

Food Insecurity in Southeast Missouri



Area	Overall food insecurity	Food insecure population	State food insecurity ranking*	Food insecure children	State child hunger ranking*
SEMO Food Bank	17.9%	63,790	--	22.4%	--
Missouri	15.4%	951,330	--	18.7%	--
Bollinger County	15.9%	1,690	69	17.8%	67
Butler County	20.3%	8,560	8	25.2%	10
Cape Girardeau Co.	15.3%	12,530	80	17.7%	68
Carter County	21.2%	1,120	5	30.6%	3
Dunklin County	21.3%	5,910	3	27.4%	6
Madison County	17.6%	2,230	39	21.8%	28
Mississippi County	21.2%	2,560	4	31.1%	2
New Madrid County	18.9%	3,020	18	26.0%	9
Pemiscot County	22.7%	3,460	2	33.2%	1
Perry County	14.5%	2,740	94	14.8%	101
Reynolds County	19.4%	1,170	15	26.5%	8
Ripley County	19.9%	2,140	13	20.9%	35
Scott County	16.5%	6,270	55	21.8%	29
Ste. Genevieve Co.	13.7%	2,540	102	14.2%	105
Stoddard County	18.7%	5,330	20	22.4%	23
Wayne County	23.1%	2,520	1	28.7%	5

Hunger rates from 2025 Map the Meal Gap based on 2023 USDA Data

**Ranking out of 114 counties in Missouri & City of St. Louis*

Two counties in our service are in the top 100 most food insecure counties nationally:

No. 76 – Wayne County; No. 85 – Pemiscot County