DENT COUNTY

OVERALL RANK*

Need	Performance
High	High

*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	15.2%	11.6%	High
% Individuals < 18 Food Insecure	18.2%	12.8%	Very High
% Individuals Food Insecure with Hunger	7.1%	5.6%	High
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2021			
% Total Population Income Eligible	23.8%	17.0%	High
% < 18 Years Income Eligible	39.6%	22.6%	Very High
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2022			
% Students Enrolled	57.6%	46.8%	High
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2021			
% < 5 Years Income Eligible	60.3%	38.4%	Very High

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	COUNTY	STATE	RANK
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2021			
Number of Monthly Participants	2,326	685,547	—
% Total Population Participating	15.9%	11.2%	Very High
% Income Eligible and Participating	67.9%	67.4%	High
Number of Monthly Participants < 18 Years	892	294,385	—
% < 18 Years Participating	26.7%	21.1%	High
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2022			
% Students Enrolled and Participating	68.3%	67.2%	Low
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2021			
Number < 5 Years Participating, Monthly	244	65,924	—
% < 5 Years Eligible and Participating	47.4%	47.8%	Average
Food Bank Distributions 2021			
Total Pounds Distributed in County	938,401	153,681,512	—
Pounds Per Capita Below 100% Poverty Level	386	202	Very High

COUNTY PROFILE	COUNTY	STATE	
Demographic Indicators 2021			
Total Population	14,585	6,141,534	—
% Population < 18 Years	22.9%	22.7%	—
% Population > 64 Years	21.7%	16.8%	—
Health Indicators 2022			
Obesity Prevalence (%)	36.0%	36.6%	—
Diabetes Prevalence (%)	13.9%	12.4%	—
Hypertension Prevalence (%)	37.5%	37.5%	—
Economic Indicators 2021			
% Population Below Poverty Level	16.9%	12.8%	—
% < 18 Below Poverty	26.9%	16.9%	—
% > 64 Below Poverty	11.1%	8.9%	—
Median Household Income ($, Annual)	$45,700	$61,043	—
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1%	4.1%	—
Single-Parent Households (%)	9.5%	8.5%	—
Food Affordability (%)	19.4%	15.0%	—

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