COLE COUNTY

OVERALL RANK*

Need	Performance
Low	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 2023			
% Individuals Food Insecure	13.5%	15.4%	Very Low
% Individuals < 18 Food Insecure	17.1%	18.1%	Low
% Individuals Food Insecure with Hunger	6.2%	5.8%	Very Low
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2023			
% Total Population Income Eligible	12.3%	16.1%	Very Low
% < 18 Years Income Eligible	20.3%	25.0%	Very Low
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2023			
% Students Enrolled	46.9%	47.4%	Low
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2023			
% < 5 Years Income Eligible	26.0%	37.4%	Very Low

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	COUNTY	STATE	RANK
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2023			
Number of Monthly Participants	6,848	636,724	—
% Total Population Participating	8.9%	10.3%	Average
% Income Eligible and Participating	76.4%	63.9%	Very High
Number of Monthly Participants < 18 Years	3,105	269,042	—
% < 18 Years Participating	18.2%	19.6%	Average
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2023			
% Students Enrolled and Participating	68.2%	66.9%	Average
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2023			
Number < 5 Years Participating, Monthly	950	67,306	—
% < 5 Years Eligible and Participating	86.0%	51.2%	Very High
Food Bank Distributions 2023			
Total Pounds Distributed in County	1,900,339	132,203,712	—
Pounds Per Capita Below 100% Poverty Level	281	175	Very High

COUNTY PROFILE	COUNTY	STATE	
Demographic Indicators 2023			
Total Population	76,924	6,196,156	—
% Population < 18 Years	22.2%	22.1%	—
% Population > 64 Years	17.5%	18.4%	—
Health Indicators 2022			
Obesity Prevalence (%)	37.9%	36.6%	—
Diabetes Prevalence (%)	11.7%	12.4%	—
Hypertension Prevalence (%)	35.8%	37.5%	—
Economic Indicators 2023			
% Population Below Poverty Level	9.3%	12.6%	—
% < 18 Below Poverty	12.6%	16.0%	—
% > 64 Below Poverty	7.1%	10.0%	—
Median Household Income ($, Annual)	$73,273	$68,920	—
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.5%	3.0%	—
Single-Parent Households (%)	8.8%	8.3%	—
Food Affordability (%)	12.3%	13.1%	—

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