

November 2019

FOODSHARE OVERVIEW

Forest County

Forest County SNAPshot



FoodShare Recipients

921
People
(November 2019)

10.2%
of the county
population

Average Monthly Benefit
Amount per Person: 2018

\$89.39

\$107.03 in Wisconsin
\$125.25 for U.S. SNAP**

Average Monthly Benefits
Distributed throughout
Forest County, 2018

\$101,820

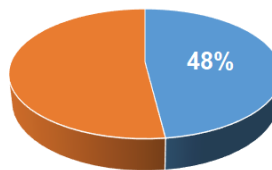
What is FoodShare?

- FoodShare is the name of the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) in Wisconsin.
- This federally funded program enables hundreds of thousands of low-income adults, children, and seniors throughout the state with funds to purchase groceries.
- FoodShare is the state's leading anti-hunger program.

Who Uses FoodShare in Wisconsin?*



42% of recipients are children.

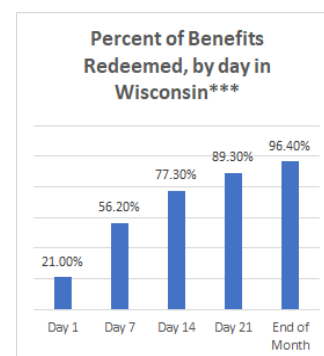
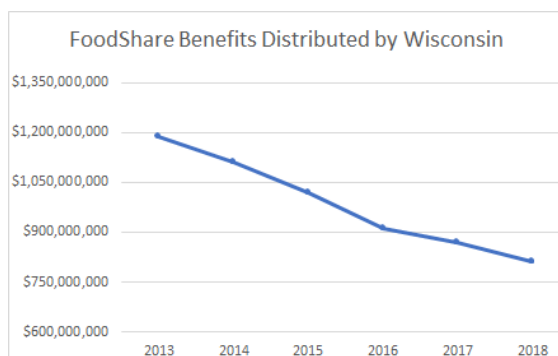


48% of families have at least one member who is elderly, blind or has disabilities.



40% of adult recipients are employed.

FoodShare Benefits Distributed and Redeemed in Wisconsin



* From Wisconsin Department of Health Services. November 2019. FoodShare Program at a Glance.

** Based on the average benefit amount per person in Fiscal Year 2018.

*** Cumulative percentages reported. Source: Department of Agriculture report, "Benefit Redemption Patterns in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program". April 2011.

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Median Individual Earnings

\$27,487

65th out of 72 counties



Unemployment

4.2%

27.3% above
the U.S. rate of 3.3%

Latest data available from November 2019.

Economic Impact



SNAP dollar

+



Grocer

=



Economic Growth

For every \$1 in FoodShare benefits,
an additional **\$1.70** is used in the local economy.

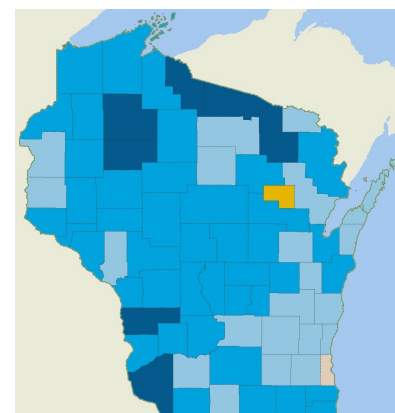
Wisconsin Poverty by County

Percentage of Poverty

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| | <10 |
| | 10-15 |
| | 15-20 |
| | 20-25 |
| | ≥25 |



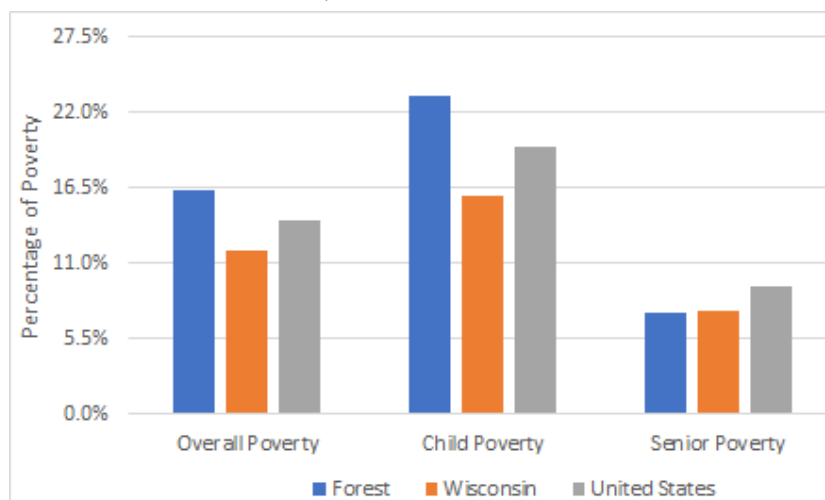
Forest County: 16.3%



Forest County Poverty

- ↳ Forest has a high level of poverty (16.3%), ranking it 68th out of 72 counties.
- ↳ Forest has a high level of child poverty (23.2%), ranking it 67th out of 72 counties.
- ↳ Forest has a moderate level of senior poverty (7.4%), ranking it 28th out of 72 counties.

Child and Senior Poverty



Sources:

United States Census, 2013-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
United States Department of Agriculture: Food and Nutrition Service
United States Department of Labor: Employment & Training Institution

Wisconsin Department of Administration
Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development

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