

# FoodShare Wisconsin Program at a Glance

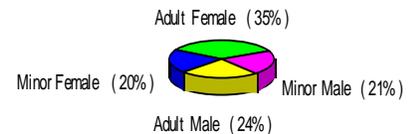
All data is for (or as of) the month of November 2014<sup>1</sup>

## Who receives FoodShare Benefits in Wisconsin?

- **Poverty:** 14.5% of the 5.7 million people in Wisconsin receive FS.<sup>2</sup> In 2009, 12.4% of the state population was at or below the federal poverty rate.<sup>3</sup> This is about 2% lower than the National rate.
- **Assistance Groups (AG's)/Individuals:** 417,999 Assistance groups are made up of 823,690 individuals. The AG's count decreased by 2,717 from the previous month. There is an average of 2.0 people in an AG.

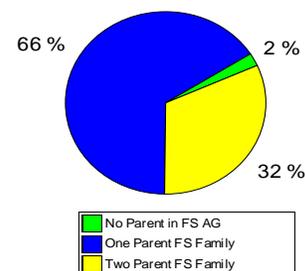
- **Gender:** 55% of the recipients are female and 45% are male.

Adult Status and Gender



- **Adults/Minors:** 59% are adults and 41% are minors. 39% of AG's have minors in them.

- **Minors and Their Parents:** Of the AG's that contain minors, 66% have one parent in the AG, 32% have two parents, and 2% have no parents in the household. "Parent" is defined as a biological or adoptive parent.



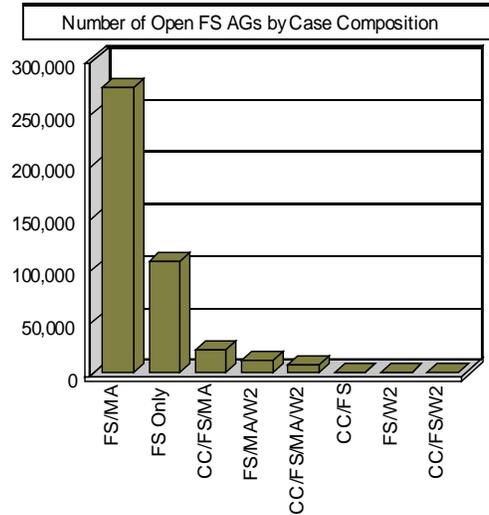
<sup>1</sup> Source: DWD/DWS FS Data Warehouse

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

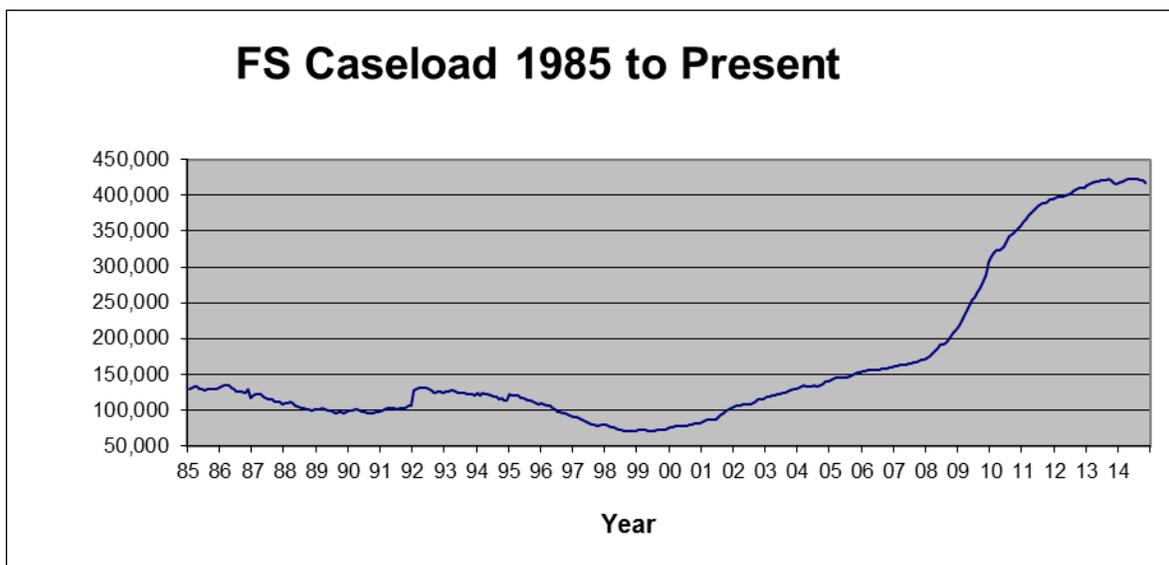
<sup>3</sup> Source: U. S. Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/prod/2001pubs/p60-214.pdf>

