MONROE 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	16.5%	15.4%	Average
% Individuals < 18 Food Insecure	18.3%	18.1%	Average
% Individuals Food Insecure with Hunger	7.5%	5.8%	Average
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2023			
% Total Population Income Eligible	19.5%	16.1%	Average
% < 18 Years Income Eligible	23.5%	25.0%	Low
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2023			
% Students Enrolled	48.1%	47.4%	Average
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2023			
% < 5 Years Income Eligible	54.6%	37.4%	High

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	COUNTY	STATE	RANK
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2023			
Number of Monthly Participants	712	636,724	—
% Total Population Participating	8.2%	10.3%	Low
% Income Eligible and Participating	42.8%	63.9%	Very Low
Number of Monthly Participants < 18 Years	294	269,042	—
% < 18 Years Participating	15.4%	19.6%	Low
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2023			
% Students Enrolled and Participating	65.6%	66.9%	Low
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2023			
Number < 5 Years Participating, Monthly	90	67,306	—
% < 5 Years Eligible and Participating	34.5%	51.2%	Very Low
Food Bank Distributions 2023			
Total Pounds Distributed in County	286,817	132,203,712	—
Pounds Per Capita Below 100% Poverty Level	211	175	Average

COUNTY PROFILE	COUNTY	STATE	
Demographic Indicators 2023			
Total Population	8,672	6,196,156	—
% Population < 18 Years	22.0%	22.1%	—
% Population > 64 Years	24.7%	18.4%	—
Health Indicators 2022			
Obesity Prevalence (%)	41.8%	36.6%	—
Diabetes Prevalence (%)	14.7%	12.4%	—
Hypertension Prevalence (%)	41.7%	37.5%	—
Economic Indicators 2023			
% Population Below Poverty Level	16.0%	12.6%	—
% < 18 Below Poverty	17.4%	16.0%	—
% > 64 Below Poverty	18.8%	10.0%	—
Median Household Income ($, Annual)	$48,299	$68,920	—
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.2%	3.0%	—
Single-Parent Households (%)	4.6%	8.3%	—
Food Affordability (%)	16.7%	13.1%	—

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