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

$99.74

$105.83 in Wisconsin

$129.96 for U.S. SNAP**

Average Monthly Benefits Distributed throughout Jefferson County, 2019

$610,733

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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**

$32,958

25th out of 72 counties

**Unemployment**

12.8%

11.1% 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.

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**Wisconsin Poverty by County**

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Jefferson County: 8.9%

**Jefferson County Poverty**

- Jefferson has a low level of poverty (8.9%), ranking it 16th out of 72 counties.
- Jefferson has a low level of child poverty (11.7%), ranking it 21st out of 72 counties.
- Jefferson has a moderate level of senior poverty (8.0%), ranking it 38th out of 72 counties.

**Child and Senior Poverty**

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**FOODSHARE OVERVIEW**

Jefferson County

**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
- United States Department of Agriculture: Food and Nutrition Service
- United States Department of Labor: Employment & Training Institution
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