FoodShare at a Glance — October 2017

Assistance Groups (AGs) — Individuals who live in the same household, purchase and prepare food together, and pass all financial and non-financial eligibility criteria to receive FoodShare benefits.

Members — Individuals receiving FoodShare Benefits.

Who received FoodShare benefits in Wisconsin?

1. What is the age distribution of FoodShare members and age gender ratio?

56% of the FoodShare members are female and 44% are male. 57% are adults and 43% are minors. 40% of AGs include minors. Adults between ages 6–17 has the largest number for any grouping, making up to 27% of recipients. 42.55% of FoodShare members are 17 and younger.

2. Households with Minors

Of the AGs that contain minors, 69% have one parent in the AG, 21% have two or more parents, and 10% have no parents.

3. How many recipients are elderly, blind or disabled (EBD)?

23.9% of FoodShare members are EBD. 44.1% of AGs contain at least one individual that is EBD. The average allotment for EBD AGs is $124. However, 31% of the EBD caseload is receiving an allotment of $20 or less.

4. What percent of FoodShare AGs are first-time recipients?

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5. What are the member compositions?

The table and graph show combinations of programs with FoodShare, for which individuals receive benefits for October 2017. The programs include FS — FoodShare, MA — Medicaid, CC — ChildCare, W-2 — Wisconsin Works.

6. What is the historical caseload trend?

The statewide caseload for October 2017 is 339,086, decrease from 12 months ago.

7. What percent of AGs have at least one person employed?

34% of AGs have at least one person working in the month of October 2017.
8. What is the average monthly income of an AG?

The average monthly income of AGs that have at least one individual working is $405, same as last month. 42.5% of adult FoodShare recipients are employed, an increase from last month.

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% of Adult FoodShare Employed

- 42.5%
- 1.2%

FoodShare Members Average Monthly Earned Income by Age Segments

9. How many working families receive FoodShare?

Working families (households with at least one minor and at least one parent of a minor that also earn income) make up to 21.5% of the statewide FoodShare AGs, average 1 person per AG, and average $1,419 in earned income per month. 60% of all families are working.

10. What was the allotment this month?

The average allotment amount per AG is $207. Below is the frequency distribution of benefit amounts.

11. What was the issuance this month?

A total of $70.47million in FoodShare benefits were issued for the month. The graph below shows the total dollars for FoodShare Issuance in the past 12 months.

Source:
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