Lafayette County

FOODSHARE OVERVIEW

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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: 2018
  - $89.08
  - $105.83 in Wisconsin
  - $129.96 for U.S. SNAP***

- Average Monthly Benefits Distributed throughout Lafayette County, 2019
  - $108,051

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* From Wisconsin Department of Health Services. April 2020 FoodShare Program at a Glance.
** 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.
Wisconsin Poverty by County

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<th>Median Individual Earnings: $32,345</th>
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Lafayette County: 10.8%

Unemployment

Lafayette County: 9.7%

32.6% below the U.S. rate of 14.4%

Latest data available from April 2020.

Economic Impact

SNAP dollar + Grocer = Economic Growth

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

Lafayette County Poverty

- Lafayette has a moderate level of poverty (10.8%), ranking it 32nd out of 72 counties.
- Lafayette has a moderate level of child poverty (15.1%), ranking it 37th out of 72 counties.
- Lafayette has a high level of senior poverty (10.4%), ranking it 64th out of 72 counties.

Child and Senior Poverty

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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