



MERCER COUNTY

OVERALL RANK*

Need	Performance
High	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	16.2%	15.4%	Average
% Individuals < 18 Food Insecure	17.1%	18.1%	Low
% Individuals Food Insecure with Hunger	7.4%	5.8%	Average
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2023			
% Total Population Income Eligible	24.7%	16.1%	Very High
% < 18 Years Income Eligible	46.2%	25.0%	Very High
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2023			
% Students Enrolled	41.7%	47.4%	Low
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2023			
% < 5 Years Income Eligible	47.7%	37.4%	Average
PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	COUNTY	STATE	RANK
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2023			
Number of Monthly Participants	234	636,724	—
% Total Population Participating	6.7%	10.3%	Very Low
% Income Eligible and Participating	27.5%	63.9%	Very Low
Number of Monthly Participants < 18 Years	90	269,042	—
% < 18 Years Participating	10.7%	19.6%	Very Low
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2023			
% Students Enrolled and Participating	73.6%	66.9%	Very High
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2023			
Number < 5 Years Participating, Monthly	38	67,306	—
% < 5 Years Eligible and Participating	34.7%	51.2%	Very Low
Food Bank Distributions 2023			
Total Pounds Distributed in County	119,183	132,203,712	—
Pounds Per Capita Below 100% Poverty Level	236	175	High
COUNTY PROFILE	COUNTY	STATE	
Demographic Indicators 2023			
Total Population	3,501	6,196,156	—
% Population < 18 Years	24.1%	22.1%	—
% Population > 64 Years	21.7%	18.4%	—
Health Indicators 2022			
Obesity Prevalence (%)	43.9%	36.6%	—
Diabetes Prevalence (%)	16.0%	12.4%	—
Hypertension Prevalence (%)	50.9%	37.5%	—
Economic Indicators 2023			
% Population Below Poverty Level	14.7%	12.6%	—
% < 18 Below Poverty	17.0%	16.0%	—
% > 64 Below Poverty	18.0%	10.0%	—
Median Household Income (\$, Annual)	\$60,357	\$68,920	—
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.8%	3.0%	—
Single-Parent Households (%)	9.9%	8.3%	—
Food Affordability (%)	18.4%	13.1%	—