WAYNE COUNTY

OVERALL RANK*

Need	Performance
High	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	23.1%	15.4%	Very High
% Individuals < 18 Food Insecure	28.7%	18.1%	Very High
% Individuals Food Insecure with Hunger	10.5%	5.8%	Very High
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2023			
% Total Population Income Eligible	30.5%	16.1%	Very High
% < 18 Years Income Eligible	50.7%	25.0%	Very High
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2023			
% Students Enrolled	61.8%	47.4%	Very High
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2023			
% < 5 Years Income Eligible	77.1%	37.4%	Very High

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS	COUNTY	STATE	RANK
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/Food Stamps) 2023			
Number of Monthly Participants	2,168	636,724	—
% Total Population Participating	19.8%	10.3%	Very High
% Income Eligible and Participating	66.2%	63.9%	High
Number of Monthly Participants < 18 Years	765	269,042	—
% < 18 Years Participating	34.5%	19.6%	Very High
Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (National School Lunch Program) 2023			
% Students Enrolled and Participating	64.4%	66.9%	Low
Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) 2023			
Number < 5 Years Participating, Monthly	184	67,306	—
% < 5 Years Eligible and Participating	51.2%	51.2%	Average
Food Bank Distributions 2023			
Total Pounds Distributed in County	412,945	132,203,712	—
Pounds Per Capita Below 100% Poverty Level	153	175	Low

COUNTY PROFILE	COUNTY	STATE	
Demographic Indicators 2023			
Total Population	10,942	6,196,156	—
% Population < 18 Years	20.3%	22.1%	—
% Population > 64 Years	24.3%	18.4%	—
Health Indicators 2022			
Obesity Prevalence (%)	45.0%	36.6%	—
Diabetes Prevalence (%)	17.2%	12.4%	—
Hypertension Prevalence (%)	54.3%	37.5%	—
Economic Indicators 2023			
% Population Below Poverty Level	25.1%	12.6%	—
% < 18 Below Poverty	35.9%	16.0%	—
% > 64 Below Poverty	19.2%	10.0%	—
Median Household Income ($, Annual)	$43,393	$68,920	—
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5%	3.0%	—
Single-Parent Households (%)	4.0%	8.3%	—
Food Affordability (%)	20.5%	13.1%	—

Missouri Hunger Atlas 2025