

## Low-Income Survey Results

### **Background and Methodology:**

In May 2010, 451 unduplicated surveys were collected from low-income Waushara County residents. Low-income residents were identified as those that use the food pantries, seek financial assistance from the Waushara County Department of Human Services, enrolled in Fresh Start, Head Start, and other programs provided by CAP Services, and identified by UW-Extension faculty or local clergy through their participation in local programs. Respondents received surveys from the following sources: 58% Waushara County Department of Human Services; 10% First Congregational Church Pantry-Redgranite; 8% Waushara County Commodity Food Pantry-Wautoma; 6% Poy Sippi Food Pantry; 5% WIC; 4% Head Start; 3% Saxeville Food Pantry; 2% Grace United Methodist Church-Wautoma and CAP Services; 1% UMOS and 1% UW-Extension Services.

Using survey responses to income and household size, the chart below shows the household income distribution of survey respondents relative to the Federal Poverty Level.

<b>Household poverty status<sup>1</sup>:</b> <i>(based on reported income and household size during past 12 months)</i>	
Below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level	57%
Below 130% of the Federal Poverty Level	65%
Below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level	83%
Below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level	84%
Above 200% of the Federal Poverty Level	6%
No response	10%

### **Survey Demographics**

The chart below shows the racial/ethnicity of survey respondents as compared to the Waushara County Population. An attempt was made to have a sample that represented the racial/ethnic mix of Waushara County.

<b>What is your Race/Ethnicity?</b>	<b>Survey Respondents</b>	<b>Waushara County Population, 2008 Census<sup>2</sup></b>
White (not Hispanic)	85%	93%
Black/African-American	0%	0.8%
Latino/Hispanic	9%	5%
Native American/American Indian	1%	0.5%
Asian	0.5%	0.4%
No response	4.5%	Not applicable

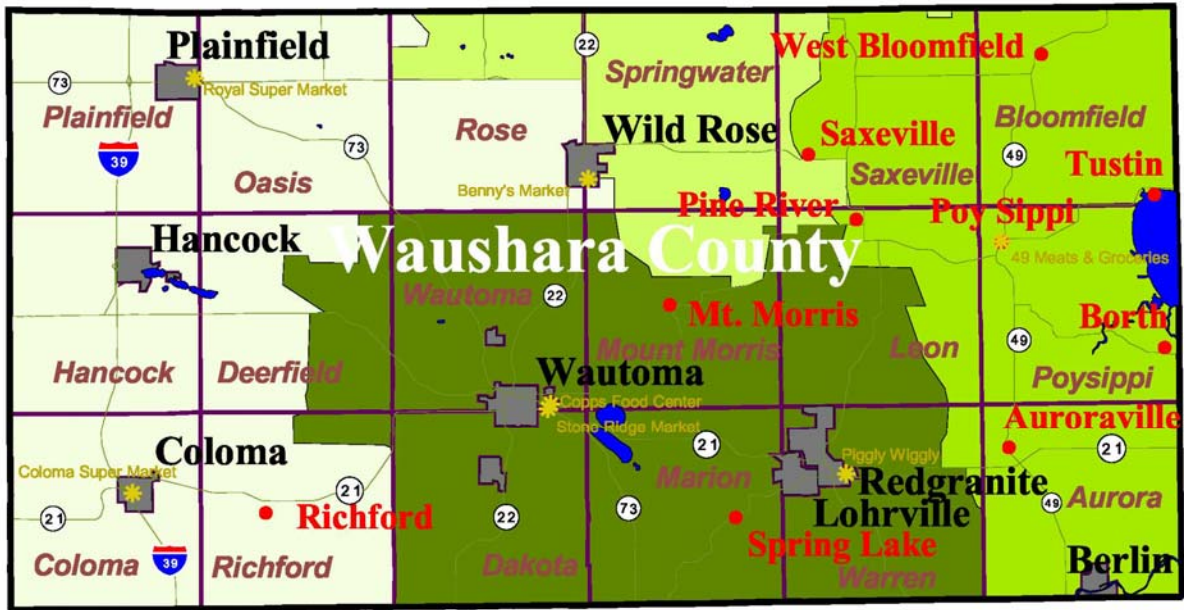
<sup>1</sup> Based on the 2009-2010 Federal Poverty Guidelines of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

<sup>2</sup> Since our survey targeted Waushara County residents at organizations and agencies that help low-income people, comparisons with the general population are not optimal.

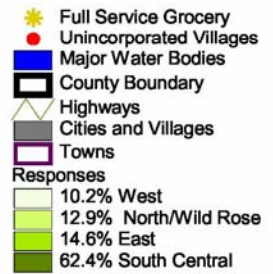
**Survey Distribution**

Survey respondents represent household locations depicted in the following map are:

- 57% South Central;
- 12% North/Wild Rose Area;
- 14% Western Municipalities; and
- 9% Eastern Municipalities.



# Low Income Survey Response Distribution



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The overall margin of error for survey results is +/- 4.6%.