LAWRENCE 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 2023			
% Individuals Food Insecure	16.9%	15.4%	Average
% Individuals < 18 Food Insecure	19.3%	18.1%	Average
% Individuals Food Insecure with Hunger	7.7%	5.8%	Average
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2023			
% Total Population Income Eligible	22.8%	16.1%	High
% < 18 Years Income Eligible	35.7%	25.0%	High
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2023			
% Students Enrolled	55.4%	47.4%	High
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2023			
% < 5 Years Income Eligible	50.7%	37.4%	High

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	COUNTY	STATE	RANK
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2023			
Number of Monthly Participants	4,520	636,724	—
% Total Population Participating	11.8%	10.3%	High
% Income Eligible and Participating	52.8%	63.9%	Average
Number of Monthly Participants < 18 Years	1,889	269,042	—
% < 18 Years Participating	19.3%	19.6%	Average
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2023			
% Students Enrolled and Participating	64.0%	66.9%	Low
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2023			
Number < 5 Years Participating, Monthly	693	67,306	—
% < 5 Years Eligible and Participating	57.2%	51.2%	Average
Food Bank Distributions 2023			
Total Pounds Distributed in County	1,070,906	132,203,712	—
Pounds Per Capita Below 100% Poverty Level	173	175	Low

COUNTY PROFILE	COUNTY	STATE	
Demographic Indicators 2023			
Total Population	38,392	6,196,156	—
% Population < 18 Years	25.5%	22.1%	—
% Population > 64 Years	18.1%	18.4%	—
Health Indicators 2022			
Obesity Prevalence (%)	50.0%	36.6%	—
Diabetes Prevalence (%)	14.2%	12.4%	—
Hypertension Prevalence (%)	40.8%	37.5%	—
Economic Indicators 2023			
% Population Below Poverty Level	16.5%	12.6%	—
% < 18 Below Poverty	24.7%	16.0%	—
% > 64 Below Poverty	9.9%	10.0%	—
Median Household Income ($, Annual)	$55,849	$68,920	—
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.1%	3.0%	—
Single-Parent Households (%)	7.6%	8.3%	—
Food Affordability (%)	16.0%	13.1%	—

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