

## *FoodShare and Food Insecurity in Wisconsin*

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Federal food assistance, known for years as Food Stamps and since 2008 as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), had its beginnings in the Great Depression. Now administered by the states, the program provides food assistance for millions of Americans. In Wisconsin, the program is known as FoodShare. The 2013 Wisconsin Legislature proposed some changes to the program, addressing potential fraud in the system and providing guidelines to ensure recipients use their benefits mainly on healthy foods. This bibliography provides resources on SNAP, FoodShare, and food insecurity.

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