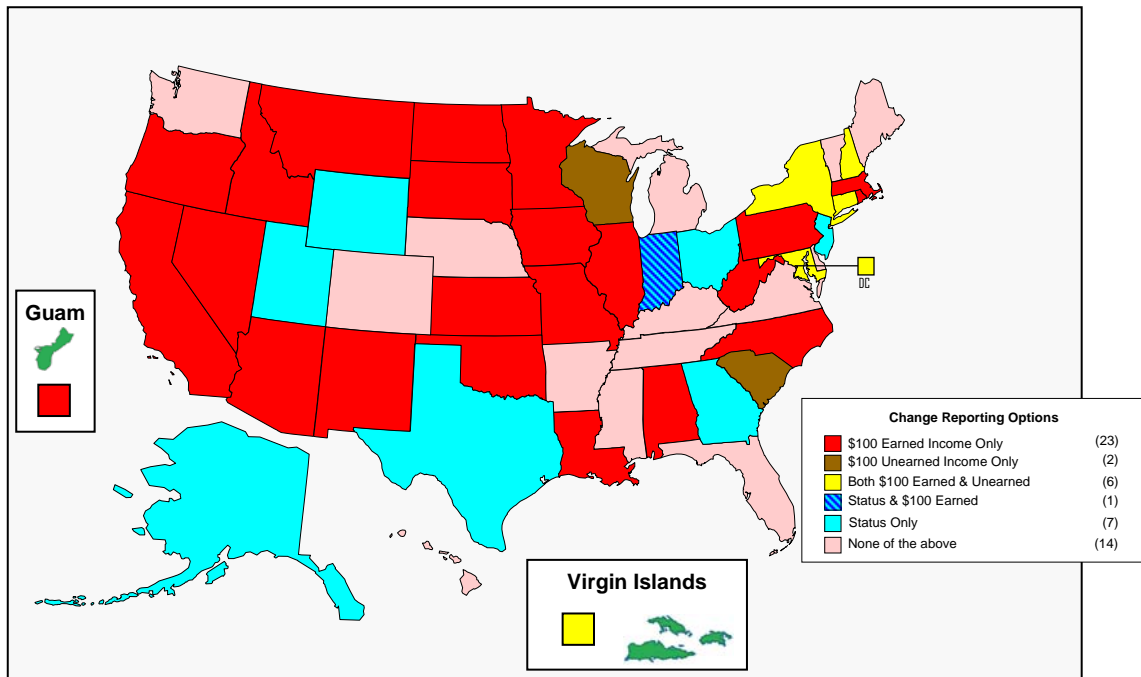
Expanded Simplified Reporting			Simplified Reporting -- Earned Income Households Only
43			4
ALABAMA ALASKA <b>ARIZONA*</b> <b>ARKANSAS*</b> COLORADO <b>CONNECTICUT*</b> <b>DELAWARE*</b> <b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA*</b> <b>FLORIDA*</b> <b>GEORGIA*</b> HAWAII IDAHO <b>INDIANA*</b> <b>IOWA*</b> <b>KANSAS*</b>	<b>KENTUCKY*</b> <b>LOUISIANA*</b> MAINE <b>MARYLAND*</b> <b>MASSACHUSETTS*</b> <b>MISSISSIPPI*</b> MISSOURI MONTANA <b>NEBRASKA*</b> <b>NEVADA*</b> <b>NEW HAMPSHIRE*</b> <b>NEW JERSEY*</b> NEW YORK NORTH CAROLINA OKLAHOMA	OREGON <b>PENNSYLVANIA*</b> <b>RHODE ISLAND*</b> SOUTH CAROLINA <b>TENNESSEE*</b> <b>TEXAS*</b> <b>UTAH*</b> <b>VERMONT*</b> VIRGIN ISLANDS <b>VIRGINIA*</b> WASHINGTON <b>WEST VIRGINIA*</b> <b>WISCONSIN*</b>	<b>ILLINOIS*</b> <b>MICHIGAN*</b> NEW MEXICO <b>OHIO*</b>
*Waiver to Act on All Changes			



## Change Reporting Options

States can use a variety of options for households not in simplified reporting who are subject to incident or change reporting rules to lessen the reporting burden on these households and the workload of field staff. Status reporting requires households to report only when a member changes jobs, receives a different rate of pay, or has a change in his or her work status, i.e., from full time to part time or vice versa. Another option requires households to report only when there is a change in earnings of \$100 or more per month. A third option allows households to report only when there has been a change in unearned income from private sources of \$100 or more per month. Use of reporting options is expected to decrease as more State agencies take full advantage of simplified reporting.

\$100 Earned		\$100 Unearned	Both \$100 Earned & \$100 Unearned	Status	
24		2	6	8	
ALABAMA ARIZONA CALIFORNIA GUAM IDAHO ILLINOIS INDIANA IOWA KANSAS LOUISIANA MASSACHUSETTS MINNESOTA	MISSOURI MONTANA NEVADA NEW MEXICO NORTH CAROLINA NORTH DAKOTA OKLAHOMA OREGON PENNSYLVANIA RHODE ISLAND SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	SOUTH CAROLINA WISCONSIN	CONNECTICUT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MARYLAND NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW YORK VIRGIN ISLANDS	ALASKA GEORGIA INDIANA NEW JERSEY	OHIO TEXAS UTAH WYOMING

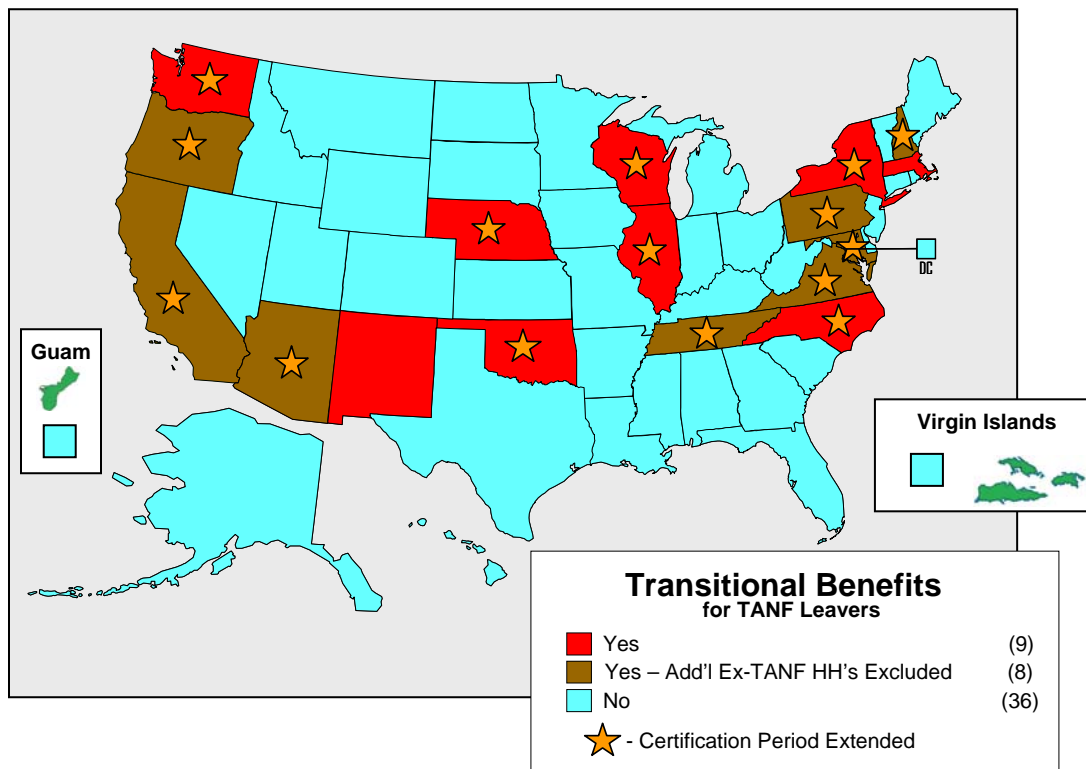




## Transitional Benefits

This is an option available to States to help support families as they move off Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) cash assistance. Benefits can be continued for up to five months in an amount equal to the amount received by the household prior to TANF termination with adjustments for loss of TANF income. Certification periods can be extended through the last transitional month. Two States, New York and Pennsylvania, had been offering the pre-Farm Bill version of Transitional Benefits to families coming off welfare. Now 15 other States have chosen to provide this work support. All 17 States have elected to issue benefits to welfare leavers for the full five months allowed in the legislation. Fifteen have indicated they will extend certification periods to complete the transition. Eight have designated more types of TANF households that cannot be included in addition to the types excluded from participation by law.

Transitional Benefits		Certification Extension		Additional Households Excluded
17		15		8
ARIZONA CALIFORNIA ILLINOIS MARYLAND MASSACHUSETTS NEBRASKA NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW MEXICO NEW YORK	NORTH CAROLINA OKLAHOMA OREGON PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE VIRGINIA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN	ARIZONA CALIFORNIA ILLINOIS MARYLAND NEBRASKA NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW YORK NORTH CAROLINA	OREGON OKLAHOMA PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE VIRGINIA WASHINGTON WISCONSIN	ARIZONA CALIFORNIA MARYLAND NEW HAMPSHIRE OREGON PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE VIRGINIA



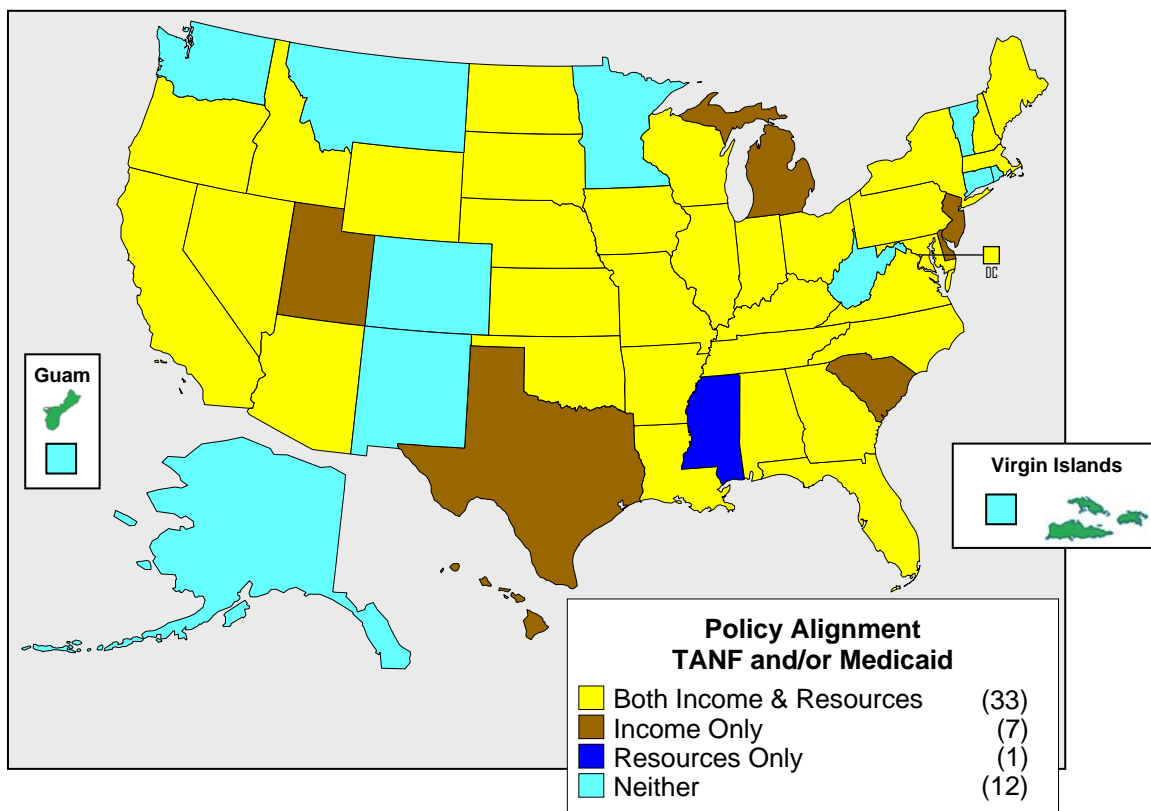




## Simplified Definitions of Income and Resources

State agencies have the option to exclude additional types of income and resources by aligning food stamp policy with TANF or Medicaid policy. Any income not counted under Section 1931 of Medicaid or TANF can be excluded with some exceptions. The exceptions are wages, salaries, benefits from major assistance programs, regular payments from a government source, worker's compensation, child support payments, and other types determined countable to insure fairness in eligibility determinations. The same option exists for the treatment of resources. The ones that cannot be excluded when using this particular option are cash, licensed vehicles, and readily available amounts in financial institutions--plus anything determined essential to count by FNS for basic fairness.

