FoodShare Wisconsin Program at a Glance

All data is for (or as of) the month of January 2012[1]

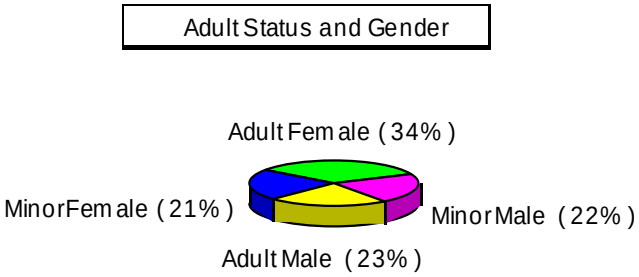
Who receives FoodShare Benefits in Wisconsin?

- **Poverty**: 14.6% of the 5.7 million people in Wisconsin receive FS. [2] In 2009, 12.4% of the state population was at or below the federal poverty rate.[3] This is about 2% lower than the National rate.

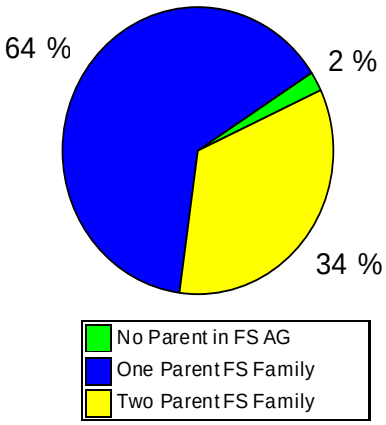
- **Assistance Groups (AG's)/Individuals**: 395,520 Assistance groups are made up of 831,414 individuals. The AG's count increased by 1,909 from the previous month. There is an average of 2.1 people in an AG.

- **Gender**: 55% of the recipients are female and 45% are male.

- **Adults/Minors**: 57% are adults and 43% are minors. 44% of AG's have minors in them.



