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?*

- 48% of families have at least one member who is elderly, blind or has disabilities.
- 42% of recipients are children.
- 40% of adult recipients are employed.

FoodShare Benefits Distributed and Redeemed in Wisconsin

- Average Monthly Benefit Amount per Person: 2019
  - $96.23
  - $105.83 in Wisconsin
  - $129.96 for U.S. SNAP**

- Average Monthly Benefits Distributed throughout Eau Claire County, 2019
  - $864,709

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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.
Median Individual Earnings

$27,858
63rd out of 72 counties

Unemployment

13%
9.7% below 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.

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

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