

IM Central Consortium – Economic Support 2019-2020 Overview  
(Includes Langelade, Lincoln, Marathon, and Portage Counties)

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Change</u>
Total Caseload as of Dec. 31	27,984	32,027	+4,043
Applications FoodShare (FS)	10,821	12,363	+1,542
Applications for Health Care (HC)*	12,459	12,134	-316
Active HC cases as of Dec. 31	23,732	27,752	+4,020
Active FS cases as of Dec. 31	11,047	13,984	+2,937
Annual total of calls received	81,118	67,586	-13,532
Average calls per month	6,760	5,632	-1,128

\*Moratorium on HC cases during pandemic-due to not closing HC cases, even with receiving less applications, the total active cases increased.

Marathon County residents were 13,910 of the 27,984 cases in 2019 and 15,904 of the 32,027 cases for 2020.

Health Care = HC

FoodShare = FS

## Statewide FoodShare (FS) Recipients for 2020

Month	Unduplicated FS Recipients	FS AG*s	Adults (18+ years)	Minors < 18 Years	FS Issuance Amount – FTM	Average Recipients per AG*	Average Issuance Amount
269. January 2020	606,190	314,430	357,404	248,786	\$63,059,987.00	1.927901282	\$200.55
270. February 2020	606,860	315,310	358,406	248,454	\$63,715,975.00	1.924645587	\$202.07
271. March 2020	612,658	318,516	362,647	250,011	\$105,943,573.00	1.923476372	\$332.62
272. April 2020	677,238	351,910	404,120	273,118	\$115,490,997.00	1.924463641	\$328.18
273. May 2020	705,802	368,081	424,477	281,325	\$121,469,148.00	1.917518155	\$330.01
274. June 2020	692,749	365,356	419,900	272,849	\$76,257,872.00	1.896093126	\$208.72
275. July 2020	689,816	365,258	419,564	270,252	\$119,625,345.00	1.888571914	\$327.51
276. August 2020	709,183	372,820	429,637	279,546	\$121,625,095.00	1.902212864	\$326.23
278. October 2020	707,522	371,422	428,725	278,797	\$128,787,643.00	1.904900625	\$346.74
279. November 2020	726,758	382,835	442,029	284,729	\$131,686,570.00	1.898358301	\$343.98
280. December 2020	741,895	392,341	453,360	288,535	\$134,425,043.00	1.890944357	\$342.62
<b>Average:</b>	<b>679,697</b>	<b>356,207</b>	<b>409,115</b>	<b>270,582</b>	<b>\$107,462,477.09</b>	<b>1.908151768</b>	<b>\$301.69</b>

\*AG = Assistance Group

## Resolution in Support of Increased County Child Support Funding

- WHEREAS: Marathon County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of the state, providing services to 8,083 Marathon County residents including paternity establishment, obtaining child support and health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and modifying those orders; and
- WHEREAS: Our children's well-being, economic security and success in life are enhanced by parents who provide financial and emotional support; and
- WHEREAS: County child support agencies collected \$935 Million in child support during 2019 and established 98,405 health insurance orders for Wisconsin children; and
- WHEREAS: Marathon County's Child Support Agency provides services to children as well as custodial and non-custodial parents that reduce childhood poverty rates, establish parental rights and promote the involvement of both parents in the lives of their children; and
- WHEREAS: The economic security and social service programs provided by Marathon County Child Support Agency are needed by Wisconsin children and families now more than ever due to the economic downturn caused by COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS: State funding for county child support services has failed to keep up with county agency costs, which have steadily increased due to growing caseloads, inflation and new federal regulations; and
- WHEREAS: Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program has fallen from 2<sup>nd</sup> in the nation for collecting current support to 5<sup>th</sup>; and
- WHEREAS: Wisconsin's decreased performance has led to the state losing out on an estimated \$70,000 in potential federal incentive payments between Calendar Year 2019 and 2020; and
- WHEREAS: An abrupt federal interpretation change in June 2019 eliminated \$4.2 million in federal birth cost recovery matching funds for Wisconsin; and
- WHEREAS: Wisconsin's strong performance in child support is at risk without additional state funding. Further drops in performance would result in additional reductions to federal funding for Wisconsin; and
- WHEREAS: Decreased federal funding results in less funding for Marathon County's child support agency. This could lead to reductions in child support enforcement staff and services and reduced child support collections; and
- WHEREAS: New state investments in child support are amplified by a generous federal match. Every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support Program generates roughly \$2 in federal matching funds; and
- WHEREAS: Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is incredibly cost-effective, collecting an average of \$6.20 in support for every dollar invested in the program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Marathon County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that state funding for county child support agencies be increased by \$4 million GPR in each fiscal year of the 2021-23 Wisconsin state budget, which will generate approximately \$7.7 million in additional federal funding each year. This investment will ensure that Wisconsin counties can continue to effectively provide economic support to our children.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives representing Marathon County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

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