

MERCER COUNTY

Missouri Hunger Atlas

Total Population	3,595	Population Below Poverty	13%	Obesity	23%
Population < 18 years	21%	< 18 years Below Poverty	17%	Diabetes	10%
Population > 64 years	20%	> 64 years Below Poverty	15%	Hypertension	31%

Need Indicators

Overall Rank 69/115

Performance Indicators

Overall Rank 7/115

	County	Trend	State	County Rank*
Food Insecurity				
% of total population food insecure	13%	—	13%	60
% of <18 years food insecure	17%	—	18%	73
% of >64 years food insecure	7%	—	7%	42
% food insecure w/ hunger	4%	▲	4%	60
Food Stamp Program				
% of total population eligible	18%	▼	22%	86
% <18 years eligible	27%	▲	31%	82
# of monthly total participants	400	▲	NA	NA
% of total population	11%	▲	15%	80
# of monthly participants <18 years	153	▲	NA	NA
% of <18 years population	20%	▲	26%	83
Monthly benefits	\$27,521	▲	NA	NA
Free & Reduced School Lunch Program				
% of students eligible	44%	—	47%	70
Women, Infants, & Children Program (WIC)				
# of monthly total participants	135	▲	NA	NA
# of monthly infant & child participant	101	▲	NA	NA
% of <5 years eligible	57%	▲	48%	39
% of <5 years participating	49%	▲	36%	15

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

	County	Trend	State	County Rank**
Food Stamp Program Participation				
% of total eligible	60%	▲	67%	76
% of <18 years eligible	75%	▲	83%	86
% of food insecure population	41%	▲	54%	95
% of food insecure w/ hunger	59%	▲	77%	95
% of <18 years food insecure	56%	▲	69%	95
% of <100% poverty	75%	▲	86%	89
Free & Reduced School Lunch Program Participation				
% of eligible participating	89%	—	79%	2
Summer Food Service Program Reimbursements				
Reimbursements per student	dnp	NA	\$30	NA
Women, Infants, & Children Program (WIC) Participation				
% of <5 years eligible who are enrolled	86%	—	73%	5
Child & Adult Care Food Program Reimbursements				
Reimbursements per capita <5 years & <100% poverty	\$146	NA	\$319	84
Food Bank Distributions				
Lbs per capita food insecure	62	NA	93	40
Lbs per capita <100% poverty	53	NA	73	40

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