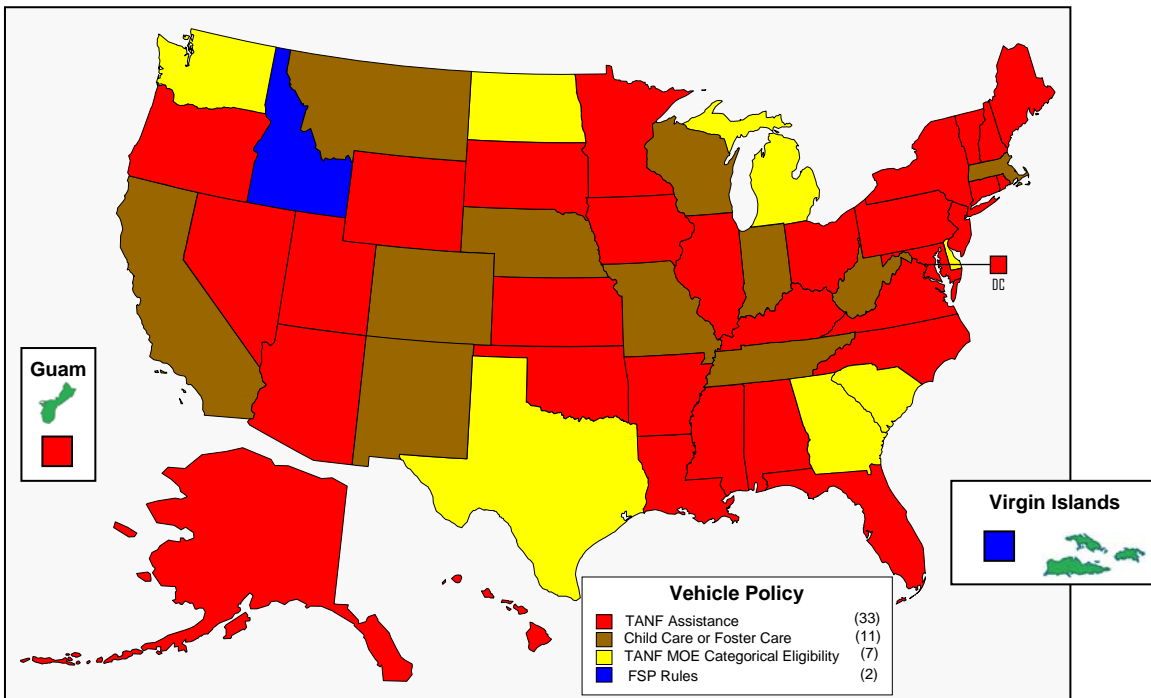
Simplified Definition of Income	Simplified Definition of Resources	Both		
<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>		
DELAWARE HAWAII MICHIGAN NEW JERSEY SOUTH CAROLINA TEXAS UTAH	MISSISSIPPI	ALABAMA ARIZONA ARKANSAS CALIFORNIA DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FLORIDA GEORGIA IDAHO ILLINOIS INDIANA IOWA	KANSAS KENTUCKY LOUISIANA MAINE MARYLAND MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEBRASKA NEVADA NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW YORK	NORTH CAROLINA NORTH DAKOTA OHIO OKLAHOMA OREGON PENNSYLVANIA SOUTH DAKOTA TENNESSEE VIRGINIA WISCONSIN WYOMING



## Vehicle Policy

States have the option of substituting the vehicle rules used in their TANF assistance programs for FSP vehicle rules when it results in a lower attribution of household assets. Some States provide non-cash benefit or service funded with TANF or TANF Maintenance of Effort (MOE) money to confer categorical eligibility upon a larger number of households as long as gross income does not exceed 200% of poverty.

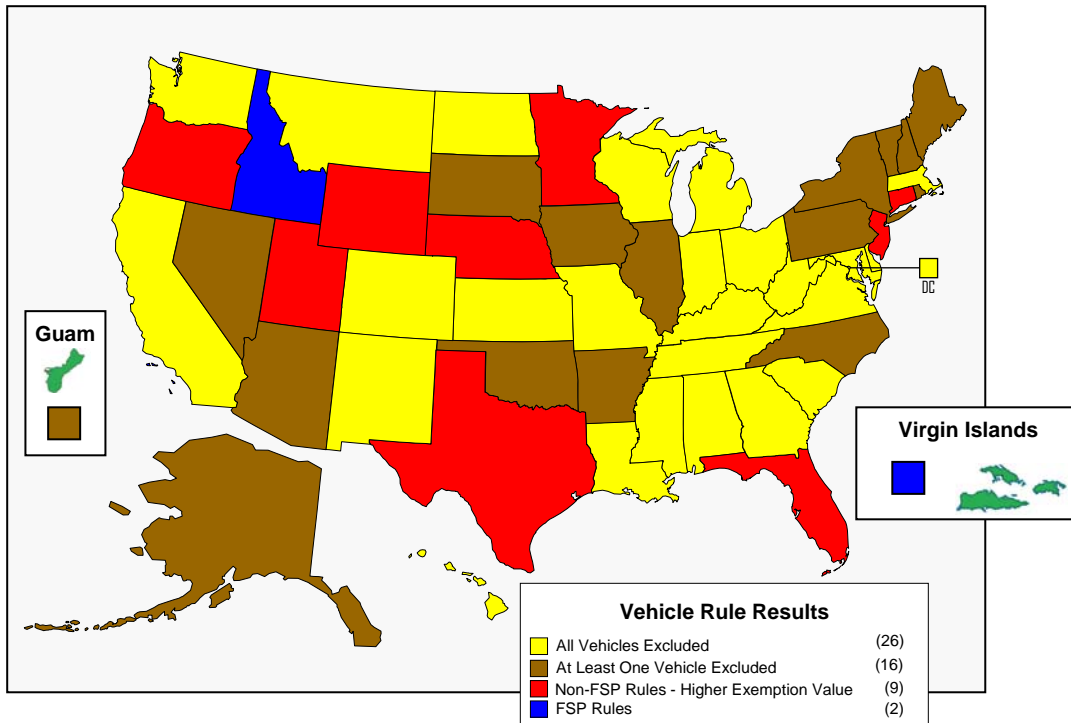
TANF Assistance Rules			TANF – MOE Categorical Eligibility	Child Care or Foster Care Rules	Food Stamp Program Rules
<b>33</b>			<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>
ALABAMA ALASKA ARIZONA ARKANSAS CONNECTICUT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FLORIDA GUAM HAWAII ILLINOIS IOWA	KANSAS KENTUCKY LOUISIANA MAINE MARYLAND MINNESOTA MISSISSIPPI NEVADA NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW JERSEY NEW YORK	NORTH CAROLINA OHIO OKLAHOMA OREGON PENNSYLVANIA RHODE ISLAND SOUTH DAKOTA UTAH VERMONT VIRGINIA WYOMING	DELAWARE GEORGIA MICHIGAN NORTH DAKOTA SOUTH CAROLINA TEXAS WASHINGTON	CALIFORNIA COLORADO INDIANA MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI MONTANA NEBRASKA NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE WEST VIRGINIA WISCONSIN	IDAHO VIRGIN ISLANDS



## Vehicle Policy Con't.

The alternative rules used have allowed 26 States to exclude the value of all vehicles entirely. Of the remaining 25 States not using FSP rules, 16 totally exclude the value of at least one vehicle per household. The other 9 exempt an amount higher than the FSP's standard auto exemption (currently set at \$4,650) from the fair market value to determine the countable resource value of a vehicle.

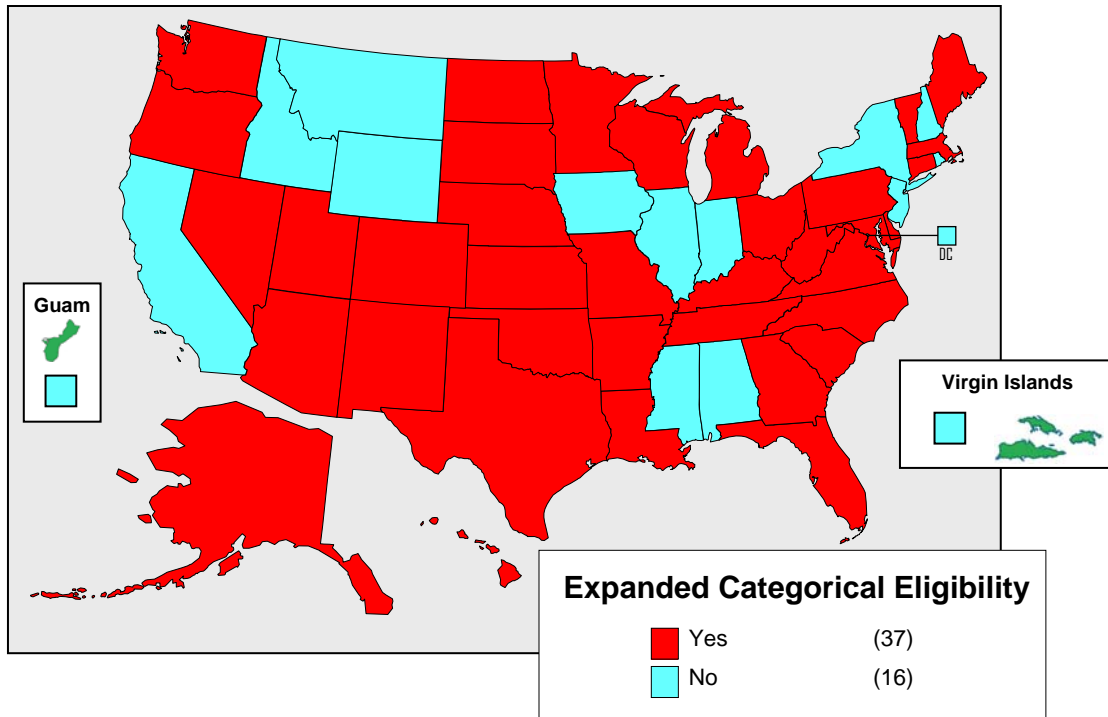
All Vehicles Excluded		At Least One Vehicle Per Household Excluded		Exemption > \$4,650
26		16		9
ALABAMA	MICHIGAN	ALASKA	NEW HAMPSHIRE	CONNECTICUT
CALIFORNIA	MISSISSIPPI	ARIZONA	NEW YORK	FLORIDA
COLORADO	MISSOURI	ARKANSAS	NORTH CAROLINA	MINNESOTA
DELAWARE	MONTANA	GUAM	OKLAHOMA	NEBRASKA
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	NEW MEXICO	ILLINOIS	PENNSYLVANIA	NEW JERSEY
GEORGIA	NORTH DAKOTA	IOWA	RHODE ISLAND	OREGON
HAWAII	OHIO	MAINE	SOUTH DAKOTA	TEXAS
INDIANA	SOUTH CAROLINA	NEVADA	VERMONT	UTAH
KANSAS	TENNESSEE			WYOMING
KENTUCKY	VIRGINIA			
LOUISIANA	WASHINGTON			
MARYLAND	WEST VIRGINIA			
MASSACHUSETTS	WISCONSIN			



## Expanded Categorical Eligibility

Expanding categorical eligibility for food stamp benefits is advantageous for more than dealing with vehicles. It can simplify eligibility determination by eliminating the requirement for other asset valuation and the application of the resource test. Households where all members benefit from means-tested cash assistance programs are categorically eligible for food stamps--as are those receiving means-tested non-cash benefits if the program involved is funded with over 50 percent TANF or MOE money. State agencies then have the option to expand this designation to households receiving a non-cash benefit from programs wherein less than 50 percent of the funding comes from TANF or MOE sources as long as the household's gross income does not exceed 200 percent of the poverty level.

