

## FOODSHARE OVERVIEW

**Polk County** 

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Polk County SNAPshot





**FoodShare Recipients** 

4,038

People (April 2020) 9.3%

of the county population

Average Monthly Benefit Amount per Person: 2018

\$90.44

\$105.83 in Wisconsin \$129.96 or U.S. SNAP\*\*

Average Monthly Benefits
Distributed throughout
Polk County, 2019

\$316,795

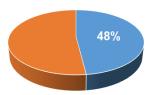
#### What is FoodShare?

- ► 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.

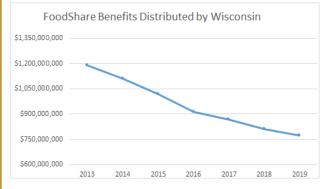


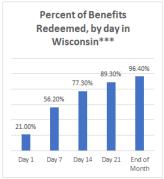
**48%** of families have at least one member who is elderly, blind or has disabilities.



**40%** of adult recipients are employed.

#### FoodShare Benefits Distributed and Redeemed in Wisconsin





<sup>\*</sup> From Wisconsin Department of Health Services. April 2020. FoodShare Program at a Glance.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Based on the average benefit amount per person in Fiscal Year 2019.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Cumulative percentages reported. Source: Department of Agriculture report, "Benefit Redemption Patterns in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program". April 2011.



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Median Individual Earnings

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\$34,104

20th out of 72 counties



Unemployment

17.7%

22.9% above the U.S. rate of 14.4%

Latest data available from April 2020

## **Economic Impact**



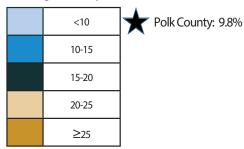


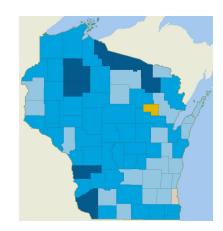
#### **Economic Growth**

For every **\$1** in FoodShare benefits, an additional **\$1,70** is used in the local economy.

### Wisconsin Poverty by County

Percentage of Poverty

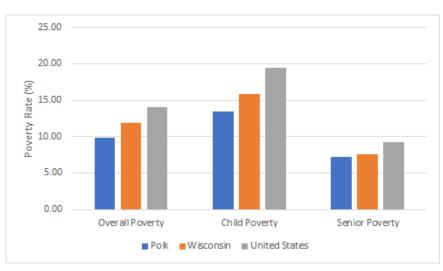




## **Polk County Poverty**

- Polk has a low level of poverty (9.8%), ranking it 24th out of 72 counties.
- Polk has a moderate level of child poverty (13.5%), ranking it 32nd out of 72 counties.
- Polk has a moderate level of senior poverty (7.2%), ranking it 25th out of 72 counties.

## **Child and Senior Poverty**



#### 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