Missouri Community Action Network Report

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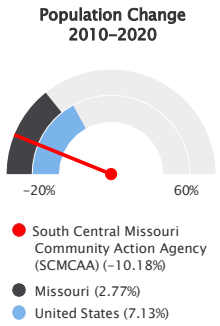
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)

Population Profile

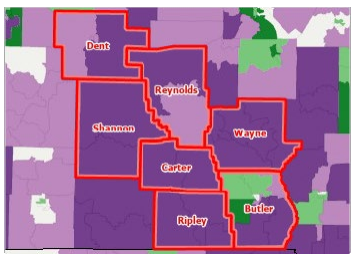
Population Change

Population change within the report area from 2010-2020 is shown below. During this ten-year period, total population estimates for the report area declined by -10.18 percent, decreasing from 107,474 persons in 2010 to 96,533 persons in 2020.

Report Area	Total Population, 2010 Census	Total Population, 2020 Census	Population Change, 2010-2020	Population Change, 2010-2020, Percent
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	107,474	96,533	-10,941	**-10.18%**
Butler County, MO	42,794	42,130	-664	-1.55%
Carter County, MO	6,265	5,202	-1,063	-16.97%
Dent County, MO	15,657	14,421	-1,236	-7.89%
Reynolds County, MO	6,696	6,096	-600	-8.96%
Ripley County, MO	14,100	10,679	-3,421	-24.26%
Shannon County, MO	8,441	7,031	-1,410	-16.70%
Wayne County, MO	13,521	10,974	-2,547	-18.84%
Missouri	5,988,913	6,154,913	166,000	2.77%
United States	312,471,161	334,735,155	22,263,994	7.13%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial Census. 2020.



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Population Change, Percent by Tract, US Census Bureau 2010 - 2020

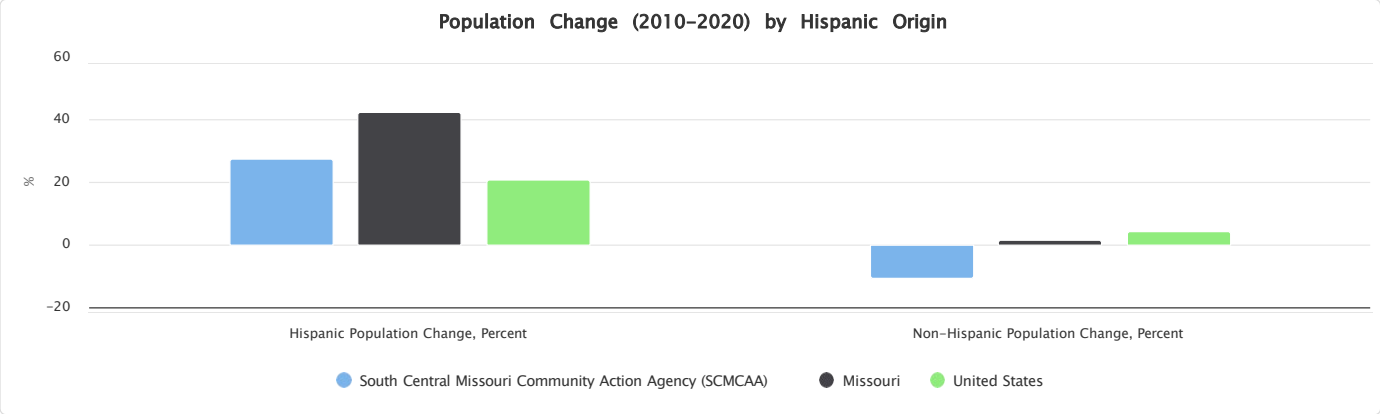
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Population Change (2010-2020) by Hispanic Origin

This indicator reports the Hispanic or Latino population change in the report area.
The percentage values could be interpreted as, for example, *"Of all the Hispanic population within the report area, there is a population change of (value) during the report time period."*

Report Area	Hispanic Population Change, Total	Hispanic Population Change, Percent	Non-Hispanic Population Change, Total	Non-Hispanic Population Change, Percent
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	388	27.66%	-11,329	-10.68%
Butler County, MO	235	35.29%	-899	-2.13%
Carter County, MO	-7	-6.73%	-1,056	-17.14%
Dent County, MO	123	83.11%	-1,359	-8.76%
Reynolds County, MO	35	54.69%	-635	-9.57%
Ripley County, MO	-15	-10.56%	-3,406	-24.40%
Shannon County, MO	2	1.44%	-1,412	-17.01%
Wayne County, MO	15	10.71%	-2,562	-19.15%
Missouri	90,597	42.64%	75,401	1.31%
United States	11,163,011	20.61%	11,100,922	4.30%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial Census. 2020.



Total Population Change (2010-2020) by Race

This indicator reports the total population change of the report area by combined race and Hispanic ethnicity.

Note: Some of the combined race/ethnicity groups use acronyms for their names in the following table. The full forms are as followed:

- *Non-Hispanic AIAN = Non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native*
- *Non-Hispanic NPI = Non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander*
- *Non-Hispanic Other = Non-Hispanic Some Other Race*

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Non-Hispanic AIAN	Non-Hispanic Asian	Non-Hispanic NPI	Non-Hispanic Other	Non-Hispanic Multiple Race	Hispanic/Latino
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	-14,740	205	-258	22	2	102	3,338	388
Butler County, MO	-2,759	228	-17	21	-3	65	1,566	235
Carter County, MO	-1,198	6	-48	9	0	0	175	-7
Dent County, MO	-1,818	-3	-74	13	0	42	481	123
Reynolds County, MO	-764	-12	-14	6	1	-1	149	35
Ripley County, MO	-3,678	-18	-78	-16	1	-3	386	-15
Shannon County, MO	-1,563	-13	-39	-2	0	2	203	2
Wayne County, MO	-2,960	17	12	-9	3	-3	378	15
Missouri	-186,824	5,625	-566	34,936	3,530	17,005	201,699	90,597
United States	-5,122,185	2,254,139	4,595	5,153,427	140,453	1,087,053	7,583,494	11,163,011

Data Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial Census. 2020.

Percent Population Change (2010-2020) by Race

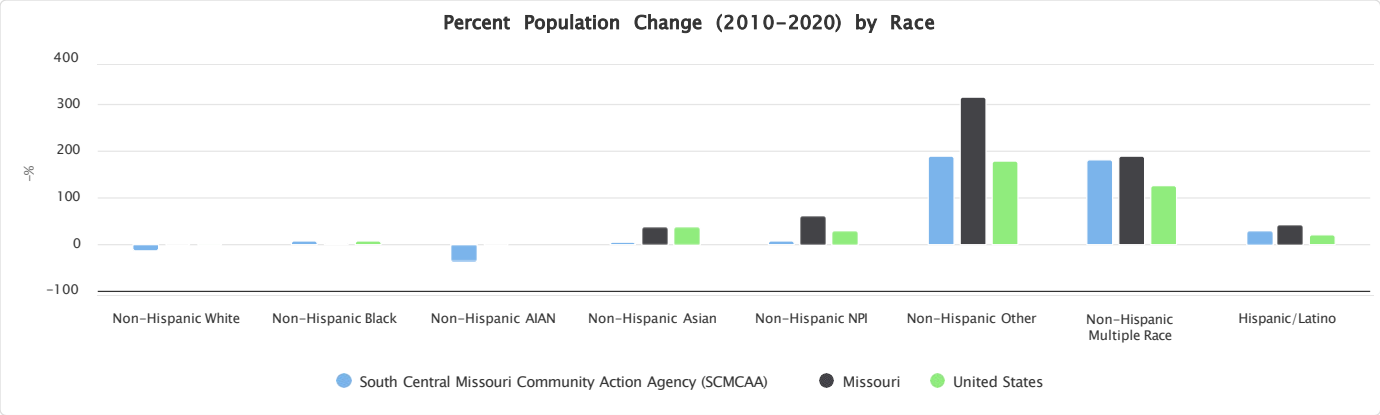
This indicator reports the total population change of the report area by combined race and Hispanic ethnicity.
The percentage values could be interpreted as, for example, *"Of all the non-Hispanic white population within the report area, there is a population change of (value) during the report time period."*

Note: Some of the combined race/ethnicity groups use acronyms for their names in the following table and chart. The full forms are as followed:

- *Non-Hispanic AIAN = Non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native*
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Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Non-Hispanic AIAN	Non-Hispanic Asian	Non-Hispanic NPI	Non-Hispanic Other	Non-Hispanic Multiple Race	Hispanic/Latino
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	-14.66%	8.41%	-36.60%	5.05%	7.69%	188.89%	182.21%	27.66%
Butler County, MO	-7.17%	10.20%	-7.91%	7.42%	-20.00%	185.71%	186.21%	35.29%
Carter County, MO	-19.99%	120.00%	-73.85%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	203.49%	-6.73%
Dent County, MO	-12.10%	-5.45%	-54.81%	31.71%	0.00%	840.00%	196.33%	83.11%
Reynolds County, MO	-11.88%	-26.67%	-37.84%	50.00%	100.00%	-100.00%	144.66%	54.69%
Ripley County, MO	-27.12%	-36.73%	-63.93%	-36.36%	No data	-75.00%	219.32%	-10.56%
Shannon County, MO	-19.50%	-81.25%	-51.32%	-13.33%	No data	200.00%	112.78%	1.44%
Wayne County, MO	-22.68%	51.52%	21.82%	-28.13%	150.00%	-60.00%	188.06%	10.71%
Missouri	-3.85%	0.82%	-2.35%	35.93%	61.25%	316.55%	190.03%	42.64%
United States	-2.60%	5.98%	0.20%	35.62%	29.16%	179.59%	127.07%	20.61%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial Census. 2020.

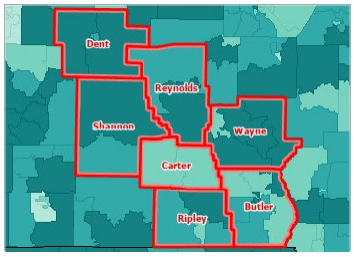


Age and Gender Demographics

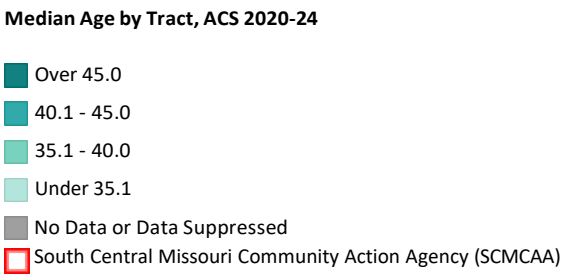
Population by gender within the report area is shown below. According to ACS 2020 -2024 5-year population estimates for the report area, the female population comprised 50.9% of the report area, while the male population represented 49.1%.

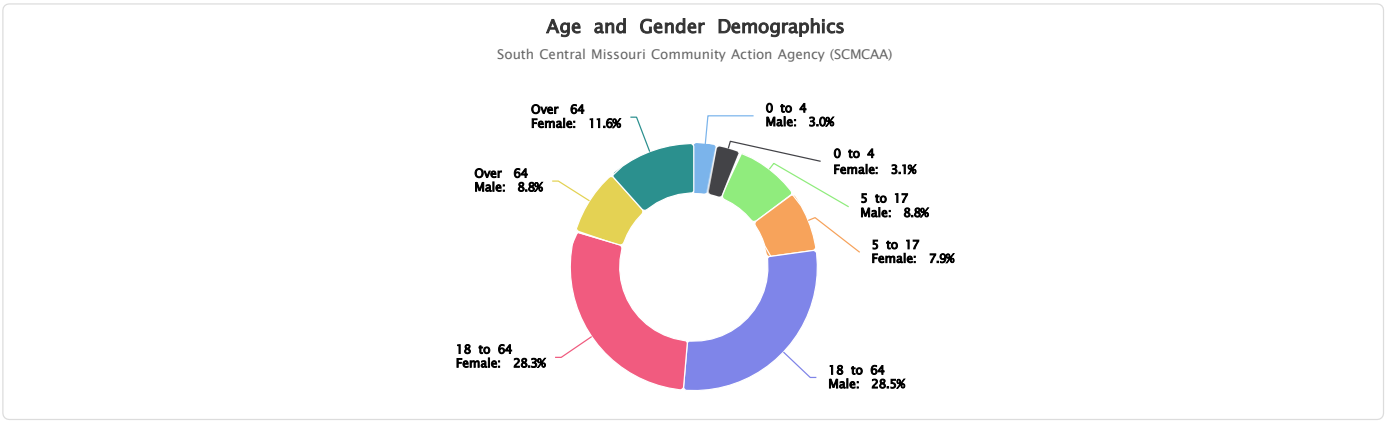
Report Area	0 to 4 Male	0 to 4 Female	5 to 17 Male	5 to 17 Female	18 to 64 Male	18 to 64 Female	Over 64 Male	Over 64 Female
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	2,832	2,950	8,455	7,593	27,316	27,053	8,388	11,120
Butler County, MO	1,345	1,369	3,701	3,365	11,894	12,162	3,168	4,631
Carter County, MO	115	236	474	461	1,430	1,489	502	579
Dent County, MO	422	432	1,275	1,150	4,087	3,940	1,290	1,746
Reynolds County, MO	145	144	480	372	1,794	1,651	590	731
Ripley County, MO	359	346	1,000	880	3,042	2,947	952	1,134
Shannon County, MO	192	186	641	608	2,001	1,933	746	849
Wayne County, MO	254	237	884	757	3,068	2,931	1,140	1,450
Missouri	182,530	174,281	525,873	499,995	1,846,825	1,854,567	451,101	610,527
United States	9,601,376	9,178,575	28,030,496	26,707,387	102,170,356	101,600,681	23,641,349	31,627,838

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.



