

FOODSHARE OVERVIEW

Rusk County

Rusk County Snapshot



FoodShare Recipients

1,960
People
(November 2019)

13.8%
of the county
population

Average Monthly Benefit
Amount per Person: 2018

\$93.70

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

Average Monthly Benefits
Distributed throughout
Adams County, 2018

\$189,827

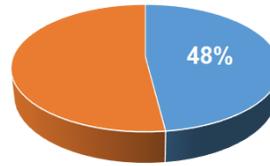
What is FoodShare?

- ↳ 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.

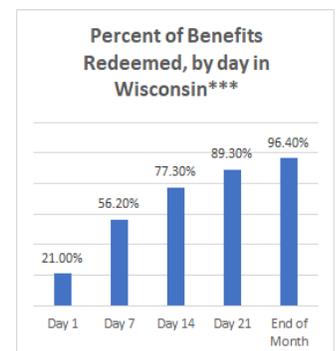
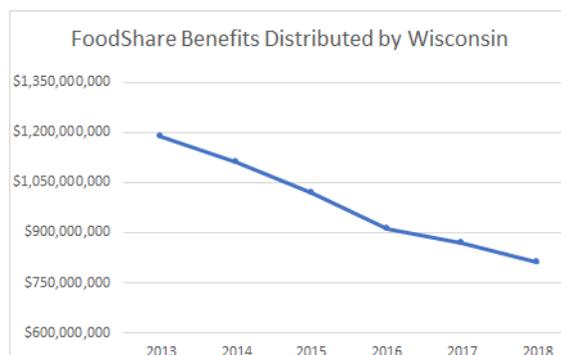


48% of families have at least one member who is elderly, blind or has disabilities.



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

\$28,596

59th out of 72 counties



Unemployment

4.0%

21.2% 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.

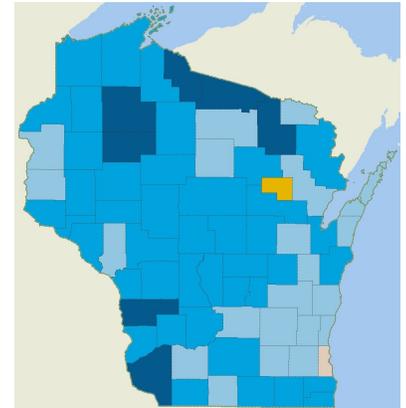
Wisconsin Poverty by County

Percentage of Poverty

	<10
	10-15
	15-20
	20-25
	≥25



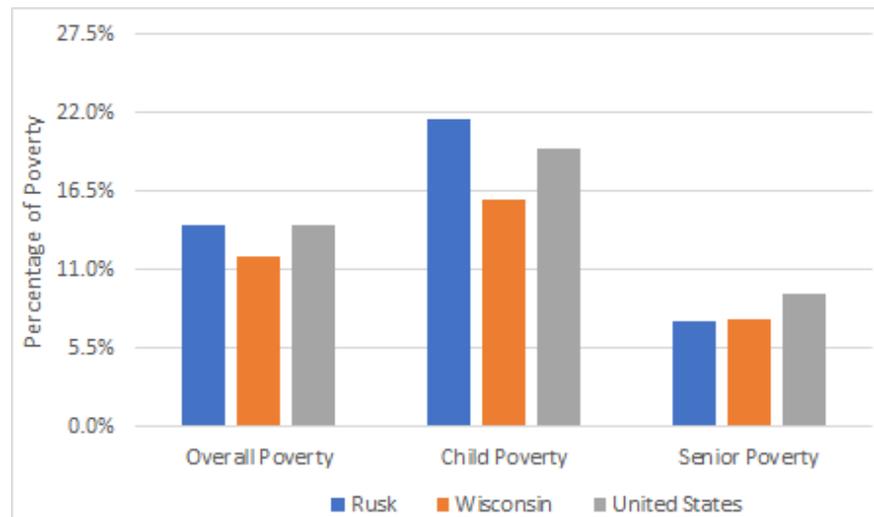
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Rusk County Poverty

- ↳ Rusk has a high level of poverty (14.1%), ranking it 61st out of 72 counties.
- ↳ Rusk has a high level of child poverty (21.6%), ranking it 65th out of 72 counties.
- ↳ Rusk has a moderate level of senior poverty (7.4%), ranking it 30th 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