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

- Average Monthly Benefit Amount per Person: 2019 $98.50
- $105.76 in Wisconsin $129.96 for U.S. SNAP**
- Average Monthly Benefits Distributed throughout Bayfield County, 2019 $112,288

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** 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.
Bayfield County Poverty

- Bayfield has a moderate level of poverty (11.5%), ranking it 37th out of 72 counties.
- Bayfield has a high level of child poverty (19.4%), ranking it 55th out of 72 counties.
- Bayfield has a low level of senior poverty (6.8%), ranking it 19th out of 72 counties.

Child and Senior Poverty

- Overall Poverty: Bayfield (13.0%), Wisconsin (11.4%), United States (14.2%)
- Child Poverty: Bayfield (19.4%), Wisconsin (16.0%), United States (14.4%)
- Senior Poverty: Bayfield (6.8%), Wisconsin (5.3%), United States (9.8%)

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 Institute
- Wisconsin Department of Administration
- Wisconsin Department of Health Services
- Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development