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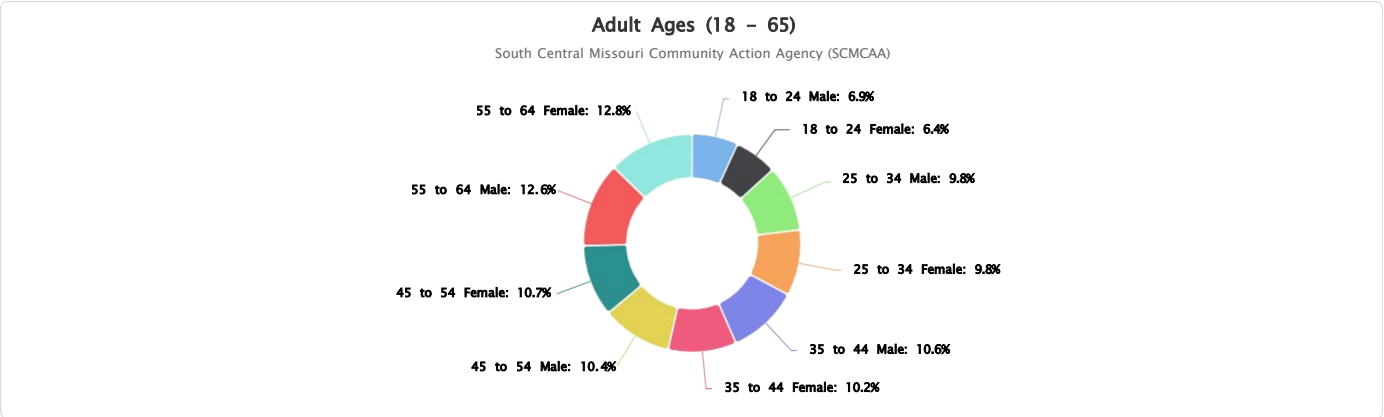




Adult Ages (18 - 65)

Report Area	18 to 24 Male	18 to 24 Female	25 to 34 Male	25 to 34 Female	35 to 44 Male	35 to 44 Female	45 to 54 Male	45 to 54 Female	55 to 64 Male	55 to 64 Female
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	3,729	3,468	5,325	5,327	5,747	5,522	5,674	5,799	6,841	6,937
Butler County, MO	1,735	1,744	2,571	2,573	2,487	2,534	2,456	2,601	2,645	2,710
Carter County, MO	231	218	268	259	324	298	226	308	381	406
Dent County, MO	512	486	738	719	865	801	886	850	1,086	1,084
Reynolds County, MO	221	177	308	322	347	328	388	364	530	460
Ripley County, MO	397	334	618	604	643	594	652	617	732	798
Shannon County, MO	268	192	324	357	420	404	433	399	556	581
Wayne County, MO	365	317	498	493	661	563	633	660	911	898
Missouri	288,435	277,585	408,008	407,238	397,835	396,032	358,274	362,152	394,273	411,560
United States	15,619,814	14,977,548	23,189,564	22,616,976	22,282,247	21,955,045	20,323,057	20,420,742	20,755,674	21,630,370

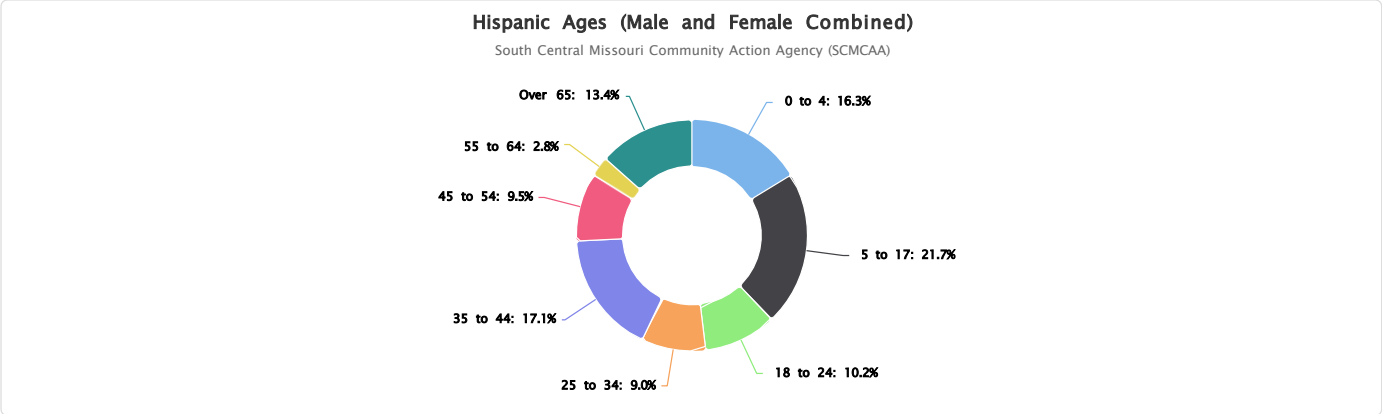
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Hispanic Ages (Male and Female Combined)

Report Area	0 to 4	5 to 17	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	Over 65
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	317	422	198	175	334	186	54	262
Butler County, MO	218	196	97	58	271	89	0	106
Carter County, MO	0	60	37	5	13	1	2	3
Dent County, MO	72	66	3	41	11	58	17	56
Reynolds County, MO	9	0	7	61	11	0	6	10
Ripley County, MO	18	51	38	10	5	19	2	14
Shannon County, MO	0	20	8	0	9	2	9	0
Wayne County, MO	0	29	8	0	14	17	18	73
Missouri	31,136	81,009	42,241	50,315	44,749	32,242	22,919	19,768
United States	5,064,151	14,238,047	7,375,134	9,933,734	9,281,866	7,763,445	5,762,999	5,339,994

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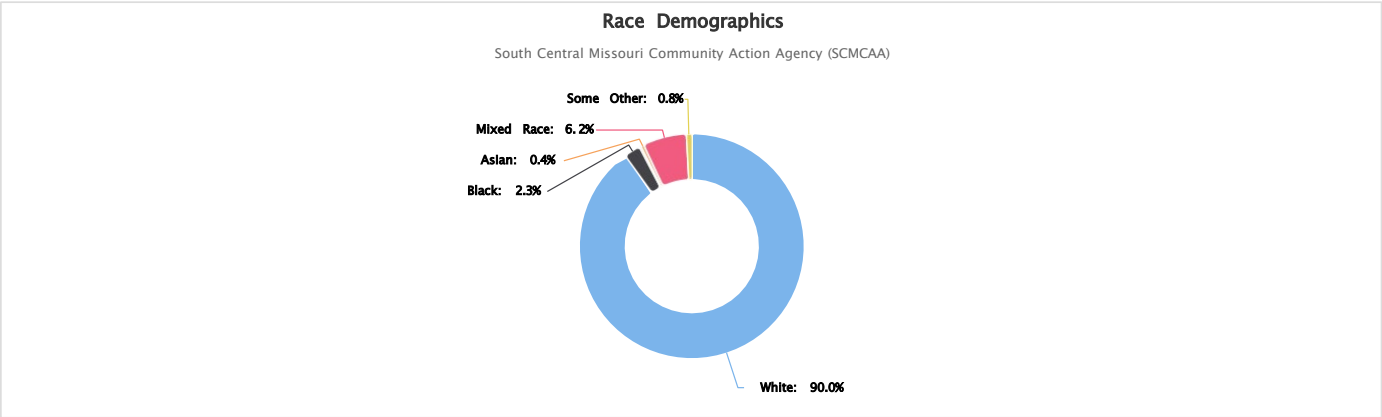


Race Demographics

Population by gender within the report area is shown below. According to ACS 2020 -2024 5 year population estimates, the white population comprised 89.96% of the report area, black population represented 2.33%, and other races combined were 1.53%. Persons identifying themselves as mixed race made up 6.17% of the population.

Report Area	Total Population	White Total	Black Total	American Indian Total	Asian Total	Native Hawaiian Total	Some Other Total	Mixed Race Total
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	96,613	86,916	2,251	238	415	12	818	5,963
Butler County, MO	42,020	36,461	1,978	78	185	2	420	2,896
Carter County, MO	5,297	4,905	22	0	2	0	4	364
Dent County, MO	14,539	13,353	68	103	124	10	159	722
Reynolds County, MO	6,010	5,503	89	14	14	0	51	339
Ripley County, MO	10,708	9,921	34	12	30	0	49	662
Shannon County, MO	7,177	6,622	14	31	30	0	19	461
Wayne County, MO	10,862	10,151	46	0	30	0	116	519
Missouri	6,191,814	4,799,142	679,534	17,594	132,185	8,936	114,587	439,836
United States	334,922,499	204,142,876	40,919,547	3,095,754	19,937,283	631,517	23,884,085	42,311,437

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.



Race Demographics - Male

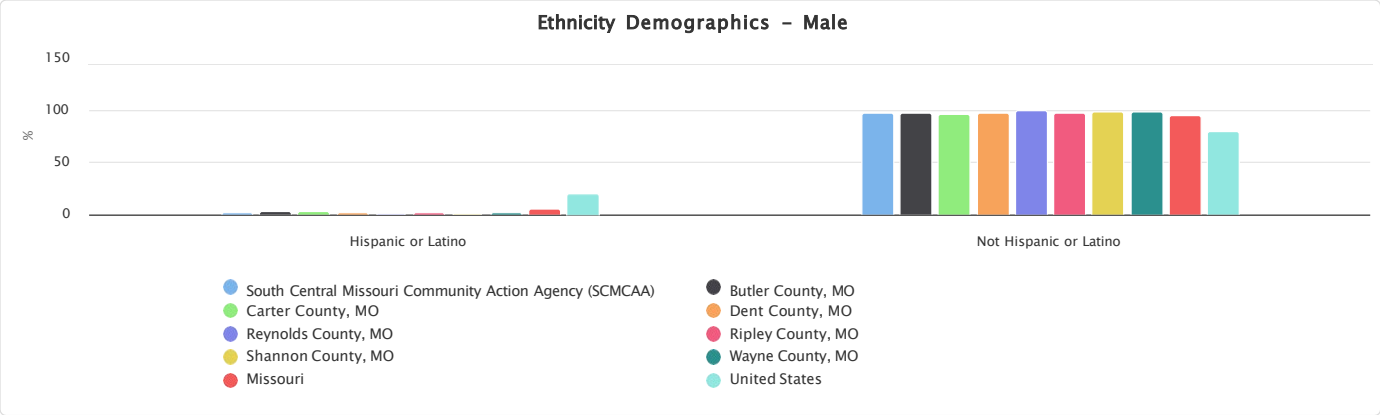
Report Area	White Male	Black Male	American Indian Male	Asian Total	Native Hawaiian Male	Some Other Male	Mixed Race Male
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	42,736	1,063	117	175	12	577	3,217
Butler County, MO	17,516	854	46	111	2	314	1,650
Carter County, MO	2,354	11	0	0	0	4	163
Dent County, MO	6,668	38	54	27	10	116	358
Reynolds County, MO	2,858	71	1	10	0	2	170
Ripley County, MO	4,928	31	2	0	0	44	396
Shannon County, MO	3,335	12	14	12	0	16	212
Wayne County, MO	5,077	46	0	15	0	81	268
Missouri	2,374,725	322,625	9,682	62,464	4,349	59,141	219,458
United States	101,264,588	19,646,335	1,567,434	9,559,644	318,979	12,222,494	21,228,544

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.