Expanded Categorical Eligibility			No Expanded Categorical Eligibility	
37			16	
ALASKA	MARYLAND	PENNSYLVANIA	ALABAMA	MISSISSIPPI
ARIZONA	MASSACHUSETTS	SOUTH CAROLINA	CALIFORNIA	MONTANA
ARKANSAS	MICHIGAN	SOUTH DAKOTA	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	NEW HAMPSHIRE
COLORADO	MINNESOTA	TENNESSEE	GUAM	NEW JERSEY
CONNECTICUT	MISSOURI	TEXAS	IDAHO	NEW YORK
DELAWARE	NEBRASKA	UTAH	ILLINOIS	RHODE ISLAND
FLORIDA	NEVADA	VERMONT	INDIANA	VIRGIN ISLANDS
GEORGIA	NEW MEXICO	VIRGINIA	IOWA	WYOMING
HAWAII	NORTH CAROLINA	WASHINGTON		
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MAINE	OREGON			

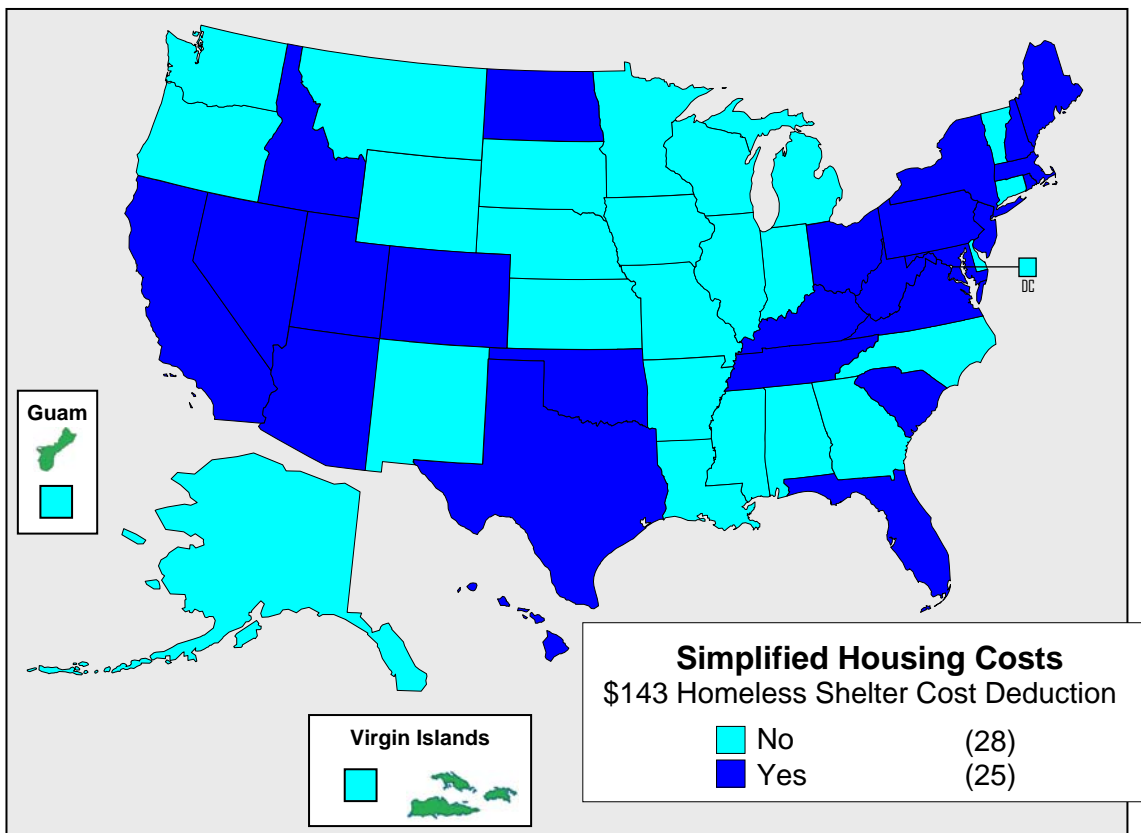




## Simplified Housing Costs (Homeless)

States have the option to use a standard deduction from income of \$143 per month for homeless households with some shelter expenses. This option makes it unnecessary for States to justify the level of the homeless shelter cost deduction and for program participants to itemize specific costs.

Simplified Housing Costs	
25	
ARIZONA	NEW YORK
CALIFORNIA	NORTH DAKOTA
COLORADO	OHIO
FLORIDA	OKLAHOMA
HAWAII	PENNSYLVANIA
IDAHO	RHODE ISLAND
KENTUCKY	SOUTH CAROLINA
MAINE	TENNESSEE
MARYLAND	TEXAS
MASSACHUSETTS	UTAH
NEVADA	VIRGINIA
NEW HAMPSHIRE	WEST VIRGINIA
NEW JERSEY	

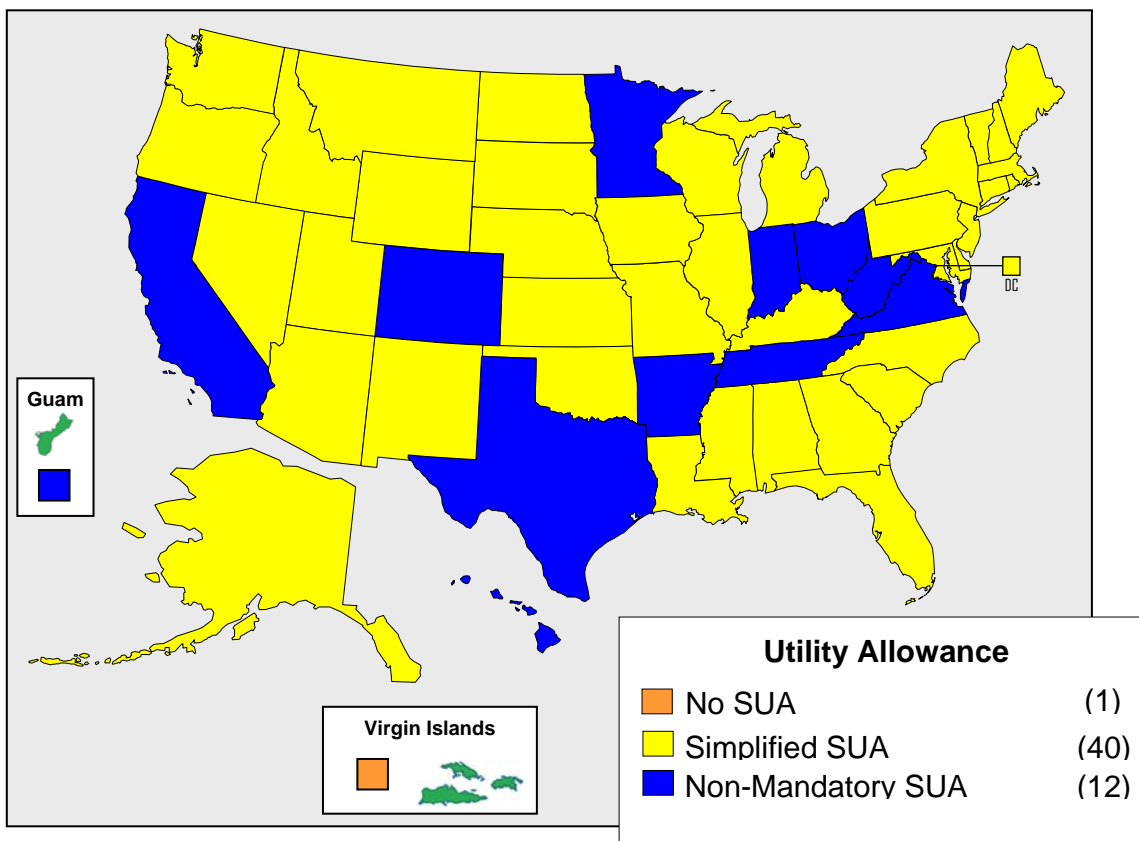




## Simplified Standard Utility Allowance (SUA)

State agencies electing to use the SUA for all households in place of actual utility costs can adopt the simplified SUA. This eliminates the requirement to prorate the SUA among households that share living space, and it allows public housing residents with shared meters who are charged for only excess utility costs to have the benefit of the SUA as a deduction from income. All State agencies except the Virgin Islands use a Standard Utility Allowance.

Mandatory SUA Simplified			SUA Not Mandatory		No SUA
40			12		1
ALABAMA	MAINE	NORTH CAROLINA	ARKANSAS	MINNESOTA	VIRGIN ISLANDS
ALASKA	MARYLAND	NORTH DAKOTA	CALIFORNIA	OHIO	
ARIZONA	MASSACHUSETTS	OKLAHOMA	COLORADO	TENNESSEE	
CONNECTICUT	MICHIGAN	OREGON	GUAM	TEXAS	
DELAWARE	MISSISSIPPI	PENNSYLVANIA	HAWAII	VIRGINIA	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	MISSOURI	RHODE ISLAND	INDIANA	WEST VIRGINIA	
FLORIDA	MONTANA	SOUTH CAROLINA			
GEORGIA	NEBRASKA	SOUTH DAKOTA			
IDAHO	NEVADA	UTAH			
ILLINOIS	NEW HAMPSHIRE	VERMONT			
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KENTUCKY	NEW YORK	WYOMING			
LOUISIANA					

