

FoodShare Wisconsin Program at a Glance

All data is for (or as of) the month of March 2009¹

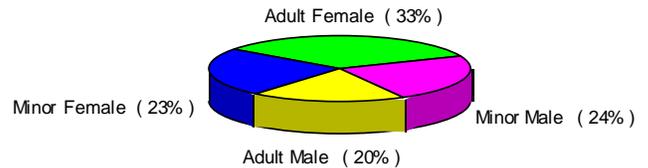
Who receives FoodShare Benefits in Wisconsin?

- **Poverty:** 7% of the 5.6 million people in Wisconsin receive FS.² On average from 1998 - 2000, 8.8% of the state population was at or below the federal poverty rate.³
- **Assistance Groups (AG's)/Individuals:** 231,630 Assistance groups are made up of 537,338 individuals. The AG's count increased by 6,499 from the Previous Month. There is an average of 2.3 people in an AG.

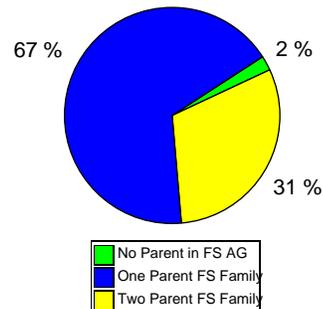
- **Gender:** 56% of the recipients are female and 44% are male.

- **Adults/Minors:** 53% are adults and 47% are minors. 52% of AG's have minors in them.

Adult Status and Gender



- **Minors and Their Parents:** Of the AG's that contain minors, 67% have one parent in the AG, 31% have two parents, and 2% have no parents in the household. "Parent" is defined as a biological or adoptive parent.



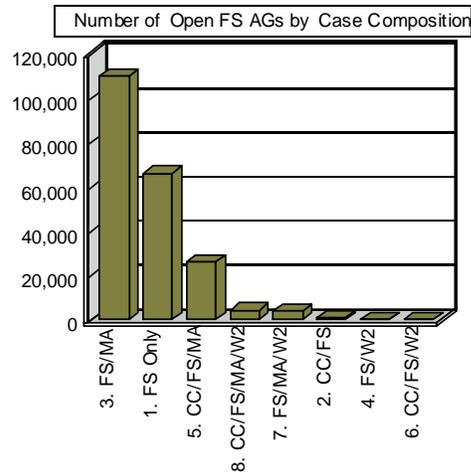
¹ Source: DWD/DWS FS Data Warehouse

² Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/55000.html>

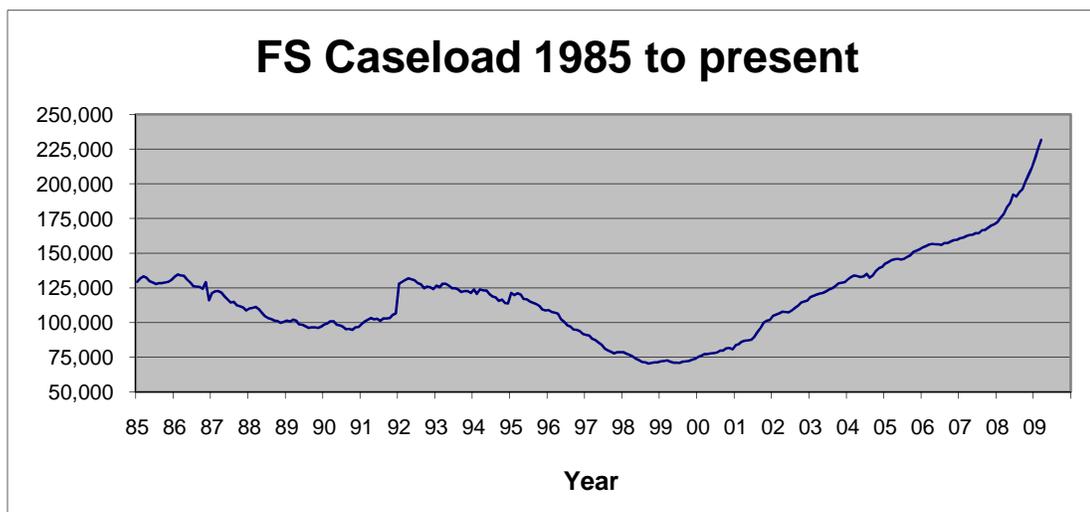
³ Source: U. S. Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/prod/2001pubs/p60-214.pdf>