Ethnicity Demographics - Male

Report Area	Total Males Hispanic / Latino	Total Males Not Hispanic / Latino	Percent Males Hispanic / Latino	Percent Males Not Hispanic / Latino
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	1,110	46,787	2.32%	97.68%
Butler County, MO	593	19,900	2.89%	97.11%
Carter County, MO	85	2,447	3.36%	96.64%
Dent County, MO	162	7,109	2.23%	97.77%
Reynolds County, MO	12	3,100	0.39%	99.61%
Ripley County, MO	120	5,281	2.22%	97.78%
Shannon County, MO	37	3,564	1.03%	98.97%
Wayne County, MO	101	5,386	1.84%	98.16%
Missouri	165,649	2,886,795	5.43%	94.57%
United States	32,769,818	133,038,200	19.76%	80.24%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.



Race Demographics - Female

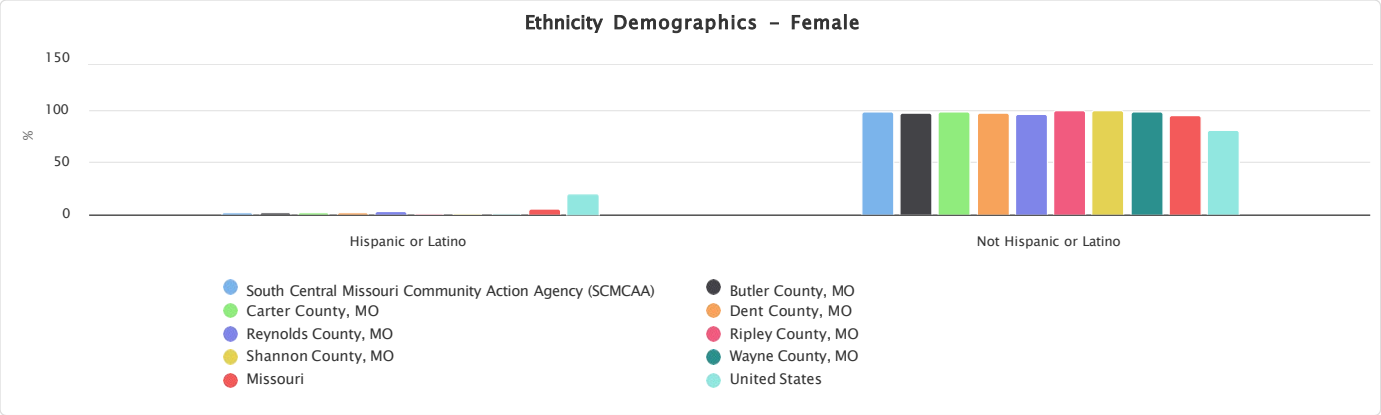
Report Area	White Female	Black Female	American Indian Female	Asian Female	Native Hawaiian Female	Some Other Female	Mixed Race Female
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	44,180	1,188	121	240	0	241	2,746
Butler County, MO	18,945	1,124	32	74	0	106	1,246
Carter County, MO	2,551	11	0	2	0	0	201
Dent County, MO	6,685	30	49	97	0	43	364
Reynolds County, MO	2,645	18	13	4	0	49	169
Ripley County, MO	4,993	3	10	30	0	5	266
Shannon County, MO	3,287	2	17	18	0	3	249
Wayne County, MO	5,074	0	0	15	0	35	251
Missouri	2,424,417	356,909	7,912	69,721	4,587	55,446	220,378
United States	102,878,288	21,273,212	1,528,320	10,377,639	312,538	11,661,591	21,082,893

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.

Ethnicity Demographics - Female

Report Area	Total Females Hispanic / Latino	Total Females Not Hispanic / Latino	Percent Females Hispanic / Latino	Percent Females Not Hispanic / Latino
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	838	47,878	1.72%	98.28%
Butler County, MO	442	21,085	2.05%	97.95%
Carter County, MO	36	2,729	1.30%	98.70%
Dent County, MO	162	7,106	2.23%	97.77%
Reynolds County, MO	92	2,806	3.17%	96.83%
Ripley County, MO	37	5,270	0.70%	99.30%
Shannon County, MO	11	3,565	0.31%	99.69%
Wayne County, MO	58	5,317	1.08%	98.92%
Missouri	158,730	2,980,640	5.06%	94.94%
United States	31,989,552	137,124,929	18.92%	81.08%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.



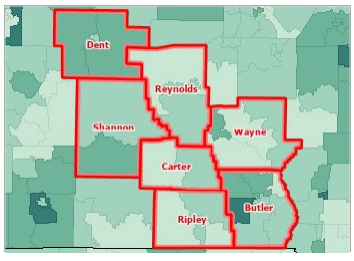
Households

This indicator compares two separate American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates to create a 5-year change in total households.
The change in number of households within the report area are from 2014-2018 ACS, and 2020-2024 ACS.

Total households for the report area decreased by -3,147, or -7.63% in those areas reporting 2024 ACS 5-year data. This compares to a statewide increase of 3.88%.

Report Area	Total Households (2019)	Total Households (2024)	Change in Households	Percent Change
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	41,239	38,092	-3,147	**-7.63%**
Butler County, MO	16,390	16,594	204	1.24%
Carter County, MO	2,333	2,038	-295	-12.64%
Dent County, MO	6,371	5,618	-753	-11.82%
Reynolds County, MO	2,596	2,335	-261	-10.05%
Ripley County, MO	5,059	4,002	-1,057	-20.89%
Shannon County, MO	3,064	2,882	-182	-5.94%
Wayne County, MO	5,426	4,623	-803	-14.80%
Missouri	2,414,521	2,508,227	93,706	3.88%
United States	120,756,048	129,227,496	8,471,448	7.02%

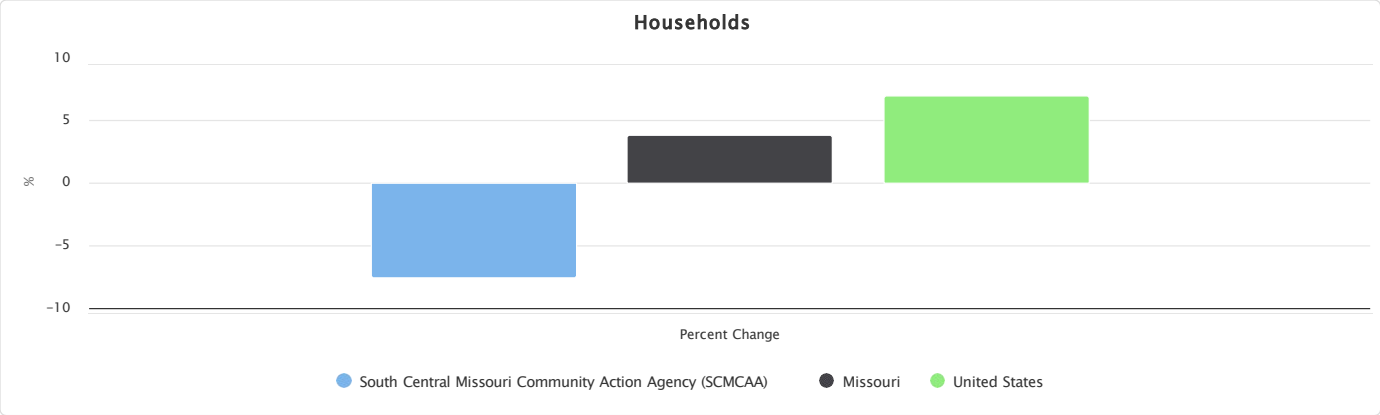
Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.



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Total Households by Tract, ACS 2020-24

- Over 2,000
- 1,501 - 2,000
- 1,001 - 1,500
- Under 1,001
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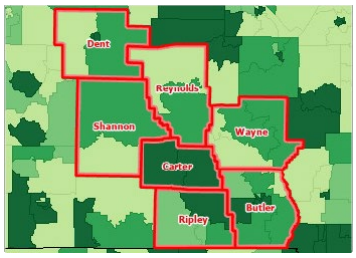


Families

The American Community Survey (ACS) estimated there were 23,668 families in the report area in 2024. Married couple families comprised 73.91% of the total number. Families headed by men without wives comprised 8.94% of the total, while women without husbands headed 17.15% of families.

Report Area	Total Number of Families	Married Couple	Female, Spouse Absent	Male, Spouse Absent
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	23,668	17,492	4,059	2,117
Butler County, MO	9,820	6,997	1,854	969
Carter County, MO	1,234	762	355	117
Dent County, MO	3,623	2,730	587	306
Reynolds County, MO	1,540	1,188	220	132
Ripley County, MO	2,638	2,063	375	200
Shannon County, MO	1,929	1,457	216	256
Wayne County, MO	2,884	2,295	452	137
Missouri	1,558,009	1,166,368	275,666	115,975
United States	82,990,528	60,637,388	15,780,321	6,572,819

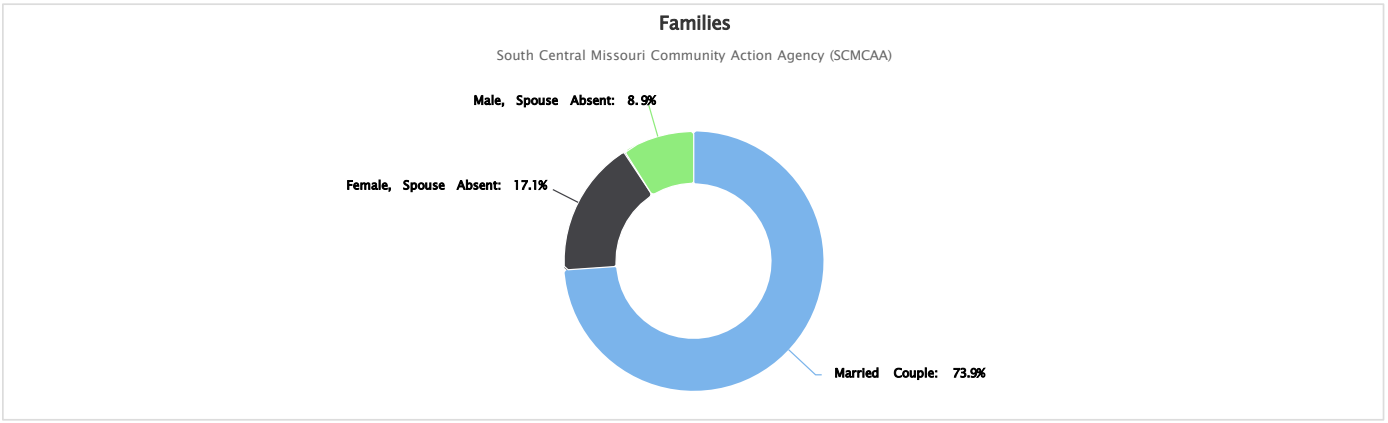
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Single Parent Households with Children (Age 0-17), Percent by Tract, ACS 2020-24

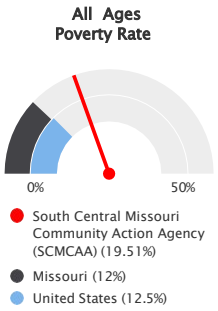
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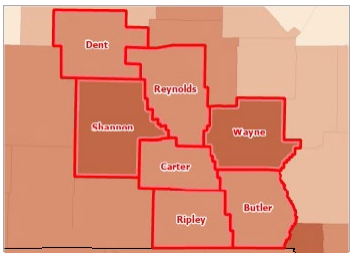
Poverty

2023 poverty estimates show a total of 18,519 persons living below the poverty level in the report area. Poverty information is at 100% of the federal poverty income guidelines.

