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Hunger By The Numbers

Almost 1 Person In 8 In Missouri Receives Food Stamps Each Month

- ▶ This June 754,062 Missourians received Food Stamps

927,927 in June 2013

- ▶ In many counties better than one person in four received Food Stamps

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**Every month \$92,000,000+ in Food Stamps
are shared with Missouri families**

Most Families Receiving Food Stamps Also Need Pantry Food

- ▶ **\$1.36** Average Missouri Food Stamp Benefit Per Person Per Meal In June 2017

\$2.10 Average USDA estimated expenditure necessary to prepare healthy Low Cost meals

<https://www.cnpp.usda.gov>

More Families Receive Pantry Food Than Receive Food Stamps

- ▶ Pantries respond immediately when a family needs help
- ▶ Families with seasonal / variable income may only need help for a short time
- ▶ Pantries are located in most every community in Missouri

**Federal programs distribute more than \$20 in food assistance to the hungry for
each \$1 in food aid shared by pantries, charities and churches.**

902,000+

Number of Missouri residents officially in poverty

\$24,600 Per Year

2017 Federal Poverty Level For A Family Of Four

Equivalent to fulltime work, with benefits, at \$11.83 per hour

\$48,173 Per Year

Missouri Median Household Income

<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/MO/PST045216>

■ **\$53,889** National Median Household Income in 2015