

# SNAP Helps 1 in 11 Workers in Wisconsin Put Food on the Table



SNAP, FoodShare in Wisconsin, plays a crucial role in helping workers in low-paying jobs afford a basic diet in Wisconsin. Roughly 271,000 Wisconsinite workers live in households that participated in FoodShare in the last year, Census data show.

Millions of Americans work in jobs with low wages, inconsistent schedules, and no benefits such as paid sick leave — all of which contribute to high turnover and spells of unemployment. Many of these workers get help putting food on the table through FoodShare.

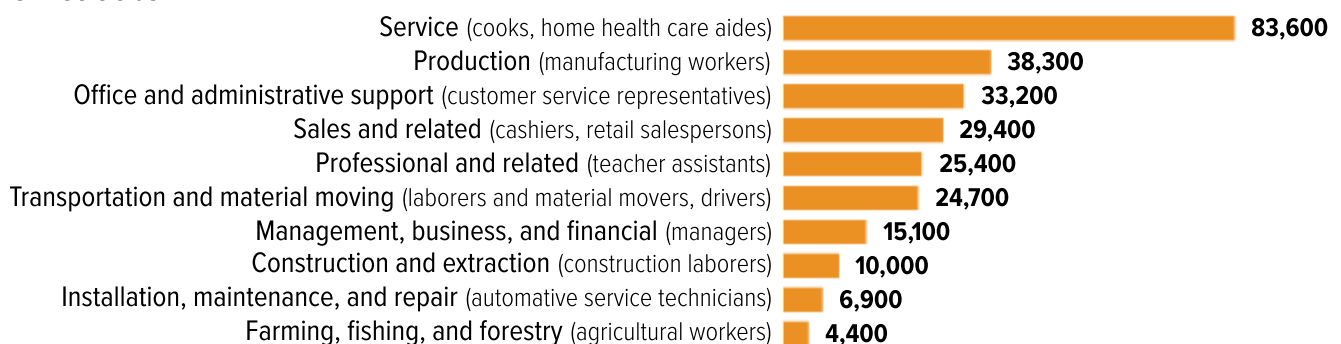
## FoodShare Helps Workers:

- ✓ Who earn low wages.  
FoodShare boosts low wages to help workers afford adequate food.
- ✓ Who have unpredictable schedules.  
FoodShare benefits help smooth out variable income for workers whose paychecks rise and fall as their hours change.
- ✓ Who are between jobs.  
FoodShare helps workers without paid sick leave or other benefits, which can cause them to lose income or employment when they have a family crisis.

## Wisconsinites Participating in FoodShare Most Commonly Work in Service, Production, and Office Jobs

In Wisconsin, workers who participate in FoodShare most commonly work in service occupations, such as cooks or home health care aides, production occupations, such as manufacturing workers, and office and administrative support occupations, such as customer service representatives.

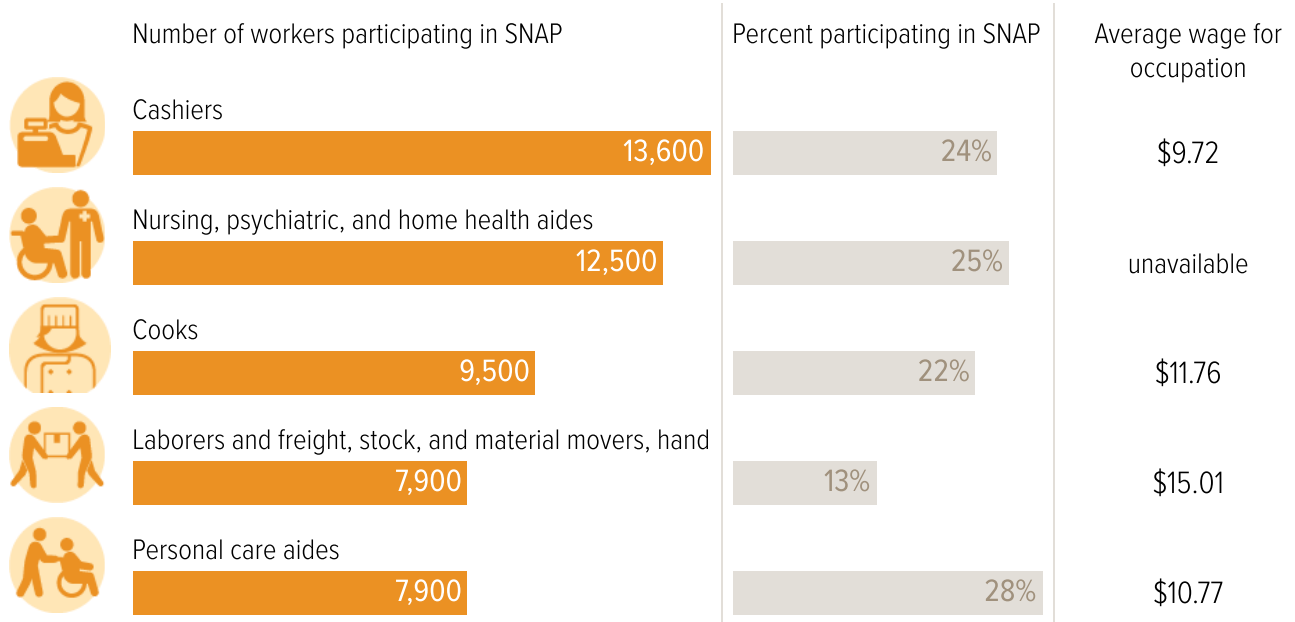
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## Working Wisconsinites Participating in FoodShare Typically Have Jobs With Low Wages