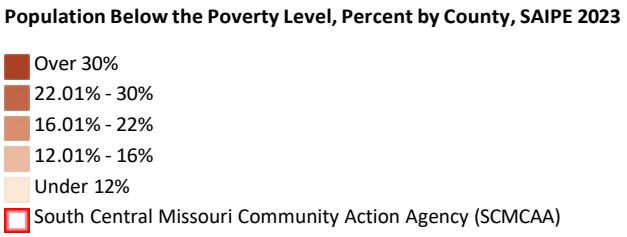
Report Area	All Ages No. of Persons	All Ages Poverty Rate	Age 0-17 No. of Persons	Age 0-17 Poverty Rate	Age 5-17 No. of Persons	Age 5-17 Poverty Rate
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	18,519	**19.51%**	5,727	26.73%	4,048	25.66%
Butler County, MO	7,624	18.60%	2,350	24.60%	1,601	23%
Carter County, MO	1,017	19.40%	376	30%	277	31.10%
Dent County, MO	2,523	17.5%	737	22.90%	526	21.5%
Reynolds County, MO	1,140	19.80%	319	30.20%	227	29.10%
Ripley County, MO	2,202	20.5%	719	27.70%	528	27.70%
Shannon County, MO	1,639	22.90%	536	33.30%	395	33.40%
Wayne County, MO	2,374	22.40%	690	32.20%	494	30.70%
Missouri	723,813	12%	197,439	14.70%	134,329	13.5%
United States	40,763,043	12.5%	11,445,264	16%	8,139,044	15.30%

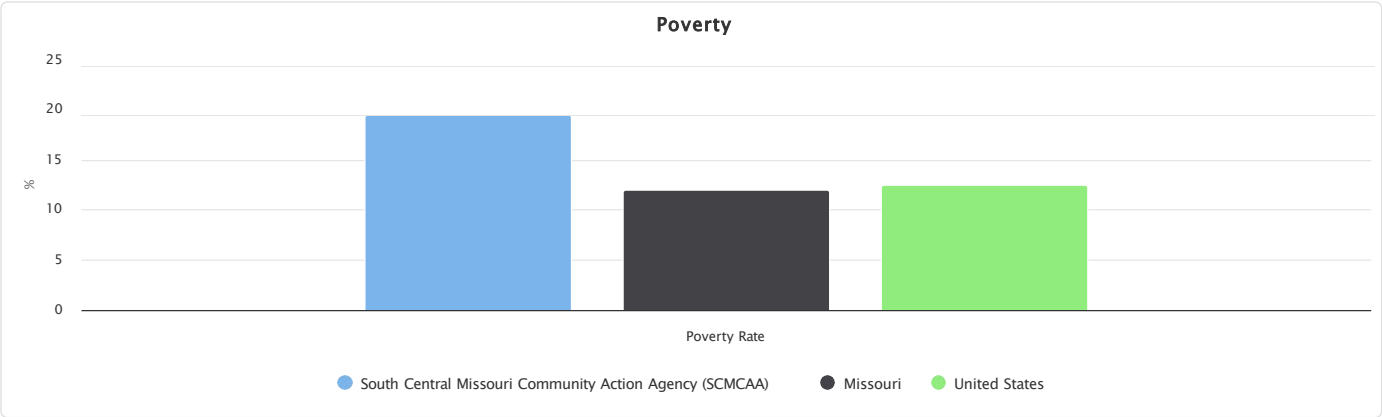


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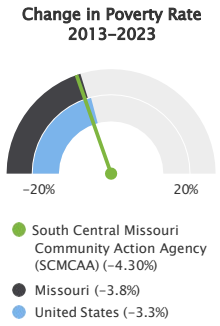




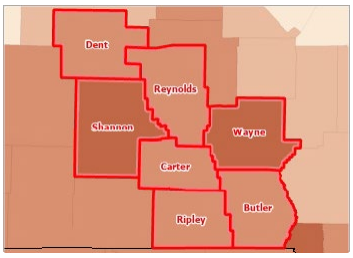
Poverty Rate Change

Poverty rate change in the report area from 2013 to 2023 is shown below. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the area decreased by -4.30%, compared to a national change of -3.3%.

Report Area	Persons in Poverty 2013	Poverty Rate 2013	Persons in Poverty 2023	Poverty Rate 2023	Change in Poverty Rate 2013-2023
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	25,168	23.81%	18,519	19.51%	**-4.30%**
Butler County, MO	9,285	22.0%	7,624	18.6%	-3.4%
Carter County, MO	1,482	23.7%	1,017	19.4%	-4.3%
Dent County, MO	3,566	23.0%	2,523	17.5%	-5.5%
Reynolds County, MO	1,504	23.3%	1,140	19.8%	-3.5%
Ripley County, MO	3,274	23.6%	2,202	20.5%	-3.1%
Shannon County, MO	2,586	31.5%	1,639	22.9%	-8.6%
Wayne County, MO	3,471	26.3%	2,374	22.4%	-3.9%
Missouri	928,778	15.8%	723,813	12.0%	-3.8%
United States	48,810,868	15.8%	40,763,043	12.5%	-3.3%



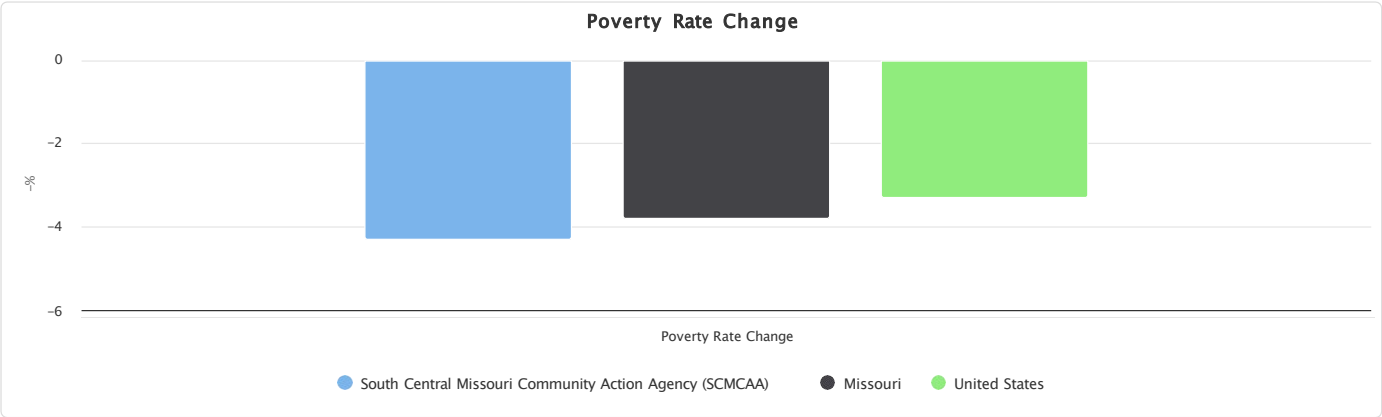
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Population Below the Poverty Level, Percent by County, SAIPE 2023

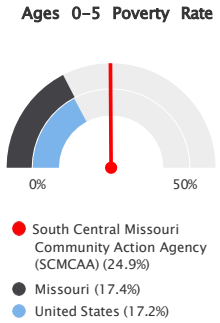
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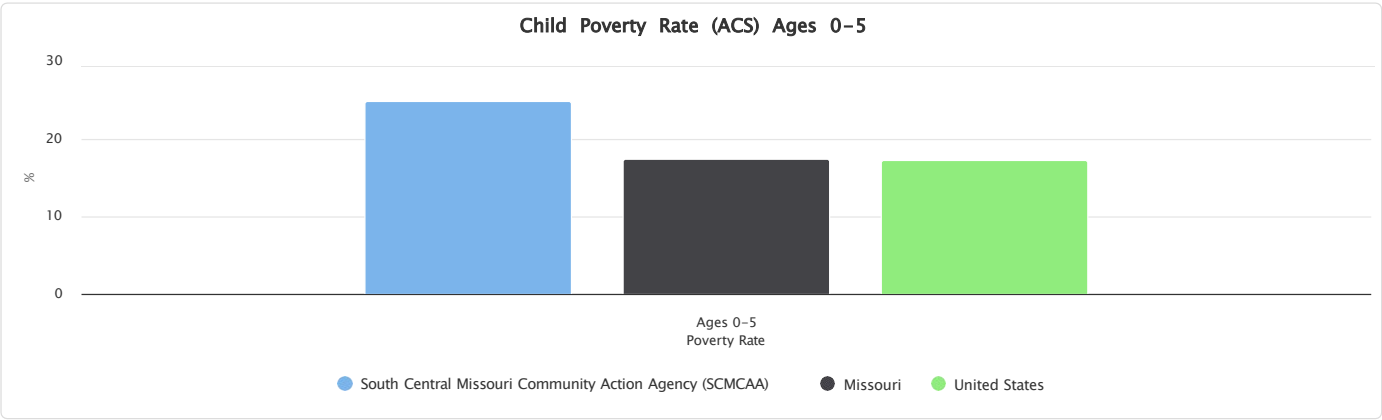
Child Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 0-5

Population and poverty estimates for children age 0-5 are shown for the report area. According to the American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year data, an average of 24.9% of children lived in a state of poverty during the survey calendar year. The poverty rate for children living in the report area is less than the national average of 17.2%.

Report Area	Ages 0-5 Total Population	Ages 0-5 In Poverty	Ages 0-5 Poverty Rate
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	6,483	1,614	**24.9%**
Butler County, MO	3,104	894	28.8%
Carter County, MO	420	141	33.6%
Dent County, MO	937	101	10.8%
Reynolds County, MO	313	70	22.4%
Ripley County, MO	745	169	22.7%
Shannon County, MO	401	35	8.7%
Wayne County, MO	563	204	36.2%
Missouri	422,316	73,501	17.4%
United States	22,260,154	3,837,919	17.2%



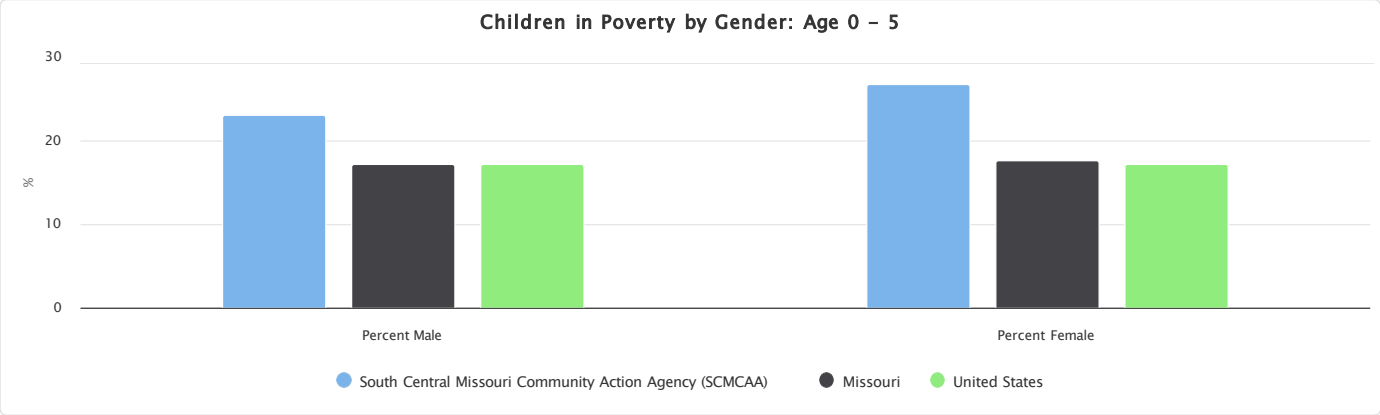
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Children in Poverty by Gender: Age 0 - 5

Report Area	Total Male	Total Female	Percent Male	Percent Female
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	760	854	23.07%	26.78%
Butler County, MO	419	475	24.47%	34.12%
Carter County, MO	41	100	31.78%	34.36%
Dent County, MO	96	5	21.19%	1.03%
Reynolds County, MO	6	64	4.62%	34.97%
Ripley County, MO	95	74	26.10%	19.42%
Shannon County, MO	2	33	1.00%	16.42%
Wayne County, MO	101	103	33.01%	40.08%
Missouri	37,296	36,205	17.21%	17.61%
United States	1,958,793	1,879,126	17.21%	17.28%

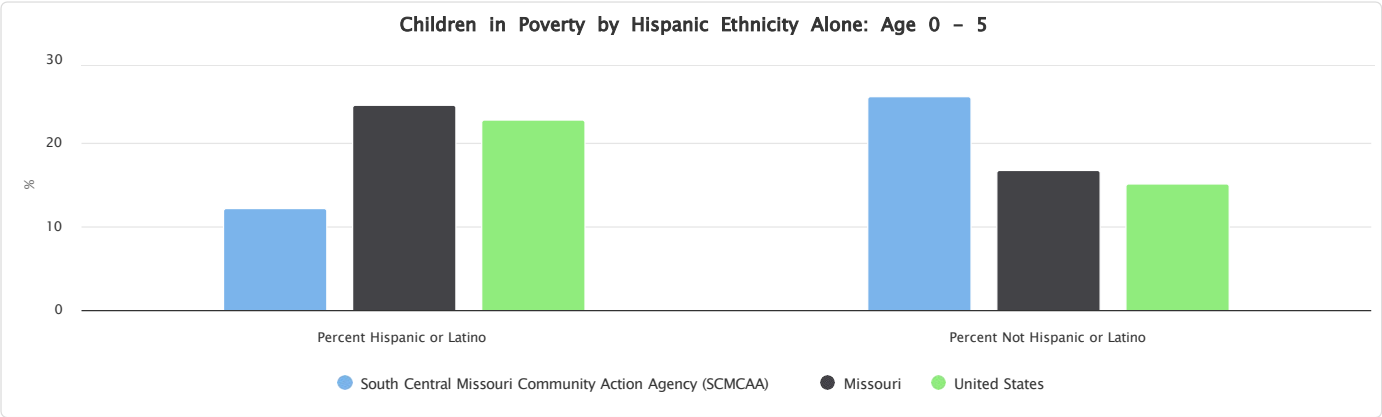
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Children in Poverty by Hispanic Ethnicity Alone: Age 0 - 5