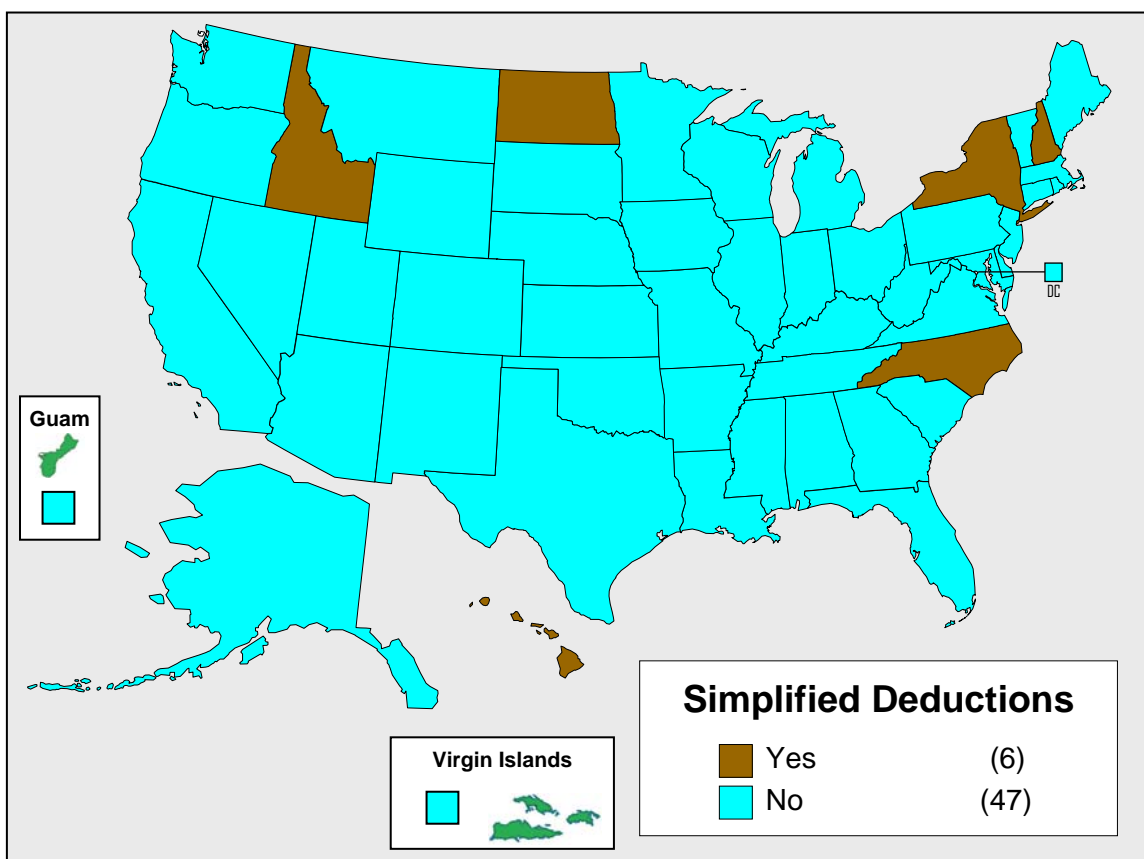




## Simplified Determination of Deductions

In order to streamline case handling procedures and lessen vulnerability to payment errors for minor discrepancies, States can elect to disregard changes in certain deduction amounts during certification periods. The deductions affected are the ones for child care expenses, child support payments made, medical expenses, and shelter costs at the same residence.

Simplified Deductions	
6	
HAWAII	NEW YORK
IDAHO	NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HAMPSHIRE	NORTH DAKOTA

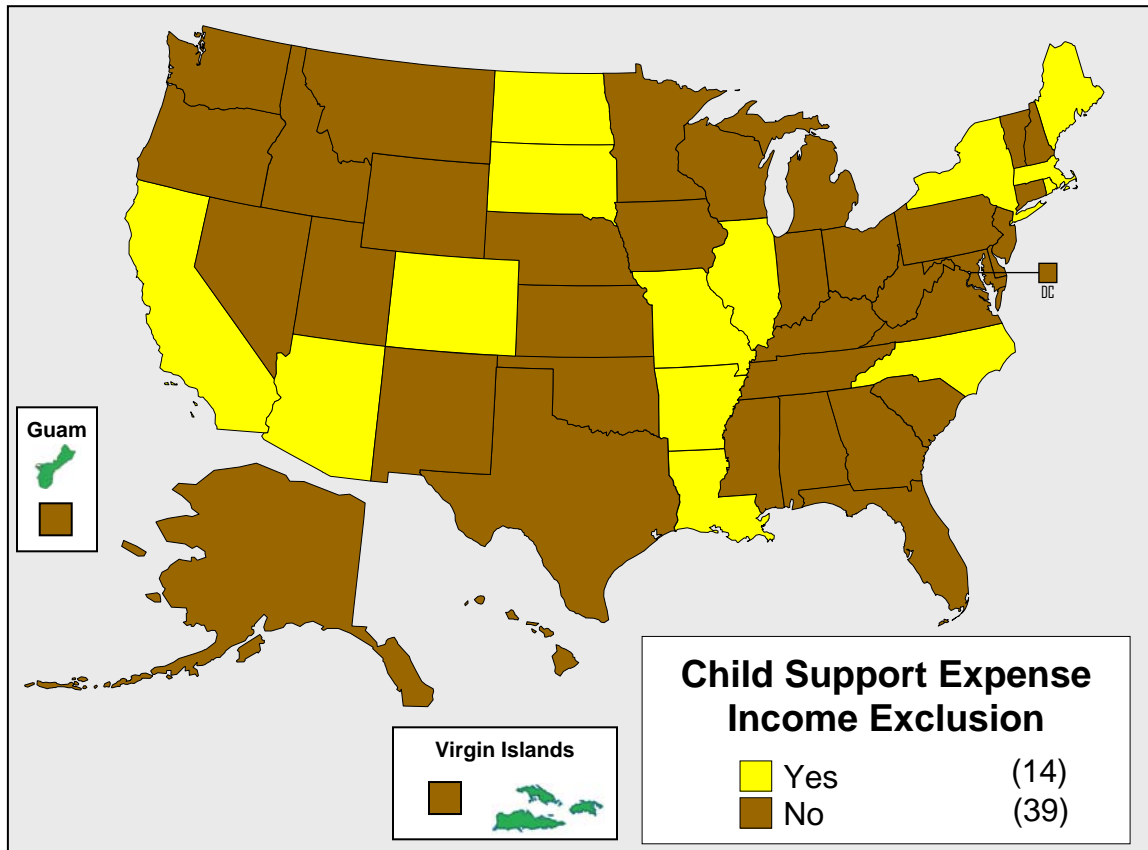


## Child Support Expense Income Exclusion



States have the option to treat legally obligated child support payments made to non-household members as an income exclusion rather than a deduction.

Child Support Expense Exclusion	
14	
ARIZONA	MASSACHUSETTS
ARKANSAS	MISSOURI
CALIFORNIA	NEW YORK
COLORADO	NORTH CAROLINA
ILLINOIS	NORTH DAKOTA
LOUISIANA	RHODE ISLAND
MAINE	SOUTH DAKOTA

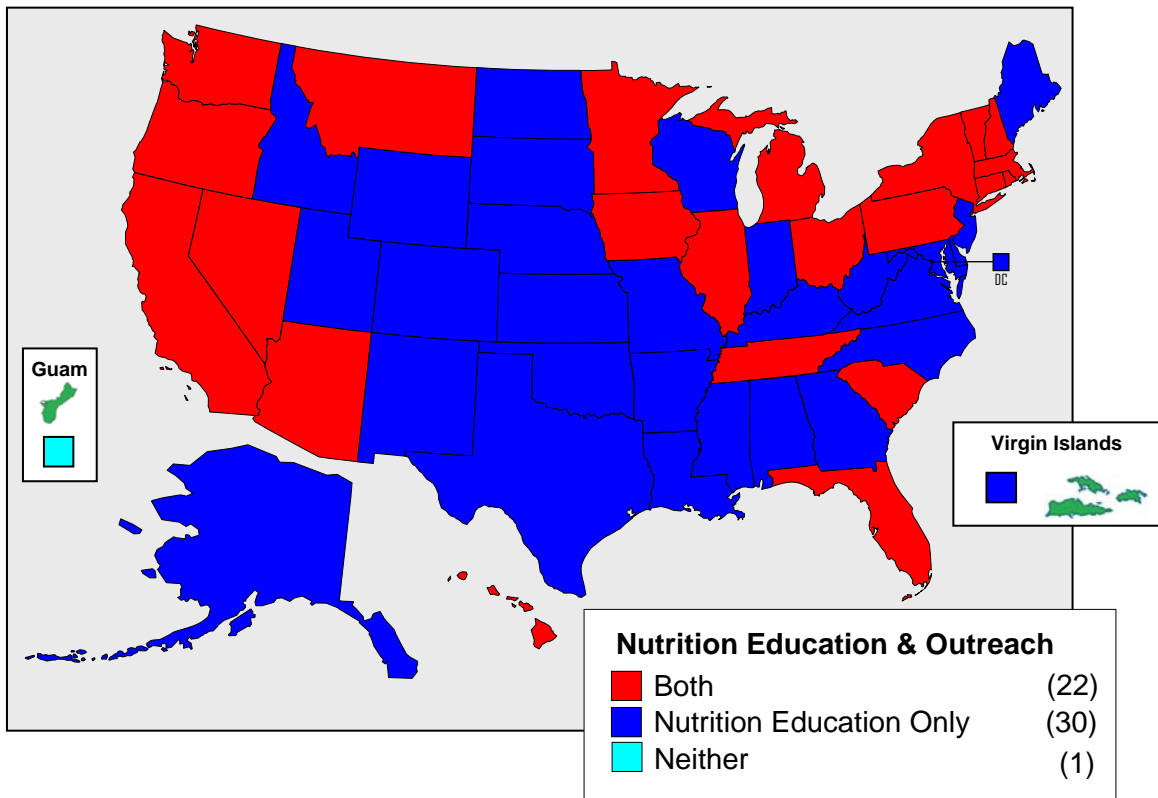




## Nutrition Education and Outreach Initiatives

All States, except Guam, have Nutrition Education programs. In addition, 22 States have formal Outreach Programs to increase program participation. A number of additional States conduct informal Outreach activities.

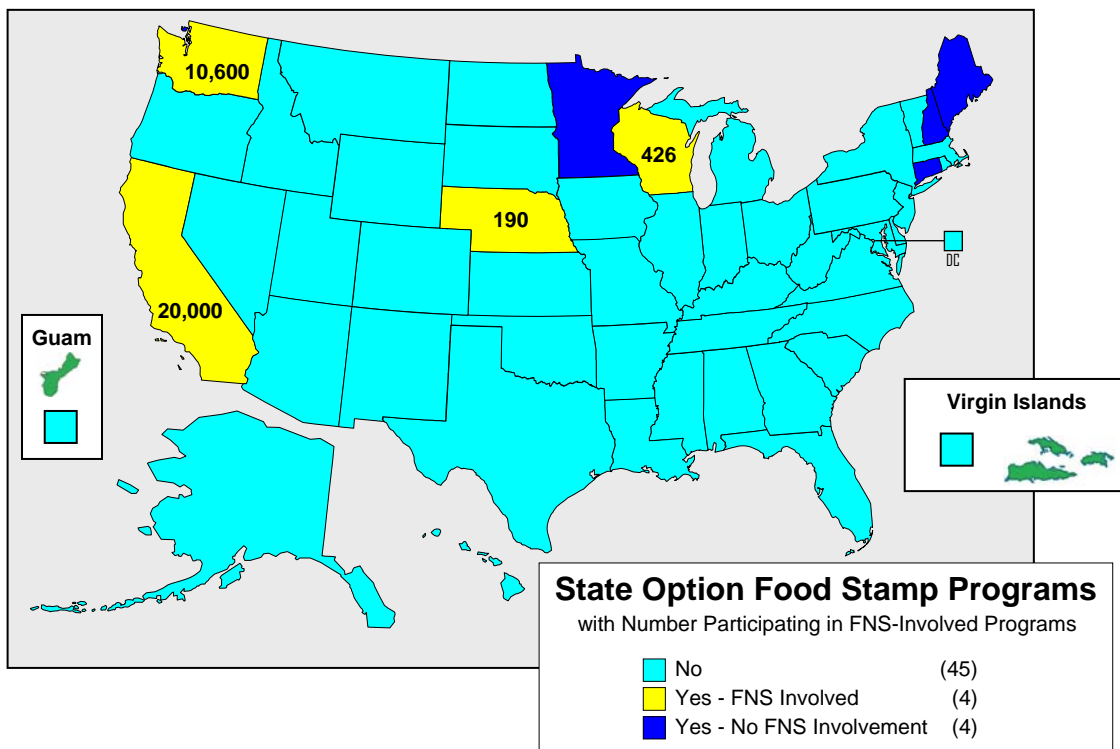
Nutrition Education Programs			Outreach Programs	
52			22	
ALABAMA	LOUISIANA	OKLAHOMA	ARIZONA	NEVADA
ALASKA	MAINE	OREGON	CALIFORNIA	NEW HAMPSHIRE
ARIZONA	MARYLAND	PENNSYLVANIA	CONNECTICUT	NEW YORK
ARKANSAS	MASSACHUSETTS	RHODE ISLAND	FLORIDA	OHIO
CALIFORNIA	MICHIGAN	SOUTH CAROLINA	HAWAII	OREGON
COLORADO	MINNESOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	ILLINOIS	PENNSYLVANIA
CONNECTICUT	MISSISSIPPI	TENNESSEE	IOWA	RHODE ISLAND
DELAWARE	MISSOURI	TEXAS	MASSACHUSETTS	SOUTH CAROLINA
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	MONTANA	UTAH	MICHIGAN	TENNESSEE
FLORIDA	NEBRASKA	VERMONT	MINNESOTA	VERMONT
GEORGIA	NEVADA	VIRGIN ISLANDS	MONTANA	WASHINGTON
HAWAII	NEW HAMPSHIRE	VIRGINIA		
IDAHO	NEW JERSEY	WASHINGTON		
ILLINOIS	NEW MEXICO	WEST VIRGINIA		
INDIANA	NEW YORK	WISCONSIN		
IOWA	NORTH CAROLINA	WYOMING		
KANSAS	NORTH DAKOTA			
KENTUCKY	OHIO			



