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Food Stamp Program (FSP) statutes and regulations 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 August 2005.** 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 4th edition. It is State agencies able to accept applications for Food Stamps via the internet (see Page 22). This edition expands the information in this option by tracking which State agencies accept an electronic, or “e-signature” with their on-line applications.

The first section 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. Due to limitations of the mapping program used, Guam and the Virgin Islands are not included in the geographical displays. See the map legends for information on these territories. The second section 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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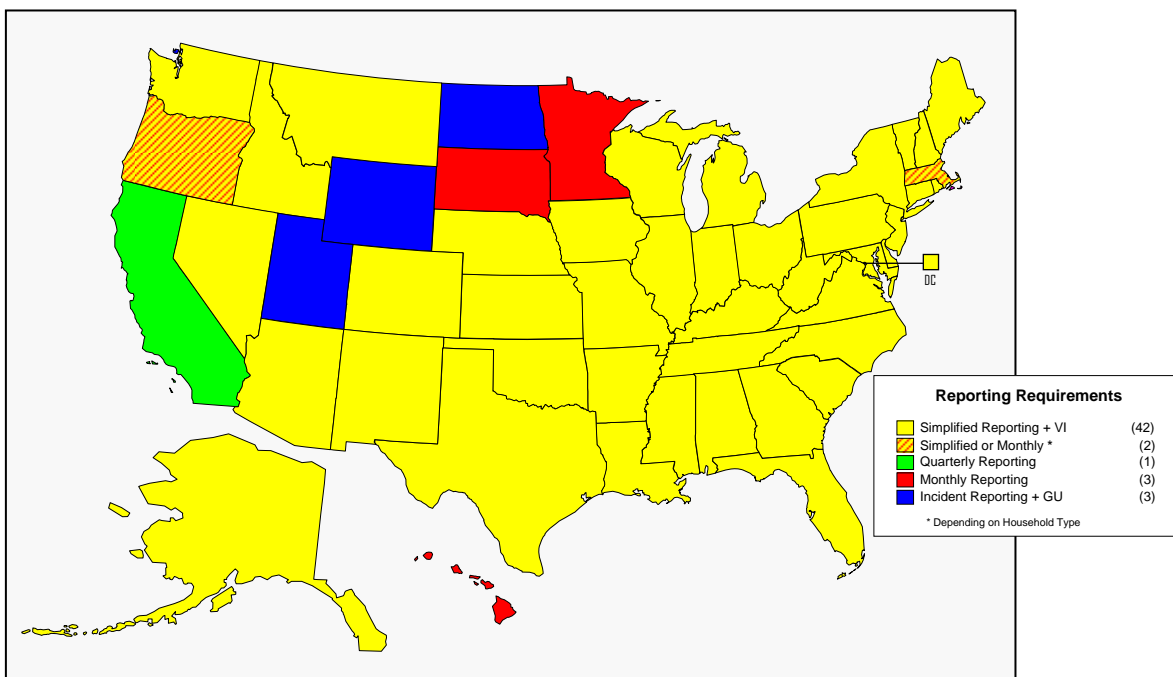
OPTION PROFILES

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 |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------|--|
| 45 | | | 1 | 5 |
| ALABAMA | KENTUCKY | NORTH CAROLINA | CALIFORNIA | HAWAII MASSACHUSETTS MINNESOTA OREGON SOUTH DAKOTA |
| ALASKA | LOUISIANA | OHIO | | |
| ARIZONA | MAINE | OKLAHOMA | | |
| ARKANSAS | MARYLAND | OREGON | | |
| COLORADO | MASSACHUSETTS | PENNSYLVANIA | | |
| CONNECTICUT | MICHIGAN | RHODE ISLAND | | |
| DELAWARE | MISSISSIPPI | SOUTH CAROLINA | | |
| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | MISSOURI | TENNESSEE | | |
| FLORIDA | MONTANA | TEXAS | | |
| GEORGIA | NEBRASKA | VERMONT | | |
| IDAHO | NEVADA | VIRGIN ISLANDS | | |
| ILLINOIS | NEW HAMPSHIRE | VIRGINIA | | |
| INDIANA | NEW JERSEY | WASHINGTON | | |
| IOWA | NEW MEXICO | WEST VIRGINIA | | |
| KANSAS | NEW YORK | WISCONSIN | | |

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

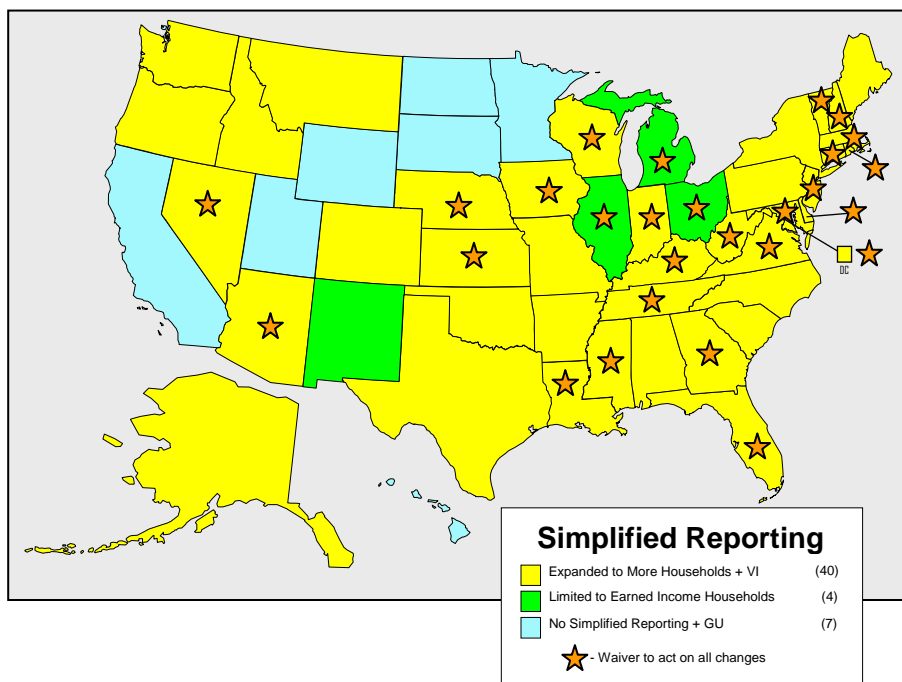




Simplified Reporting Expansion

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 45 States currently using Simplified Reporting, 41 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 27 of the 45 States with Simplified Reporting systems.

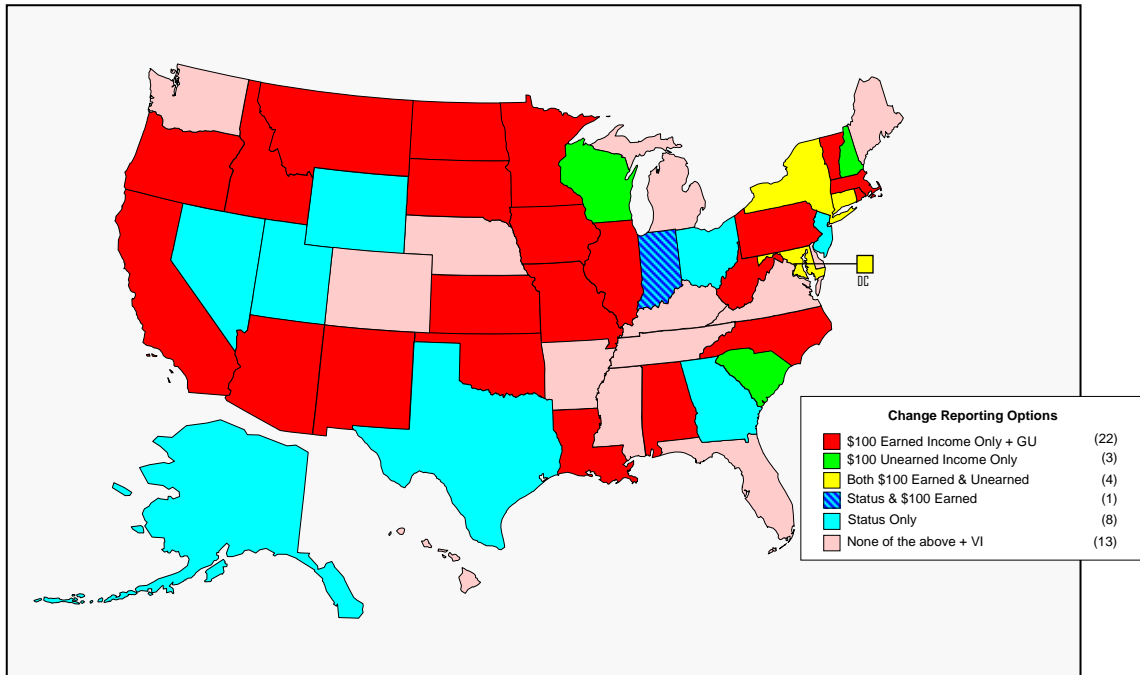
| Expanded Simplified Reporting | | | Simplified Reporting -- Earned Income Households Only |
|---|--|---|--|
| 41 | | | 4 |
| ALABAMA ALASKA ARIZONA* ARKANSAS COLORADO CONNECTICUT* DELAWARE* DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA* FLORIDA* GEORGIA* IDAHO INDIANA* IOWA* KANSAS* | KENTUCKY* LOUISIANA* MAINE MARYLAND* MASSACHUSETTS* MISSISSIPPI* MISSOURI MONTANA NEBRASKA* NEVADA* NEW HAMPSHIRE* NEW JERSEY* NEW YORK NORTH CAROLINA | OKLAHOMA OREGON PENNSYLVANIA RHODE ISLAND* SOUTH CAROLINA TENNESSEE* TEXAS VERMONT* VIRGIN ISLANDS VIRGINIA* WASHINGTON WEST VIRGINIA* WISCONSIN* | ILLINOIS* MICHIGAN* NEW MEXICO OHIO* |
| *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 | | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| ALABAMA ARIZONA CALIFORNIA GUAM IDAHO ILLINOIS INDIANA IOWA KANSAS LOUISIANA MASSACHUSETTS MINNESOTA | MISSOURI MONTANA NEW MEXICO NORTH CAROLINA NORTH DAKOTA OKLAHOMA OREGON PENNSYLVANIA RHODE ISLAND SOUTH DAKOTA VERMONT WEST VIRGINIA | NEW HAMPSHIRE SOUTH CAROLINA WISCONSIN | CONNECTICUT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MARYLAND NEW YORK | ALASKA GEORGIA INDIANA NEVADA NEW JERSEY OHIO TEXAS UTAH WYOMING |