Report Area	Total Hispanic or Latino	Total Not Hispanic or Latino	Percent Hispanic or Latino	Percent Not Hispanic or Latino
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	43	1,571	12.22%	25.62%
Butler County, MO	32	862	13.01%	30.16%
Carter County, MO	0	141	No data	33.57%
Dent County, MO	6	95	8.33%	10.98%
Reynolds County, MO	0	70	0.00%	23.03%
Ripley County, MO	5	164	27.78%	22.56%
Shannon County, MO	0	35	No data	8.73%
Wayne County, MO	0	204	0.00%	36.69%
Missouri	8,823	64,678	24.55%	16.74%
United States	1,359,178	2,478,741	22.83%	15.20%

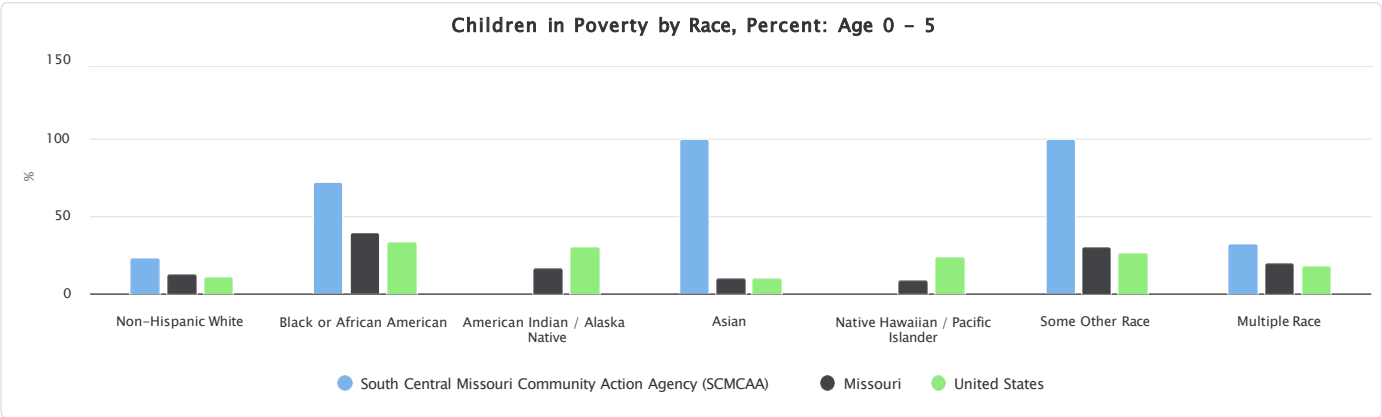
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Children in Poverty by Race, Percent: Age 0 - 5

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	22.91%	71.43%	No data	100.00%	No data	100.00%	32.15%
Butler County, MO	26.08%	74.81%	No data	No data	No data	No data	30.82%
Carter County, MO	25.99%	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	100.00%
Dent County, MO	9.57%	0.00%	No data	No data	No data	No data	32.47%
Reynolds County, MO	24.04%	No data	No data	No data	No data	100.00%	0.00%
Ripley County, MO	23.65%	100.00%	No data	No data	No data	No data	8.62%
Shannon County, MO	8.73%	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
Wayne County, MO	35.65%	No data	No data	100.00%	No data	No data	No data
Missouri	12.37%	39.39%	16.24%	9.79%	8.50%	29.92%	19.66%
United States	10.56%	33.27%	29.44%	10.03%	23.77%	25.60%	18.19%

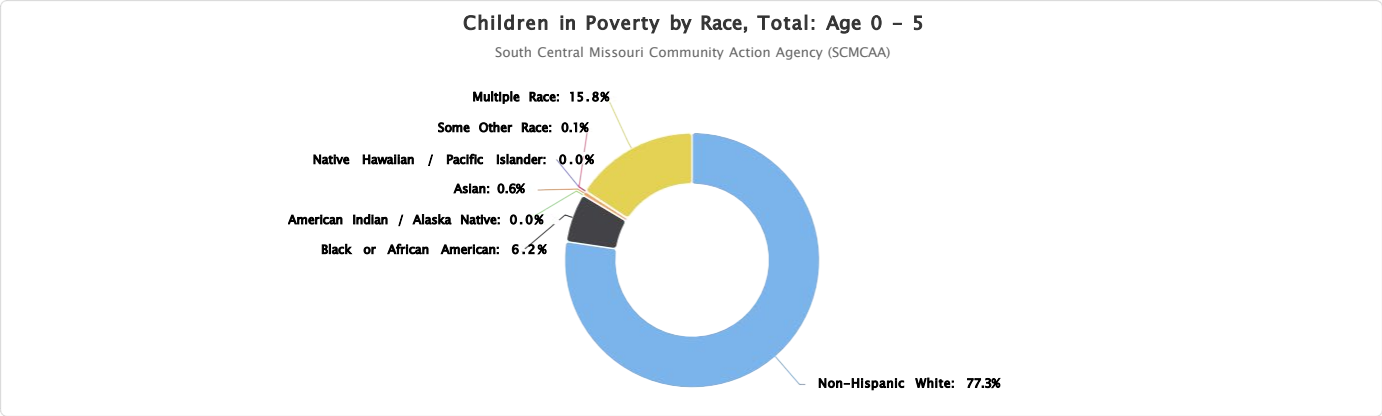
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Children in Poverty by Race, Total: Age 0 - 5

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	1,238	100	0	9	0	1	253
Butler County, MO	603	98	0	0	0	0	180
Carter County, MO	98	0	0	0	0	0	43
Dent County, MO	76	0	0	0	0	0	25
Reynolds County, MO	69	0	0	0	0	1	0
Ripley County, MO	162	2	0	0	0	0	5
Shannon County, MO	35	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wayne County, MO	195	0	0	9	0	0	0
Missouri	35,318	21,140	199	699	95	3,121	10,794
United States	1,083,615	976,811	63,648	114,300	11,081	477,597	822,275

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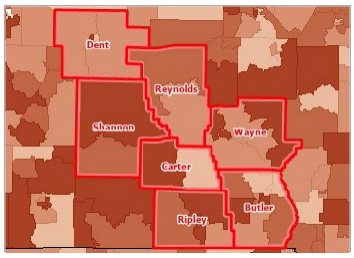


Seniors in Poverty

Poverty rates for seniors, including data for all counties from the 2000 Census as of April 1, 2000, and data from the American Community Survey as average values for the 2020 to 2024 period are shown in below.

Report Area	Seniors in Poverty 2000	Senior Poverty Rate 2000	Seniors in Poverty 2024	Senior Poverty Rate 2024
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	2,811	16.79%	3,049	15.31%
Butler County, MO	1,067	16.90%	1,278	15.97%
Carter County, MO	183	20.20%	102	9.61%
Dent County, MO	307	12.20%	349	11.13%
Reynolds County, MO	165	15.49%	165	12.23%
Ripley County, MO	452	20.40%	410	19.45%
Shannon County, MO	243	20.20%	281	17.66%
Wayne County, MO	394	15.60%	464	17.44%
Missouri	70,476	9.89%	111,549	10.41%

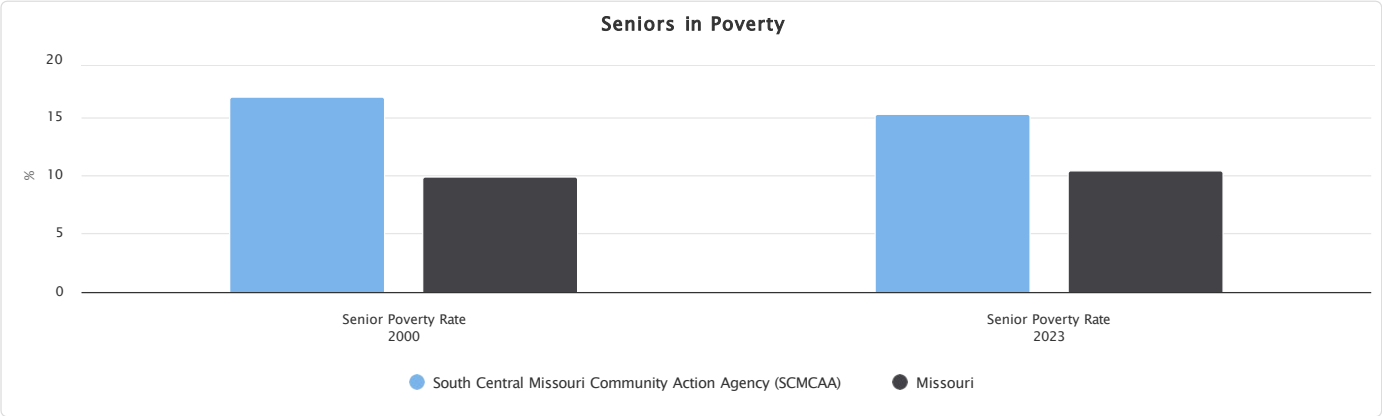
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.



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Population Below the Poverty Level, Senior (Age 65+), Percent by Tract, ACS 2020-24

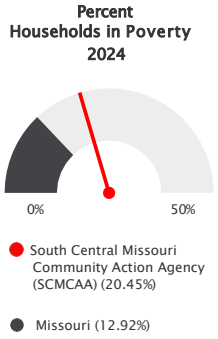
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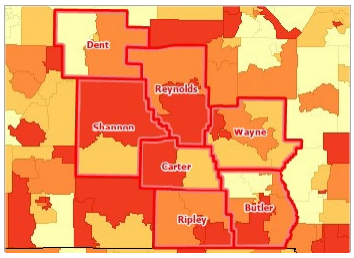
Households in Poverty

The table below shows the number and percentage of households in poverty in the report area. In 2024, it is estimated that there were 7,791 households, or 20.45%, living in poverty within the report area, compared to a statewide average of 12.92%.
Note: The total household measurements for poverty reports are lower than population totals for some other indicators, as poverty data collection does not include people in group quarters. See "Show more details" for more details.

Report Area	Total Households 2000	Households in Poverty 2000	Percent Households in Poverty 2000	Total Households 2024	Households in Poverty 2024	Percent Households in Poverty 2024
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	42,173	8,615	20.43%	38,092	7,791	**20.45%**
Butler County, MO	16,737	3,167	18.92%	16,594	3,565	21.48%
Carter County, MO	2,377	551	23.18%	2,038	446	21.88%
Dent County, MO	6,017	988	16.42%	5,618	750	13.35%
Reynolds County, MO	2,735	556	20.33%	2,335	461	19.74%
Ripley County, MO	5,438	1,280	23.54%	4,002	1,045	26.11%
Shannon County, MO	3,329	868	26.07%	2,882	483	16.76%
Wayne County, MO	5,540	1,205	21.75%	4,623	1,041	22.52%
Missouri	2,197,214	258,419	11.76%	2,508,227	324,173	12.92%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.



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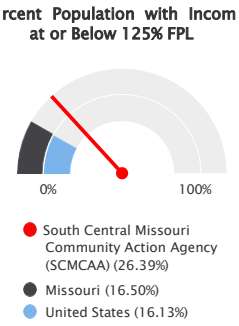
Family Households Living Below the Poverty Level, Percent by Tract, ACS 2020-24

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- 7.1 - 11.0%
- Under 7.1%
- No Family Households Reported
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)

Poverty Rate 125% (ACS)

In the report area 26.39% or 24,997 individuals are living in households with income below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). This indicator is relevant because poverty creates barriers to access including health services, healthy food, and other necessities that contribute to poor health status.
Note: The total population measurements for poverty reports are lower than population totals for some other indicators, as poverty data collection does not include people in group quarters. See "Show more details" for more information.

Report Area	Population, Total	Population with Income at or Below 125% FPL	Population with Income at or Below 125% FPL, Percent
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	94,737	24,997	**26.39%**
Butler County, MO	41,159	11,399	27.70%
Carter County, MO	5,252	1,407	26.79%
Dent County, MO	14,369	2,330	16.22%
Reynolds County, MO	5,815	1,345	23.13%
Ripley County, MO	10,586	3,590	33.91%
Shannon County, MO	6,898	1,667	24.17%
Wayne County, MO	10,658	3,259	30.58%
Missouri	6,020,489	993,114	16.50%
United States	327,079,188	52,770,007	16.13%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.

