Wisconsin FoodShare Overview

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

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Benefits Distributed</th>
<th>Benefits Redeemed</th>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>$1,350,000,000</td>
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<td>2014</td>
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* Based on the average benefit amount per person in Fiscal Year 2018.
** Cumulative percentages reported. Source: Department of Agriculture report, “Benefit Redemption Patterns in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program”. April 2011.
Wisconsin Poverty

- Wisconsin has a moderate level of poverty of 11.9%, with individual counties ranging from 4.5% in St. Croix County to 32.8% in Menominee County.
- Wisconsin has a high level of child poverty of 15.9%, with individual counties ranging from 4.8% in St. Croix County to 46.8% in Menominee County.
- Wisconsin has a low level of senior (65 and older) poverty of 7.6%, with individual counties ranging from 4.1% in Pierce County to 13.2% in Vernon County.

Wisconsin Poverty by County

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<th>Percentage of Poverty</th>
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State and National Poverty

Source:
United States Census, 2014-2018 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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