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# FOODSHARE OVERVIEW

Portage County

## Portage County SNAPshot



### FoodShare Recipients

**4,506**  
People  
(November 2019)

**6.4%**  
of the county  
population

Average Monthly Benefit  
Amount per Person: 2018

**\$100.07**

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

Average Monthly Benefits  
Distributed throughout  
Portage County, 2018

**\$493,011**

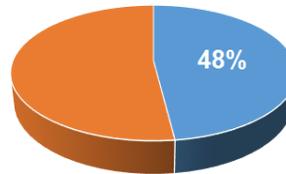
## What is FoodShare?

- ↳ 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.

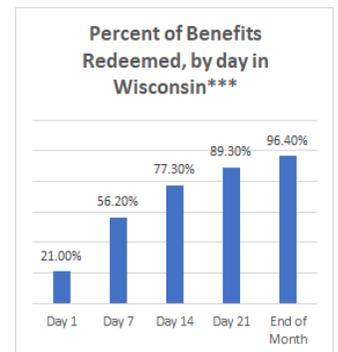
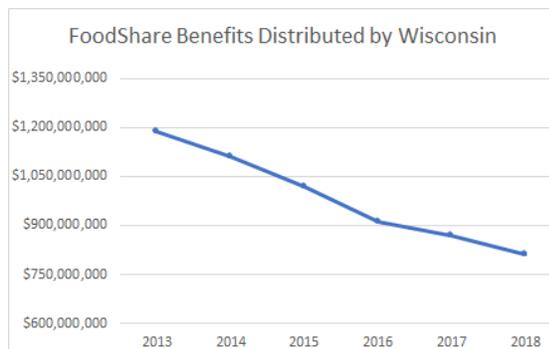


**48%** of families have at least one member who is elderly, blind or has disabilities.



**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.

Median Individual Earnings

**\$28,408**

60th out of 72 counties



Unemployment

**2.6%**

21.2% below  
the U.S. rate of 3.3%

Latest data available from November 2019.

### Economic Impact



**Economic Growth**

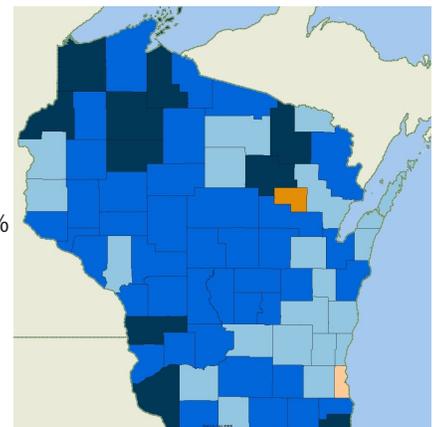
For every \$1 in FoodShare benefits,  
an additional \$1.70 is used in the local economy.

### Wisconsin Poverty by County

Percentage of Poverty

	<10
	10-15
	15-20
	20-25
	≥25

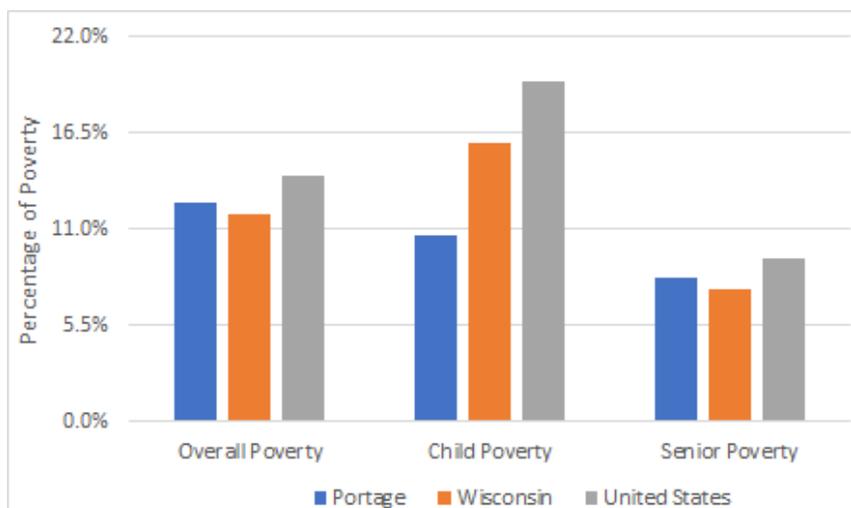
★ Portage County: 12.5%



### Portage County Poverty

- ↳ Portage has a moderate level of poverty (12.5%), ranking it 47th out of 72 counties.
- ↳ Portage has a low level of child poverty (10.7%), ranking it 16th out of 72 counties.
- ↳ Portage has a moderate level of senior poverty (8.2%), ranking it 46th 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