What is FoodShare?

 Vetera FoodShare is the name of the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) in Wisconsin.

 Vetera FoodShare is a federally funded program enables hundreds of thousands of low-income adults, children, and seniors throughout the state with funds to purchase groceries.

 Vetera 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

Average Monthly Benefit Amount per Person: 2019

$96.42
$105.76 in Wisconsin
$129.96 for U.S. SNAP**

Average Monthly Benefits Distributed throughout Ashland County, 2019

$209,912


** Based on the average benefit amount per person in Fiscal Year 2019.

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Percentage of Poverty</th>
<th>Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>&lt;10</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10-15</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15-20</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20-25</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>≥25</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Ashland County: 14.3%

**Ashland County Poverty**

- **Overall Poverty**: Ashland has a high level of poverty (14.3%), ranking it 62nd out of 72 counties.
- **Child Poverty**: Ashland has a high level of child poverty (19.3%), ranking it 54th out of 72 counties.
- **Senior Poverty**: Ashland has a high level of senior poverty (10.7%), ranking it 65th out of 72 counties.

**Economic Impact**

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

**FOODSHARE OVERVIEW**

**Ashland County**

- Median Individual Earnings: $26,189 (69th out of 72 counties)
- Unemployment: 20.4% (41.7% above the U.S. rate of 14.4%)

---

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

Contact Hunger Task Force at 414-777-0483 or visit HungerTaskForce.org for more information.