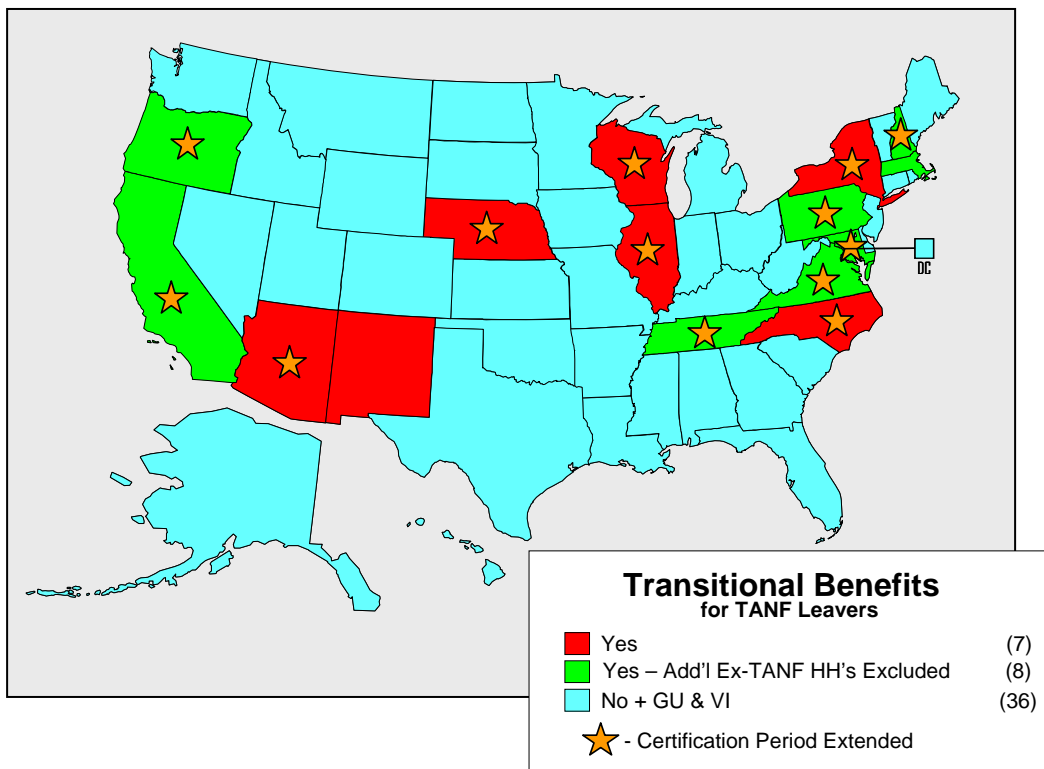




Transitional Benefits

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. Only one State, New York, had been offering the pre-Farm Bill version of Transitional Benefits to families coming off welfare. Now 14 other States have chosen to provide this work support. All 15 States have elected to issue benefits to welfare leavers for the full five months allowed in the legislation. Thirteen 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 |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| 15 | | 13 | | 8 |
| ARIZONA CALIFORNIA ILLINOIS MARYLAND MASSACHUSETTS NEBRASKA NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW MEXICO | NEW YORK NORTH CAROLINA OREGON PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE VIRGINIA WISCONSIN | ARIZONA CALIFORNIA ILLINOIS MARYLAND NEBRASKA NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW YORK | NORTH CAROLINA OREGON PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE VIRGINIA WISCONSIN | CALIFORNIA MARYLAND MASSACHUSETTS NEW HAMPSHIRE OREGON PENNSYLVANIA TENNESSEE VIRGINIA |

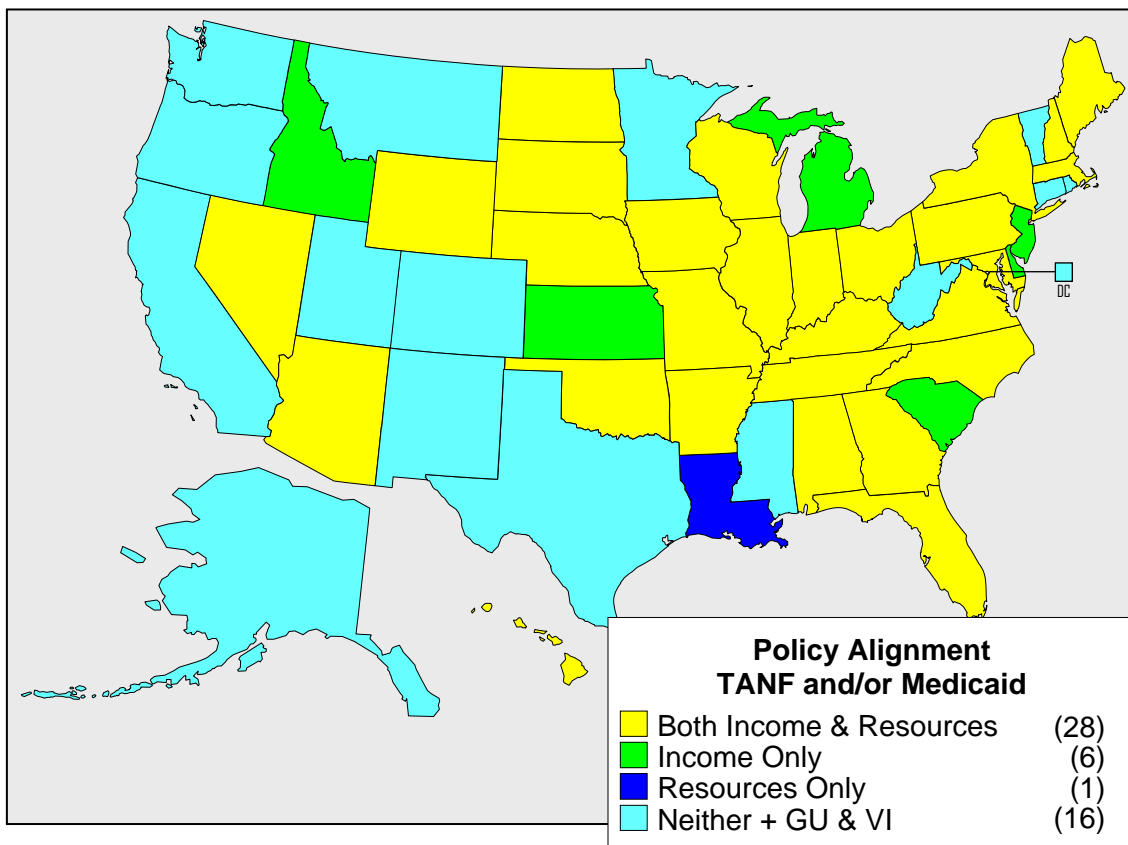




Simplified Definitions of Income and Resources

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.

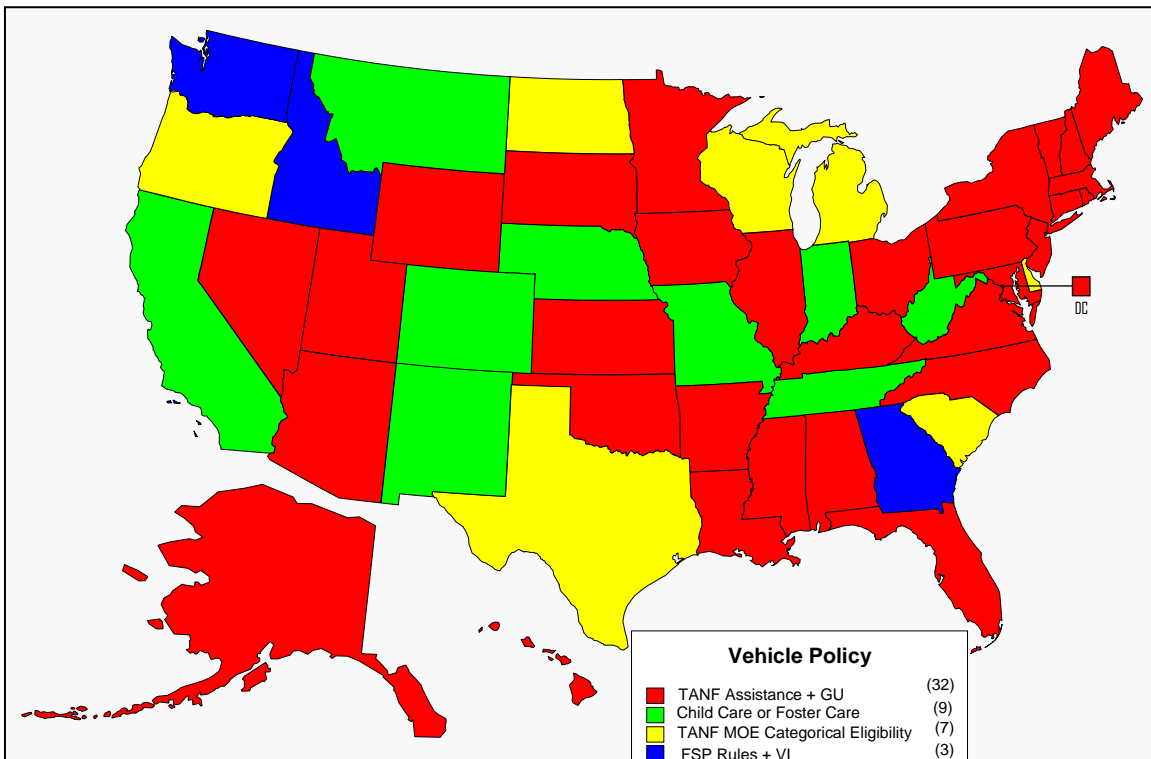
| Simplified Definition of Income | Simplified Definition of Resources | Both | | |
|---|------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| 6 | 1 | 28 | | |
| DELAWARE IDAHO KANSAS MICHIGAN NEW JERSEY SOUTH CAROLINA | LOUISIANA | ALABAMA ARIZONA ARKANSAS FLORIDA GEORGIA HAWAII ILLINOIS INDIANA IOWA KENTUCKY | MAINE MARYLAND MASSACHUSETTS MISSOURI NEBRASKA NEVADA NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW YORK NORTH CAROLINA | NORTH DAKOTA OHIO OKLAHOMA 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.