- **Minors and Their Parents:** Of the AG's that contain minors, 64% have one parent in the AG, 34% 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
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- **Parents That Are Minors:** There are 1,116 minors in 1,105 FS AG's that are parents. A slightly lower number than last month and less than 2/10 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 Combo	FS Cases
FS/MA	216,114
FS Only	134,160
CC/FS/MA	25,561
FS/MA/W2	9,348
CC/FS/MA/W2	8,842
CC/FS	794
FS/W2	86
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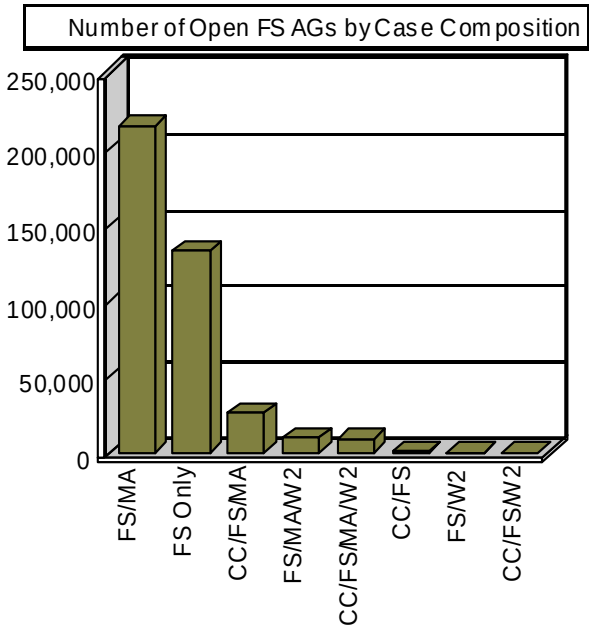
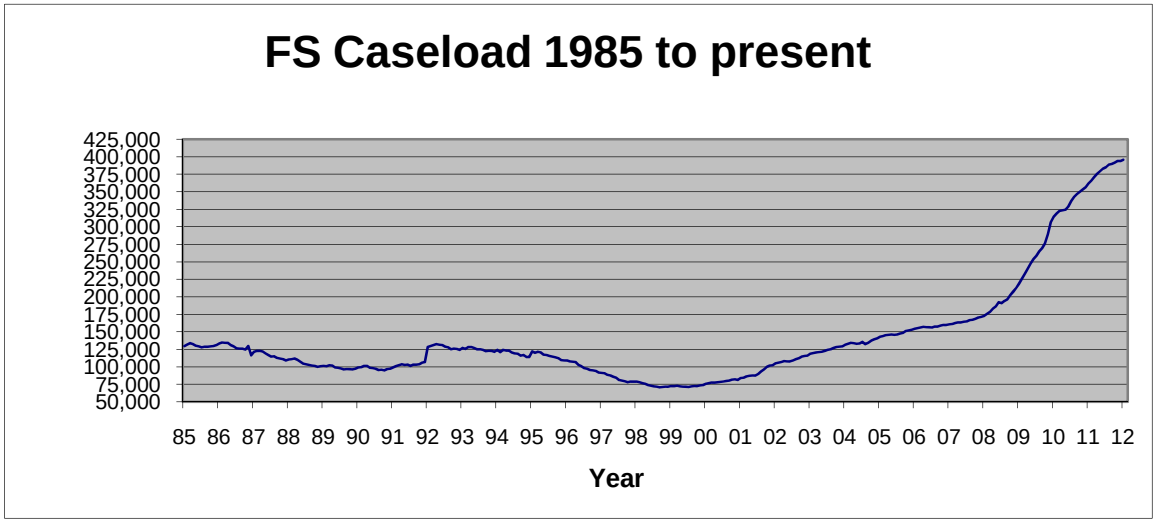
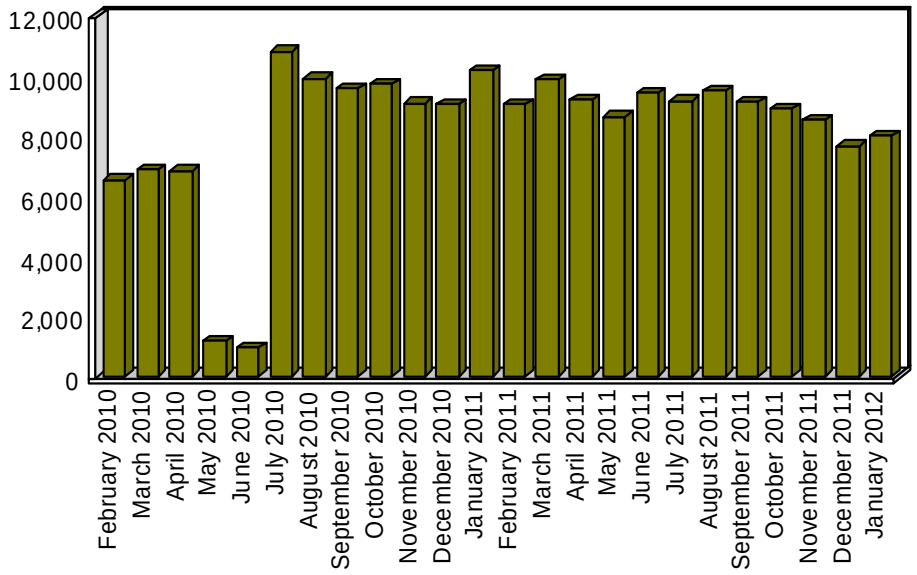


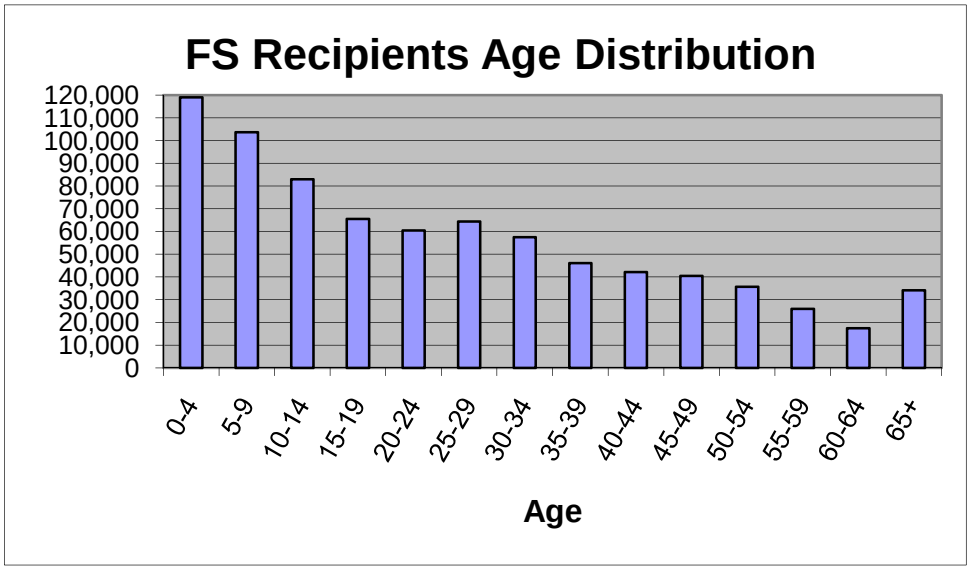
- **Historical Caseload Trend**: The statewide caseload grew last month to over 395 thousand, contributing to a 9.3% increase over the last 12 months.



