



# MERCER COUNTY

## OVERALL RANK\*

Need	Performance
Low	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
<b>Food Insecurity 2021</b>			
% Individuals Food Insecure	11.5%	11.6%	Low
% Individuals < 18 Food Insecure	9.3%	12.8%	Very Low
% Individuals Food Insecure with Hunger	5.4%	5.6%	Low
<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2021</b>			
% Total Population Income Eligible	20.1%	17.0%	Average
% < 18 Years Income Eligible	31.4%	22.6%	High
<b>Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2022</b>			
% Students Enrolled	43.1%	46.8%	Low
<b>Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2021</b>			
% < 5 Years Income Eligible	39.0%	38.4%	Low
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	COUNTY	STATE	RANK
<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2021</b>			
Number of Monthly Participants	239	685,547	—
% Total Population Participating	6.7%	11.2%	Very Low
% Income Eligible and Participating	33.9%	67.4%	Very Low
Number of Monthly Participants < 18 Years	89	294,385	—
% < 18 Years Participating	10.5%	21.1%	Very Low
<b>Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2022</b>			
% Students Enrolled and Participating	71.6%	67.2%	High
<b>Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2021</b>			
Number < 5 Years Participating, Monthly	33	65,924	—
% < 5 Years Eligible and Participating	35.4%	47.8%	Low
<b>Food Bank Distributions 2021</b>			
Total Pounds Distributed in County	146,517	153,681,512	—
Pounds Per Capita Below 100% Poverty Level	309	202	High
COUNTY PROFILE	COUNTY	STATE	
<b>Demographic Indicators 2021</b>			
Total Population	3,561	6,141,534	—
% Population < 18 Years	23.9%	22.7%	—
% Population > 64 Years	21.7%	16.8%	—
<b>Health Indicators 2022</b>			
Obesity Prevalence (%)	43.9%	36.6%	—
Diabetes Prevalence (%)	16.0%	12.4%	—
Hypertension Prevalence (%)	50.9%	37.5%	—
<b>Economic Indicators 2021</b>			
% Population Below Poverty Level	13.5%	12.8%	—
% < 18 Below Poverty	15.0%	16.9%	—
% > 64 Below Poverty	11.1%	8.9%	—
Median Household Income (\$, Annual)	\$52,105	\$61,043	—
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.8%	4.1%	—
Single-Parent Households (%)	4.7%	8.5%	—
Food Affordability (%)	21.5%	15.0%	—