## State Option Food Stamp Program for Immigrants

The Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1997 included authority for States to purchase food stamps from the Federal government for use in a State-funded food assistance program for legal immigrants. This development was in response to the limitations on immigrant eligibility for the Federal FSP contained in the 1996 welfare reform act. States design the eligibility requirements for their programs. Some States have chosen not to purchase food stamp benefits from FNS for their program participants. They handle benefit issuance and redemption activities independently. The size of these programs has diminished significantly with the passage of the Farm Bill that incrementally restored food stamp eligibility to major groups of legal immigrants. The last of these restorations occurred in October 2003 when children under 18 years of age regained eligibility. States may opt, however, to continue these programs to serve legal immigrant adults ineligible for the Federal FSP during their first five years in residence.

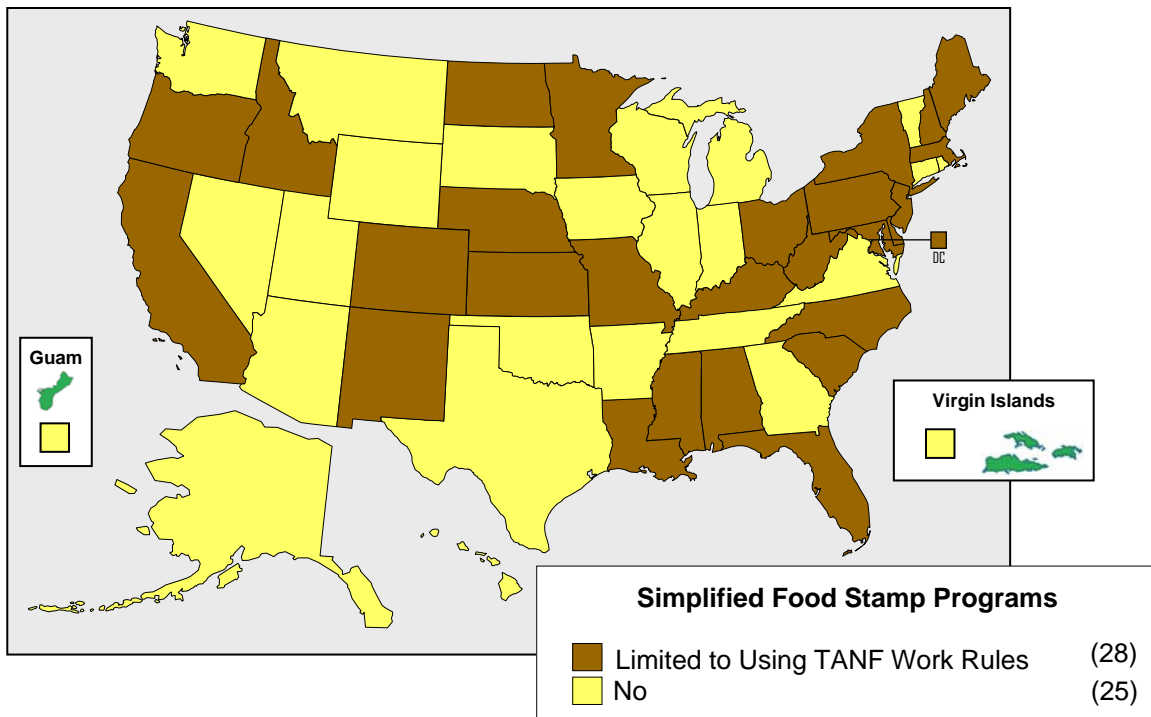
State Option FSP with Participants Per Month*		Independent State Nutrition Assistance Programs	
4		4	
CALIFORNIA	20,000	CONNECTICICUT	
NEBRASKA	190	MAINE	
WASHINGTON	10,600	MINNESOTA	
WISCONSIN	426	NEW HAMPSHIRE	



## Simplified Food Stamp Program for TANF Households

States may use TANF or FSP rules, or a combination of both, to create Simplified Food Stamp Programs for TANF households. With FNS approval, States can design Simplified Programs to include households where not all members must be TANF recipients. Currently 28 States are operating limited or “mini” Simplified Programs, which means program rules have been altered from the regular FSP in the area of work requirements only. In such programs, the value of the TANF benefit and the food stamp allotment are combined to determine a work obligation satisfying the requirements of both programs.

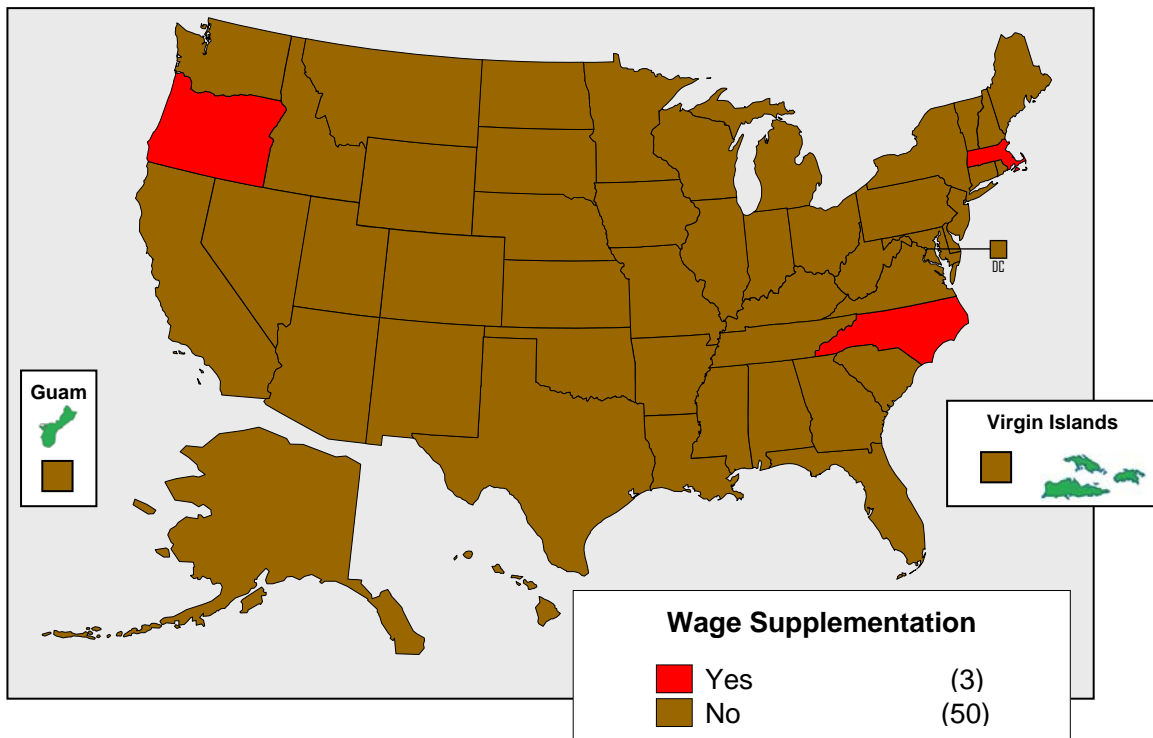
Limited Simplified Food Stamp Program		
28		
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# Wage Supplementation

State agencies have the option of passing money in the amount of a food stamp recipient's benefit to an employer who must use the money to pay the recipient's wages. Currently only two States are engaging in this practice.

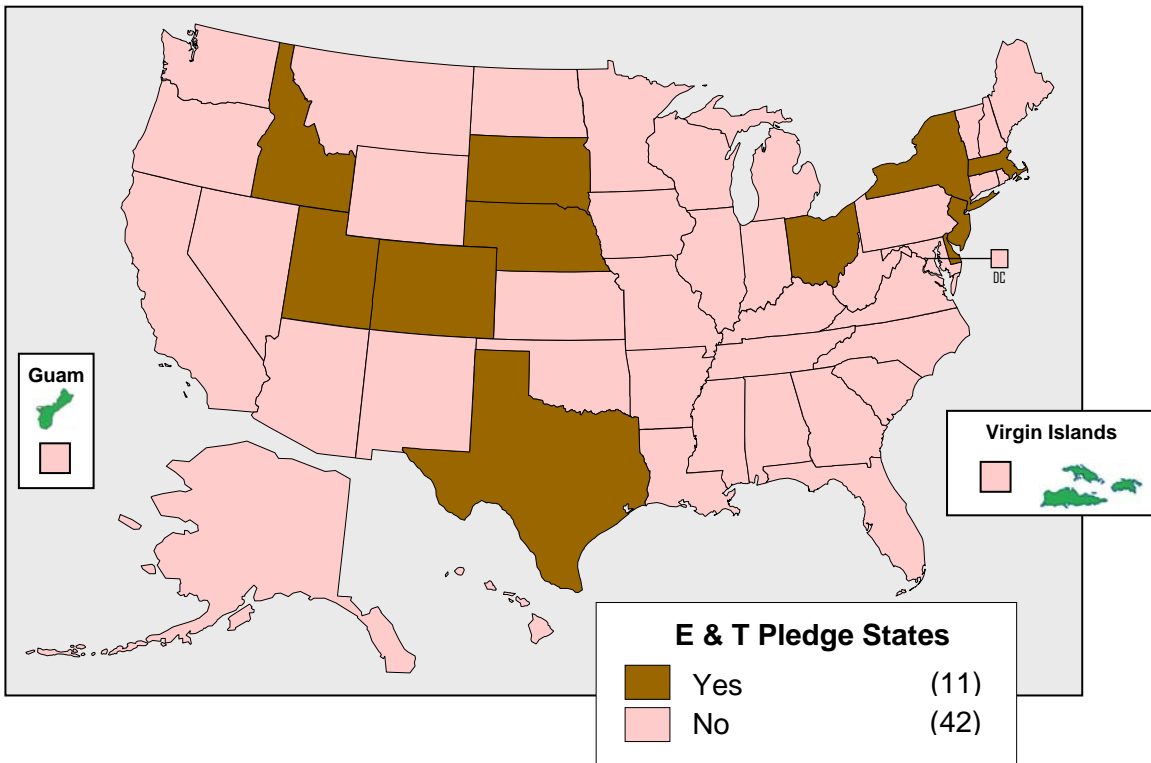
Wage Supplementation
3
MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA (1 County) OREGON



## Employment & Training Pledge States

Currently 11 States have “pledged” to offer every applicant or recipient Able-Bodied Adult without Dependents (ABAWD) subject to the three-month time limit on participation a qualifying education, training, or workfare opportunity. If the client fulfills the requirements of his or her education, training, or workfare component, he or she can continue to receive benefits. Each of the 11 States receives a share of the \$20 million set aside in the Farm Bill to fund employment and training services for this population.

