

# FOODSHARE OVERVIEW

## Washington County

### Washington County SNAPshot



### FoodShare Recipients

**5,534**  
People  
(November 2019)

**4.1%**  
of the county  
population

Average Monthly Benefit  
Amount per Person: 2018

**\$97.62**

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

Average Monthly Benefits  
Distributed throughout  
Washington County, 2018

**\$596,448**

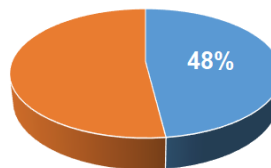
### What is FoodShare?

- 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.

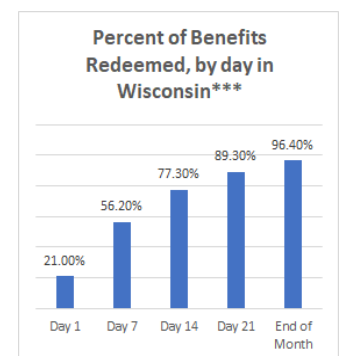
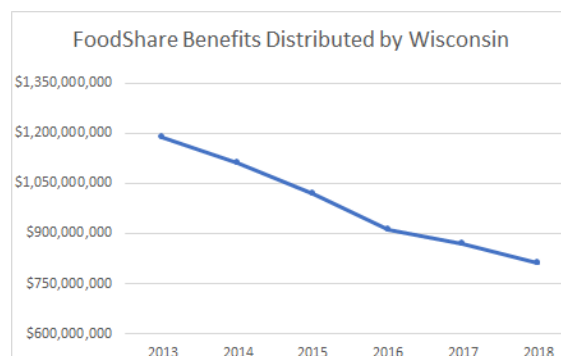


**48%** of families have at least one member who is elderly, blind or has disabilities.



**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

**\$41,384**

4th out of 72 counties



Unemployment

**2.5%**

24.2% below

the U.S. rate of 3.3%

Latest data available from November 2019.

## Economic Impact



SNAP dollar

+



Grocer

=



**Economic Growth**

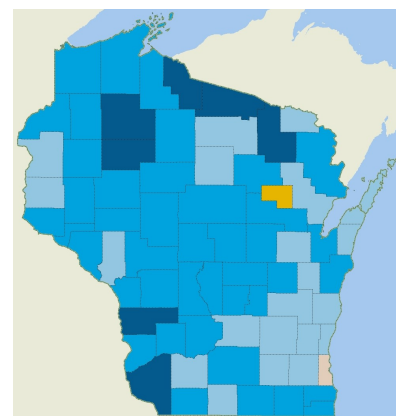
For every \$1 in FoodShare benefits,  
 an additional **\$1.70** is used in the **local** economy.

## Wisconsin Poverty by County

Percentage of Poverty

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

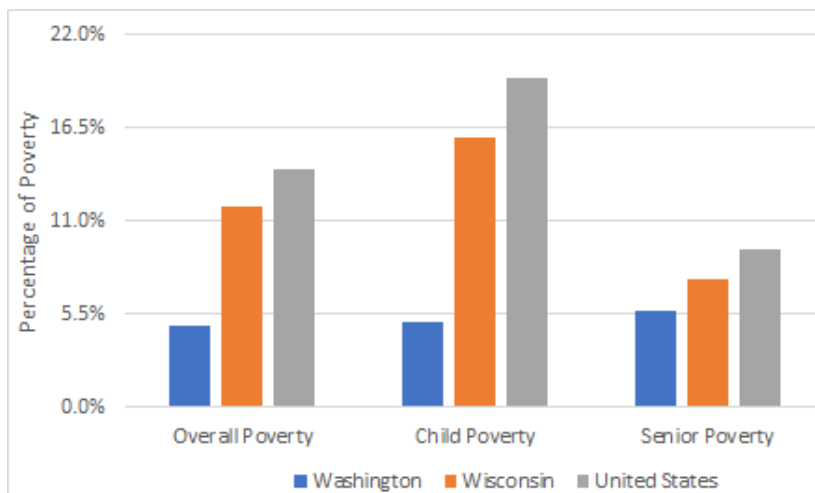
★ Washington County: 4.8%



## Washington County Poverty

- Washington has a low level of poverty (4.8%), ranking it 2nd out of 72 counties.
- Washington has a low level of child poverty (5.1%), ranking it 2nd out of 72 counties.
- Washington has a low level of senior poverty (5.7%), ranking it 9th out of 72 counties.

## Child and Senior Poverty



Sources:

United States Census, 2013-2017 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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