

BENTON COUNTY

Missouri Hunger Atlas

Total Population	18,854	Population Below Poverty	17%	Obesity	27%
Population < 18 years	18%	< 18 years Below Poverty	28%	Diabetes	7%
Population > 64 years	23%	> 64 years Below Poverty	10%	Hypertension	26%

Need Indicators

Overall Rank 31/115

Performance Indicators

Overall Rank 66/115

	County	Trend	State	County Rank*
Food Insecurity				
% of total population food insecure	14%	—	13%	39
% of <18 years food insecure	21%	—	18%	28
% of >64 years food insecure	6%	—	7%	83
% food insecure w/ hunger	4%	▲	4%	38
Food Stamp Program				
% of total population eligible	24%	▲	22%	31
% <18 years eligible	39%	▲	31%	21
# of monthly total participants	3,315	▲	NA	NA
% of total population	18%	▲	15%	29
# of monthly participants <18 years	1,230	▲	NA	NA
% of <18 years population	36%	▲	26%	18
Monthly benefits	\$253,489	▲	NA	NA
Free & Reduced School Lunch Program				
% of students eligible	56%	▲	47%	22
Women, Infants, & Children Program (WIC)				
# of monthly total participants	400	—	NA	NA
# of monthly infant & child participant	288	—	NA	NA
% of <5 years eligible	49%	—	48%	54
% of <5 years participating	36%	▼	36%	55

* County rank: 1 = highest need to 115 = lowest need.

	County	Trend	State	County Rank**
Food Stamp Program Participation				
% of total eligible	72%	▲	67%	36
% of <18 years eligible	92%	▲	83%	29
% of food insecure population	61%	▲	54%	34
% of food insecure w/ hunger	88%	▲	77%	33
% of <18 years food insecure	86%	▲	69%	15
% of <100% poverty	91%	▲	86%	40
Free & Reduced School Lunch Program Participation				
% of eligible participating	77%	▼	79%	73
Summer Food Service Program Reimbursements				
Reimbursements per student	\$3	NA	\$30	NA
Women, Infants, & Children Program (WIC) Participation				
% of <5 years eligible who are enrolled	73%	▼	73%	55
Child & Adult Care Food Program Reimbursements				
Reimbursements per capita <5 years & <100% poverty	\$124	NA	\$319	91
Food Bank Distributions				
Lbs per capita food insecure	10	NA	93	112
Lbs per capita <100% poverty	7	NA	73	112

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