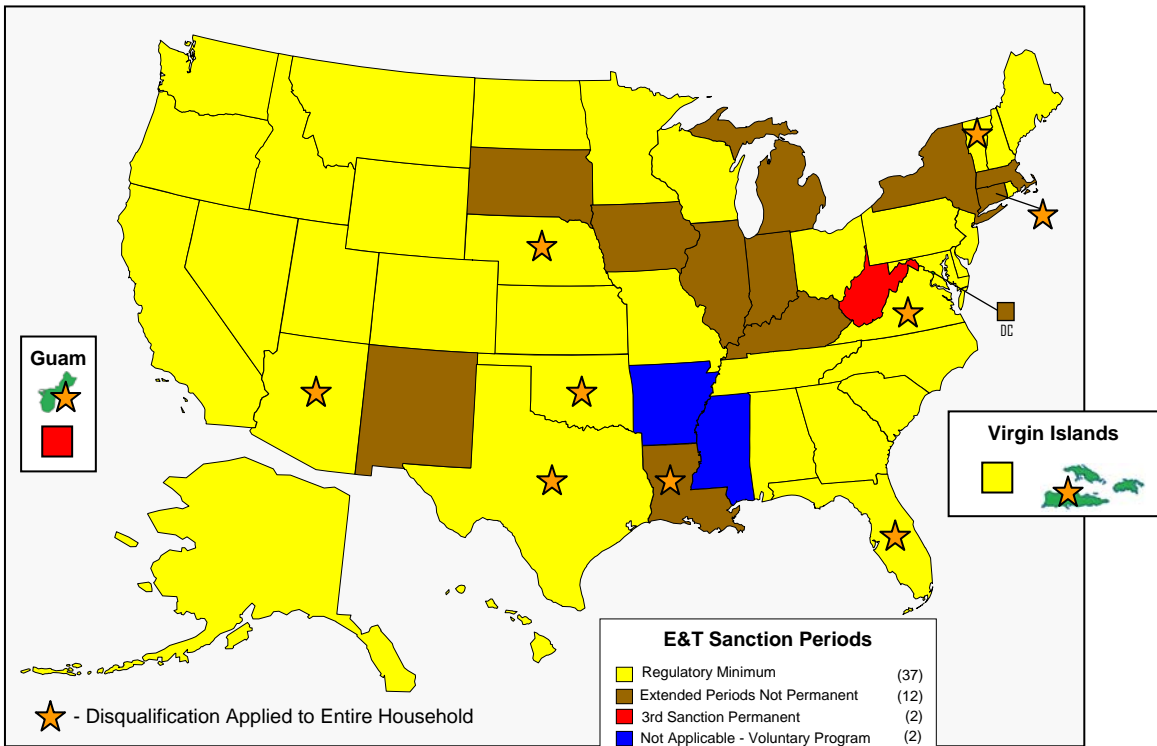
E&T Pledge States	
<b>11</b>	
COLORADO	NEW YORK
DELAWARE	OHIO
IDAHO	SOUTH DAKOTA
MASSACHUSETTS	TEXAS
NEBRASKA	UTAH
NEW JERSEY	



## Employment & Training Sanction Periods

Individuals who are required to register for work in order to receive benefits may be enrolled into a State’s E&T program to receive assistance preparing for and finding employment. If they fail to participate in planned E&T activities without good cause, they are disqualified from the FSP for certain periods of time depending on how many prior instances of non-compliance there have been. The minimum periods set by law are one month for the first instance, three months for the second, and six months for the third. Food stamp policy gives States the options to 1) set disqualification periods longer than these minimum mandatory periods, 2) for the third occurrence, make the disqualification permanent, and 3) sanction the entire household whenever the head of household fails to comply with E&T program requirements. For information on the exact length of extended sanction periods in each State choosing to extend them, see the State Profiles section of this report.

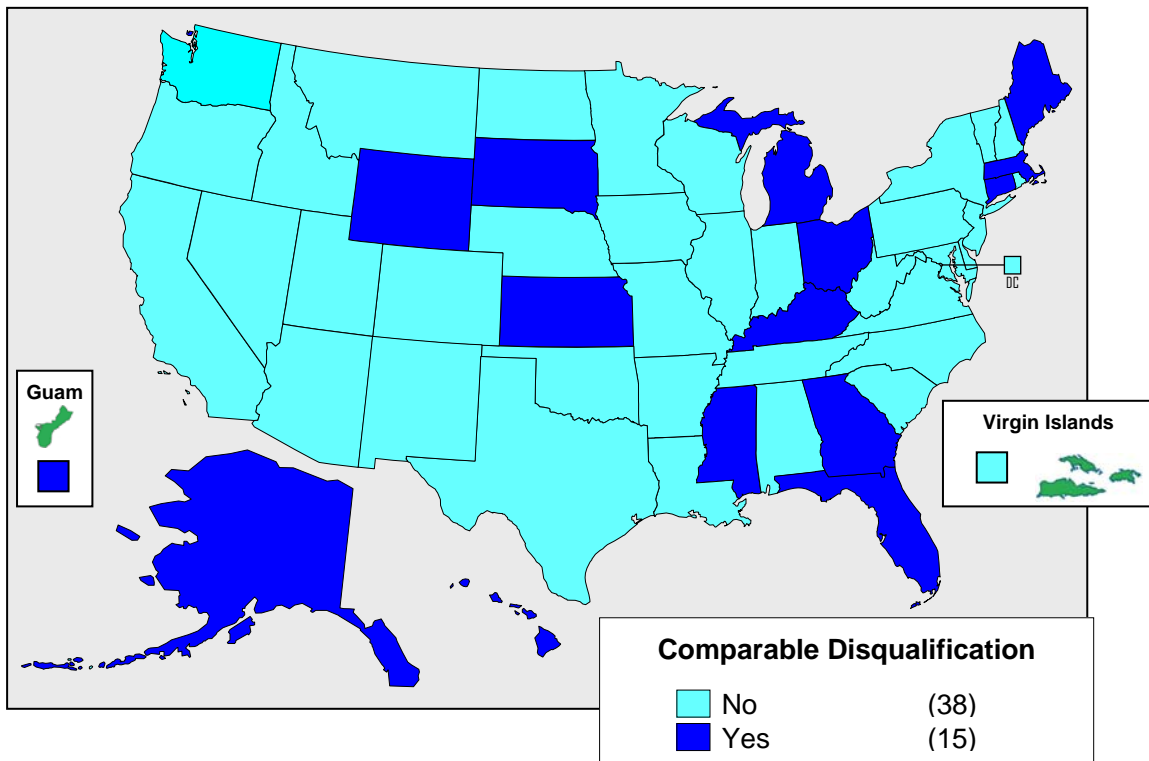
Extended E&T Sanctions		Permanent Disqualification	Entire Household Disqualification	
14		2	11	
CONNECTICUT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GUAM ILLINOIS INDIANA IOWA KENTUCKY	LOUISIANA MASSACHUSETTS MICHIGAN NEW MEXICO NEW YORK SOUTH DAKOTA WEST VIRGINIA	GUAM WEST VIRGINIA	ARIZONA CONNECTICUT FLORIDA GUAM LOUISIANA NEBRASKA	OKLAHOMA TEXAS VERMONT VIRGIN ISLANDS VIRGINIA



## Comparable Disqualification

State agencies may disqualify food stamp applicants or recipients who fail to perform actions required by other means-tested programs, primarily TANF.

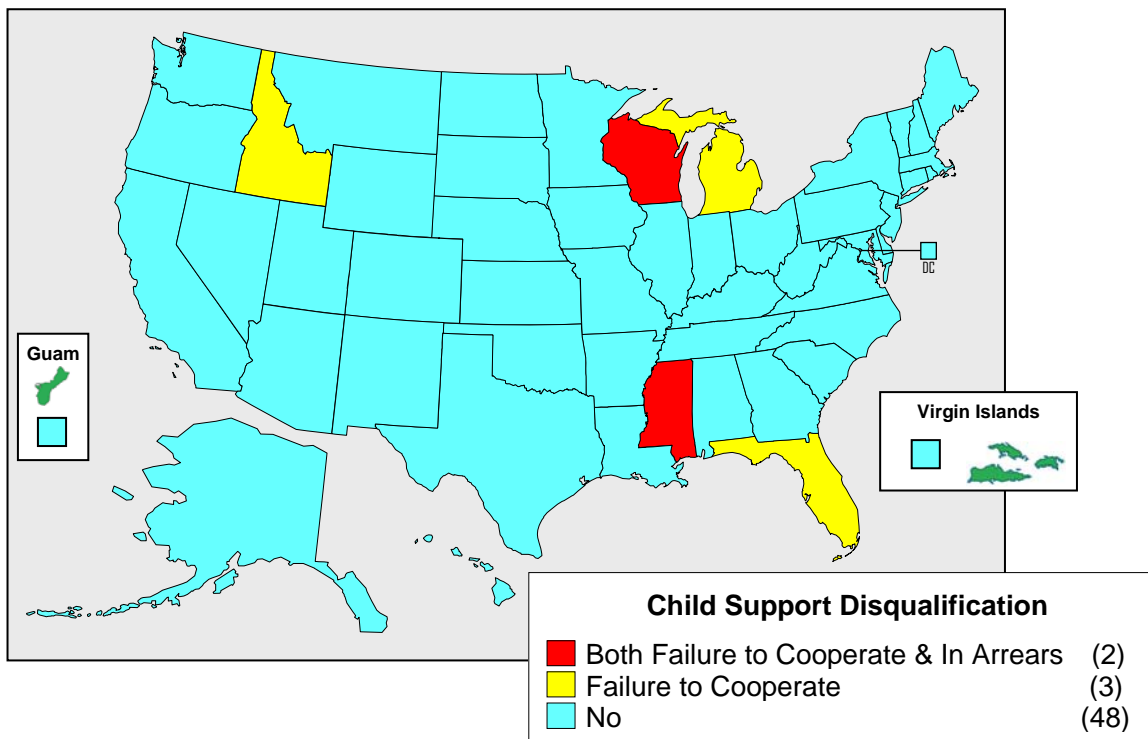
Comparable Disqualification	
15	
ALASKA	MAINE
CONNECTICICUT	MASSACHUSETTS
FLORIDA	MICHIGAN
GEORGIA	MISSISSIPPI
GUAM	OHIO
HAWAII	SOUTH DAKOTA
KANSAS	WYOMING
KENTUCKY	



## Child Support-Related Disqualification

States have the option to disqualify individuals who fail to cooperate with child support enforcement agencies, who are in arrears in court-ordered child support payments, or both.

