

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

SNAP in Wisconsin, the FoodShare program, and is overseen by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Benefits are provided by EBT to low-income people in Wisconsin to purchase food.

Program website: [FoodShare Wisconsin](#)

SNAP / FOOD STAMP / FOOD SHARE FILES (1995-2019)

Food Stamp data file (fsYYYY)

1984 (partial), 1988 (partial), 1989-1993, 1994 (partial), 1995 (partial) from CRN system.

1994 (partial), 1995 (partial), 1996-2019 from CARES system.

Food Stamp (SNAP) data, by month, within year.

One observation per IRPID/IRPcaseID, for people who are included as eligible members of a food stamp case, and for people who are the Primary Person of a case, even if they, themselves, are not eligible for food stamps.

There can be more than one observation for primary people per case, if there is more than one Primary Person in that case in the same year. Individuals can also be in multiple cases in the same year, and so multiple observations per IRPID can occur.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked CARES case
FSamtYYYYMM	Total dollar amount (rounded to the nearest dollar) of Food Stamp dollars in this month for the entire case. The dollar amount is found only on the record of the Primary Person in the case.
FSmemYYYYMM	Total number of HH members eligible for Food Stamps in this month. This number is found only on the record of the Primary Person in the case.
PPcodeYYYYMM	"Type of person" code for this individual in this month.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MEDICAID/BADGERCARE)

Wisconsin's BadgerCare and Medicaid programs are administered by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and provide health care coverage to poor and low-income Wisconsin residents.

Program websites: [BadgerCare Plus](#) and [Medicaid in Wisconsin](#)

MEDICAID/BADGERCARE ENROLLMENT FILES (1995-2019)

Medical Assistance data file (medYYYY)

1984 (partial), 1988 (partial), 1989-1993, 1994 (partial), 1995 (partial) from CRN system.

1994 (partial), 1995 (partial), 1996-2019 from CARES system.

Medical Assistance Data, monthly, by year.

At least one observation per IRPID per IRPcaseID for a calendar year (for any CRN/CARES individual who has at least one month of medical coverage in the year).

Programs are included from: Medicaid, Family Planning Waiver (FPW), and BadgerCare Plus.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked CARES case
PPcodeYYYYMM	"Type of person" code for this individual in this month.
MEDtypeYYYYMM	CRN (pre-1995) Medical assistance coverage type codes.
MEDindCOVYYYYMM	Indicator of family coverage within a case within this month
MEDtypeCOVYYYYMM	Type of medical assistance or Medicaid

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAM

UI benefits and wage records are under the administration of the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD).

Program website: [Unemployment Insurance](#)

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FILES (benefits and spells: 2006-2019, wage records: 1988-2019)

Unemployment Insurance benefit data file (uibenefitsYYYY)

2006 partial, 2017-2019

Unemployment Insurance benefit information, by IRPID, by week. Dollar amount of unemployment insurance benefit payments.

One observation per IRPID per month, per year, if that individual had any unemployment insurance benefit dollars paid to them within that year.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
UIbenefitsYYYYMM	Total benefits, in dollars, received in this month

Unemployment Insurance unemployment spells file (uiunemploymentspellsYYYY)

2006 partial, 2017-2019

Unemployment Insurance benefit information, by IRPID, by week: time period of unemployment spells.

One observation per IRPID per week, per year, if that individual had unemployment spells reported to UI, and a subsequent payment of unemployment insurance benefit dollars (in that year, or in subsequent years).

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
UIunemplweekYYYYWW	Unemployed in this WEEK. UIunemplweek200701 = first week of 2007 UIunemplweek200752 = last week of 2007

Unemployment Insurance wage record data file (uiwageYYYY)

1988-2019

Unemployment Insurance wage record data, by quarter, within year.

One observation per IRPID per emplIDnm per WC per year, if that individual had any wages reported to UI within that year.

Given that many individuals have multiple employers in a year or a quarter, there can be multiple observations per year for a single individual.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
wagesYYYYQ	Total wages, in dollars, reported within this quarter. wages20071 = first quarter of 2007 wages20074 = fourth quarter of 2007
emplIDnm	IRP-generated masked employer ID
WC	Dummy variable indicating whether the wage amounts are actually worker's compensation payments.

INCARCERATION (STATE CORRECTIONS and MILWAUKEE JAIL)

Data on incarceration is provided by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC), and the Milwaukee County Jail.

INCARCERATION FILES (1990-2019)

Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) incarceration spells (docYYYY)

1990-2019

DOC (WI Department of Correction) incarceration spells, by month, within year, by IRPID.

One observation per IRPID for a calendar year for any DOC individual who has at least one episode of incarceration in the year.

Partial months of incarceration are counted. If a person is released on the first day of the month, that month is counted as an incarceration month.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
incarYYYYMM	A full or partial month of incarceration this month in Wisconsin State prison.