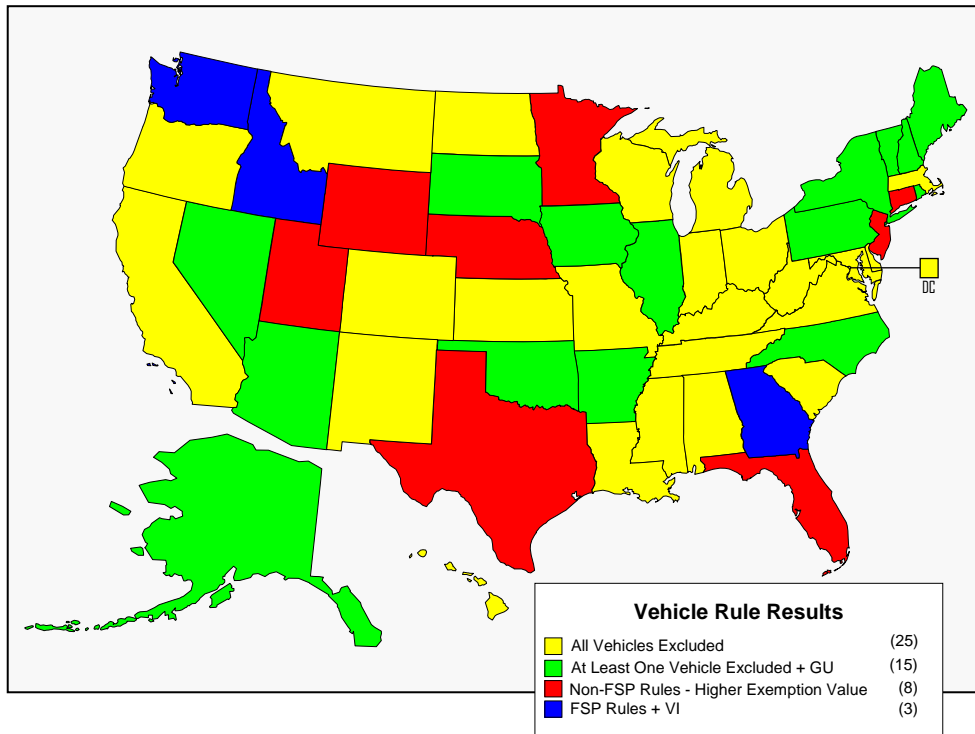
| TANF Assistance Rules | | | TANF – MOE Categorical Eligibility | Child Care or Foster Care Rules | Food Stamp Program Rules |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 33 | | | 7 | 9 | 4 |
| ALABAMA ALASKA ARIZONA ARKANSAS CONNECTICUT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FLORIDA GUAM HAWAII ILLINOIS IOWA | KANSAS KENTUCKY LOUISIANA MAINE MARYLAND MASSACHUSETTS MINNESOTA MISSISSIPPI NEVADA NEW HAMPSHIRE NEW JERSEY | NEW YORK NORTH CAROLINA OHIO OKLAHOMA PENNSYLVANIA RHODE ISLAND SOUTH DAKOTA UTAH VERMONT VIRGINIA WYOMING | DELAWARE MICHIGAN NORTH DAKOTA OREGON SOUTH CAROLINA TEXAS WISCONSIN | CALIFORNIA COLORADO INDIANA MISSOURI MONTANA NEBRASKA NEW MEXICO TENNESSEE WEST VIRGINIA | GEORGIA IDAHO VIRGIN ISLANDS WASHINGTON |



Vehicle Policy Con't.

The alternative rules used have allowed 25 States to exclude the value of all vehicles entirely. Of the remaining 24 States not using FSP rules, 16 totally exclude the value of at least one vehicle per household. The other 8 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.

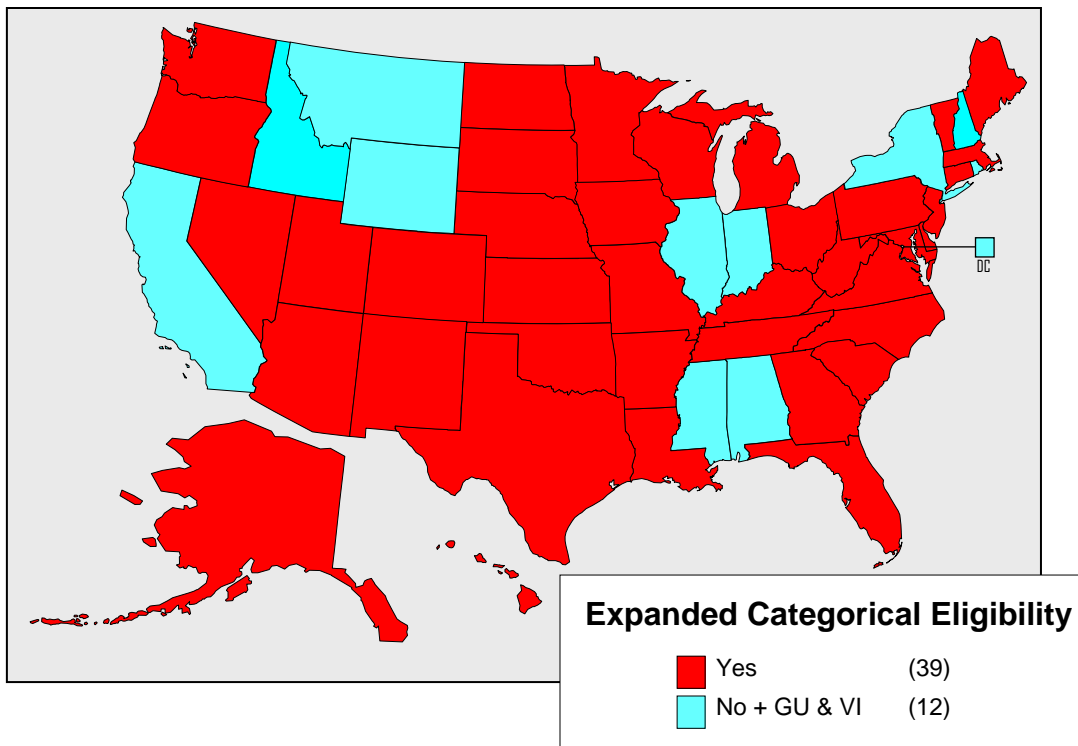
| All Vehicles Excluded | | At Least One Vehicle Per Household Excluded | | Exemption > \$4,650 |
|-----------------------|----------------|---|----------------|---------------------|
| 25 | | 16 | | 8 |
| ALABAMA | MISSISSIPPI | ALASKA | NEW HAMPSHIRE | CONNECTICUT |
| CALIFORNIA | MISSOURI | ARIZONA | NEW YORK | FLORIDA |
| COLORADO | MONTANA | ARKANSAS | NORTH CAROLINA | MINNESOTA |
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| HAWAII | OHIO | IOWA | RHODE ISLAND | TEXAS |
| INDIANA | OREGON | MAINE | SOUTH DAKOTA | UTAH |
| KANSAS | SOUTH CAROLINA | NEVADA | VERMONT | WYOMING |
| KENTUCKY | TENNESSEE | | | |
| LOUISIANA | VIRGINIA | | | |
| MARYLAND | WEST VIRGINIA | | | |
| MASSACHUSETTS | WISCONSIN | | | |
| MICHIGAN | | | | |



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 | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| 39 | | | 14 | |
| ALASKA | MAINE | OKLAHOMA | ALABAMA | MISSISSIPPI |
| ARIZONA | MARYLAND | OREGON | CALIFORNIA | MONTANA |
| ARKANSAS | MASSACHUSETTS | PENNSYLVANIA | DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | NEW HAMPSHIRE |
| COLORADO | MICHIGAN | SOUTH CAROLINA | GUAM | NEW YORK |
| CONNECTICUT | MINNESOTA | SOUTH DAKOTA | IDAHO | RHODE ISLAND |
| DELAWARE | MISSOURI | TENNESSEE | ILLINOIS | VIRGIN ISLANDS |
| FLORIDA | NEBRASKA | TEXAS | INDIANA | WYOMING |
| GEORGIA | NEVADA | UTAH | | |
| HAWAII | NEW JERSEY | VERMONT | | |
| IOWA | NEW MEXICO | VIRGINIA | | |
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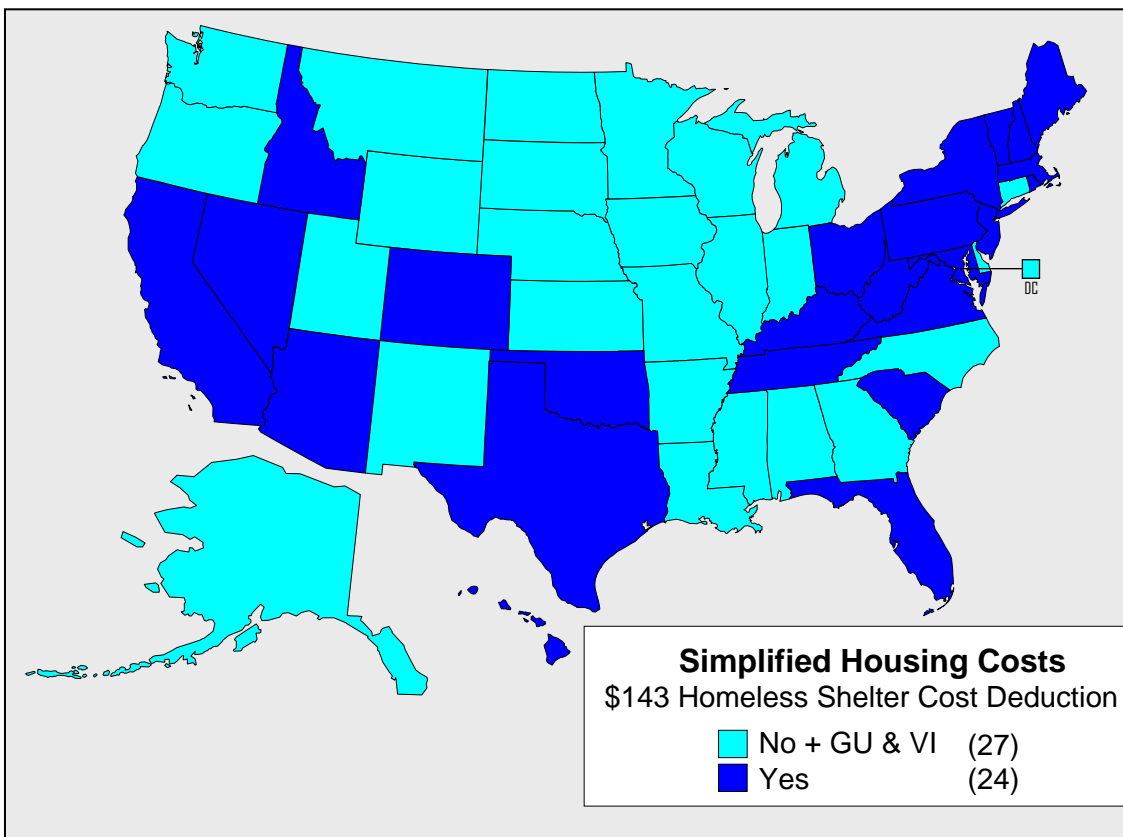




Simplified Housing Costs (Homeless)

