



# BENTON COUNTY

## OVERALL RANK\*

Need	Performance
High	Average

\**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 2023</b>			
% Individuals Food Insecure	18.3%	15.4%	High
% Individuals < 18 Food Insecure	23.8%	18.1%	Very High
% Individuals Food Insecure with Hunger	8.4%	5.8%	High
<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2023</b>			
% Total Population Income Eligible	21.2%	16.1%	Average
% < 18 Years Income Eligible	39.1%	25.0%	Very High
<b>Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2023</b>			
% Students Enrolled	66.8%	47.4%	Very High
<b>Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2023</b>			
% < 5 Years Income Eligible	56.1%	37.4%	Very High
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	COUNTY	STATE	RANK
<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2023</b>			
Number of Monthly Participants	2,278	636,724	—
% Total Population Participating	11.5%	10.3%	Average
% Income Eligible and Participating	54.8%	63.9%	Average
Number of Monthly Participants < 18 Years	820	269,042	—
% < 18 Years Participating	24.0%	19.6%	High
<b>Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2023</b>			
% Students Enrolled and Participating	68.9%	66.9%	Average
<b>Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2023</b>			
Number < 5 Years Participating, Monthly	200	67,306	—
% < 5 Years Eligible and Participating	44.5%	51.2%	Low
<b>Food Bank Distributions 2023</b>			
Total Pounds Distributed in County	751,053	132,203,712	—
Pounds Per Capita Below 100% Poverty Level	230	175	High
COUNTY PROFILE	COUNTY	STATE	
<b>Demographic Indicators 2023</b>			
Total Population	19,887	6,196,156	—
% Population < 18 Years	17.1%	22.1%	—
% Population > 64 Years	31.1%	18.4%	—
<b>Health Indicators 2022</b>			
Obesity Prevalence (%)	45.4%	36.6%	—
Diabetes Prevalence (%)	14.6%	12.4%	—
Hypertension Prevalence (%)	50.8%	37.5%	—
<b>Economic Indicators 2023</b>			
% Population Below Poverty Level	16.7%	12.6%	—
% < 18 Below Poverty	25.5%	16.0%	—
% > 64 Below Poverty	12.5%	10.0%	—
Median Household Income (\$, Annual)	\$52,200	\$68,920	—
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3%	3.0%	—
Single-Parent Households (%)	5.7%	8.3%	—
Food Affordability (%)	17.5%	13.1%	—