Milwaukee Jail incarceration spells (milwjailYYYY)

1993-2019

Milwaukee Jail incarceration spells, by month, within year, by IRPID.

One observation per IRPID for each calendar year for any individual who has at least one episode of incarceration in the Milwaukee Jail system during that year.

Partial months of incarceration are counted. If a person is released on the first day of the month, that month is counted as an incarceration month.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier
incarYYYYMM	A full or partial month of incarceration this month in Milwaukee Jail System.

CHILD WELFARE / CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) oversees child welfare services and programs including child protective services, foster care, adoption, and out of home care.

For more information, visit DCF's *Child Welfare Reports and Data* page:

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/cwportal/reports>

CHILD WELFARE/SACWIS files (1985-2019)

Screened-in CPS (Child Protective Services) Reports (SACscreened)

1985-2004 partial, 2005-2019

This file contains all screened-in CPS reports, by "known" child victim. Contains information on CPS report, substantiation results, maltreater IRPID, and relationship of maltreater to victim.

One observation per IRPIDch (victim) per CPS report, per IRPcaseID (SACWIS case). Note that screened-OUT reports are not in this data, nor are screened-in reports with a missing or generic victim id. Otherwise includes all screened-in CPS reports entered into the SACWIS data system through 2019.

Note: These are allegations only. Most have not been substantiated. Each CPS event can have multiple allegations and multiple maltreaters, each with its own substantiation results, and this complexity is handled here by creating series of variables for each CPS report row.

Variables

IRPIDch	IRP-generated masked individual identifier of the child victim of maltreatment
IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked SACWIS case <i>Note:</i> some SACWIS case have a missing case ID code.
IRPIDref	IRP-generated masked MSPF identifier of the reference person on the SACWIS case. This is typically the mother of the child, although there are certain types of cases in which the reference person is the child (adoption, for example)
IRPIDMAL1-IRPIDMAL25	IRP-generated masked MSPF identifier of the alleged maltreater on the corresponding allegation in the CANallegation1-25 slots.
referraldate	Date of referral, in SAS format.
TSRCVD	The time at which the report was first received
TSRFRD	The time at which the report was referred to CPS
county	County of CPS report
zip5	The 5-digit zip code of the address recorded at intake
iadcsndate	The date of the initial assessment (IA) decision

spvdcdate	The date of the supervisor's approval of the IA decision
invdisp1-invdisp25	The disposition of the investigation
relation1-relation25	Relationship type. Relation of the maltreater in the corresponding IRPIDMAL1-25 slots, to the victim IRPIDCH on the given CPS report row.
CANallegation1-CANallegation25	"Child abuse and neglect" allegation codes (CAN). A code may be repeated in these variables across a CPS report because there are multiple maltreaters
totalign	Total number of allegation – maltreater combinations on the row, up to 25
allegationsubst1-allegationsubst25	substantiation results of the corresponding allegation in slots CANallegation1-25
perpsubst1-perpsubst25	substantiation results for the corresponding maltreater in slots IRPIDMAL1-25
INVSASSESS	report investigation code, the assessment made with the investigation, if an investigation occurred
CDHSHLDMBR	Indicator of whether or not the case address is the primary residence for the case participant
CDRSPNS	indicates the priority given to the phone call at the time of intake
FLAFTERHOURS	A flag which indicates whether or not the intake occurred after hours
INVESTBEGIN	The date the investigation into the CPS report begins. If there is no date here, there was no investigation. In SAS date format
INVESTEND	The date the investigation into the CPS report ends. If there is no date here, there was no investigation. In SAS date format
LIVINGARR	Child Living Arrangement - the living arrangement of the family at the time of the investigation, if an investigation occurred.
SACwrkrACR1-25	IRP-constructed unique identifier of the case worker in SACWIS as identified in the access table
SACwrkrCPS1-25	IRP-constructed unique identifier of the case worker in SACWIS as identified in the CPS report table
SACwrkrIA	IRP-constructed unique identifier of the caseworker who approved the initial assessment (IA) decision
SACspvrIA	IRP-constructed unique identifier of the supervisor who approved the initial assessment (IA) decision.
screenreason	Screen-in reason. Not a required field. <i>Note:</i> this is NOT the field used to determine whether a report was screened in or not

Screened-in and Substantiated CPS Allegations (SACsubst)

1985-2004 partial, 2005-2019

All SACWIS screened-in and substantiated CPS allegations, by "known" victim (child), per SACWIS case, per referral period, per maltreater.

One observation per IRPIDch (victim ID) per IRPcaseID (SACWIS case) per referral period (calendar month) per substantiated IRPIDmal (maltreater ID). Includes all screened-in and substantiated CPS allegations entered into the SACWIS data system through 2019.

