FOODSHARE OVERVIEW

Oconto County

April 2020

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

$93.36

$105.83 in Wisconsin
$129.96 for U.S. SNAP**

Average Monthly Benefits Distributed throughout Oconto County, 2019

$272,692


** 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.
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Wisconsin Poverty by County

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- **Oconto County Poverty**
  - Oconto has a low level of poverty (9.4%), ranking it 21st out of 72 counties.
  - Oconto has a moderate level of child poverty (12.9%), ranking it 30th out of 72 counties.
  - Oconto has a moderate level of senior poverty (8.0%), ranking it 39th out of 72 counties.

Latest data available from April 2020.

**Economic Impact**

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

**Oconto County**

- **Unemployment**: 15.6%
  - 8.3% above the U.S. rate of 14.4%
- **Median Individual Earnings**: $35,007
  - 12th out of 72 counties

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