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 | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| 24 | |
| ARIZONA | NEW JERSEY |
| CALIFORNIA | NEW YORK |
| COLORADO | OHIO |
| FLORIDA | OKLAHOMA |
| HAWAII | PENNSYLVANIA |
| IDAHO | RHODE ISLAND |
| KENTUCKY | SOUTH CAROLINA |
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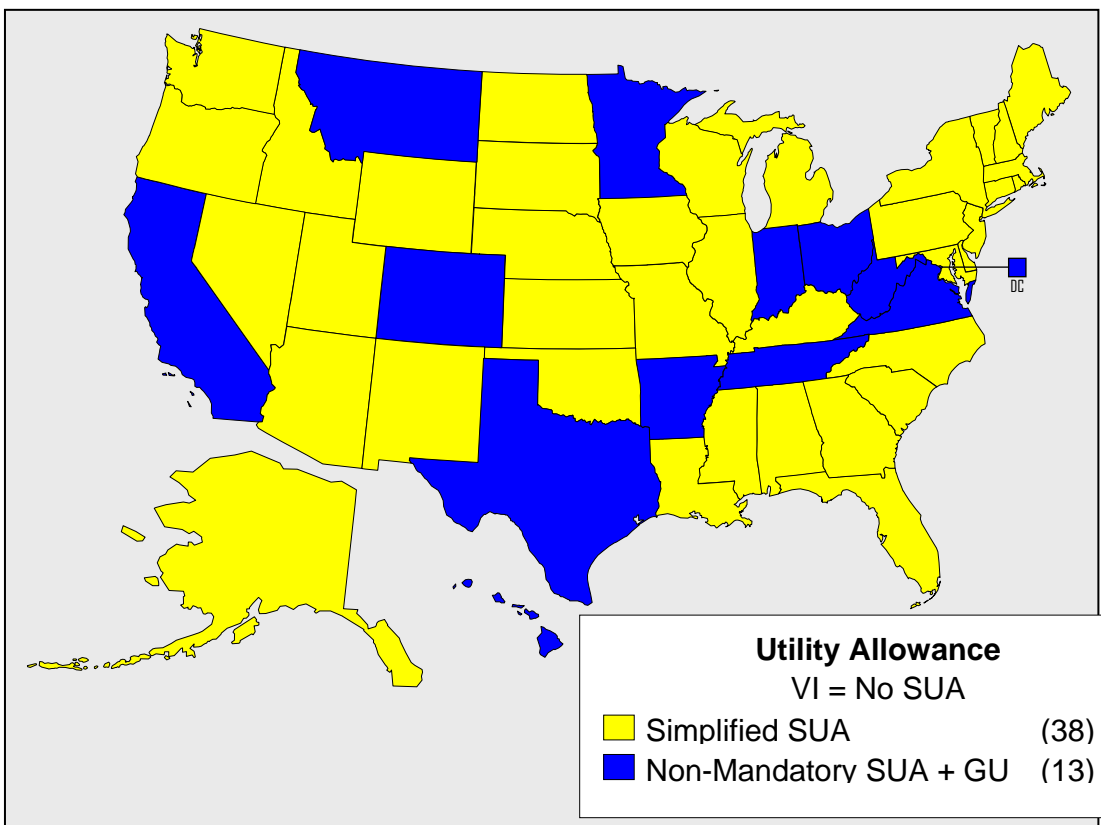




Simplified Standard Utility Allowance (SUA)

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 |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 38 | | | 14 | | 1 |
| ALABAMA | MAINE | NORTH DAKOTA | ARKANSAS | MONTANA | VIRGIN ISLANDS |
| ALASKA | MARYLAND | OKLAHOMA | CALIFORNIA | OHIO | |
| ARIZONA | MASSACHUSETTS | OREGON | COLORADO | TENNESSEE | |
| CONNECTICUT | MICHIGAN | PENNSYLVANIA | DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | TEXAS | |
| DELAWARE | MISSISSIPPI | RHODE ISLAND | GUAM | VIRGINIA | |
| FLORIDA | MISSOURI | SOUTH CAROLINA | HAWAII | WEST VIRGINIA | |
| GEORGIA | NEBRASKA | SOUTH DAKOTA | INDIANA | | |
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| ILLINOIS | NEW HAMPSHIRE | VERMONT | | | |
| IOWA | NEW JERSEY | WASHINGTON | | | |
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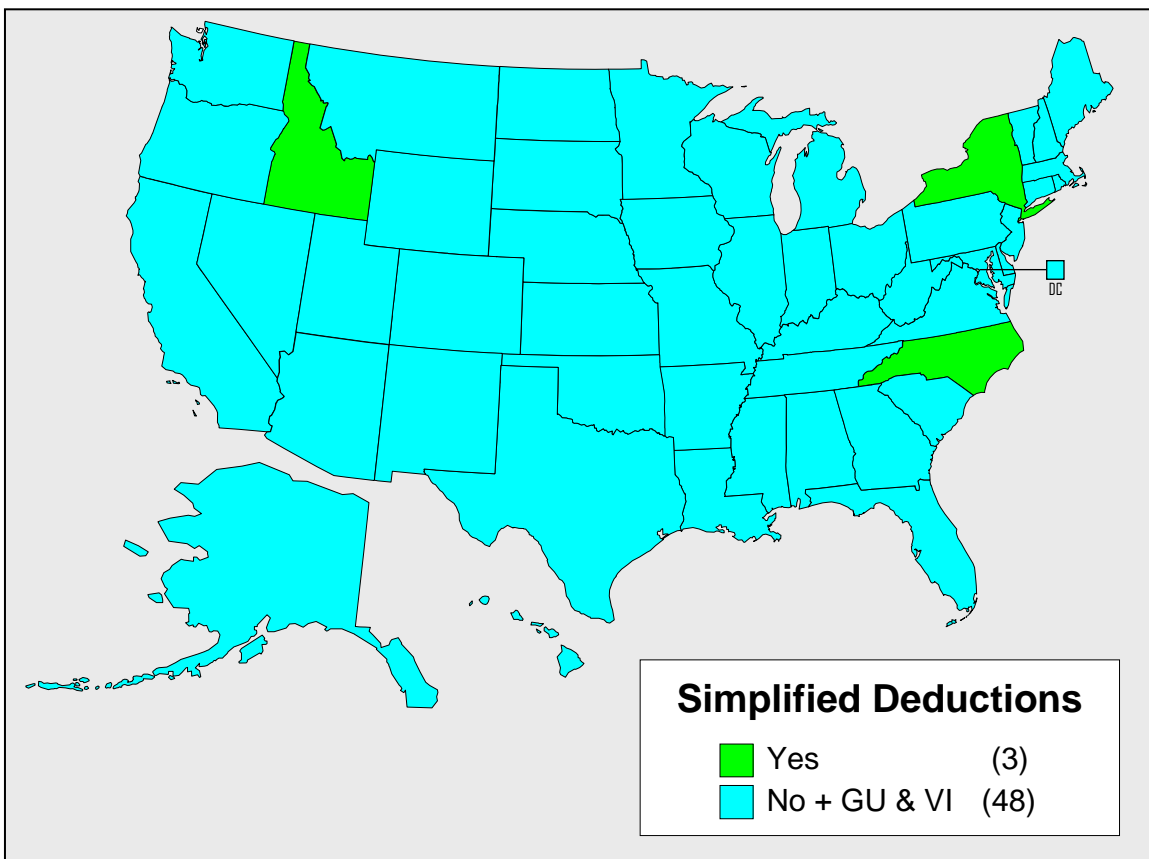




Simplified Determination of Deductions

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 |
|-------------------------------------|
| 3 |
| IDAHO NEW YORK NORTH CAROLINA |

