Arkansas Works Program

1,218 Satisfied reporting

requirement

2,247 Reported an

exemption since

receiving notice

As of July 8, DHS data showed just over 62,000 Arkansas Works enrollees were subject to the work requirement in August. Most are already meeting the requirement through work, school, or other life situations that made them exempt from reporting. Numbers below are a point-in-time snapshot of the requirement and some fluctuate daily.



*Enrollees ages 30-49 are being phased into the requirement from June through September 2018. Those 19-29 will roll in starting January 2019.

Arkansas Works Program

August 2018 Report

Every Medicaid program has what is known as "churn," cases that close for various reasons. It is not uncommon for those individuals to take action and come back on a program after receiving a closure notice. The total number of Arkansas Works cases closed in August was 18,057. Of those, only 4,353 closed due to non-compliance with the work requirement. Below the closures are broken down by type.



Top four reasons people were exempt from reporting in August

Employed at least 80 hours a month

19,391

Already meeting SNAP requirement through work or exemption

7,776

Medically frail/disabled 6,273

At least one dependent child in the home

5,717



Arkansas Works Clients - Subject to the Work Requirement

Reporting Period	Exempt from Reporting	Reported at least 80 Hours	Failed to Report 80 Hours	Total
June 2018	17,906	445	7,464	25,815
July 2018	30,228	844	12,722	43,794
August 2018	42,437	1,218	16,357	60,012
September 2018				-

Arkansas Works Clients - Months of Non-Compliance

As of September 9, 2018

One Month Non-	Two Months Non-		
Compliance	Compliance		
6,174	5,076		

Arkansas Works Clients - Exemption Reasons

Reporting Period	Employed >80 hours/month	Dependent Child in Home	Pregnant	Medically Frail	Currently Exempt in SNAP	Caring for Incapacitated Person	Short-Term Incapacitated
June 2018	8,375	2,731	15	2,208	3,480	128	164
July 2018	13,951	4,192	21	4,282	5,780	264	385
August 2018	19,391	5,717	40	6,273	7,776	534	776
September 2018							

Reporting Period	Receives Unemployment Benefits	Education and Training	Alcohol or Drug Treatment	American Indian/Alaska Native*	Tea Cash Assistance	Total Exempt
June 2018	187	24	79	515	-	17,906
July 2018	310	56	155	832	-	30,228
August 2018	444	129	207	1,150	-	42,437
September 2018						

If a client has more than one exemption, the client receives the longest exemption he or she meets.

*Clients who are American Indian / Alaska Native are subject to the work requirement. This population will be part of a future phase in.

Arkansas Works Clients - Good Cause Requests Completed in August

Total Good Cause	Good Cause	Good Cause	Not a	
Requests Completed in	Requests	Requests	Good Cause	
August	Granted	Denied	Issue	
55	45	4	6	

Good Cause requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and are currently tracked separately until system updates can be completed. Clients who have another exemption reason are counted in this report where appropriate.

Clients Who Met Requirement - Types of Work Activities Reported

Clients can report more than one type of work activity

		Number of clients who reported the activity							
Reporting Period	Clients Who Met Requirement	Work	Education and Training	Volunteer	Job Search	Job Search Training	Health Education Class	Currently Meeting SNAP Requirement	
June 2018	445	73	8	27	18	1	1	351	
July 2018	844	145	20	63	40	4	0	639	
August 2018	1,218	279	42	120	90	6	3	828	
September 2018									

August 2018 Reporting Period Clients Who Met Requirement - Types of Work Activities Reported by Hours

Total Clients Who Met Requirement: 1,218

Clients can report more than one type of work activity.

Work Activity*		Clients Who Met	Requirement by	Hours Reported		# of Clients	Total Hours
WORK ACTIVITY	1-20 Hrs	21-40 Hrs	41-60 Hrs	61-80 Hrs	81+ Hrs	Reported	Reported
Work	10	15	48	36	170	279	49,405
Education and	8	18	9	7	0	42	1,597
Training	0	10	5	,	0	72	1,557
Volunteer	11	12	17	41	39	120	8,921
Job Search	18	29	23	4	16	90	5,853
Job Search	3	3	0	0	0	6	118
Training	5		0	5	0		
Health Education Class	2	1	0	0	0	3	36
Currently Meeting SNAP Requirement						828	N/A

While there is no limit to the number of hours a client can report, some work activity types limit the number of hours clients can receive credit for:

--- Job Search and Job Search Training - Clients may count up to 39 total hours from these activities combined each month.

-- Health Education Class - Clients may count up to 20 hours each year from this activity.

Clients Who Failed to Report 80 Hours - Types of Work Activities Reported

Clients can report more than one type of work activity

				Number of clients who reported the activity							
Reporting Period	Clients Who Did Not Meet Requirement	Reported No Work Activities	Reported Work Activities	Work	Education and Training	Volunteer	Job Search	Job Search Training	Health Education Class		
June 2018	7,464	7,392	72	27	20	5	23	2	1		
July 2018	12,722	12,587	135	49	20	12	73	1	1		
August 2018	16,357	16,132	225	78	50	19	98	4	1		
September 2018											

August 2018 Reporting Period

Clients Who Failed to Report 80 Hours of Activities - Types of Work Activities Reported by Hours

Total clients who failed to report 80 hours:	16,357
Reported No Work Activities:	16,132
Reported Work Activities:	225

Clients can report more than one type of work activity

Work Activity*	Client	s Who Did Not M	ted	# of Clients	Total Hours		
WORK ACTIVITY	1-20 Hrs	21-40 Hrs	41-60 Hrs	61-80 Hrs	81+ Hrs	Reported	Reported
Work	18	24	20	16	0	78	3,034
Education and	10	25	10	Ц	0	50	1,772
Training	10	25	10	C	0	50	1,772
Volunteer	13	4	1	1	0	19	362
Job Search	36	21	6	6	29	98	6,702
Job Search	n	0	1	1	0	4	167
Training	2	0	Ŧ	Ţ	0	4	107
Health Education	1	0	0	0	0	1	14
Class	T	0	0	0	0	T	14

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