Note: Each CPS event can have multiple allegations and multiple maltreaters, each with its own substantiation results, and this complexity is handled here by creating series of variables for each CPS report row.

Variables

IRPIDch1	IRP-generated masked individual identifier of the child victim of maltreatment
IRPIDmal1	IRP-generated masked identifier of the substantiated maltreater. <i>Note:</i> some cases in SACWIS have no maltreater ID.
IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked SACWIS case <i>Note:</i> some SACWIS case have a missing case ID code.
referralperiod	Calendar month of referral, formatted as YYYYMM
county	County of CPS report
relation1-relation2	relationship of maltreater to the victim <i>Note:</i> a maltreater could have two relationship codes
CANallegation1-CANallegation4	"Child abuse and neglect" substantiated allegation codes (up to 4 codes)
SACwrkrACR	a unique identifier for the case worker in SACWIS as identified in the ACCESS table
SACwrkrCPS	a unique identifier for the case worker in SACWIS as identified in the CPS report table

Service Intake Reports (SACsvcintks)

1985-2004 partial, 2005-2019

All service intake reports, by SACWIS case.

One observation per IRPcaseID per service intake event.

Variables

IRPcaseID	IRP-generated masked SACWIS case <i>Note:</i> some SACWIS case have a missing case ID code.
IRPsacppID	IRP-generated masked Provider pin number, if available

	<i>Note: most times this field is empty</i>
SACwrkrACR	IRP-generated masked identifier of the SACWIS caseworker for the event
county	County of case
courtorderstudy	Indicator of whether or not there was a court order re: study
incidentdate	Date of incident, may not be the same as the report receipt date. Required field.
receiptdate	Report receipt date.
servicetype	Services type report. Not a required field.
superdecisiondate	Date of supervisor decision

All out-of-home placements (SACoutofhome)

1985-2004 partial, 2005-2019

All SACWIS out-of-home placements (removal from home), per child (IRPID), per calendar month

One observation per IRPID (child) per calendar month. Five sets of data, by calendar years.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier of the child who has been removed from home
out198501-out201812	Monthly Indicator for removal from home, and out-of-home placement, by (full or partial) month
ends198501-ends201812	Final end reason for an out-of-home placement. Will appear in the last month of the OHP

All placements (in an out-of-home episode) (SACplacements1985_2019)

1985-2004 partial, 2005-2019

All SACWIS placements in an out of home episode, per child (IRPID), from 1985 through 2019. An out-of-home episode can span multiple placements. This file differs from the SACouthome file which is in a calendar format. Hence, this file contains more detail about each placement situation.

File includes the ID of the caseworker who approved the out of home placement (IDSACWRKR), the approval decision (CD_ACTN), and the discharge placement reason (DISCHGRSN).

One observation per IRPID (child) per placement in an out of home episode.

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier of the child who has been removed from home
CD_ACTN	The approval decision for the out of home placement
dischgrsn	The discharge reason from the placement episode
IDSACWRKR	The masked ID of the worker who made the approval decision for the out of home placement (CD_ACTN)
reasonend	The end reason for the placement on the given row. Not a required field, though it appears this field is populated on any completed placement row.
plcmnttype	The placement setting for the placement on the given row. Not a required field
CDCRTRK	The caretaking constellation structure from which the child has been removed for the placement situation on the given row. Not a required field. This field is unpopulated 67.43% of the time in this data
begindate	The start date for the placement situation on the given row
enddate	End date of each placement situation on the given row
removaldate	The first date the child was removed from the home for a given out of home episode. This date marks the begin date of the OHP episode (NOT the placement) and will be repeated on any other placement associated with the same OHP episode.
FL_BEST_INTRST	Caseworkers answer to the following question for each placement: Is this referral in the best interest of the child? Y/N Required field.
FL_CS_CRT_ORD	Caseworkers answer to the following question for each placement: Is there a court order for the child support? Y/N Required field.
FL_LONG_TRM	Caseworkers answer to the following question for each placement: Is this placement expected to be long term? Y/N Required field.
FL_PLCM_DSCH	This indicates whether the placement on the given row is a removal from all placements associated with the OHP episode, which may span multiple placement rows. Required field.
FL_RMVLF	This indicates whether the placement on the given row is the first removal from original home at the start of the OHP episode, which can span multiple placement rows. Required field.

All Voluntary Kinship care episodes (SACvolcar1997_2019)

1997-2019

All SACWIS voluntary kinship care episodes, per child (IRPID). Contains a series of calendar month variables which indicate month of k-care and end of placement reason in the last month of each placement.

One observation per IRPID (child)

Variables

IRPID	IRP-generated masked individual identifier of the child who has been removed from home
vkcar199701-vkcar201712	Monthly Indicator for placement in voluntary kinship care, by (full or partial) month
endrs199701-endrs201712	Final end reason for a voluntary kinship care. Will appear in the last month of the OHP