- **Parents That Are Minors:** There are 888 minors in 880 FS AG's that are parents. A 4% lower number than last month.
- **Case Composition:** The table and graph shows other types of CARES issued assistance that a FS AG receives.

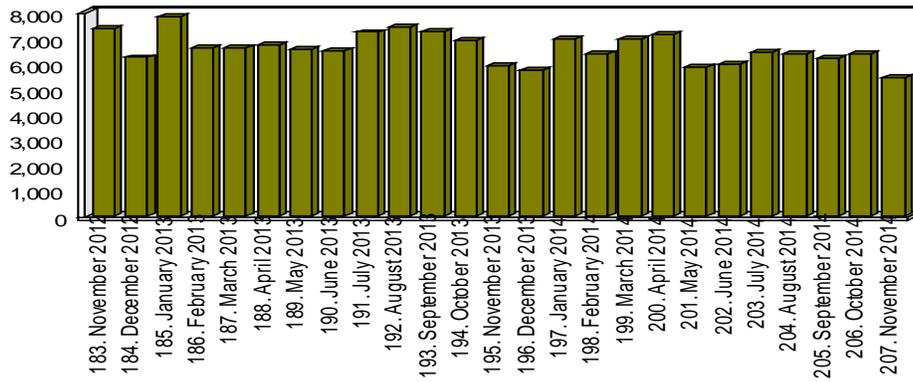
Program Combo	FS AGs
FS/MA	277,257
FS Only	99,657
CC/FS/MA	21,647
FS/MA/W2	11,374
CC/FS/MA/W2	7,077
CC/FS	790
FS/W2	153
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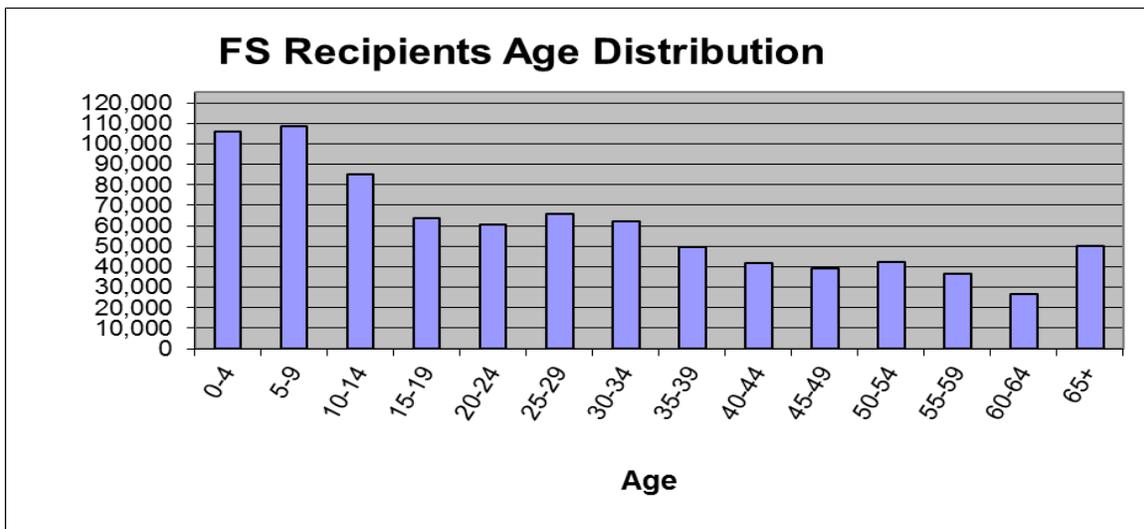
- **Historical Caseload Trend:** The statewide caseload decreased this month to 417 thousand, contributing to a slight decrease from 12 months ago.



