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
  - $115.45
  - $105.83n Wisconsin
  - $129.96 for U.S. SNAP**

- Average Monthly Benefits Distributed throughout Milwaukee County, 2019
  - $25,746,666

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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.
Wisconsin Poverty by County

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Milwaukee County Poverty

- Milwaukee has a high level of poverty (19.9%), ranking it 71st out of 72 counties.
- Milwaukee has a high level of child poverty (29.0%), ranking it 70th out of 72 counties.
- Milwaukee has a high level of senior poverty (11.4%), ranking it 69th out of 72 counties.

Child and Senior Poverty

**Economic Growth**

*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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