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 s Distributed throughout Buffalo County, 2019: $74,785
- Average Monthly Benefit Amount per Person: 2019: $89.24
- $105.76 in Wisconsin, $129.96 for U.S. SNAP**

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

$33,851
22nd out of 72 counties

Unemployment

19.7%
36.8% above the U.S. rate of 14.4%
Latest data available from April 2020.

Economic Impact

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

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

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