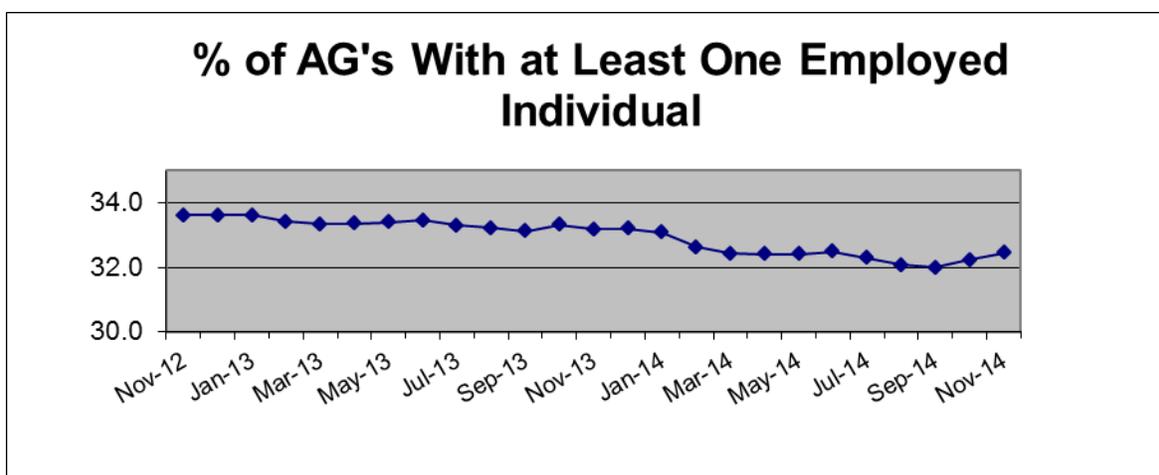
- First Time FS AG's:** This chart shows the number of first-time FS assistance groups over the last 2 years. Only AG's that have never received FS in Wisconsin before the month shown, appear in this chart. In November, 5,441 FS AG's received FS for the first time.



- Age Distribution:** The chart below shows the number of FS recipients by age, in 5 year increments. Children, between ages 5-9 has the largest number for any five year grouping making up 13% of recipients. 50% of the recipients are 24 and younger.



- **Elderly/Disabled:** 22% of FS recipients are either, elderly, blind, or disabled. 39% 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 \$144. However 24% of the EBD caseload is receiving an allotment of \$20 or less.
- **Work/Earnings:** 33% of the AG's have at least one person working. The average monthly earned income of those AG's' is \$1234,<sup>4</sup> a slight increase from last month. 39% of adult FS recipients are employed, the same as last month. Currently, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in Wisconsin is at 5.2%.<sup>5</sup>



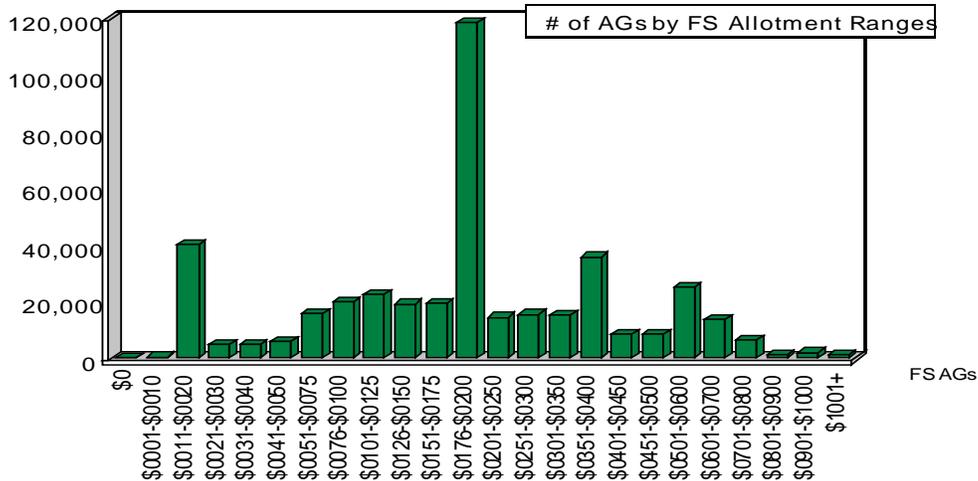
- **Working Families:** A "working family" is defined as a FS AG that contains at least one minor, at least one parent of a minor, and at least one employed recipient. This is an attempt to explore those FS recipients that have children and are working. Working families make up 20% of the statewide FS AG's, average 3.6 persons per AG, and average \$1,500 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	51,950	154,945	67,802,192	1,305	11,096,072	214	14,160,269	273
Two Parent FS Family	31,875	145,312	57,907,165	1,817	5,941,916	186	11,873,006	372
<b>Sum:</b>	<b>83,825</b>	<b>300,257</b>	<b>\$125,709,357</b>		<b>\$17,037,988</b>	<b>Sum:</b>	<b>\$26,033,275</b>	

