



MERCER COUNTY

OVERALL RANK*

Need	Performance
Average	Low

*Need is from a composite score including % food uncertain, % SNAP eligible, % NSLP enrolled, and % < 5 WIC eligible. Performance is from a composite score including % eligible and participating in SNAP, NSLP, WIC, and pounds of food distributed per capita < 100% poverty.

NEED INDICATORS	COUNTY	STATE	RANK
Food Insecurity 2017			
% Individuals Food Insecure	13.5%	14.2%	Low
% Individuals < 18 Food Insecure	18.1%	17.5%	Low
% Individuals Food Insecure with Hunger	5.1%	4.8%	Low
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2018			
% Total Population Income Eligible	26.1%	19.4%	High
% < 18 Years Income Eligible	36.1%	26.1%	High
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2018			
% Students Enrolled	51.7%	49.5%	Average
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2017			
% < 5 Years Income Eligible	49.1%	43.3%	Low
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	COUNTY	STATE	RANK
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2018			
Number of Monthly Participants	268	720,543	—
% Total Population Participating	7.3%	11.8%	Very Low
% Income Eligible and Participating	28.6%	63.2%	Very Low
Number of Monthly Participants < 18 Years	112	325,938	—
% < 18 Years Participating	12.9%	23.6%	Very Low
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2018			
% Students Enrolled and Participating	77%	74.7%	High
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2017			
Number < 5 Years Participating, Monthly	56	89,338	—
% < 5 Years Eligible and Participating	53.2%	55.9%	Low
Food Bank Distributions 2018			
Total Pounds Distributed in County	109,812	140,373,817	—
Pounds Per Capita Below 100% Poverty Level	173	163	—
COUNTY PROFILE	COUNTY	STATE	
Demographic Indicators 2017			
Total Population	3,678	6,113,532	—
% Population < 18 Years	23.7%	22.6%	—
% Population > 64 Years	21.2%	16.5%	—
Health Indicators 2016			
Obesity Prevalence (%)	39.6%	31.2%	—
Diabetes Prevalence (%)	13.5%	11.1%	—
Hypertension Prevalence (%)	40%	33.7%	—
Economic Indicators 2017			
% Population Below Poverty Level	17.7%	14.6%	—
% < 18 Below Poverty	20.3%	20.0%	—
% > 64 Below Poverty	14.6%	8.8%	—
Median Household Income (\$, Annual)	\$43,314	\$51,542	—
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.8%	3.8%	—
Single-Parent Households (%)	11.7%	16.2%	—
Food Affordability (%)	17.7%	16.0%	—