Vernon County

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?*

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

40% of adult recipients are employed.

42% of recipients are children.

FoodShare Benefits Distributed and Redeemed in Wisconsin

Average Monthly Benefit Amount per Person: 2019

$91.23

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

Average Monthly Benefits Distributed throughout Vernon County, 2019

$214,935

* From Wisconsin Department of Health Services. April 2020 FoodShare Program at a Glance.

** 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.
Wisconsin Poverty by County

Percentage of Poverty

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Vernon County: 16.6%

Vernon County Poverty

- Vernon has a high level of poverty (16.6%), ranking it 69th out of 72 counties.
- Vernon has a high level of child poverty (25.0%), ranking it 68th out of 72 counties.
- Vernon has a high level of senior poverty (13.2%), ranking it 72nd out of 72 counties.

Child and Senior Poverty

[Graph showing poverty rates for overall, child, and senior categories for Vernon County, compared to Wisconsin and United States averages.]

Sources:
United States Census, 2012-2018 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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