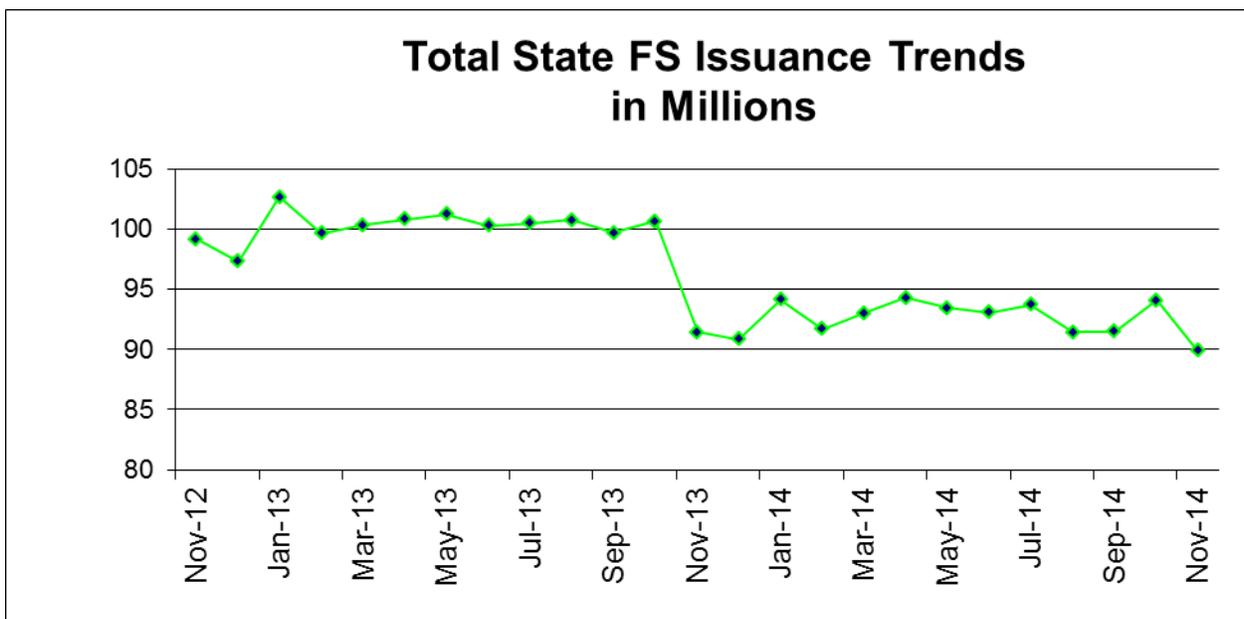
<sup>4</sup> This statistic contains prospective income for cases that may have caused the case to close at the end of the report month. Therefore, the income reported here was not necessarily the income used to calculate eligibility for the allotment amount.

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

- Allotments:** A total of \$89.8 million in FoodShare benefits were issued for the month. The average issuance amount per AG is \$215. Below is the frequency distribution of the benefit amounts.



- 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 \$89.9 million. The Drop in issuance in November 2013 was due to the expiration of a temporary increase in allotments granted by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)



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For other months' data, go to <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/foodshare/fsatag glance.htm>