



# HICKORY 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
<b>Food Insecurity 2021</b>			
% Individuals Food Insecure	14.4%	11.6%	High
% Individuals < 18 Food Insecure	15.2%	12.8%	High
% Individuals Food Insecure with Hunger	6.7%	5.6%	High
<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2021</b>			
% Total Population Income Eligible	21.9%	17.0%	Average
% < 18 Years Income Eligible	18.4%	22.6%	Very Low
<b>Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2022</b>			
% Students Enrolled	59.4%	46.8%	Very High
<b>Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2021</b>			
% < 5 Years Income Eligible	40.7%	38.4%	Low
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	COUNTY	STATE	RANK
<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2021</b>			
Number of Monthly Participants	1,124	685,547	—
% Total Population Participating	13.3%	11.2%	High
% Income Eligible and Participating	61.6%	67.4%	High
Number of Monthly Participants < 18 Years	419	294,385	—
% < 18 Years Participating	28.5%	21.1%	Very High
<b>Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2022</b>			
% Students Enrolled and Participating	71.1%	67.2%	Average
<b>Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2021</b>			
Number < 5 Years Participating, Monthly	163	65,924	—
% < 5 Years Eligible and Participating	109.8%	47.8%	Very High
<b>Food Bank Distributions 2021</b>			
Total Pounds Distributed in County	380,786	153,681,512	—
Pounds Per Capita Below 100% Poverty Level	296	202	High
COUNTY PROFILE	COUNTY	STATE	
<b>Demographic Indicators 2021</b>			
Total Population	8,429	6,141,534	—
% Population < 18 Years	17.5%	22.7%	—
% Population > 64 Years	32.4%	16.8%	—
<b>Health Indicators 2022</b>			
Obesity Prevalence (%)	37.3%	36.6%	—
Diabetes Prevalence (%)	13.5%	12.4%	—
Hypertension Prevalence (%)	49.0%	37.5%	—
<b>Economic Indicators 2021</b>			
% Population Below Poverty Level	15.4%	12.8%	—
% < 18 Below Poverty	16.1%	16.9%	—
% > 64 Below Poverty	10.0%	8.9%	—
Median Household Income (\$, Annual)	\$32,132	\$61,043	—
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.8%	4.1%	—
Single-Parent Households (%)	1.6%	8.5%	—
Food Affordability (%)	22.3%	15.0%	—