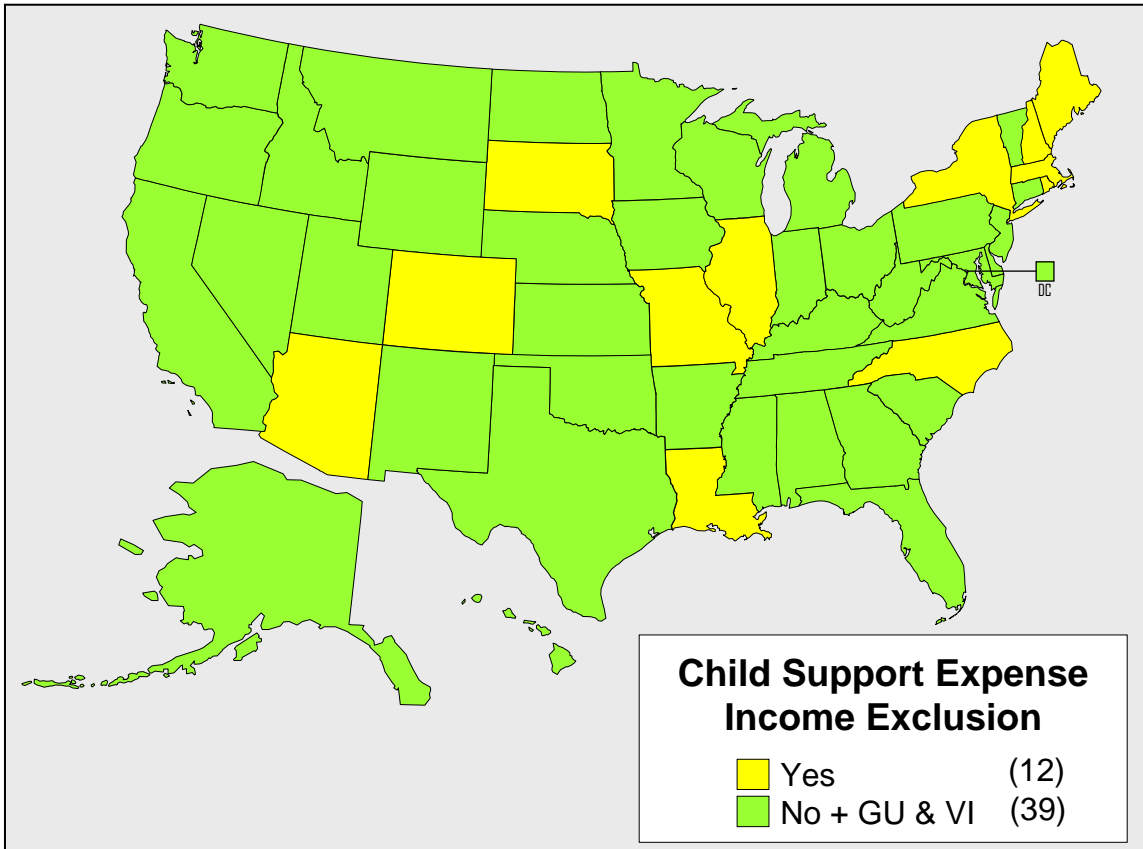


Child Support Expense Income Exclusion



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

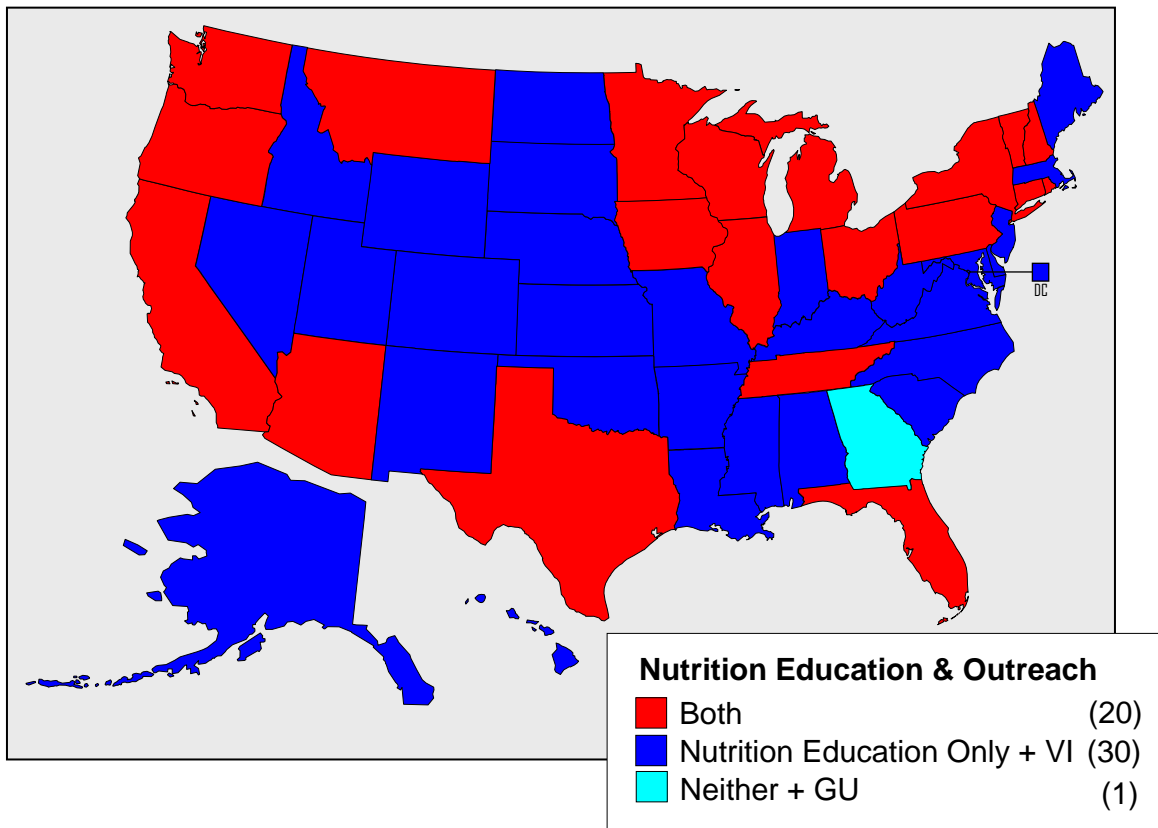
| Child Support Expense Exclusion | |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 12 | |
| ARIZONA | MISSOURI |
| COLORADO | NEW HAMPSHIRE |
| ILLINOIS | NEW YORK |
| LOUISIANA | NORTH CAROLINA |
| MAINE | RHODE ISLAND |
| MASSACHUSETTS | SOUTH DAKOTA |



Nutrition Education and Outreach Initiatives

All States, except Georgia and Guam, have Nutrition Education programs. In addition, 20 States have formal Outreach Programs to increase program participation. A number of additional States conduct informal Outreach activities.

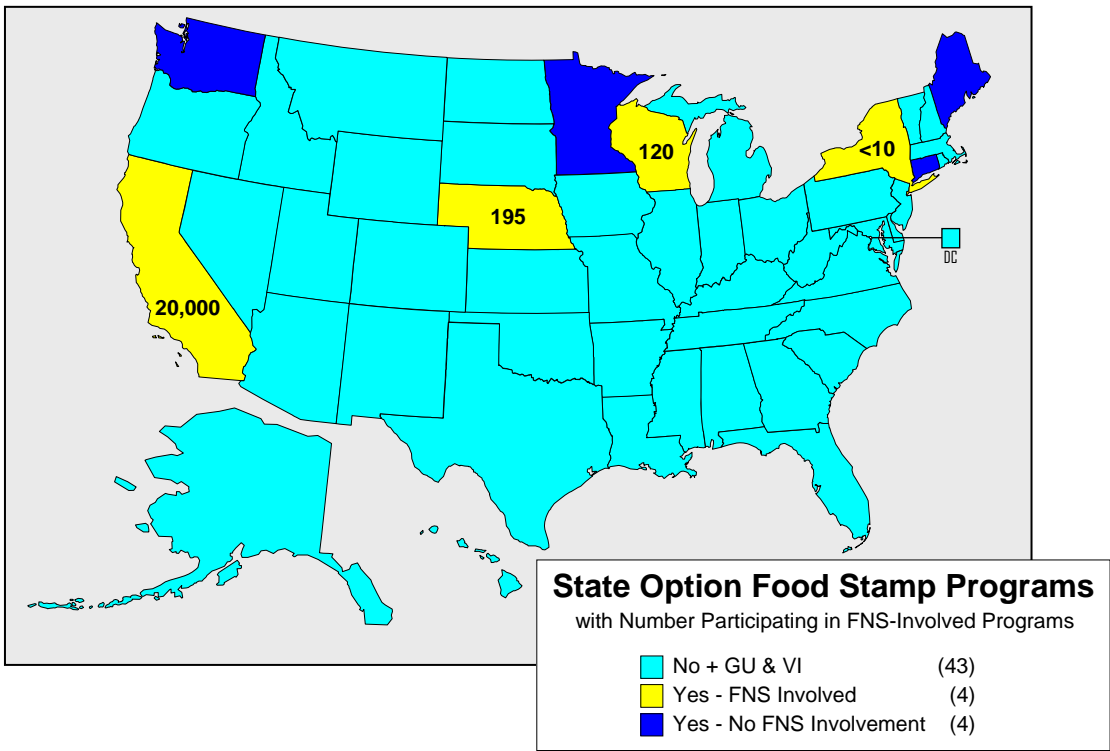
| Nutrition Education Programs | | | Outreach Programs | |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 51 | | | 20 | |
| ALABAMA | LOUISIANA | OHIO | ARIZONA | NEW YORK |
| ALASKA | MAINE | OKLAHOMA | CALIFORNIA | OHIO |
| ARIZONA | MARYLAND | OREGON | CONNECTICUT | OREGON |
| ARKANSAS | MASSACHUSETTS | PENNSYLVANIA | FLORIDA | PENNSYLVANIA |
| CALIFORNIA | MICHIGAN | RHODE ISLAND | ILLINOIS | RHODE ISLAND |
| COLORADO | MINNESOTA | SOUTH CAROLINA | IOWA | TENNESSEE |
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| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | MONTANA | TEXAS | MONTANA | WASHINGTON |
| FLORIDA | NEBRASKA | UTAH | NEW HAMPSHIRE | WISCONSIN |
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| KENTUCKY | NORTH DAKOTA | WYOMING | | |



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.

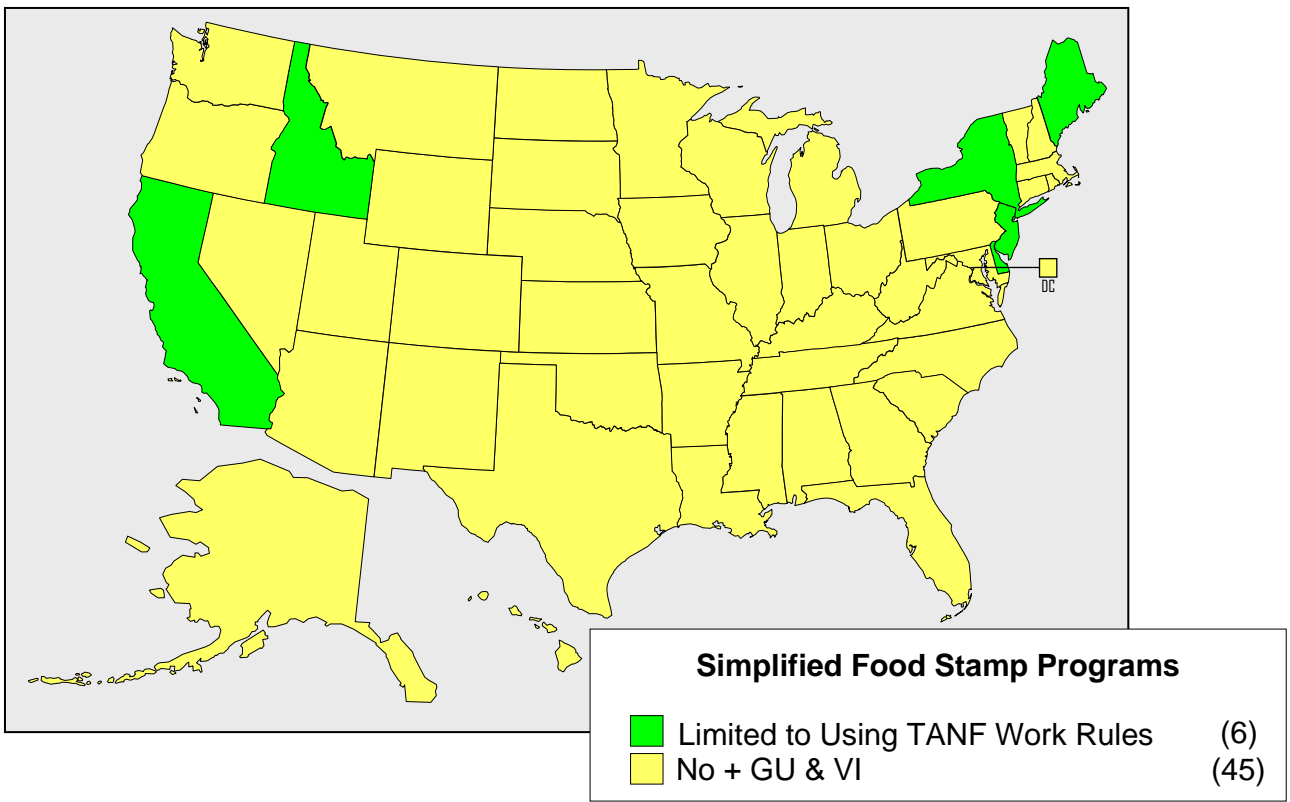
| State Option FSP with Participants Per Month* | | Independent State Nutrition Assistance Programs | |
|--|--------|--|--|
| 4 | | 4 | |
| CALIFORNIA | 20,000 | CONNECTICUT | |
| NEBRASKA | 195 | MAINE | |
| NEW YORK | <10 | MINNESOTA | |
| WISCONSIN | 120 | WASHINGTON | |



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 6 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.