Family Poverty Rate 125% (ACS)

In the report area 18.89% or 4,471 family households are living with income below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Report Area	Family Households, Total	Families with Income at or Below 125% FPL	Families with Income at or Below 125% FPL, Percent
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	23,668	4,471	18.89%
Butler County, MO	9,820	1,778	18.11%
Carter County, MO	1,234	234	18.96%
Dent County, MO	3,623	398	10.99%
Reynolds County, MO	1,540	298	19.35%
Ripley County, MO	2,638	730	27.67%
Shannon County, MO	1,929	387	20.06%
Wayne County, MO	2,884	646	22.40%
Missouri	1,558,009	179,868	11.54%

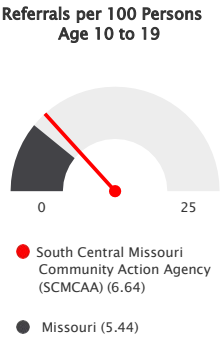
United States	82,990,528	9,805,020	11.81%

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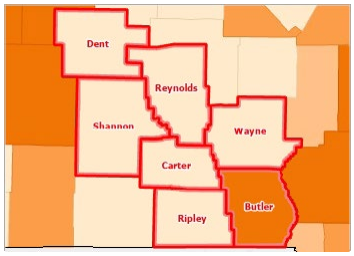
Juvenile Court Referrals

The number of juvenile court referrals in the latest data release year within the report area is shown below, in addition to the number of referrals per 100 persons age 10 to 19. The rate for the report area was 6.64 which was higher than the statewide rate of 5.44.

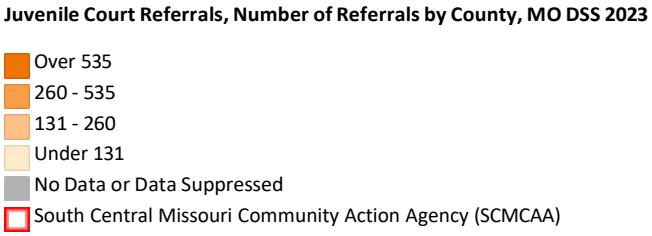
Report Area	Number of Referrals	Referrals per 100 Persons Age 10 to 19
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	847	**6.64**
Butler County, MO	544	9.84
Carter County, MO	37	4.40
Dent County, MO	96	5.07
Reynolds County, MO	33	4.47
Ripley County, MO	63	4.41
Shannon County, MO	41	4.49
Wayne County, MO	33	2.32
Missouri	43,874	5.44

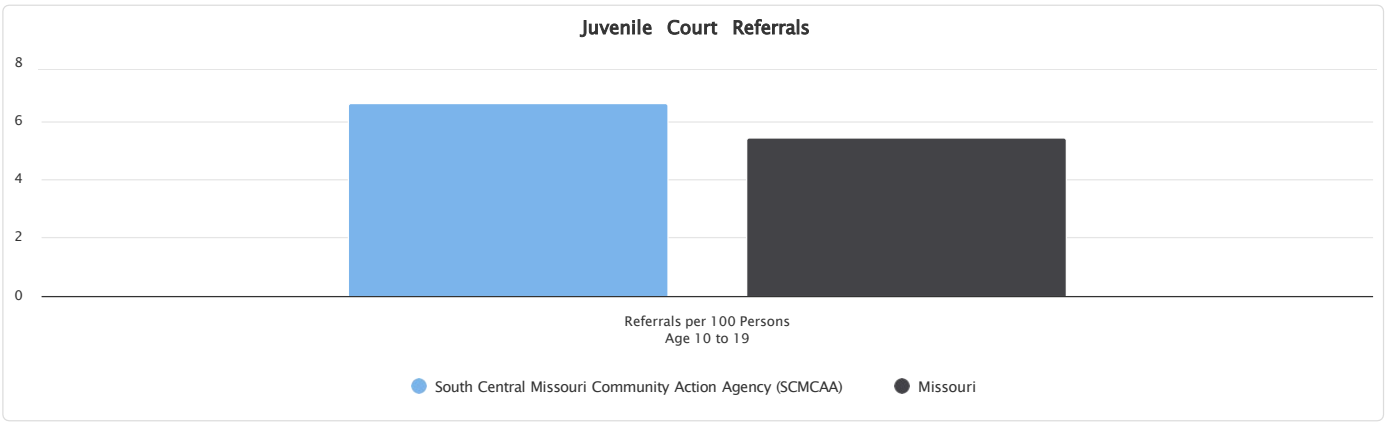


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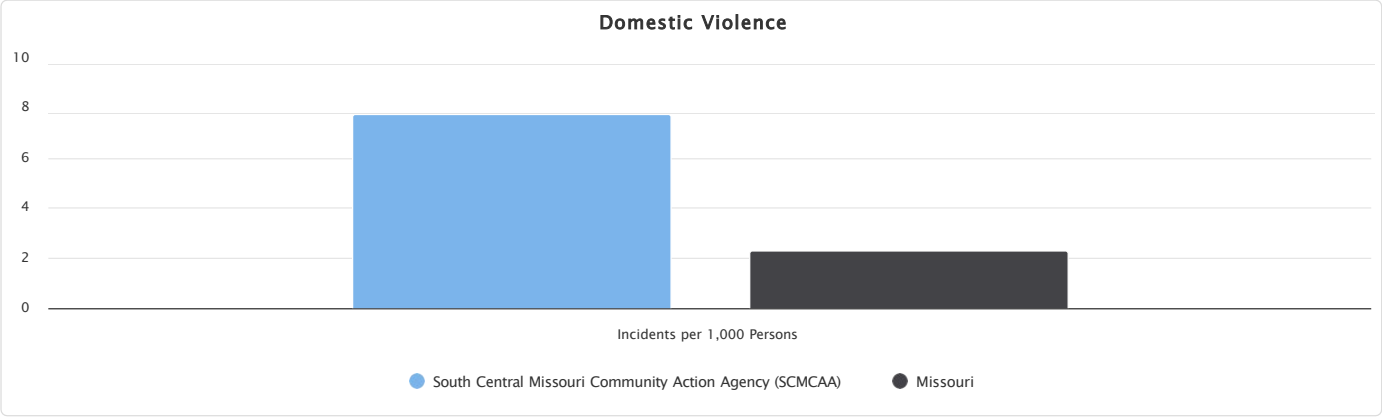


Domestic Violence

Reported incidents of domestic violence within the report area are shown in the table. According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Uniform Crime Reporting Program, a total of 751 incidents were reported in 2024.

Report Area	Spouses	Former Spouses	With Children in Common	Related by Blood	Related by Marriage	Not Married, Residing Together	Not Married, Formerly Residing Together	Total Number of Reported Incidents	Incidents per 1,000 Persons
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	116	15	33	215	16	142	10	751	7.77
Butler County, MO	81	13	18	163	14	108	5	594	14.14
Carter County, MO	6	No data	No data	6	No data	4	1	18	3.40
Dent County, MO	10	No data	3	11	1	3	2	33	2.27
Reynolds County, MO	2	1	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	3	0.50
Ripley County, MO	1	No data	No data	7	No data	4	No data	12	1.12
Shannon County, MO	3	No data	4	No data	No data	2	No data	11	1.53
Wayne County, MO	13	1	8	28	1	21	2	80	7.37
Missouri	2,241	405	992	3,593	494	2,165	363	14,122	2.28

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.

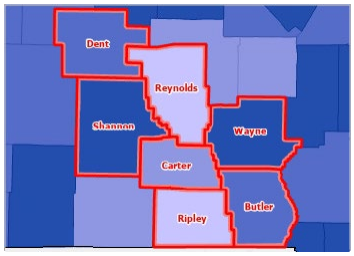


Violent Crime

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Report Area	Homicide	Assault	Robbery	Forcible Rape	Index Violent Crime Rate
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	20	1,124	14	211	1,370
Butler County, MO	0	157	14	33	205
Carter County, MO	0	151	0	0	151
Dent County, MO	0	167	0	70	237
Reynolds County, MO	0	16	0	32	48
Ripley County, MO	0	53	0	7	60
Shannon County, MO	12	258	0	36	307
Wayne County, MO	7	320	0	31	359
Missouri	9	350	53	47	461

Data Source: Missouri State Highway Patrol. 2023.



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Violent Crimes, Rate (Per 100,000 Pop.) by County, MO State Highway Patrol 2023

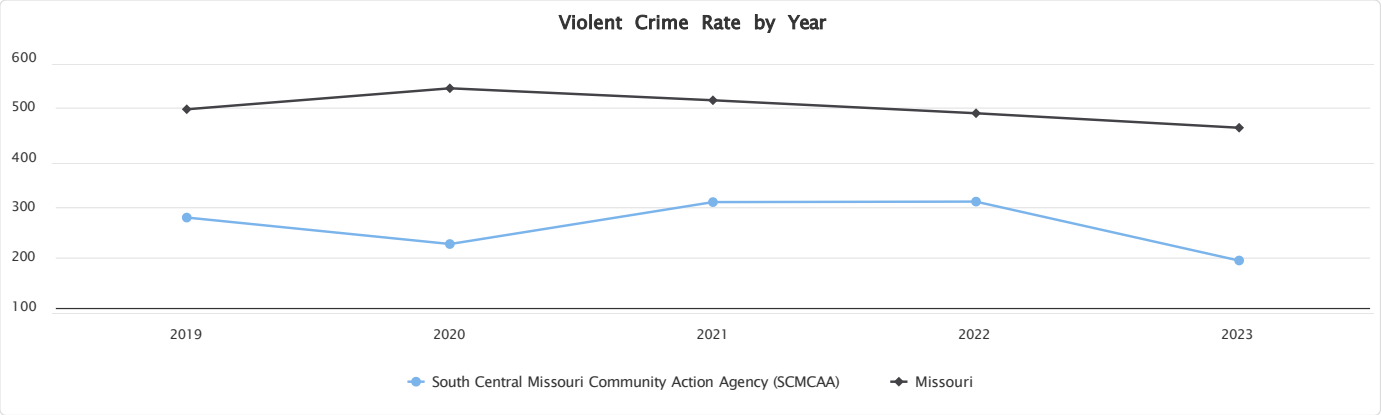
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- 180.1 - 300
- 85.1 - 180
- Under 85.1
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Violent Crime Rate by Year

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Uniform Crime Reporting Program, the rates of violent crime per 100,000 population for the report area are detailed as follows. In the year 2019, the rate was 281. For 2020, the rate increased to 228. The following year, 2021, saw a rate of 312, while 2022 reported a rate of 313. Finally, in 2023, the rate reached 195. These figures represent the number of violent crimes per 100,000 individuals for each respective year.

Report Area	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	281	228	312	313	195
Butler County, MO	660	370	669	478	205
Carter County, MO	622	605	571	521	151
Dent County, MO	122	135	205	244	237
Reynolds County, MO	80	0	80	80	48
Ripley County, MO	37	83	83	45	60
Shannon County, MO	245	245	61	270	307
Wayne County, MO	203	164	515	554	359
Missouri	498	540	516	490	461

Data Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI Crime Data Explorer. 2023.

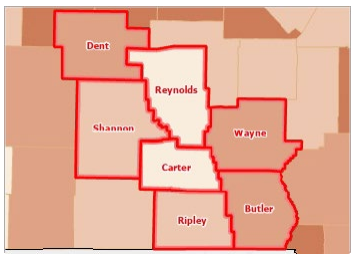


Property Crime

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Report Area	Burglaries	Larcenies	Auto Theft	Arson	Property Crimes Rate
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	152	560	137	7	857
Butler County, MO	167	648	209	9	1,034
Carter County, MO	117	84	33	0	235
Dent County, MO	122	894	122	6	1,144
Reynolds County, MO	16	96	32	0	144
Ripley County, MO	174	363	83	7	629
Shannon County, MO	86	356	61	0	504
Wayne County, MO	242	640	117	15	1,015
Missouri	257	1,372	480	17	2,127

Data Source: Missouri State Highway Patrol. 2023.



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Property Crimes, Rate (Per 100,000 Pop.) by County, MO State Highway Patrol 2023

- Over 3200
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- 900.1 - 1600
- 420.1 - 900
- Under 420.1
- South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)

Property Crime Rate by Year

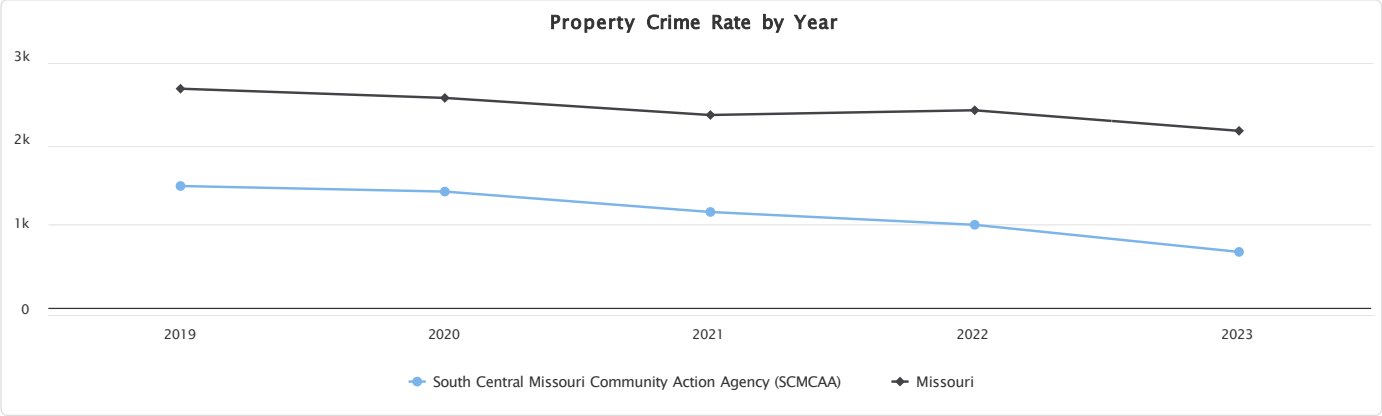
According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Uniform Crime Reporting Program, the rates of property crime per 100,000 population for the report area are detailed as follows. In the year 2019, the rate was 1,464. For 2020, the rate increased to 1,397.