Failure to Cooperate	Arrearage
5	2
FLORIDA IDAHO MICHIGAN MISSISSIPPI WISCONSIN	MISSISSIPPI WISCONSIN

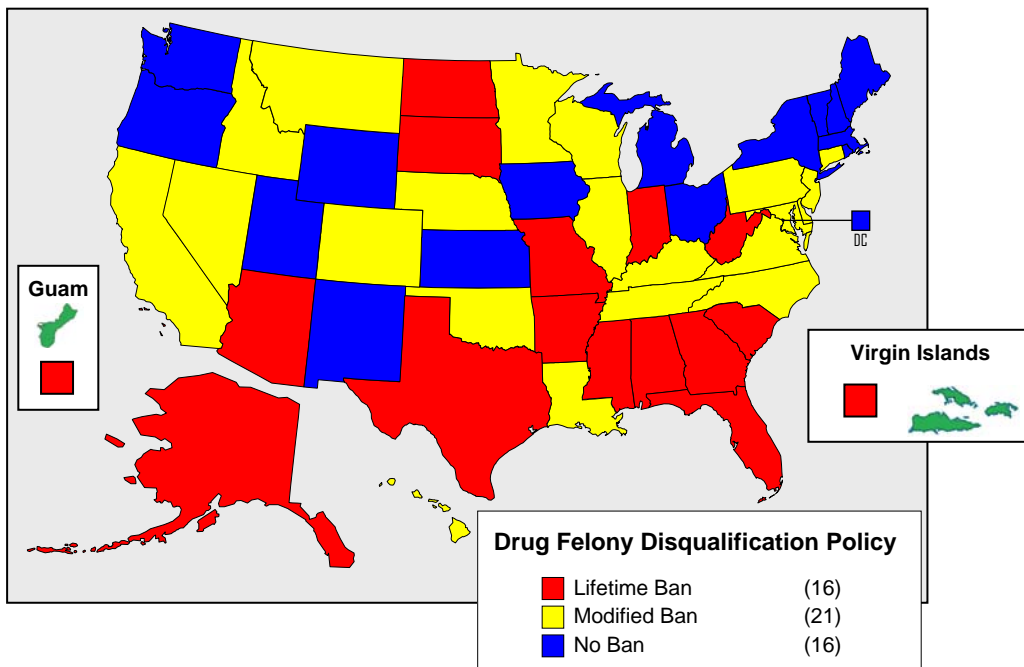




## Drug Felony Disqualification

Welfare reform legislation permanently disqualifies people from FSP participation if they have been convicted of a state or federal felony offense involving the use or sale of drugs. State legislatures can opt out of the penalty entirely or choose to impose less severe restrictions. Examples of these modified approaches are 1) limiting the circumstances in which permanent disqualification applies--such as only when convictions involve the *sale* of drugs, 2) requiring the person convicted to submit to drug testing, 3) requiring participation in a drug treatment program, and/or 4) imposing a temporary disqualification period.

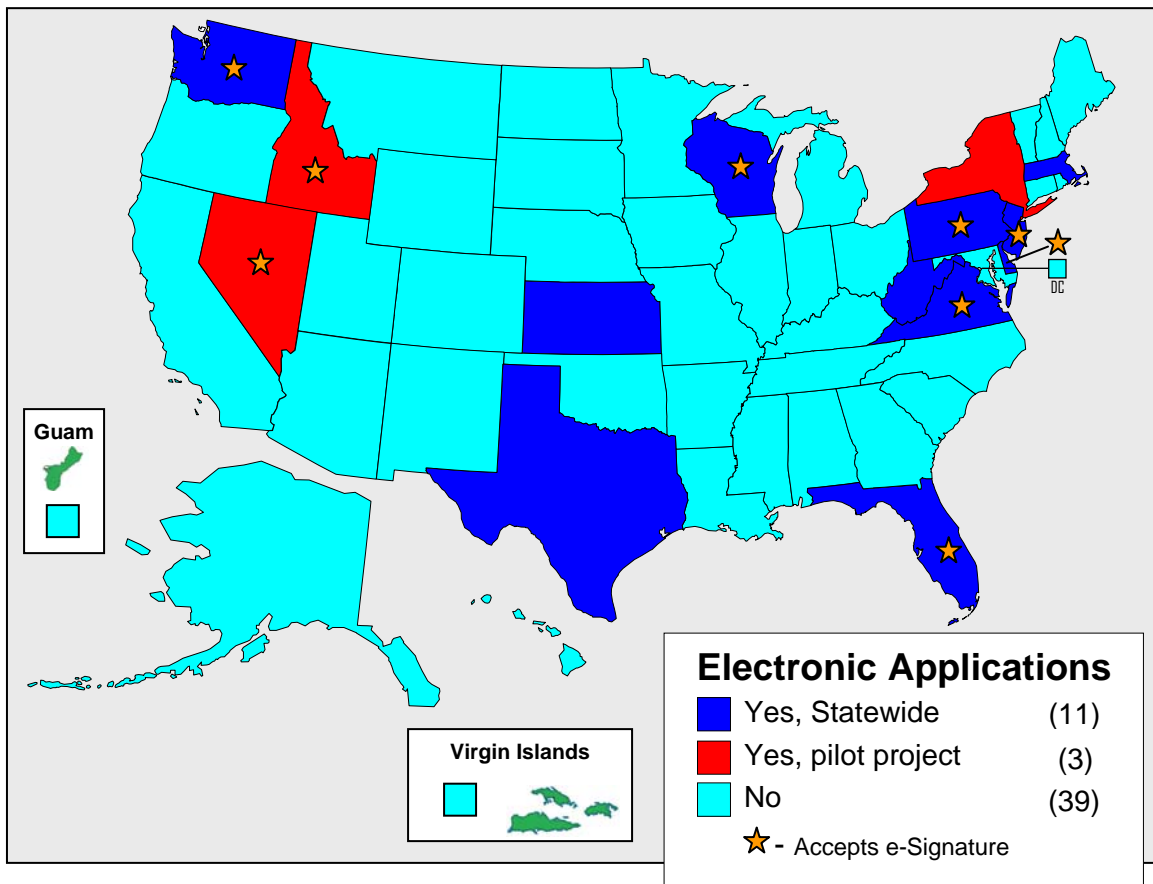
Lifetime Ban		Modified Ban		No Ban
16		21		16
ALABAMA	MISSISSIPPI	CALIFORNIA	MONTANA	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALASKA	MISSOURI	COLORADO	NEBRASKA	IOWA
ARIZONA	NORTH DAKOTA	CONNECTICUT	NEVADA	KANSAS
ARKANSAS	SOUTH CAROLINA	DELAWARE	NEW JERSEY	MAINE
FLORIDA	SOUTH DAKOTA	HAWAII	NORTH CAROLINA	MASSACHUSETTS
GEORGIA	TEXAS	IDAHO	OKLAHOMA	MICHIGAN
GUAM	VIRGIN ISLANDS	ILLINOIS	PENNSYLVANIA	NEW HAMPSHIRE
INDIANA	WEST VIRGINIA	KENTUCKY	TENNESSEE	NEW MEXICO
		LOUISIANA	VIRGINIA	NEW YORK
		MARYLAND	WISCONSIN	OHIO
		MINNESOTA		OREGON
				RHODE ISLAND
				UTAH
				VERMONT
				WASHINGTON
				WYOMING



## Electronic Application Filing

Currently 14 States provide applicants for the Food Stamp Program with the opportunity to apply for benefits on-line by computer at a web site. This option has been fully implemented statewide in 11 States, and is being piloted in a limited number of counties or sites in the remaining 3 States. In 9 of the States the applicant is allowed to submit the application with an electronic, or “e-Signature”. In the other States, although the applicant is allowed to apply on-line, and in many instances the date of application is the date that the electronic application is filed, the applicant still needs to submit a form with an actual signature before benefits will be authorized. An additional 21 States have indicated that they are working to eventually include this option.

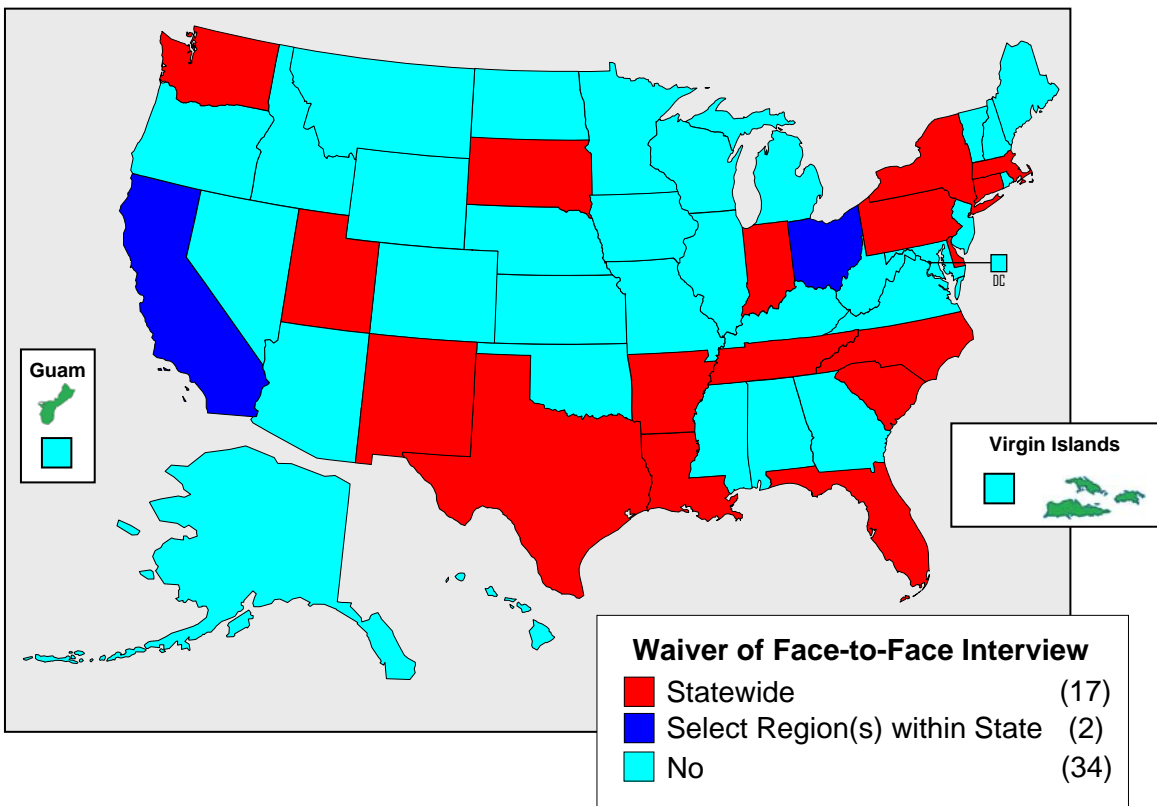
Electronic Application States	
14	
DELAWARE	NEW YORK
FLORIDA	PENNSYLVANIA
IDAHO	TEXAS
KANSAS	VIRGINIA
MASSACHUSETTS	WASHINGTON
NEVADA	WEST VIRGINIA
NEW JERSEY	WISCONSIN



## Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview at Recertification

Regulations at 7 CFR 273.14(b)(3) require that State agencies conduct a face-to-face interview at least once every 12 months, as part of the recertification process. States may opt to request a waiver to the requirement that all households receive a face-to-face interview at recertification. In lieu of the face-to-face interview, interviews are conducted by telephone, although the State still retains the option of conducting a face-to-face interview if it is determined that one is appropriate, or if the applicant requests a face-to-face interview. Eligibility workers gather the same information and take the same actions during a telephone interview as during a face-to-face interview.

