## Missouri Hunger Atlas 2023



## **POLK COUNTY**

## **OVERALL RANK\***

Need	Performance
Average	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	12.9%	11.6%	Average
% Individuals < 18 Food Insecure	11.6%	12.8%	Low
% Individuals Food Insecure with Hunger	6.0%	5.6%	Average
<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Progra</b>	m (SNAP/Food Stamps	s) 2021	
% Total Population Income Eligible	21.7%	17.0%	Average
% < 18 Years Income Eligible	25.0%	22.6%	Average
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National Sc	chool Lunch Program)	2022	
% Students Enrolled	53.7%	46.8%	High
Women, Infants, and Children Program (W	IC) 2021		
% < 5 Years Income Eligible	50.9%	38.4%	Average
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	COUNTY	STATE	<b>RANK</b>
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	m (SNAP/Food Stamps	s) 2021	
Number of Monthly Participants	3,940	685,547	_
% Total Population Participating	12.5%	11.2%	High
% Income Eligible and Participating	60.7%	67.4%	Average
Number of Monthly Participants < 18 Years	1,653	294,385	_
% < 18 Years Participating	22.6%	21.1%	High
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National Sc	chool Lunch Program)	2022	
% Students Enrolled and Participating	65.6%	67.2%	Low
Women, Infants, and Children Program (W	IC) 2021		
Number < 5 Years Participating, Monthly	439	65,924	_
% < 5 Years Eligible and Participating	44.3%	47.8%	Average
Food Bank Distributions 2021			
Total Pounds Distributed in County	620,893	153,681,512	_
Pounds Per Capita Below 100% Poverty Level	131	202	Very Low
COUNTY PROFILE	COUNTY	STATE	
Demographic Indicators 2021			
Total Population	31,541	6,141,534	_
% Population < 18 Years	23.2%	22.7%	_
% Population > 64 Years	17.5%	16.8%	_
Health Indicators 2022			
Obesity Prevalence (%)	36.0%	36.6%	_
Diabetes Prevalence (%)	9.7%	12.4%	_
Hypertension Prevalence (%)	36.6%	37.5%	_
Economic Indicators 2021			
% Population Below Poverty Level	15.9%	12.8%	_
% < 18 Below Poverty	17.1%	16.9%	_
% > 64 Below Poverty	9.9%	8.9%	_
Median Household Income (\$, Annual)	\$50,890	\$61,043	_
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.3%	4.1%	_
Single-Parent Households (%)	9.7%	8.5%	_
Food Affordability (%)	17.4%	15.0%	_