For example, the top five occupations among Wisconsinites participating in FoodShare have average hourly wages far below the state average of \$21.75 in 2016.

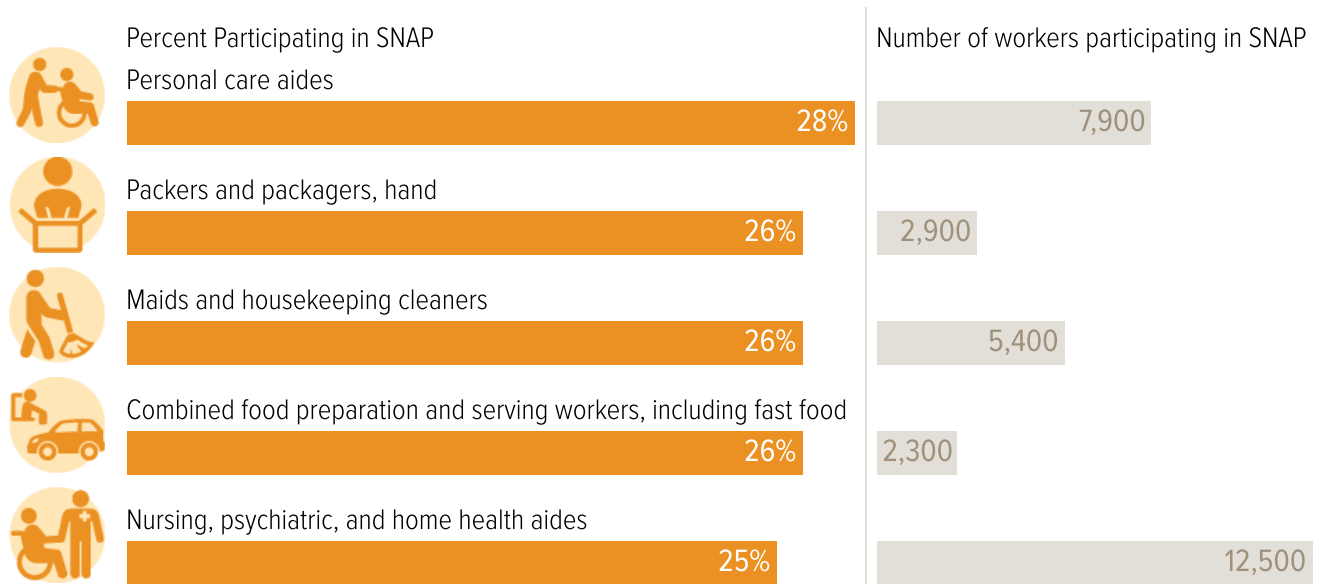
### Top Occupations Among Wisconsinites Participating in FoodShare by Number of Workers



### In Some Occupations, a Large Share of Workers Participate in FoodShare

Workers in many of these jobs often earn low wages or work fewer or less consistent hours than they would like, so FoodShare provides essential support. Over one-quarter of personal care aides, hand packers and packagers, maids and housekeeping cleaners, and combined food preparation and serving workers, and one-quarter of nursing assistants and other health aides participate in FoodShare.

### Top Occupations in Wisconsin by Percentage of Workers Participating in FoodShare



For more state data and source information, see “SNAP Helps Low-Wage Workers in Every State,” <https://www.cbpp.org/blog/interactive-map-snap-helps-low-wage-workers-in-every-state>.