Polk County SNAPshot

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FoodShare Overview

April 2020

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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

$90.44

$105.83 in Wisconsin

$129.96 or U.S. SNAP**

Average Monthly Benefits Distributed throughout Polk County, 2019

$316,795


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

Median Individual Earnings

$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

Wisconsin Poverty by County

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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

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