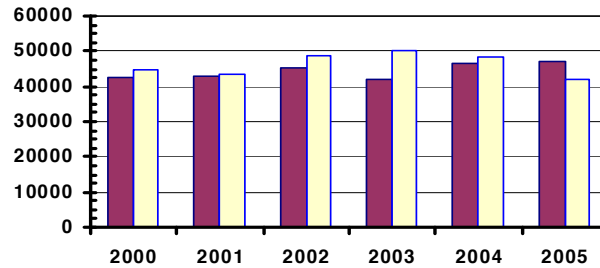


Availability of Community and Home Delivered Meals in Wood County

Aging Resource Center of Wood County



Key Facts

- Nutrition programs act as a critical health preventative service by helping older adults stay independent and living at home as long as possible.
- The Aging Resource Center of Wood County received \$328,250 of federal and state funds in 2005, specifically earmarked for the Nutrition Program.
- In 2005, there were 105,742 meals delivered to homebound seniors in Wood County.

Why is this Information Important?

Nutrition programs for seniors are considered the cornerstone of long-term care because participation often serves as a catalyst for provision of other needed services.

Nutrition Programs:

The Aging Resource Center of Wood County administers a strong nutritional program for seniors, which provides a hot noon meal at eight congregate dining sites throughout the county. These group lunch sites provided 47,039 meals in 2005 enhanced by socialization, nutrition education and information, and entertainment.

Home delivered meals in Wood County are provided through a partnership of Riverview Hospital in Wisconsin Rapids, Saint Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield and the Aging Resource Center of Wood County. The Aging Resource Center delivered 41,934 meals to homebound seniors in 2005. Riverview Hospital delivered 18,387 meals and Saint Joseph's Hospital delivered 45,421 meals to homebound seniors in 2005.

Community meals are also offered at The Neighborhood Table in Wisconsin Rapids and at The Samaritan House in Marshfield.

Sources: Wood County Aging Resource Center; Riverview Hospital; Saint Joseph's Hospital