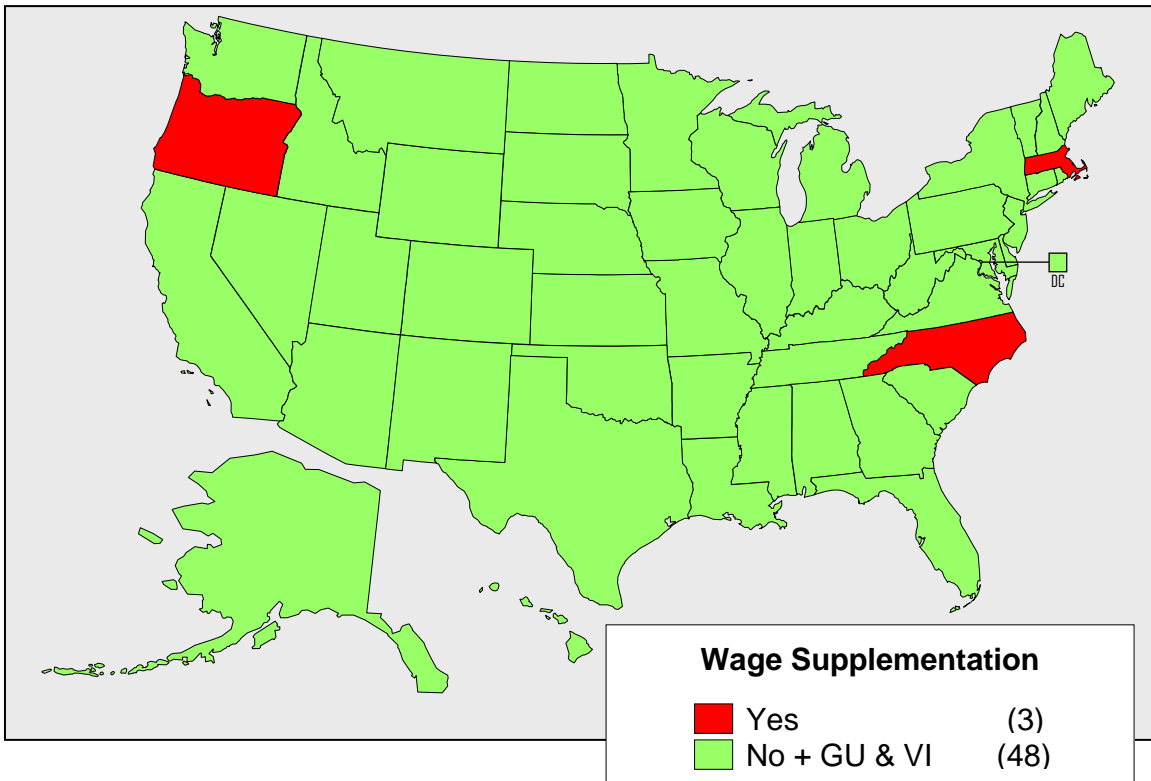
| Limited Simplified Food Stamp Program |
|--|
| 6 |
| CALIFORNIA DELAWARE IDAHO MAINE NEW JERSEY NEW YORK |



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 three States are engaging in this practice.

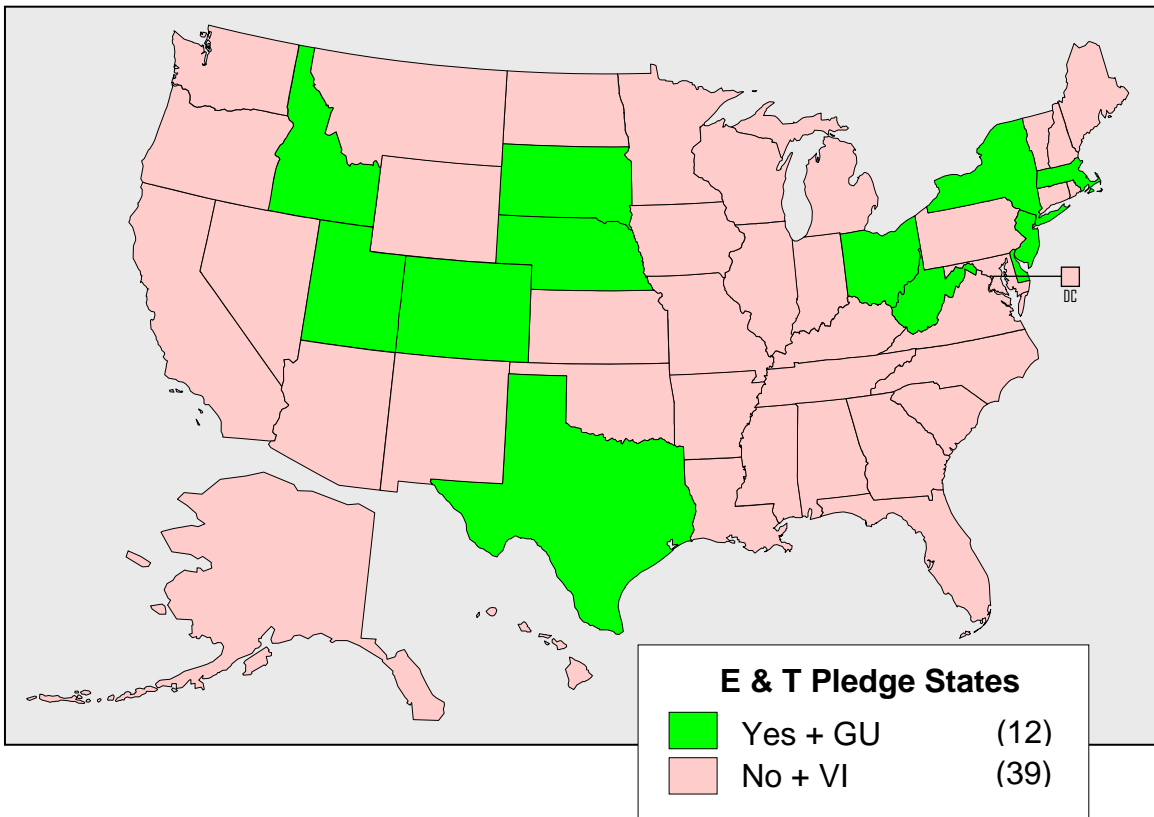
| Wage Supplementation |
|---|
| 3 |
| MASSACHUSETTS NORTH CAROLINA OREGON |



Employment & Training Pledge States

Currently 13 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 13 States receives a share of the \$20 million set aside in the Farm Bill to fund employment and training services for this population.

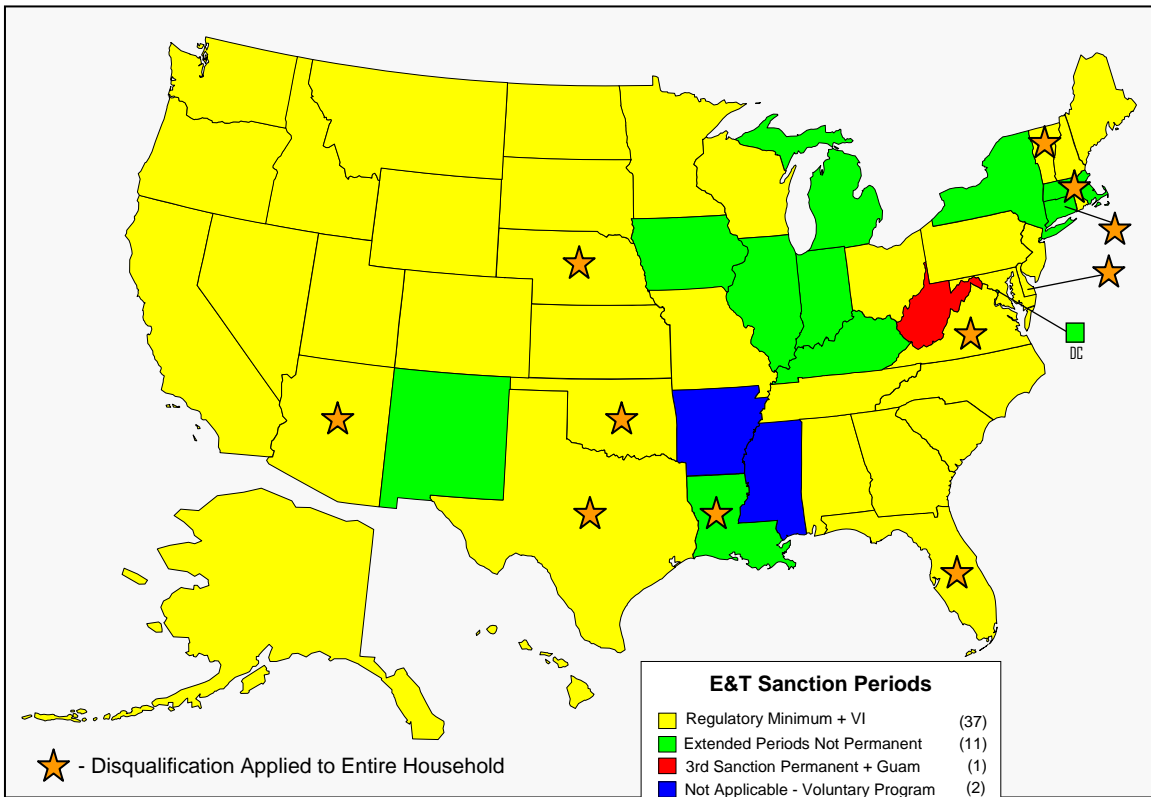
| E&T Pledge States | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 13 | |
| COLORADO | NEW YORK |
| DELAWARE | OHIO |
| GUAM | SOUTH DAKOTA |
| IDAHO | TEXAS |
| MASSACHUSETTS | UTAH |
| NEBRASKA | WEST VIRGINIA |
| NEW JERSEY | |



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.

