FOODSHARE OVERVIEW
Columbia County

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

- $98.93
  - $105.76 in Wisconsin
  - $129.96 for U.S. SNAP**

Average Monthly Benefits Distributed throughout Columbia County, 2019

- $410,459


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

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**Wisconsin Poverty by County**

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**Columbia County Poverty**

- Columbia has a low level of poverty (8.2%), ranking it 9th out of 72 counties.
- Columbia has a low level of child poverty (10.9%), ranking it 17th out of 72 counties.
- Columbia has a low level of senior poverty (5.8%), ranking it 10th out of 72 counties.

**Child and Senior Poverty**

![Graph showing economic growth](image)

**Economic Impact**

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

**Medan Individual Earnings**

$37,031
6th out of 72 counties

**Unemployment**

14.9%
3.5% above the U.S. rate of 14.4%

Latest data available from April 2020.

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

Sources:
United States Census, 2013-2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
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