The following year, 2021, saw a rate of 1,152, while 2022 reported a rate of 998. Finally, in 2023, the rate reached 672. These figures

represent the number of property crimes per 100,000 individuals for each respective year.

Report Area	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	1,464	1,397	1,152	998	672
Butler County, MO	4,122	4,080	3,401	2,746	1,034
Carter County, MO	1,194	689	908	571	235
Dent County, MO	1,099	1,080	1,222	1,042	1,144
Reynolds County, MO	594	385	160	48	144
Ripley County, MO	1,136	1,636	894	894	629
Shannon County, MO	381	491	172	516	504
Wayne County, MO	1,726	1,422	1,312	1,172	1,015
Missouri	2,634	2,523	2,318	2,375	2,127

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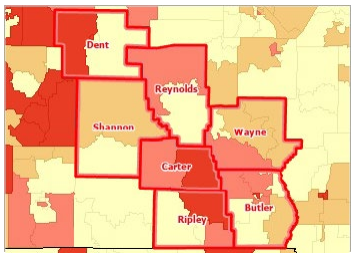


Veterans, Age and Gender Demographics

Veterans, Age and Gender Demographics show the number of veterans living in the report area. According to the American Community Survey (ACS), 9.96% of the adult population in the report area are veterans, which is more than the national average of 6.22%.

Report Area	Veterans Total	Veterans Male	Veterans Female	% Pop over 18 Total	% Pop over 18 Males	% Pop over 18 Females
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	7,437	6,808	629	9.96%	18.64%	1.65%
Butler County, MO	3,186	2,851	335	9.91%	18.55%	1.99%
Carter County, MO	526	492	34	13.11%	25.32%	1.64%
Dent County, MO	1,279	1,154	125	11.37%	20.74%	2.20%
Reynolds County, MO	400	383	17	8.22%	15.41%	0.71%
Ripley County, MO	744	708	36	9.16%	17.52%	0.88%
Shannon County, MO	497	427	70	8.95%	15.43%	2.52%
Wayne County, MO	805	793	12	9.22%	18.23%	0.27%
Missouri	347,543	316,952	30,591	7.26%	13.61%	1.24%
United States	16,185,883	14,505,802	1,680,081	6.22%	11.41%	1.26%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.



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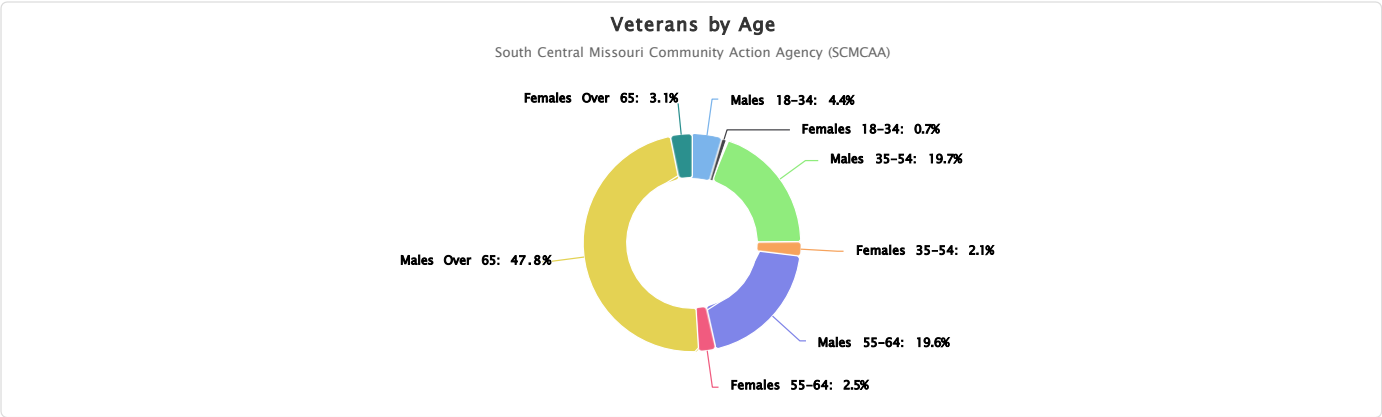
Veterans, Percent of Total Population by Tract, ACS 2020-24

- Over 13%
- 11.1 - 13.0%
- 9.1 - 11.0%
- Under 9.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)

Veterans by Age

Report Area	Veteran Age Males 18-34	Veteran Age Females 18-34	Veteran Age Males 35-54	Veteran Age Females 35-54	Veteran Age Males 55-64	Veteran Age Females 55-64	Veteran Age Males Over 65	Veteran Age Females Over 65
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	329	54	1,466	155	1,455	186	3,558	234
Butler County, MO	127	46	718	97	663	94	1,343	98
Carter County, MO	9	0	49	3	89	18	345	13
Dent County, MO	81	8	294	33	247	42	532	42
Reynolds County, MO	11	0	49	0	77	2	246	15
Ripley County, MO	34	0	122	7	163	0	389	29
Shannon County, MO	7	0	116	15	62	19	242	36
Wayne County, MO	60	0	118	0	154	11	461	1
Missouri	23,192	4,010	64,219	11,244	58,016	8,229	171,525	7,108
United States	1,110,008	247,204	3,225,049	636,100	2,605,276	402,328	7,565,469	394,449

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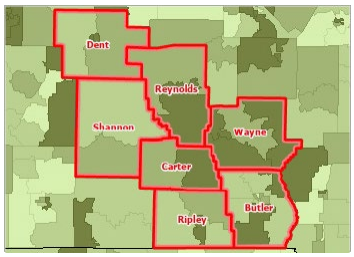


Population Geographic Mobility

Information about population in-migration are calculated by assessing changes in residence within a one year period. Of the 95,530 persons residing in the report area, an estimated 6.08% relocated to the area, according to the latest American Community Survey 5-year estimates. Persons who moved to a new household from outside of their current county of residence, from outside their state of residence, or from abroad are considered part of the in-migrated population. Persons who moved to a new household from a different household within their current county of residence are not included.

Report Area	Total Population	Population In-Migration	Percent Population In-Migration
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	95,530	5,813	6.08%
Butler County, MO	41,595	2,065	4.96%
Carter County, MO	5,236	453	8.65%
Dent County, MO	14,342	973	6.78%
Reynolds County, MO	5,963	451	7.56%
Ripley County, MO	10,578	626	5.92%
Shannon County, MO	7,059	321	4.55%
Wayne County, MO	10,757	924	8.59%
Missouri	6,123,535	391,773	6.40%
United States	331,439,985	19,954,351	6.02%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.



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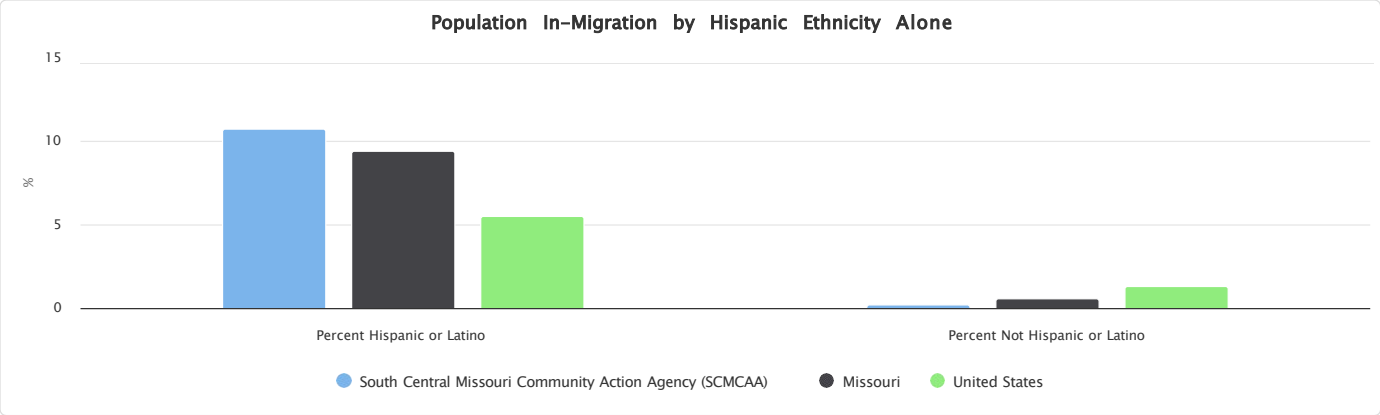
Population Migrated from Outside of the County, State, or Country, Percent of Total Population by Tract, ACS 2020-24

- Over 8.0%
- 5.1 - 8.0%
- 2.1 - 5.0%
- Under 2.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)

Population In-Migration by Hispanic Ethnicity Alone

Report Area	Total Hispanic or Latino	Total Not Hispanic or Latino	Percent Hispanic or Latino	Percent Not Hispanic or Latino
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	206	5,607	10.73%	0.22%
Butler County, MO	74	1,991	7.28%	0.18%
Carter County, MO	64	389	52.89%	1.25%
Dent County, MO	11	962	3.40%	0.08%
Reynolds County, MO	0	451	0.00%	0.00%
Ripley County, MO	8	618	5.41%	0.08%
Shannon County, MO	0	321	0.00%	0.00%
Wayne County, MO	49	875	30.82%	0.46%
Missouri	30,033	361,740	9.44%	0.52%
United States	3,538,083	16,416,268	5.54%	1.32%

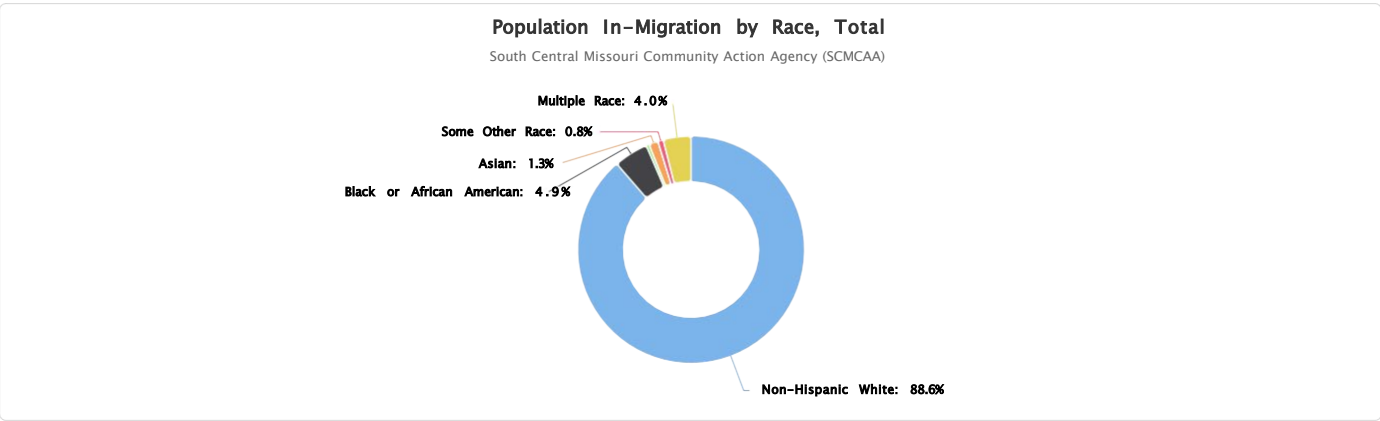
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Population In-Migration by Race, Total

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	5,151	285	25	77	0	44	231
Butler County, MO	1,716	218	0	69	0	42	20
Carter County, MO	372	0	0	0	0	0	81
Dent County, MO	887	3	24	8	0	0	51
Reynolds County, MO	398	46	0	0	0	0	7
Ripley County, MO	571	10	0	0	0	2	43
Shannon County, MO	314	3	1	0	0	0	3
Wayne County, MO	893	5	0	0	0	0	26
Missouri	284,694	42,867	1,674	15,682	1,337	10,898	34,621
United States	11,816,650	2,546,428	178,823	1,568,204	46,776	1,269,970	2,527,500