- **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 November 8,009 FS AG's received FS for the first time.

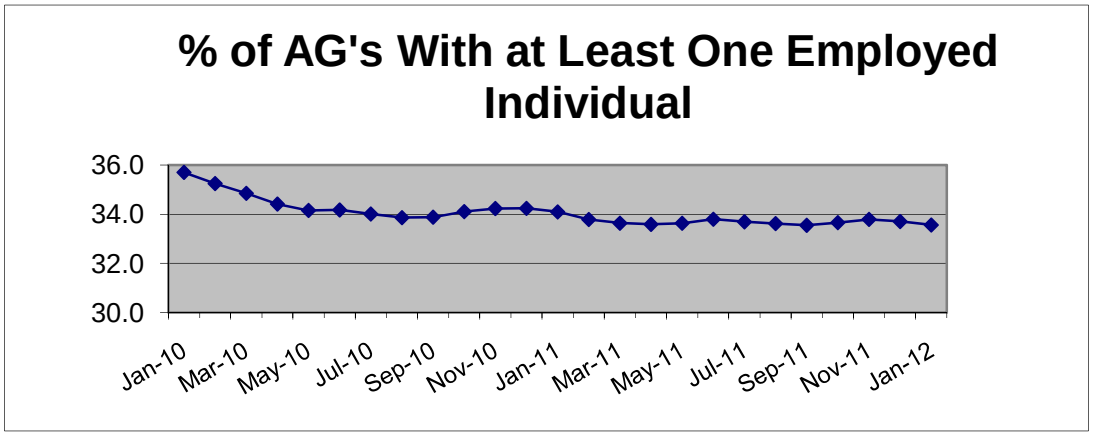


- **Age Distribution**: The chart below shows the number of FS recipients by age, in 5 year increments. Children age 4 and under has the largest number for any five year grouping making up 14% of recipients. 50% of the recipients are 22 and younger.



- **Elderly/Disabled**: 18% of FS recipients are either elderly, blind, or disabled. 35% 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 $170. However, 17% 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 $1,254,[4] a $6 decrease from last month. 40% of adult FS recipients are employed, the same as last month. Currently, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Wisconsin is at 7.1% .[5]