- **Parents That Are Minors:** There are 1,156 minors in 1,133 FS AG's that are parents. A slightly higher number than last month and comprises 1/5 of 1 percent of the individuals that receive FS.
- **Case Composition:** The table and graph shows other types of CARES issued assistance that a FS AG receives.

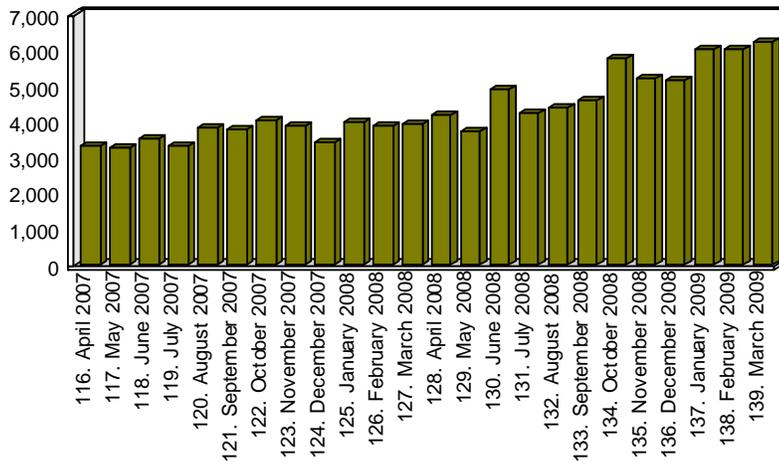
Prog Comb	
3. FS/MA	121,766
1. FS Only	73,572
5. CC/FS/MA	26,356
8. CC/FS/MA/W2	4,483
7. FS/MA/W2	3,963
2. CC/FS	679
4. FS/W2	48
6. CC/FS/W2	16



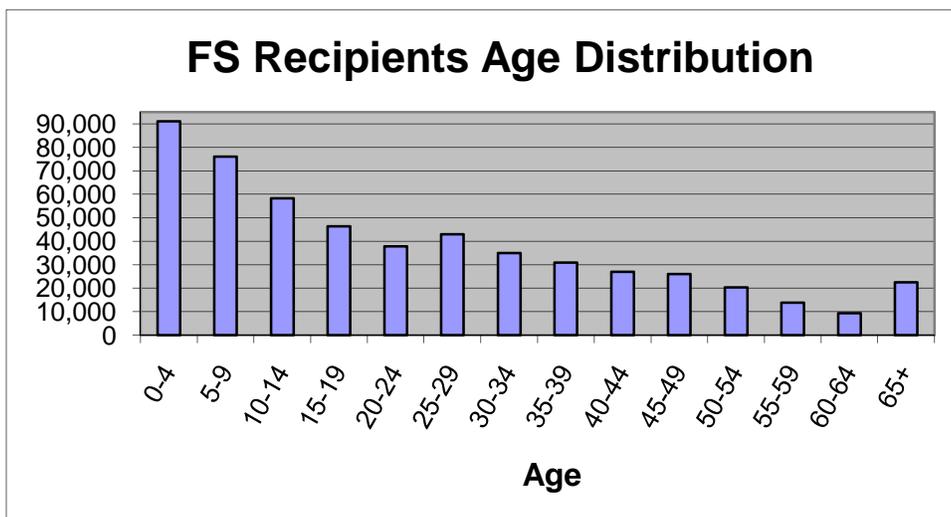
- **Historical Caseload Trend:** The statewide caseload grew last month contributing to a 30% increase over 12 months.



