

# POLK COUNTY

# Missouri Hunger Atlas

Total Population	28,892	Population Below Poverty	16%	Obesity	18%
Population < 18 years	23%	< 18 years Below Poverty	23%	Diabetes	6%
Population > 64 years	15%	> 64 years Below Poverty	12%	Hypertension	30%

## Need Indicators

Overall Rank 34/115

## Performance Indicators

Overall Rank 36/115

	County	Trend	State	County Rank*
<b>Food Insecurity</b>				
% of total population food insecure	14%	—	13%	36
% of <18 years food insecure	19%	—	18%	42
% of >64 years food insecure	7%	—	7%	58
% food insecure w/ hunger	4%	▲	4%	36
<b>Food Stamp Program</b>				
% of total population eligible	24%	—	22%	37
% <18 years eligible	33%	▲	31%	44
# of monthly total participants	4,738	▲	NA	NA
% of total population	16%	▲	15%	39
# of monthly participants <18 years	1,947	▲	NA	NA
% of <18 years population	29%	▲	26%	38
Monthly benefits	\$359,676	▲	NA	NA
<b>Free &amp; Reduced School Lunch Program</b>				
% of students eligible	51%	▲	47%	37
<b>Women, Infants, &amp; Children Program (WIC)</b>				
# of monthly total participants	907	—	NA	NA
# of monthly infant & child participant	674	—	NA	NA
% of <5 years eligible	48%	▲	48%	56
% of <5 years participating	39%	▲	36%	47

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

	County	Trend	State	County Rank**
<b>Food Stamp Program Participation</b>				
% of total eligible	70%	▲	67%	40
% of <18 years eligible	88%	▲	83%	38
% of food insecure population	56%	▲	54%	42
% of food insecure w/ hunger	81%	▲	77%	43
% of <18 years food insecure	74%	▲	69%	43
% of <100% poverty	90%	▲	86%	42
<b>Free &amp; Reduced School Lunch Program Participation</b>				
% of eligible participating	77%	▼	79%	80
<b>Summer Food Service Program Reimbursements</b>				
Reimbursements per student	\$32	▲	\$30	34
<b>Women, Infants, &amp; Children Program (WIC) Participation</b>				
% of <5 years eligible who are enrolled	80%	—	73%	21
<b>Child &amp; Adult Care Food Program Reimbursements</b>				
Reimbursements per capita <5 years & <100% poverty	\$114	NA	\$319	95
<b>Food Bank Distributions</b>				
Lbs per capita food insecure	40	NA	93	55
Lbs per capita <100% poverty	29	NA	73	54

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