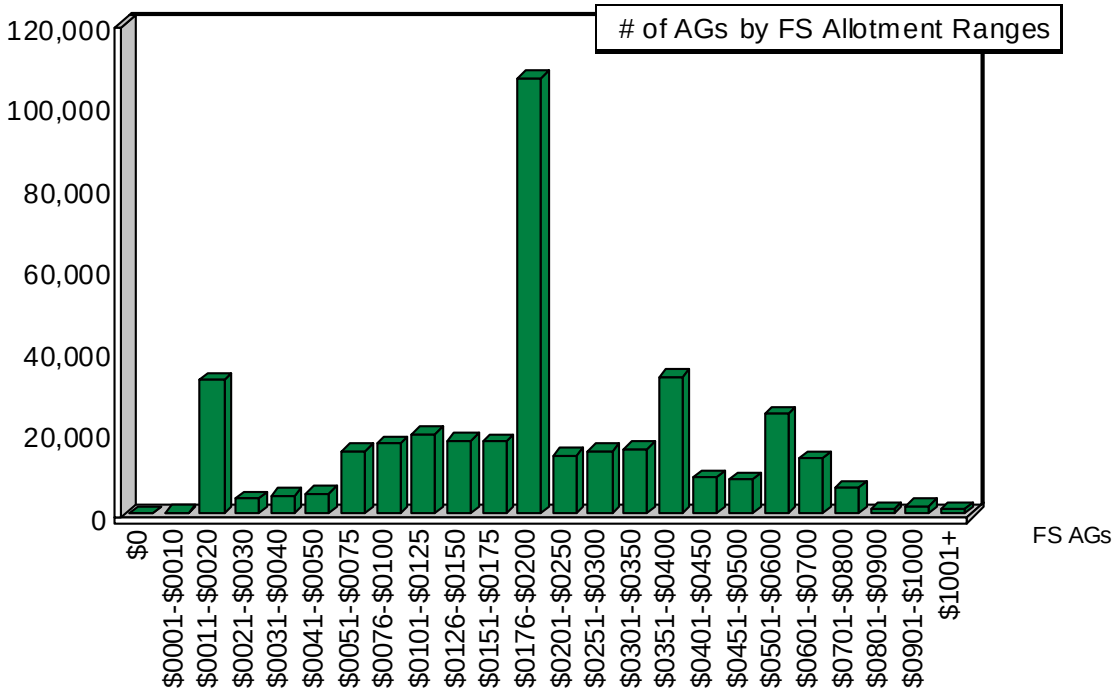


- **Working Families:** A "working family" is defined as a FS AG that contains at least one minor, at least one parent of a minor, and at least one employed recipient. This is an attempt to explore those FS recipients that have children and are working. Working families make up 22% of the statewide FS AG's, average 3.6 persons per AG, and average $1,495 in earned income per month. Other stats are available below.

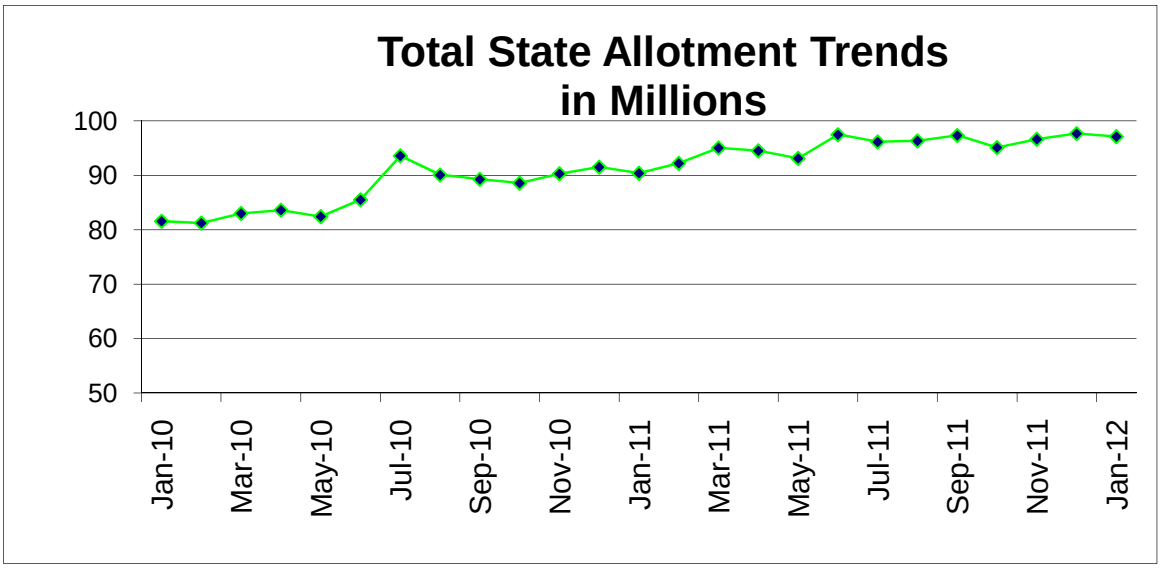
Parent in FS AG	FS AGs	Unduplicated FS Recipients	AG Earned Income Amt	Avg. Earned Income per AG	AG Unearned Income Amt	Avg. Unearned Income per AG	FS Allotment Amt - FTM	Avg. Allotment per AG
One Parent FS Family	51,529	154,394	$65,793,176	$1,277	$12,367,745	$240	$14,749,383	$286
Two Parent FS Family	35,863	162,966	$64,826,017	$1,808	$8,950,553	$250	$13,422,721	$374
Sum:	**87,392**	**317,360**	**$130,619,193**		**$21,318,298**	**Sum:**	**$28,172,104**	

[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 $97.1 million in FoodShare benefits were issued for the month. The average allotment amount per AG is $246.



- **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 $97.1 million.



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