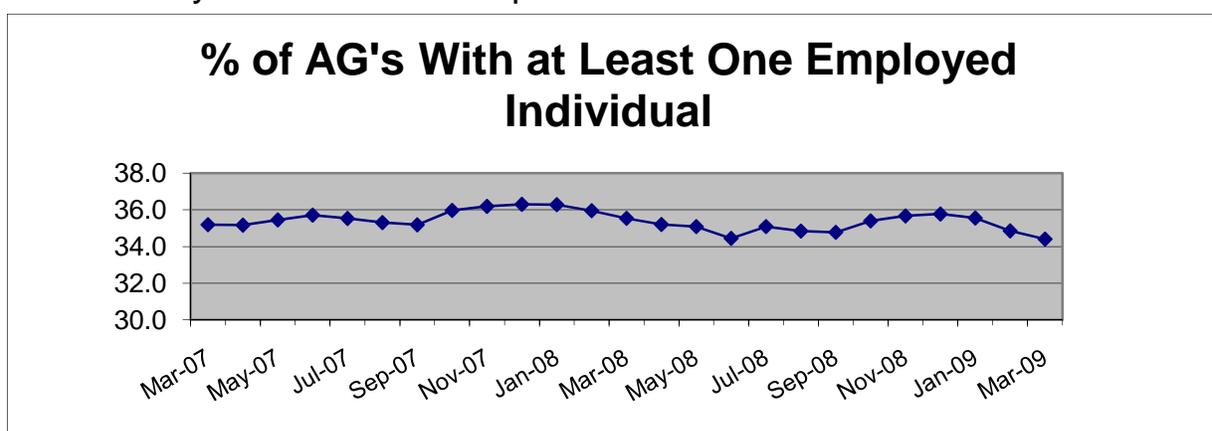
- First Time FS AG's:** This chart shows the number of first-time FS assistance groups over the last 2 years. Only AG's that have never received FS in Wisconsin before the month shown, appear in this chart. In March 6,219 FS AG's received FS for the first time.



- Age Distribution:** The chart below shows the number of FS recipients by age, in 5 year increments. Children age 4 and under has the largest number for any five year grouping making up 17% of recipients. Half of the recipients are 19 and younger.



- **Elderly/Disabled:** 16% of FS recipients are either elderly, blind, or disabled. 34% of AG's contain at least one individual that is either elderly, blind, or disabled. The average allotment for AG's that contain an elderly, blind, or disabled member is at \$129. However, 35% of the EBD caseload is receiving an allotment of \$20 or less .
- **Work/Earnings:** 34% of the AG's have at least one person working. The average monthly earned income of those AG's' is \$1,139,⁴ an \$6 decrease from last month. Slightly less than 37% of adult FS recipients are employed, three tenths lower than last month. Currently, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Wisconsin is 8.5%, .8 points higher than last month.⁵ This is nearly double than the April 2008 low.



