NEWTON COUNTY

OVERALL RANK*

Need	Performance
Low	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	15.4%	15.4%	Low
% Individuals < 18 Food Insecure	17.4%	18.1%	Low
% Individuals Food Insecure with Hunger	7.0%	5.8%	Low
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2023			
% Total Population Income Eligible	19.0%	16.1%	Average
% < 18 Years Income Eligible	31.7%	25.0%	High
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2023			
% Students Enrolled	54.5%	47.4%	High
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2023			
% < 5 Years Income Eligible	42.5%	37.4%	Average

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	COUNTY	STATE	RANK
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2023			
Number of Monthly Participants	6,613	636,724	—
% Total Population Participating	11.1%	10.3%	Average
% Income Eligible and Participating	59.8%	63.9%	High
Number of Monthly Participants < 18 Years	2,929	269,042	—
% < 18 Years Participating	20.6%	19.6%	High
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2023			
% Students Enrolled and Participating	67.5%	66.9%	Average
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2023			
Number < 5 Years Participating, Monthly	730	67,306	—
% < 5 Years Eligible and Participating	47.7%	51.2%	Low
Food Bank Distributions 2023			
Total Pounds Distributed in County	585,737	132,203,712	—
Pounds Per Capita Below 100% Poverty Level	75	175	Very Low

COUNTY PROFILE	COUNTY	STATE	
Demographic Indicators 2023			
Total Population	59,490	6,196,156	—
% Population < 18 Years	23.9%	22.1%	—
% Population > 64 Years	18.7%	18.4%	—
Health Indicators 2022			
Obesity Prevalence (%)	41.3%	36.6%	—
Diabetes Prevalence (%)	12.4%	12.4%	—
Hypertension Prevalence (%)	35.3%	37.5%	—
Economic Indicators 2023			
% Population Below Poverty Level	13.4%	12.6%	—
% < 18 Below Poverty	17.3%	16.0%	—
% > 64 Below Poverty	8.5%	10.0%	—
Median Household Income ($, Annual)	$64,583	$68,920	—
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.0%	3.0%	—
Single-Parent Households (%)	6.8%	8.3%	—
Food Affordability (%)	15.1%	13.1%	—

Missouri Hunger Atlas 2025