BENTON COUNTY

OVERALL RANK*

Need	Performance
High	Low

Need is from a composite score including % food insecure, % 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 2021			
% Individuals Food Insecure	16.2%	11.6%	Very High
% Individuals < 18 Food Insecure	20.4%	12.8%	Very High
% Individuals Food Insecure with Hunger	7.6%	5.6%	Very High
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2021			
% Total Population Income Eligible	22.2%	17.0%	Average
% < 18 Years Income Eligible	38.3%	22.6%	Very High
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2022			
% Students Enrolled	65.7%	46.8%	Very High
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2021			
% < 5 Years Income Eligible	61.0%	38.4%	Very High

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	COUNTY	STATE	RANK
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2021			
Number of Monthly Participants	2,400	685,547	—
% Total Population Participating	12.4%	11.2%	Average
% Income Eligible and Participating	56.6%	67.4%	Average
Number of Monthly Participants < 18 Years	848	294,385	—
% < 18 Years Participating	25.3%	21.1%	High
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2022			
% Students Enrolled and Participating	70.9%	67.2%	Average
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2021			
Number < 5 Years Participating, Monthly	193	65,924	—
% < 5 Years Eligible and Participating	37.6%	47.8%	Low
Food Bank Distributions 2021			
Total Pounds Distributed in County	683,142	153,681,512	—
Pounds Per Capita Below 100% Poverty Level	194	202	Low

COUNTY PROFILE	COUNTY	STATE	
Demographic Indicators 2021			
Total Population	19,351	6,141,534	—
% Population < 18 Years	17.3%	22.7%	—
% Population > 64 Years	30.5%	16.8%	—
Health Indicators 2022			
Obesity Prevalence (%)	45.4%	36.6%	—
Diabetes Prevalence (%)	14.6%	12.4%	—
Hypertension Prevalence (%)	50.8%	37.5%	—
Economic Indicators 2021			
% Population Below Poverty Level	18.4%	12.8%	—
% < 18 Below Poverty	33.6%	16.9%	—
% > 64 Below Poverty	9.6%	8.9%	—
Median Household Income ($, Annual)	$45,533	$61,043	—
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4%	4.1%	—
Single-Parent Households (%)	5.2%	8.5%	—
Food Affordability (%)	17.0%	15.0%	—

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