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

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Percent of Benefits Redeemed, by day in Wisconsin***

- Day 1: 23.60%
- Day 7: 36.20%
- Day 14: 77.30%
- Day 21: 89.30%
- End of Month: 96.40%


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

La Crosse County Poverty

- La Crosse has a high level of poverty (13.2%), ranking it 52nd out of 72 counties.
- La Crosse has a low level of child poverty (8.2%), ranking it 7th out of 72 counties.
- La Crosse has a low level of senior poverty (6.6%), ranking it 18th out of 72 counties.

Child and Senior Poverty

- Percentage of poverty for different age groups.

Economic Impact

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

Latest data available from April, 2020.

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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