

ABLE-BODIED ADULTS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS (ABAWD) WAIVER REQUEST

- 1. Type of request:** Initial
- 2. Statutory citation:** Section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, as amended by HR 1
- 3. Regulatory citation:** 7 CFR 273.24
- 4. State:** Nevada
- 5. Region:** Western
- 6. Regulatory requirements:**

Under 7 CFR 273.24(b) individuals are not eligible to participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) as a member of any household if the individual received program benefits for more than 3 months during any 3-year period in which the individual was subject to, but did not comply with, the SNAP work requirements. Regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(a) provide that fulfilling the work requirement means: working 20 hours or more per week, averaged monthly; participating in and complying with the requirements of a work program or a workfare program for at least 20 hours per week; or any combination of working and participating in a work program for a total of 20 hours per week.

Under 7 CFR 273.24(f), upon the request of a State agency, the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) may waive the applicability of the time limit described above for any group of individuals in the State if FNS makes a determination that the area in which the individuals reside has an unemployment rate above 10 percent.

7. Description of alternative procedures:

The State of Nevada is requesting to exempt able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) in one county and 12 reservations from SNAP time limits at 7 CFR 273.24.

8. Justification for request:

Under SNAP regulations at 7 CFR 273.24(f)(1), areas may qualify for a time limit waiver if they have an unemployment rate of over 10 percent.

The State of Nevada seeks a waiver for one county based on its individual average unemployment rate over 10 percent for the 12-month period of September 2024 through August 2025.

Bureau of Labor Statistics Local Area Unemployment Data September 2024 through August 2025			
County	Unemployed	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
Mineral County, NV	1,396	13,855	10.1%

The State of Nevada requests to waive the following 12 reservations based on having average unemployment rates exceeding 10 percent for a recent 12-month period. The reservation unemployment rates were calculated by applying 2019-2023 American Community Survey share ratios to county-level Bureau of Labor Statistics data from September 2024 through August 2025, the most recent data available. The following table summarizes the calculations:

American Community Survey and Bureau of Labor Statistics Data September 2024 through August 2025			
Reservations	Unemployed	Labor Force	Unemployment Rate
Lander County (part); Nevada (part); Battle Mountain Reservation and Off- Reservation Trust Land, NV	100	619	0.2%
Battle Mountain Reservation	100	619	16.2%
Lyon County (part); Nevada (part); Campbell Ranch, NV	235	1,499	0.2%
Campbell Ranch	235	1,499	15.7%
Douglas County (part); Nevada (part); Dresslerville Colony, NV	417	1,715	0.2%
Dresslerville Colony	417	1,715	24.3%
Elko County (part); Nevada (part); Elko Colony, NV	421	3,525	0.1%
Elko Colony	421	3,525	11.9%
Humboldt County (part); Nevada (part); Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation, NV-- OR	177	1,275	0.1%
Fort McDermitt Indian Reservation	177	1,275	13.9%
Clark County (part); Nevada (part); Las Vegas Indian Colony, NV	29	85	0.3%
Las Vegas Indian Colony	29	85	34.3%
Pershing County (part); Nevada (part); Lovelock Indian Colony, NV	163	667	0.2%

Lovelock Indian Colony	163	667	24.4%
Lyon County (part); Nevada (part); Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation, NV	0	0	-
Storey County (part); Nevada (part); Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation, NV	0	0	-
Washoe County (part); Nevada (part); Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation, NV	1,136	8,793	0.1%
Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation	1,136	8,793	12.9%
Washoe County (part); Nevada (part); Reno-Sparks Indian Colony and Off- Reservation Trust Land, NV	523	4,587	0.1%
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony	523	4,587	11.4%
Douglas County (part); Nevada (part); Stewart Community, NV	0	0	-
Carson City (part); Nevada (part); Stewart Community, NV	382	1,336	0.3%
Stewart Community	382	1,336	28.6%
Churchill County (part); Nevada (part); Walker River Reservation, NV	0	0	-
Lyon County (part); Nevada (part); Walker River Reservation, NV	0	0	-
Mineral County (part); Nevada (part); Walker River Reservation, NV	786	3,885	0.2%
Walker River Reservation	786	3,885	20.2%
Lyon County (part); Nevada (part); Yerington Colony, NV	123	901	0.1%
Yerington Colony	123	901	13.6%

9. Anticipated impact on households and State agency operations:

This waiver will provide consistency for households and State agency operations in areas where unemployment remains higher than 10 percent

10. Caseload information, including percent, characteristics, and quality control error rate for affection portion (if applicable):

The caseload for these areas, as of 10/15/2025, represent <1% of the caseload for the state. There are no quality control procedures involved.

11. Anticipated implementation date and time period for which waiver is needed:

The State is requesting a one-year waiver, from December 1, 2025, through November 30, 2026.

12. Proposed quality control review procedures:

There are no special quality control procedures needed in conjunction with this waiver.

13. Name, title, email, and signature of requesting official:

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14. Date of request: 10/22/2025

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