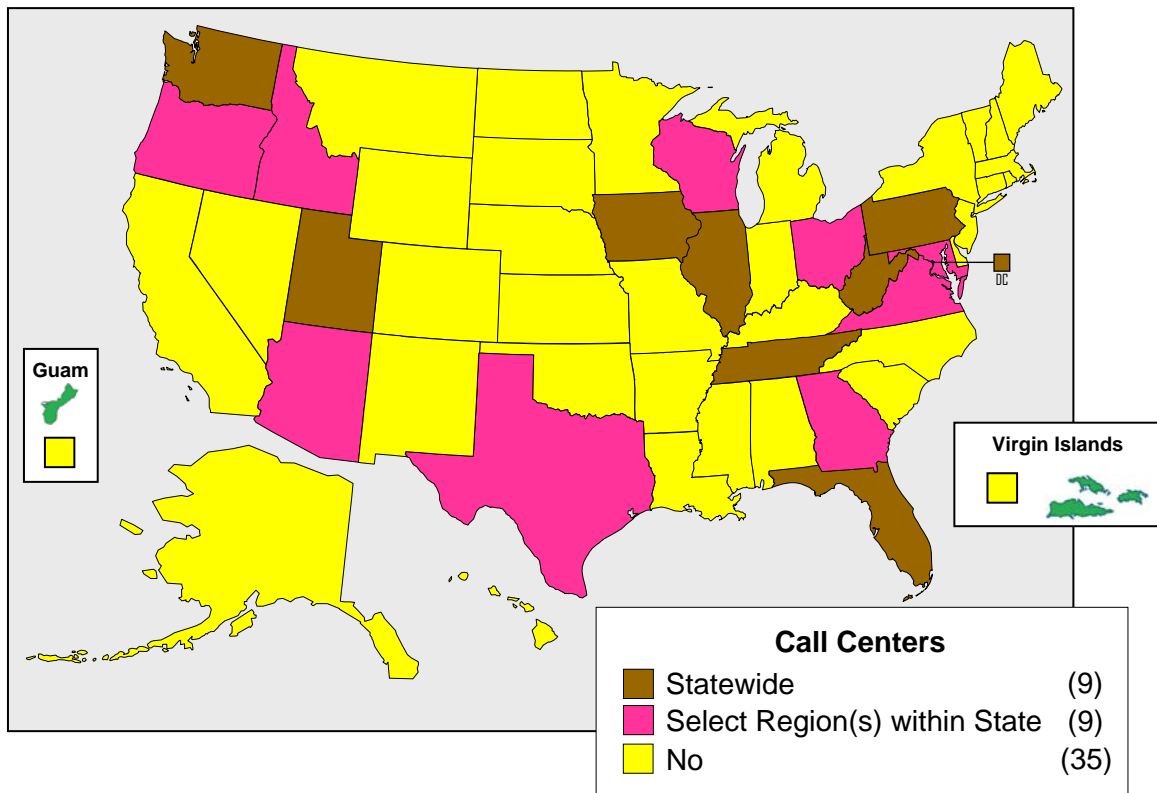
Waiver of Face-to-Face Recertification Interview	
19	
ARKANSAS	NORTH CAROLINA
CALIFORNIA	OHIO
CONNECTICUT	PENNSYLVANIA
DELAWARE	SOUTH CAROLINA
FLORIDA	SOUTH DAKOTA
INDIANA	TENNESSEE
LOUISIANA	TEXAS
MASSACHUSETTS	UTAH
NEW MEXICO	WASHINGTON
NEW YORK	











## Call Centers

Change call centers have become more common in States and project areas around the country. The centers can be used exclusively to process reported changes, but they are also sometimes used for a variety of other purposes, including processing alerts, handling participant phone calls, and conducting call-backs. Call centers can help reduce errors caused by unreported changes, high workloads, and unanswered phone/voice mail messages. Benefits include task specialization, prompt customer service, measurable work performance, dedicated phone lines, and the ability to reinforce change reporting with one phone number for participants to remember.

Call Centers	
18	
ARIZONA	OREGON
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	PENNSYLVANIA
FLORIDA	TENNESSEE
GEORGIA	TEXAS
IDAHO	UTAH
ILLINOIS	VIRGINIA
IOWA	WASHINGTON
MARYLAND	WEST VIRGINIA
OHIO	WISCONSIN



## SUMMARY

<i>Option</i>	<i>Number of States</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting – Earned Income Households Only	4
 Simplified (Reduced) Reporting – Expanded to Other Households	43
Quarterly Reporting	1
Monthly Reporting	3
Status Reporting	8
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	30
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	8
 Transitional Benefits	17
 Simplified Definition of Income	40
 Simplified Definition of Resources	34
Vehicle Rules: FSP	2
Vehicle Rules: TANF Assistance	33
Vehicle Rules: Child Care or Foster Care	11
Vehicle Rules: TANF-MOE Categorical Eligibility	7
Vehicle Rules: Excludes All Vehicles	26
Vehicle Rules: Not All – But At Least One Vehicle Excluded	16
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	37
 Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	25
Standard Utility Allowance	52
Mandatory Standard Utility Allowance	40
 Simplified Utility Allowance	40
 Simplified Deductions	6
 Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	14
Nutrition Education Program	52
Outreach Program	22
State Option Food Stamp Program – Purchase of FNS Benefits	4
Independent State Food Stamp Program	4
Limited Simplified Food Stamp Program	28
Wage Supplementation	3
E&T Pledge State	11
Extended E&T Sanction Periods	14
E&T Permanent Disqualification	2
E&T Household Disqualification	11
Comparable Disqualification	15
Child Support Disqualification: Failure to Cooperate Only	3
Child Support Disqualification: Arrearage Only	0
Child Support Disqualification: Both Failure to Cooperate & Arrearage	2
Drug Felony Disqualification: Lifetime Ban	16
Drug Felony Disqualification: Modified Ban	21
Drug Felony Disqualification: No Ban	16
Electronic Application Filing	14
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview at Recertification	19
Call Centers Processing Reported Changes	18

# **SECTION TWO:**

## **STATE PROFILES**

<b>ALABAMA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules:	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes – Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>ALASKA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules:	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>ARIZONA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions

<b>ARKANSAS</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Statewide
Call Centers	No



<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	No
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes – Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	Yes - FNS Involved
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Selected Regions
Call Centers	No

<b>COLORADO</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>CONNECTICUT</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	Yes
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – Exemption > \$4,650
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	Yes - No FNS Involvement
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	3-6-6
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Statewide
Call Centers	No

<b>DELAWARE</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	Categorical Eligibility – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Statewide
Call Centers	No

<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	Yes
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	2-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Yes, Statewide

<b>FLORIDA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – Exemption > \$4,650
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	Failure to Cooperate
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Statewide
Call Centers	Yes, Statewide

<b>GEORGIA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	Categorical Eligibility – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions

<b>GUAM</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	No
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	No
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	3-6-Permanently
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>HAWAII</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>IDAHO</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	FSP Rules
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	Failure to Cooperate
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes (Pilot Project), e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Yes, Pilot Project

<b>ILLINOIS</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	2-4-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Yes, Statewide

<b>INDIANA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	2-6-36 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Statewide
Call Centers	No

<b>IOWA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	2-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Yes, Statewide

<b>KANSAS</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, No e-Signature
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>KENTUCKY</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	2-4-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>LOUISIANA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	3-6-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Statewide
Call Centers	No



<b>MAINE</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	Yes – No FNS Involvement
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>MARYLAND</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	Yes
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions

<b>MASSACHUSETTS</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	Yes
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	Yes
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	3-6-12 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, No e-Signature
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Statewide
Call Centers	No

<b>MICHIGAN</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	Categorical Eligibility – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-6-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	Failure to Cooperate
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>MINNESOTA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	No
Monthly Reporting	Yes
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – Exemption > \$4,650
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	Yes - No FNS Involvement
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>MISSISSIPPI</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	N/A
E&T Household Disqualification	N/A
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	Failure to Cooperate & Arrearage
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>MISSOURI</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>MONTANA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>NEBRASKA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – Exemption > \$4,650
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	Yes - FNS Involved
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>NEVADA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes (Pilot Project), e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	Yes
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	Yes
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>NEW JERSEY</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – Exemption > \$4,650
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>NEW MEXICO</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	3-6-12 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Statewide
Call Centers	No

<b>NEW YORK</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	Yes
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	2-4-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes (1 county pilot), No e-Signature
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Statewide
Call Centers	No

<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	Yes (1 County)
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Statewide
Call Centers	No

<b>NORTH DAKOTA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	No
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	Categorical Eligibility – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	Yes
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No



<b>OHIO</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Yes
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Selected Regions
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions

<b>OKLAHOMA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>OREGON</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – Exemption > \$4,650
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	Yes
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions

<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Statewide
Call Centers	Yes, Statewide

<b>RHODE ISLAND</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	Yes
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	Categorical Eligibility – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Statewide
Call Centers	No

<b>SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	No
Monthly Reporting	Yes
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	Yes
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	1-6-12 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Statewide
Call Centers	No

<b>TENNESSEE</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Statewide
Call Centers	Yes, Statewide

<b>TEXAS</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	Categorical Eligibility – Exemption > \$4,650
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, No e-Signature
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Statewide
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions

<b>UTAH</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	No
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – Exemption > \$4,650
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	Yes
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Statewide
Call Centers	Yes, Statewide

<b>VERMONT</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – At Least One Vehicle Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes – Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>VIRGIN ISLANDS</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	Yes
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	FSP Rules
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Utility Allowance	N/A
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No

<b>VIRGINIA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	Yes
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions

<b>WASHINGTON</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	Categorical Eligibility – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	Yes
State Option Food Stamp Program	Yes - FNS Involved
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, , e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	Yes, Statewide
Call Centers	Yes, Statewide

<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	No
Simplified Definition of Resources	No
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	Yes
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Not Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	No
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	Limited to Using TANF Work Rules
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	3-3-Permanently
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	Lifetime Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, No e-Signature
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Yes, Statewide

<b>WISCONSIN</b>	
<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	Yes
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	No
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	Yes
Transitional Benefits	Yes
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	Child Care – All Vehicles Excluded
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	Yes
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	Yes – FNS Involved
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	No
Child Support Disqualification	Failure to Cooperate & Arrearage
Drug Felony Disqualification	Modified Ban
Electronic Application Filing	Yes, e-Signature Accepted
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	Yes, Selected Regions



## WYOMING

<i>Option</i>	<i>Choice</i>
Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements	No
Monthly Reporting	No
Status Reporting	Yes
\$100 Reporting – Earned Income	No
\$100 Reporting – Unearned Income	No
Transitional Benefits	No
Simplified Definition of Income	Yes
Simplified Definition of Resources	Yes
Vehicle Rules	TANF Cash Assistance – Exemption > \$4,650
Expanded Categorical Eligibility	No
Simplified Homeless Housing Costs	No
Standard Utility Allowance	Yes - Mandatory
Simplified Utility Allowance	Yes
Simplified Deductions	No
Child Support Expense Income Exclusion	No
Nutrition Education Program	Yes
Outreach Program	No
State Option Food Stamp Program	No
Simplified Food Stamp Program	No
Wage Supplementation	No
E&T Pledge State	No
E&T Sanction Months	1-3-6 Months
E&T Household Disqualification	No
Comparable Disqualification	Yes
Child Support Disqualification	No
Drug Felony Disqualification	No Ban
Electronic Application Filing	No
Waiver of Face-to-Face Interview	No
Call Centers	No