

# FOODSHARE OVERVIEW

Iron County

## Iron County SNAPshot



## FoodShare Recipients

**678**  
People  
(November 2019)

**11.9%**  
of the county  
population

Average Monthly Benefit  
Amount per Person: 2018

**\$91.91**

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

Average Monthly Benefits  
Distributed throughout  
Iron County, 2018

**\$65,901**

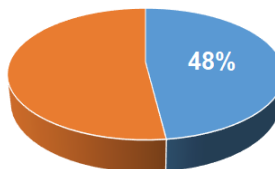
## What is FoodShare?

- ↳ 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.

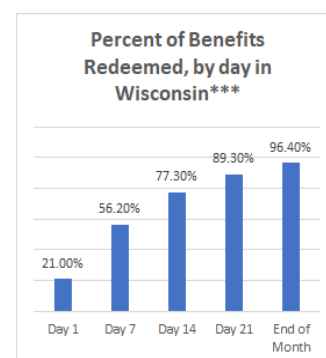
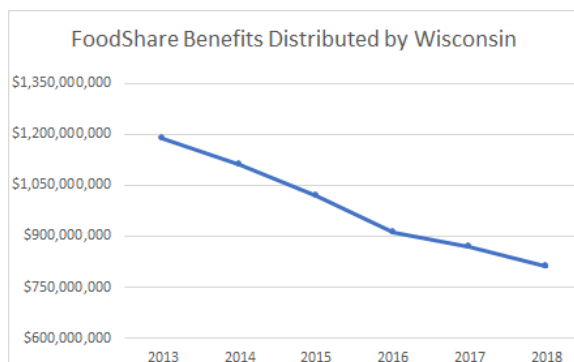


**48%** of families have at least one member who is elderly, blind or has disabilities.



**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

**\$27,694**

64th out of 72 counties



Unemployment

**5.6%**

69.7% 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.

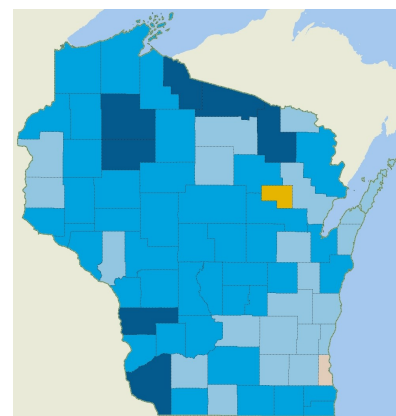
## Wisconsin Poverty by County

Percentage of Poverty

	<10
	10-15
	15-20
	20-25
	≥25



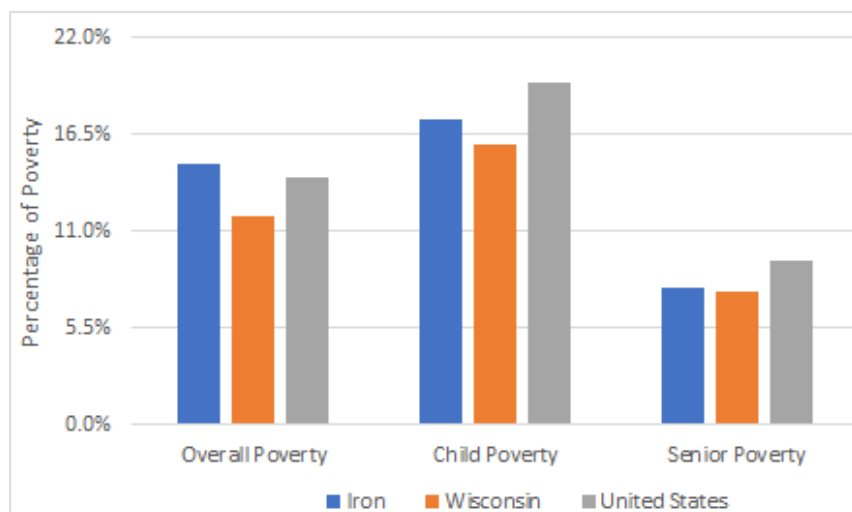
Iron County: 14.8%



## Iron County Poverty

- ↳ Iron has a high level of poverty (14.8%), ranking it 67th out of 72 counties.
- ↳ Iron has a high level of child poverty (17.4%), ranking it 50th out of 72 counties.
- ↳ Iron has a moderate level of senior poverty (7.8%), ranking it 37th 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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