# MARION COUNTY

## OVERALL RANK*

| Need | Performance |
|------|-------------|
| Average | 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 | 16.0% | 15.4% | Average |
| % Individuals < 18 Food Insecure | 19.0% | 18.1% | Average |
| % Individuals Food Insecure with Hunger | 7.3% | 5.8% | Average |
| **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2023** | | | |
| % Total Population Income Eligible | 18.1% | 16.1% | Low |
| % < 18 Years Income Eligible | 25.3% | 25.0% | Average |
| **Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2023** | | | |
| % Students Enrolled | 48.4% | 47.4% | Average |
| **Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2023** | | | |
| % < 5 Years Income Eligible | 39.3% | 37.4% | Low |

| PERFORMANCE INDICATORS | COUNTY | STATE | RANK |
|------------------------|--------|-------|------|
| **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2023** | | | |
| Number of Monthly Participants | 3,454 | 636,724 | — |
| % Total Population Participating | 12.1% | 10.3% | High |
| % Income Eligible and Participating | 69.6% | 63.9% | High |
| Number of Monthly Participants < 18 Years | 1,362 | 269,042 | — |
| % < 18 Years Participating | 20.2% | 19.6% | Average |
| **Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2023** | | | |
| % Students Enrolled and Participating | 70.7% | 66.9% | High |
| **Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2023** | | | |
| Number < 5 Years Participating, Monthly | 266 | 67,306 | — |
| % < 5 Years Eligible and Participating | 35.3% | 51.2% | Very Low |
| **Food Bank Distributions 2023** | | | |
| Total Pounds Distributed in County | 916,242 | 132,203,712 | — |
| Pounds Per Capita Below 100% Poverty Level | 245 | 175 | High |

| COUNTY PROFILE | COUNTY | STATE | |
|----------------|--------|-------|---|
| **Demographic Indicators 2023** | | | |
| Total Population | 28,493 | 6,196,156 | — |
| % Population < 18 Years | 23.7% | 22.1% | — |
| % Population > 64 Years | 18.7% | 18.4% | — |
| **Health Indicators 2022** | | | |
| Obesity Prevalence (%) | 43.6% | 36.6% | — |
| Diabetes Prevalence (%) | 20.9% | 12.4% | — |
| Hypertension Prevalence (%) | 41.4% | 37.5% | — |
| **Economic Indicators 2023** | | | |
| % Population Below Poverty Level | 13.6% | 12.6% | — |
| % < 18 Below Poverty | 14.0% | 16.0% | — |
| % > 64 Below Poverty | 12.6% | 10.0% | — |
| Median Household Income ($, Annual) | $63,908 | $68,920 | — |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | 3.1% | 3.0% | — |
| Single-Parent Households (%) | 12.1% | 8.3% | — |
| Food Affordability (%) | 14.8% | 13.1% | — |

*Missouri Hunger Atlas 2025*