



# Welfare Reform Improves Lives

## KANSANS ARE THRIVING UNDER NEWLY ENACTED WORK REQUIREMENTS

In 2013, Kansas restored work requirements for able-bodied, childless adults. Here's what happened:

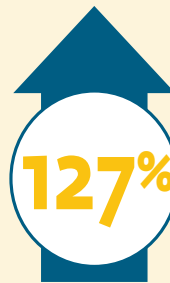
### MORE WORKERS

Able-bodied adults on food stamps are now nearly **three times as likely to be working** at least 20 hours a week.



### MORE MONEY

Able-bodied adults saw their income rise by **127%** within a year of leaving.



Nearly half of able-bodied adults were **employed within one quarter of leaving food stamps.**



AVERAGE INCOME AMONG THOSE WORKING IS NOW ABOVE THE POVERTY LINE

Higher incomes more than offset benefit reductions, **increasing economic activity.**

ON AVERAGE, ADULTS WHO LEFT THE PROGRAM LOST JUST OVER \$2,000 IN BENEFITS, BUT GAINED MORE THAN \$3,000 IN NEW INCOME



## FROM WELFARE TO HOPE

### JASON



Stuck on food stamps for 4 years.

Before work requirements: unemployed.

After work requirements: working in the publishing industry, making \$45,000 per year.

### JENNIFER

Stuck on food stamps for 1+ years.

Before work requirements: unemployed.

After work requirements: working in a commercial bakery, making \$53,000 per year.





# Welfare Reform Preserves Resources

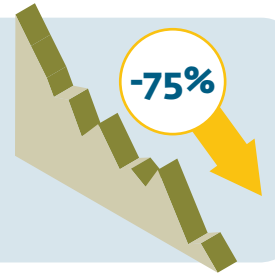
## TAXPAYERS AND ADMINISTRATORS FIND RELIEF

### SHARP ENROLLMENT DECLINE

Half of able-bodied adults **cycled off of food stamps** within three months.



Able-bodied adult enrollment is now 75% lower.



### LOWER COSTS



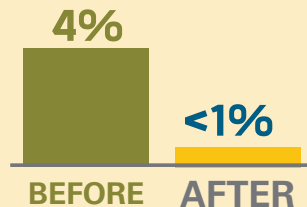
The **amount of time** able-bodied adults spend on food stamps has been cut in half.

The **average monthly benefit** for able-bodied adults on food stamps has dropped by 16%.

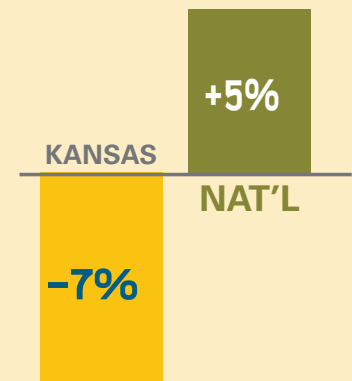


### REDUCED ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS

Kansas' **payment error rate declined**, while the national error rate rose.



Kansas' **administrative costs declined**, while administrative costs in other states increased.



### WELFARE REFORM IS POPULAR



### MORE STATE AND LOCAL REVENUE



Up to **\$89 million in NEW economic activity.**



**\$4.4 million** in new state revenues.



**\$1 million** in new local revenues.