

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	19.5%	69,210	--	25.5%	--
Missouri	16%	997,750	--	20.6%	--
Bollinger County	17.2%	1,820	64	20.6%	77
Butler County	23.1%	9,690	6	29.2%	8
Cape Girardeau Co.	16.3%	13,470	78	19.2%	91
Carter County	25.4%	1,350	2	37.4%	1
Dunklin County	23.6%	6,490	4	32.3%	5
Madison County	18.9%	2,400	40	27.1%	15
Mississippi County	22.7%	2,700	8	33.6%	4
New Madrid County	20.5%	3,220	20	29.7%	7
Pemiscot County	24.8%	3,710	3	35.3%	2
Perry County	16.5%	3,120	76	19.8%	87
Reynolds County	22%	1,320	11	25.7%	28
Ripley County	23.4%	2,510	5	26.4%	20
Scott County	16.7%	6,320	72	23.2%	50
Ste. Genevieve County	14.1%	2,630	105	18.7%	94
Stoddard County	19.8%	5,640	29	25.3%	31
Wayne County	26%	2,820	1	34.2%	3

Hunger rates from 2026 Map the Meal Gap based on 2024 USDA Data

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

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

No. 53 – Wayne County; No. 64 – Carter County; No. 87 – Pemiscot County