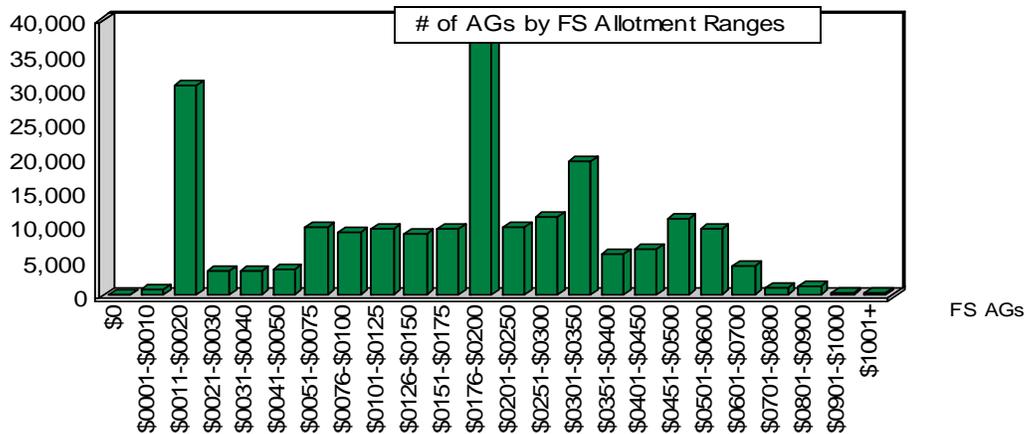
- **Working Families:** A "working family" is defined as a FS AG that contains at least one minor, at least one parent of a minor, and at least one employed recipient. This is an attempt to explore those FS recipients that have children and are working. Working families make up 25.9% of the statewide FS AG's, average 3.7 persons per AG, and average \$1,298 in earned income per month. Other stats are available below.

Parent in FS AG	FS AGs	Unduplicated FS Recipients	AG Earned Income Amt	Avg. Earned Income per AG	AG Unearned Income Amt	Avg. Unearned Income per AG	FS Allotment Amt - FTM	Avg. Allotment per AG
One Parent FS Family	37,924	118,204	\$43,468,476	\$1,146	\$8,046,442	\$212	\$9,464,724	\$250
Two Parent FS Family	22,124	102,670	\$34,474,725	\$1,558	\$5,695,558	\$257	\$7,413,466	\$335
Sum:	60,048	220,874	\$77,943,201		\$13,741,999.84	Sum:	\$16,878,190.00	

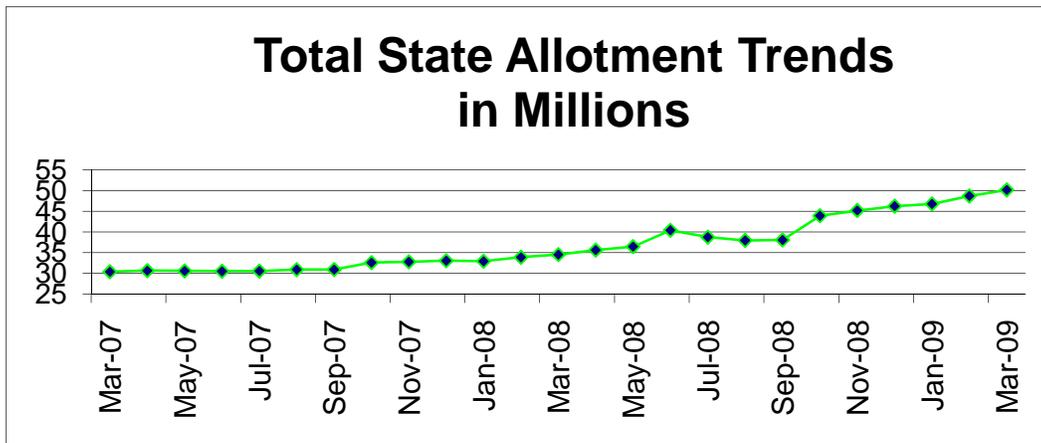
⁴ This statistic contains prospective income for cases that may have caused the case to close at the end of the report month. Therefore, the income reported here was not necessarily the income used to calculate eligibility for the allotment amount.

⁵ Source: DWD Labor Market Information at <http://worknet.wisconsin.gov/worknet/dalaus.aspx?menuselection=da>

- **Allotments:** A total of \$50.3 million in food stamp benefits were issued for the month. The average allotment amount per AG is \$217.



- **Statewide FS Allotments:** The graph below shows the total dollars in FS allotments spent on all FS AG's statewide for the past two years. Total issuance for this month stands at \$50.3 million. The two recent peaks are due to flood related assistance in June and the annual October cost of living increase.



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 For other months' data, go to <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/foodshare/fsataglance.htm>