

Office of Family Assistance, ACF, HHS

§ 261.30

minimum two-parent participation rate:

If the fiscal year is:	Then the minimum participation rate is:
1997	75
1998	75
1999 and thereafter	90

§ 261.24 How will we determine a State's two-parent work rate?

(a) The two-parent participation rate for a fiscal year is the average of the State's two-parent participation rates for each month in the fiscal year.

(b) We determine a State's two-parent participation rate for a month as follows:

(1) The number of two-parent families receiving TANF assistance that include an adult or minor child head-of-household and other parent who meet the requirements set forth in §261.32 for the month (i.e., the numerator), divided by,

(2) The number of two-parent families receiving TANF assistance during the month, minus the number of two-parent families that are subject to a penalty for refusing to work in that month (i.e., the denominator). However, if a family has been sanctioned for more than three of the last 12 months, we will not exclude it from the participation rate calculation.

(3) The State may direct us, through its reported participation data, to include in the participation calculation families that have been sanctioned for no more than three of the last 12 months.

(c) For purposes of the calculation in paragraph (b) of this section, a two-parent family includes, at a minimum, all families with two natural or adoptive parents (of the same minor child) receiving assistance and living in the home, unless both are minors and neither is a head-of-household.

(d)(1) If a family receives assistance for only part of a month, we will count it as a month of participation if an adult in the family (or both adults, if they are both required to work) is engaged in work for the minimum average number of hours in each full week that the family receives assistance in that month.

(2) If a State pays benefits retroactively (i.e., for the period between application and approval of benefits), it has the option to consider the family to be receiving assistance during the period of retroactivity.

(e) If a family includes a disabled parent, we will not consider the family to be a two-parent family under paragraph (b) of this section; i.e., we will not include such a family in either the numerator or denominator of the two-parent rate.

§ 261.25 Does a State include Tribal families in calculating these rates?

At State option, we will include families that are receiving assistance under an approved Tribal family assistance plan or under a Tribal work program in calculating the State's participation rates under §§261.22 and 261.24.

Subpart C—What Are the Work Activities and How Do They Count?

§ 261.30 What are the work activities?

The work activities are:

- (a) Unsubsidized employment;
- (b) Subsidized private-sector employment;
- (c) Subsidized public-sector employment;
- (d) Work experience if sufficient private-sector employment is not available;
- (e) On-the-job training (OJT);
- (f) Job search and job readiness assistance;
- (g) Community service programs;
- (h) Vocational educational training;
- (i) Job skills training directly related to employment;
- (j) Education directly related to employment, in the case of a recipient who has not received a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalency;
- (k) Satisfactory attendance at secondary school or in a course of study leading to a certificate of general equivalence, if a recipient has not completed secondary school or received such a certificate; and
- (l) Providing child care services to an individual who is participating in a community service program.