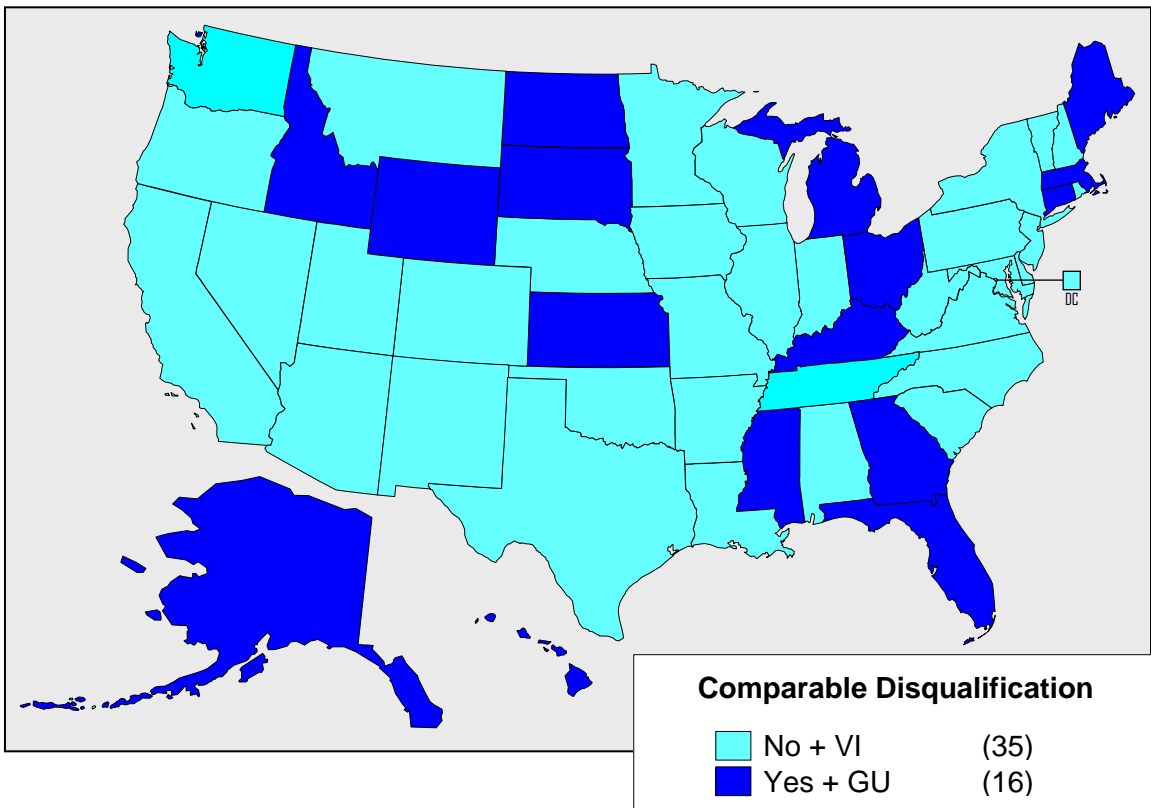
| Extended E&T Sanctions | | Permanent Disqualification | Entire Household Disqualification | |
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| CONNECTICUT DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GUAM ILLINOIS INDIANA IOWA KENTUCKY | LOUISIANA MASSACHUSETTS MICHIGAN NEW MEXICO NEW YORK WEST VIRGINIA | GUAM WEST VIRGINIA | ARIZONA CONNECTICUT DELAWARE FLORIDA GUAM LOUISIANA MASSACHUSETTS | 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.

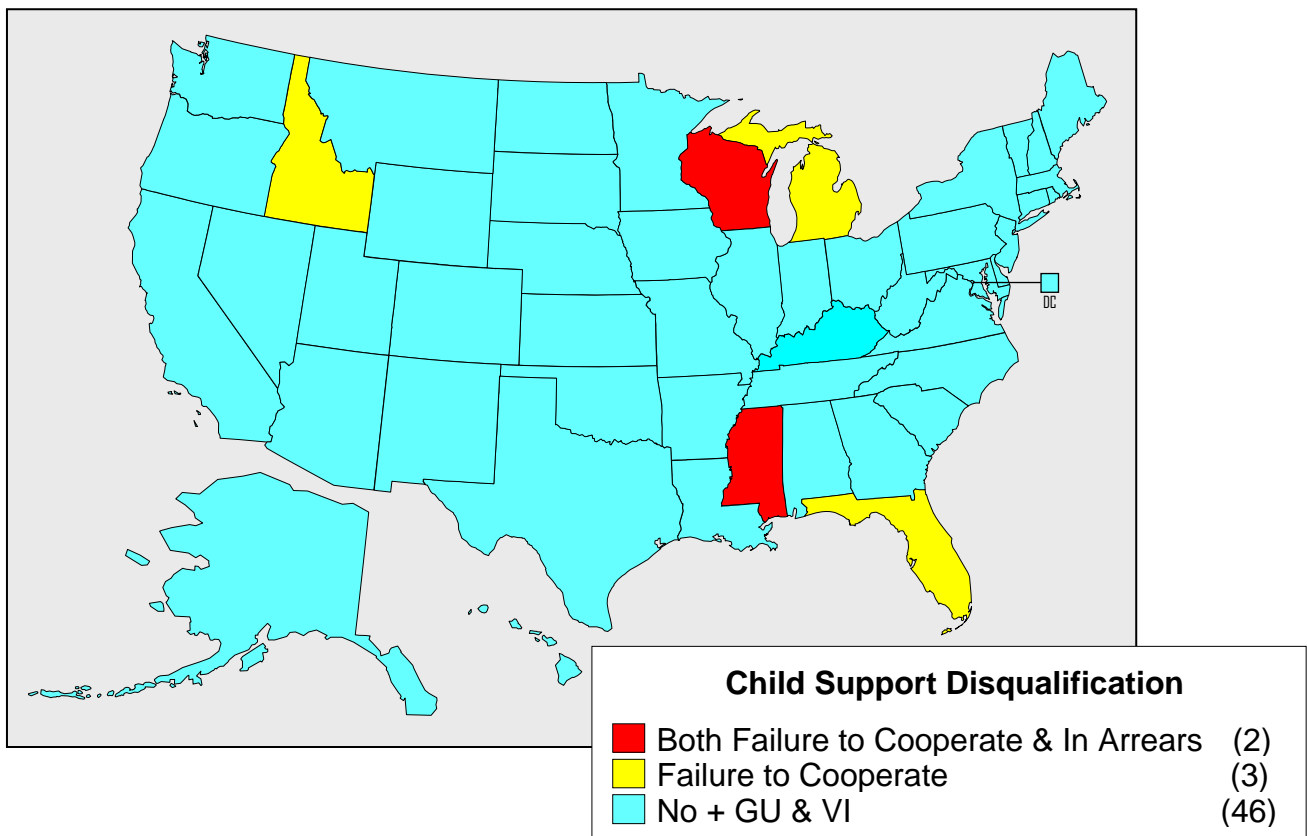
| Comparable Disqualification | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 17 | |
| ALASKA | MAINE |
| CONNECTICICUT | MASSACHUSETTS |
| FLORIDA | MICHIGAN |
| GEORGIA | MISSISSIPPI |
| GUAM | NORTH DAKOTA |
| HAWAII | OHIO |
| IDAHO | SOUTH DAKOTA |
| KANSAS | WYOMING |
| KENTUCKY | |



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.

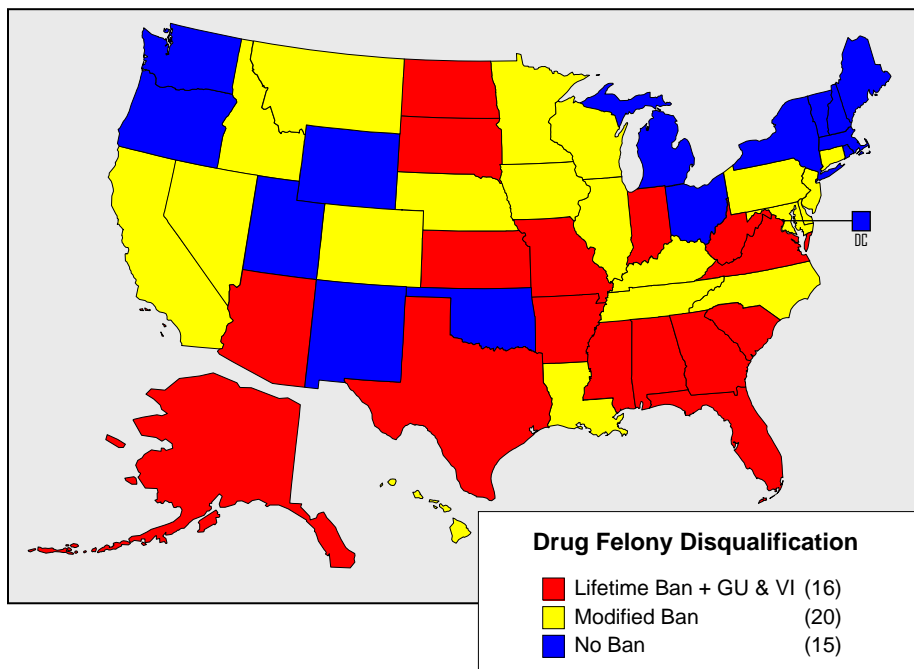
| Failure to Cooperate | Arrearage |
|--|--------------------------|
| 5 | 2 |
| FLORIDA IDAHO MICHIGAN MISSISSIPPI WISCONSIN | MISSISSIPPI WISCONSIN |



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.

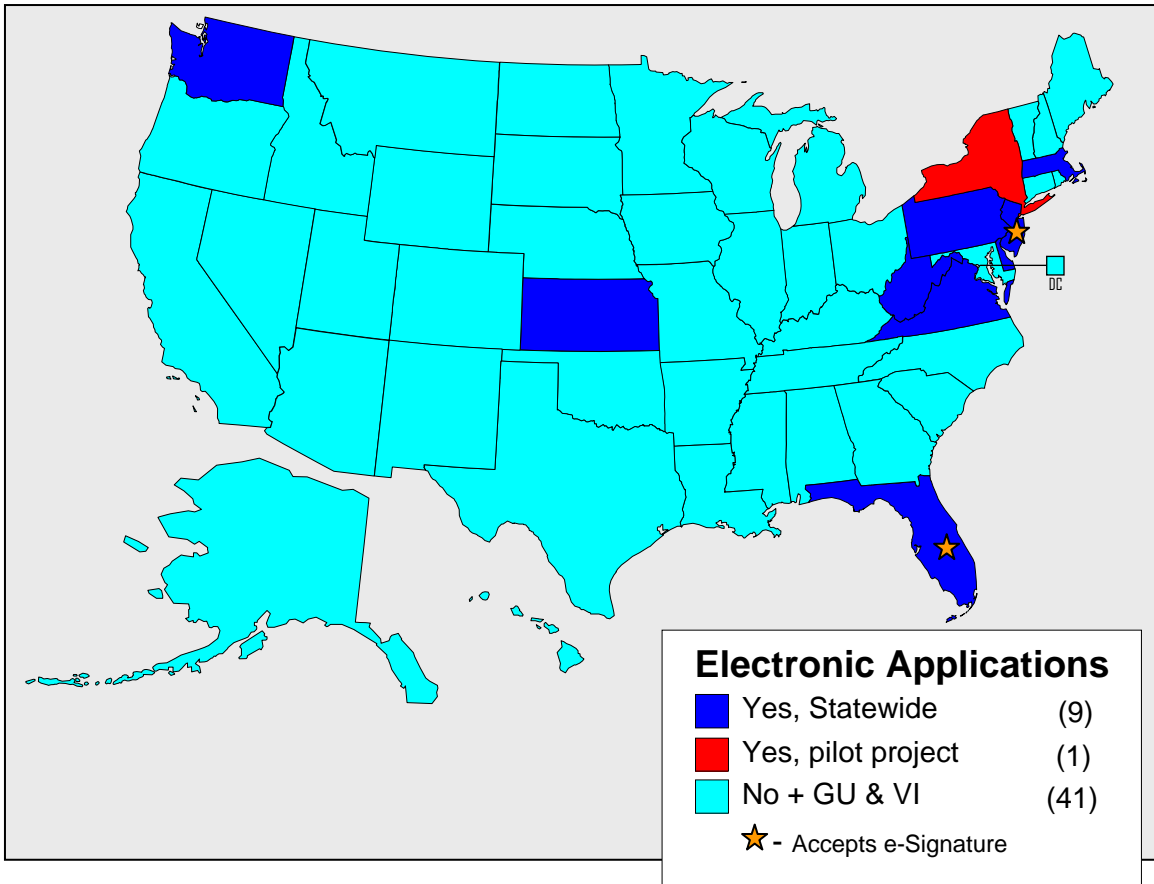
| Lifetime Ban | | Modified Ban | | No Ban |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 18 | | 20 | | 15 |
| ALABAMA | MISSISSIPPI | CALIFORNIA | MARYLAND | DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA |
| ALASKA | MISSOURI | COLORADO | MINNESOTA | MAINE |
| ARIZONA | NORTH DAKOTA | CONNECTICUT | MONTANA | MASSACHUSETTS |
| ARKANSAS | SOUTH CAROLINA | DELAWARE | NEBRASKA | MICHIGAN |
| FLORIDA | SOUTH DAKOTA | HAWAII | NEVADA | NEW HAMPSHIRE |
| GEORGIA | TEXAS | IDAHO | NEW JERSEY | NEW MEXICO |
| GUAM | VIRGIN ISLANDS | ILLINOIS | NORTH CAROLINA | NEW YORK |
| INDIANA | VIRGINIA | IOWA | PENNSYLVANIA | OHIO |
| KANSAS | WEST VIRGINIA | KENTUCKY | TENNESSEE | OKLAHOMA |
| | | LOUISIANA | WISCONSIN | OREGON |
| | | | | RHODE ISLAND |
| | | | | UTAH |
| | | | | VERMONT |
| | | | | WASHINGTON |
| | | | | WYOMING |



