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
  - $98.04
  - $105.83 in Wisconsin
  - $129.96 for U.S. SNAP**

- Average Monthly Benefits Distributed throughout Sawyer County, 2019
  - $584,198

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

$26,241
68th out of 72 counties

Unemployment

20.6%
43.1% below the U.S. rate of 14.4%

Latest data available from April 2020

Sawyer County Poverty

- Sawyer has a moderate level of poverty (10.4%), ranking it 29th out of 72 counties.
- Sawyer has a moderate level of child poverty (16.0%), ranking it 43rd out of 72 counties.
- Sawyer has a low level of senior poverty (6.6%), ranking it 17th 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

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