HICKORY 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
Food Insecurity 2023			
% Individuals Food Insecure	19.5%	15.4%	Very High
% Individuals < 18 Food Insecure	20.9%	18.1%	High
% Individuals Food Insecure with Hunger	8.9%	5.8%	Very High
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2023			
% Total Population Income Eligible	30.1%	16.1%	Very High
% < 18 Years Income Eligible	31.3%	25.0%	High
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2023			
% Students Enrolled	58.7%	47.4%	High
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2023			
% < 5 Years Income Eligible	75.4%	37.4%	Very High
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	COUNTY	STATE	RANK
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2023			
Number of Monthly Participants	1,129	636,724	—
% Total Population Participating	13.3%	10.3%	High
% Income Eligible and Participating	45.0%	63.9%	Low
Number of Monthly Participants < 18 Years	417	269,042	—
% < 18 Years Participating	28.0%	19.6%	Very High
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2023			
% Students Enrolled and Participating	68.5%	66.9%	Average
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2023			
Number < 5 Years Participating, Monthly	167	67,306	—
% < 5 Years Eligible and Participating	66.1%	51.2%	High
Food Bank Distributions 2023			
Total Pounds Distributed in County	285,962	132,203,712	—
Pounds Per Capita Below 100% Poverty Level	176	175	Low
COUNTY PROFILE	COUNTY	STATE	
Demographic Indicators 2023			
Total Population	8,501	6,196,156	—
% Population < 18 Years	17.5%	22.1%	—
% Population > 64 Years	32.4%	18.4%	—
Health Indicators 2022			
Obesity Prevalence (%)	37.3%	36.6%	—
Diabetes Prevalence (%)	13.5%	12.4%	—
Hypertension Prevalence (%)	49.0%	37.5%	—
Economic Indicators 2023			
% Population Below Poverty Level	19.5%	12.6%	—
% < 18 Below Poverty	18.0%	16.0%	—
% > 64 Below Poverty	15.4%	10.0%	—
Median Household Income ($, Annual)	$35,084	$68,920	—
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6%	3.0%	—
Single-Parent Households (%)	2.3%	8.3%	—
Food Affordability (%)	18.5%	13.1%	—

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