Electronic Application Filing

Currently 10 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 9 States, and is being piloted in a limited number of counties or sites in the remaining State (New York). In 2 of the States (Florida and New Jersey) 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.

| Electronic Application States | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| 10 | |
| DELAWARE | NEW YORK |
| FLORIDA | PENNSYLVANIA |
| KANSAS | VIRGINIA |
| MASSACHUSETTS | WASHINGTON |
| NEW JERSEY | WEST VIRGINIA |



SUMMARY

| <i>Option</i> | <i>Number of States</i> |
|---|-------------------------|
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting – Earned Income Households Only | 4 |
|  Simplified (Reduced) Reporting – Expanded to Other Households | 41 |
| Quarterly Reporting | 1 |
| Monthly Reporting | 5 |
| Status Reporting | 9 |
| \$100 Reporting – Earned Income | 28 |
| \$100 Reporting – Unearned Income | 7 |
|  Transitional Benefits | 15 |
|  Simplified Definition of Income | 34 |
|  Simplified Definition of Resources | 29 |
| Vehicle Rules: FSP | 4 |
| Vehicle Rules: TANF Assistance | 33 |
| Vehicle Rules: Child Care or Foster Care | 9 |
| Vehicle Rules: TANF-MOE Categorical Eligibility | 7 |
| Vehicle Rules: Excludes All Vehicles | 25 |
| Vehicle Rules: Not All – But At Least One Vehicle Excluded | 16 |
| Expanded Categorical Eligibility | 39 |
|  Simplified Homeless Housing Costs | 24 |
| Standard Utility Allowance | 52 |
| Mandatory Standard Utility Allowance | 38 |
|  Simplified Utility Allowance | 38 |
|  Simplified Deductions | 3 |
|  Child Support Expense Income Exclusion | 12 |
| Nutrition Education Program | 51 |
| Outreach Program | 20 |
| State Option Food Stamp Program – Purchase of FNS Benefits | 4 |
| Independent State Food Stamp Program | 4 |
| Limited Simplified Food Stamp Program | 6 |
| Wage Supplementation | 3 |
| E&T Pledge State | 13 |
| Extended E&T Sanction Periods | 13 |
| E&T Permanent Disqualification | 2 |
| E&T Household Disqualification | 13 |
| Comparable Disqualification | 17 |
| 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 | 18 |
| Drug Felony Disqualification: Modified Ban | 20 |
| Drug Felony Disqualification: No Ban | 15 |
| Electronic Application Filing | 10 |

SECTION TWO:

STATE PROFILES

ALABAMA

| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
|---|--|
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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: | 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 | 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 | Lifetime Ban |
| Electronic Application Filing | No |

ALASKA

| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
|---|--|
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 – 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 |

| ARIZONA | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | 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 |

| ARKANSAS | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 | 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 | N/A |
| E&T Household Disqualification | N/A |
| Comparable Disqualification | No |
| Child Support Disqualification | No |
| Drug Felony Disqualification | Lifetime Ban |
| Electronic Application Filing | No |

CALIFORNIA

| Option | Choice |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | No |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | No |
| 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 | 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 |

COLORADO

| Option | Choice |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 | 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 | Modified Ban |
| Electronic Application Filing | No |

CONNECTICUT

| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
|---|--|
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 |

DELAWARE

| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
|---|---|
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 | Yes |
| Comparable Disqualification | No |
| Child Support Disqualification | No |
| Drug Felony Disqualification | Modified Ban |
| Electronic Application Filing | Yes, No e-Signature |

| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 – 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 | 2-3-6 Months |
| E&T Household Disqualification | No |
| Comparable Disqualification | No |
| Child Support Disqualification | No |
| Drug Felony Disqualification | No Ban |
| Electronic Application Filing | No |

| FLORIDA | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 | No |
| 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 |

| GEORGIA | |
|---|-----------------|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | FSP Rules |
| 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 | 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 | 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 |

| GUAM | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | No |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | Yes |
| 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 |

| HAWAII | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | No |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| Monthly Reporting | Yes |
| 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 - 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 | No |
| Comparable Disqualification | Yes |
| Child Support Disqualification | No |
| Drug Felony Disqualification | Modified Ban |
| Electronic Application Filing | No |

| IDAHO | |
|---|----------------------------------|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | No |
| 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 | Yes |
| Child Support Disqualification | Failure to Cooperate |
| Drug Felony Disqualification | Modified Ban |
| Electronic Application Filing | No |

ILLINOIS

| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
|---|--|
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | 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 |

INDIANA

| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 |

| IOWA | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | 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 | 2-3-6 Months |
| E&T Household Disqualification | No |
| Comparable Disqualification | No |
| Child Support Disqualification | No |
| Drug Felony Disqualification | Modified Ban |
| Electronic Application Filing | No |

| KANSAS | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | No |
| 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 | 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 | Yes, No e-Signature |

KENTUCKY

| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
|---|--|
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 | No |
| 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 |

LOUISIANA

| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
|---|--|
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | 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 | No |
| 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 |

| MAINE | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 |

| MARYLAND | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 | 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 |

| MASSACHUSETTS | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 | 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 | Yes |
| Nutrition Education Program | Yes |
| Outreach Program | No |
| 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 | Yes |
| Comparable Disqualification | Yes |
| Child Support Disqualification | No |
| Drug Felony Disqualification | No Ban |
| Electronic Application Filing | Yes, No e-Signature |

| MICHIGAN | |
|---|---|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 |

MINNESOTA

| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
|---|--|
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | No |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | 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 |

MISSISSIPPI

| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
|---|--|
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 – 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 | No |
| 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 |

MISSOURI

| Option | Choice |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | 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 | 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 | Lifetime Ban |
| Electronic Application Filing | No |

MONTANA

| Option | Choice |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | 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 | 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 |

NEBRASKA

| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 | 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 | Modified Ban |
| Electronic Application Filing | No |

NEVADA

| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
|---|--|
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 – 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 | No |
| Comparable Disqualification | No |
| Child Support Disqualification | No |
| Drug Felony Disqualification | Modified Ban |
| Electronic Application Filing | No |

| NEW HAMPSHIRE | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 | 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 |

| NEW JERSEY | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | No |
| 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 | 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 |

| NEW MEXICO | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 | No |
| 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 |

| NEW YORK | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 | 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 | 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 |

| NORTH CAROLINA | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | 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 | No |
| 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 |

| NORTH DAKOTA | |
|---|---|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | No |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | 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 |

| OHIO | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 – 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 | 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 |

| OKLAHOMA | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | 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 | No Ban |
| Electronic Application Filing | No |

| OREGON | |
|---|---|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| Monthly Reporting | Yes |
| 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 | 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 | 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 |

| PENNSYLVANIA | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | 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, No e-Signature |

| RHODE ISLAND | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | 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 |

| SOUTH CAROLINA | |
|---|---|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 | 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 | No |
| Child Support Disqualification | No |
| Drug Felony Disqualification | Lifetime Ban |
| Electronic Application Filing | No |

SOUTH DAKOTA

| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
|---|--|
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | No |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | 1-3-6 Months |
| E&T Household Disqualification | No |
| Comparable Disqualification | Yes |
| Child Support Disqualification | No |
| Drug Felony Disqualification | Lifetime Ban |
| Electronic Application Filing | No |

TENNESSEE

| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 |

| TEXAS | |
|---|---|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | 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 | Yes |
| 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 | No |

| UTAH | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | No |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 |

| VERMONT | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | 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 | Yes |
| Comparable Disqualification | No |
| Child Support Disqualification | No |
| Drug Felony Disqualification | No Ban |
| Electronic Application Filing | No |

| VIRGIN ISLANDS | |
|---|---------------|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 | FSP Rules |
| Expanded Categorical Eligibility | No |
| Simplified Homeless Housing Costs | No |
| Standard Utility Allowance | No |
| 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 | Lifetime Ban |
| Electronic Application Filing | No |

| VIRGINIA | |
|---|--|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 | Lifetime Ban |
| Electronic Application Filing | Yes, No e-Signature |

| WASHINGTON | |
|---|--------------------------|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 | FSP Rules |
| 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 | 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, No e-Signature |

| WEST VIRGINIA | |
|---|------------------------------------|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 | 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 | No |
| Wage Supplementation | No |
| E&T Pledge State | Yes |
| 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 |

| WISCONSIN | |
|---|---|
| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | Yes |
| Quarterly Reporting | No |
| 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 | 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 | Failure to Cooperate & Arrearage |
| Drug Felony Disqualification | Modified Ban |
| Electronic Application Filing | No |

WYOMING

| <i>Option</i> | <i>Choice</i> |
|---|--|
| Simplified (Reduced) Reporting Requirements | No |
| Quarterly Reporting | 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 |