



Wisconsin Food Security Project

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PORTAGE COUNTY FOOD SECURITY PROFILE (2005)

	County	Wisconsin		County	Wisconsin
ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS					
FOOD INSECURITY AND HUNGER			INCOME AND POVERTY		
Food insecurity rate (households) ^^	n/a	9.0%	Poverty rate *	9.5%	8.7%
Hunger rate (households) ^^	n/a	2.8%	Child poverty rate *	8.1%	10.8%
Food insecurity rate--WIC clients +	36.0%	44.0%	Median household income *	\$43,487	\$43,791
Hunger rate -- WIC clients +	15.0%	19.0%	HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS		
EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS			% nonelderly adults with disability **	11.5%	14.9%
Unemployment rate	4.6%	4.7%	% families headed by single mother **	7.0%	9.3%
Self-sufficiency wage ^	\$17.75	\$14.14	HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION		
Median earnings -- male fulltime, full year workers *	\$36,804	\$37,062	% of renters paying at least 35% of income in rent **	24.6%	24.7%
Median earnings -- female fulltime, full year workers *	\$24,156	\$25,865	Median rent **	\$477	\$540
			% of households with no vehicle **	5.8%	7.9%
FEDERAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS					
FOOD STAMPS			SCHOOL BREAKFAST		
Total participants during year	5,252	552,066	<i>Availability</i>		
Child participants	2,448	274,082	# children in participating schools	4,200	569,704
% of population participating	7.8%	10.3%	% of lunch sites serving breakfast	50.0%	57.0%
% of children participating	15.1%	20.0%	% of high-poverty lunch sites serving breakfast	40.0%	80.0%
Participants per 100 poor persons	86.47	122.26	% of children approved for free or reduced price meals who attend school with breakfast	44.0%	78.3%
# of application sites	1	133	<i>Participation</i>		
ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAMS			Average daily participation (ADP)	364	81,410
# congregate meal sites **	7	610	ADP free - reduced price breakfast	229	58,902
# congregate meals served **	34,462	2,767,788	ADP in breakfast relative to lunch	5.7%	14.9%
Congregate meals per 1000 elderly **	4,706	3,939	ADP in free and reduced price breakfast relative to lunch	12.6%	28.4%
# home-delivered meals served **	44,551	2,629,108	SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM		
Home meals per 1000 elderly **	6,084	3,742	Number of sites serving meals	7	364
SCHOOL LUNCH			Average daily attendance	312	30,454
<i>Availability</i>			Attendance in summer meals relative to free - reduced price lunch	17.1%	14.7%
# children in participating schools	10,448	936,384	WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)		
<i>Participation</i>			Total participants during year	1,953	203,851
Average daily participation (ADP)	6,399	545,537	% of eligible persons participating	79.5%	81.03%
ADP free and reduced price lunch	1,824	207,358	ACCESS TO FARMERS' MARKETS		
<i>School characteristics</i>			# of farmers' markets approved to receive WIC and Senior nutrition program vouchers	1	176
% of lunch sites that are high poverty	19.0%	30.0%	County distributes Senior farmers' market vouchers	Yes	37
% of children approved for free or reduced price lunch	25.5%	30.9%	County distributes WIC farmers' market vouchers	Yes	72
COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND NUTRITION EDUCATION					
Hunger Prevention Council	Yes	31	WI Nutrition Education Program	Yes	60

Variable from 1999 * Variable from 2000 ** Variable from 2002 +
Variable from 2004 ^ Variable from 2002-2004 ^^