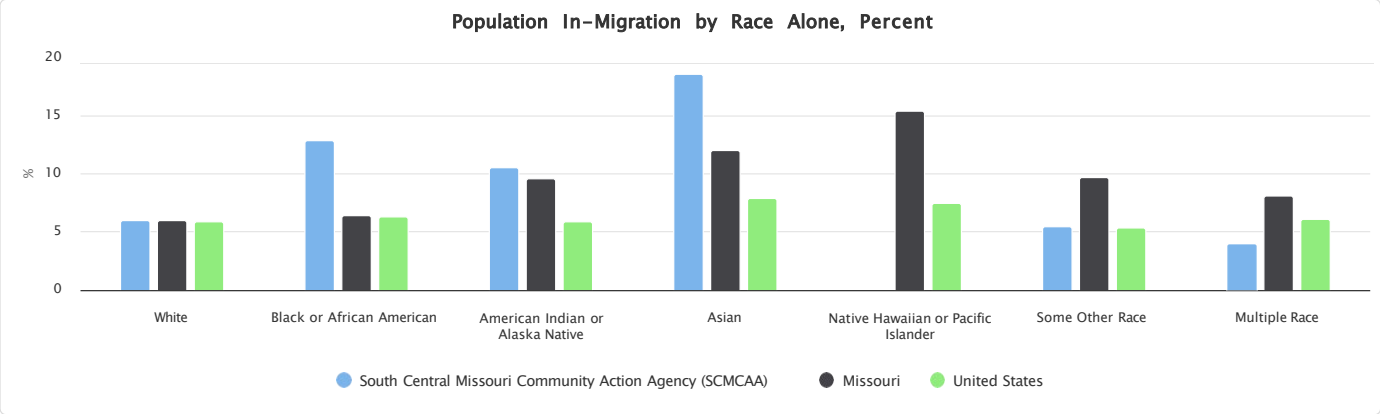
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Population In-Migration by Race Alone, Percent

Report Area	White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	5.99%	12.86%	10.50%	18.55%	0.00%	5.40%	3.95%
Butler County, MO	4.75%	11.21%	0.00%	37.30%	0.00%	10.00%	0.71%
Carter County, MO	7.68%	0.00%	No data	0.00%	No data	0.00%	22.25%
Dent County, MO	6.74%	4.41%	23.30%	6.45%	0.00%	0.00%	7.06%
Reynolds County, MO	7.29%	51.69%	0.00%	0.00%	No data	0.00%	2.08%
Ripley County, MO	5.81%	31.25%	0.00%	0.00%	No data	4.08%	6.85%
Shannon County, MO	4.83%	21.43%	3.23%	0.00%	No data	0.00%	0.65%
Wayne County, MO	8.89%	10.87%	No data	0.00%	No data	0.00%	5.01%
Missouri	5.99%	6.38%	9.61%	11.97%	15.36%	9.66%	8.06%
United States	5.84%	6.29%	5.83%	7.93%	7.50%	5.39%	6.08%

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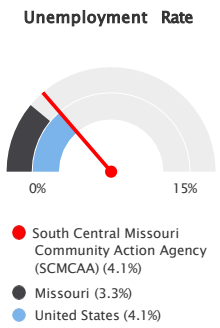


Employment

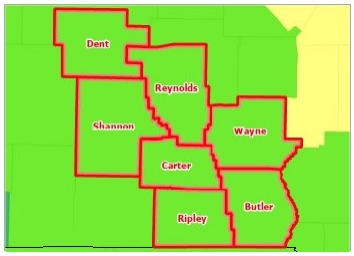
Current Unemployment

Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for each county in the report area is provided in the table below. Overall, the report area experienced an average 4.1% unemployment rate in December 2025.

Report Area	Labor Force	Number Employed	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	39,938	38,305	1,633	**4.1%**
Butler County, MO	17,432	16,716	716	4.1%
Carter County, MO	2,165	2,081	84	3.9%
Dent County, MO	6,437	6,222	215	3.3%
Reynolds County, MO	2,396	2,299	97	4.0%
Ripley County, MO	4,655	4,483	172	3.7%
Shannon County, MO	2,922	2,773	149	5.1%
Wayne County, MO	3,931	3,731	200	5.1%
Missouri	3,190,413	3,086,234	104,179	3.3%
United States	171,978,146	164,905,410	7,072,735	4.1%



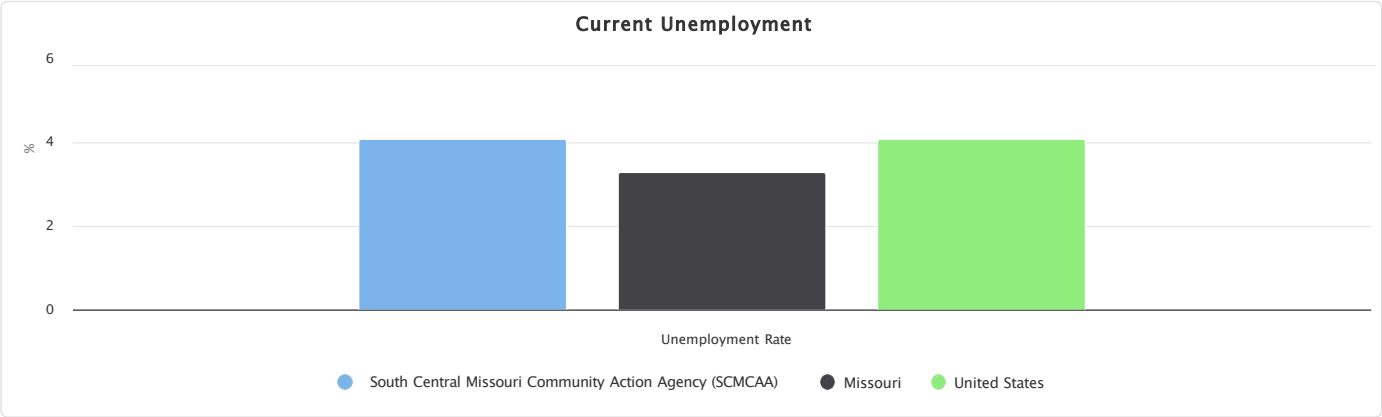
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Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2025 - December.



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Unemployment, Rate by County, BLS 2025 - December

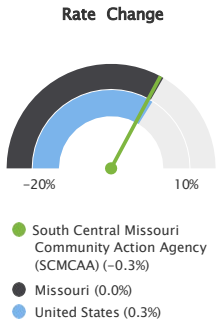
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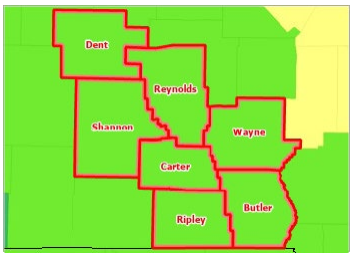
Unemployment Change

Unemployment change within the report area from December 2024 to December 2025 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this one year period fell from 4.3% to 4.1%.

Report Area	Unemployment December 2024	Unemployment December 2025	Unemployment Rate December 2024	Unemployment Rate December 2025	Rate Change
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	1,714	1,633	4.3%	4.1%	-0.3%
Butler County, MO	743	716	4.3%	4.1%	-0.2%
Carter County, MO	110	84	5.0%	3.9%	-1.1%
Dent County, MO	228	215	3.6%	3.3%	-0.2%
Reynolds County, MO	101	97	4.1%	4.0%	0.0%
Ripley County, MO	189	172	4.1%	3.7%	-0.4%
Shannon County, MO	144	149	5.2%	5.1%	-0.1%
Wayne County, MO	199	200	5.2%	5.1%	-0.1%
Missouri	100,430	104,179	3.2%	3.3%	0.0%
United States	6,591,405	7,072,735	3.9%	4.1%	0.3%



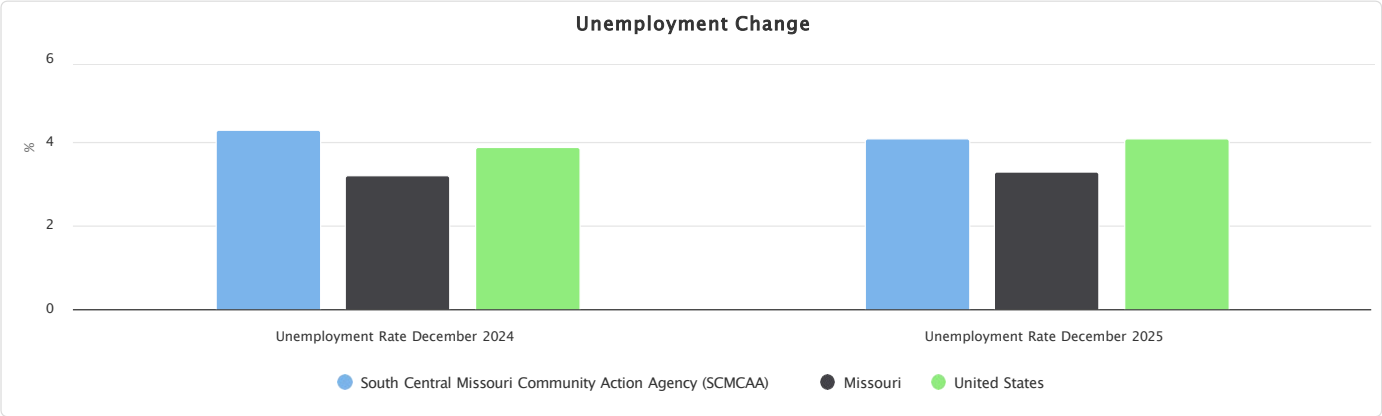
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Unemployment, Rate by County, BLS 2025 - December

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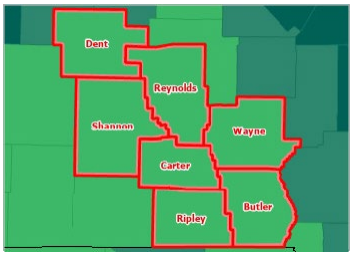


Household Income

Median annual household incomes in the report area for 2023 are shown in the table below. Since this reports a median amount, a "Report Area" value is not able to be calculated.

Report Area	Estimated Population	Median Household Income
Butler County, MO	40,989	$48,059
Carter County, MO	5,242	$43,801
Dent County, MO	14,417	$49,324
Reynolds County, MO	5,758	$43,674
Ripley County, MO	10,741	$43,485
Shannon County, MO	7,157	$44,439
Wayne County, MO	10,598	$41,315
Missouri	6,031,775	$68,484
United States	326,104,344	$77,719

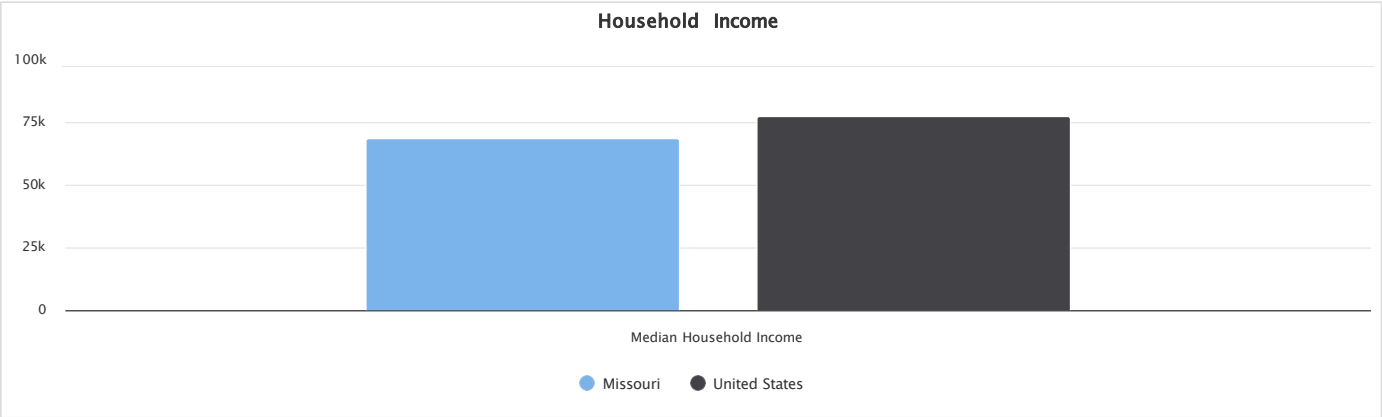
Data Source: US Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates. 2023.



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Median Household Income by County, SAIPE 2023

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- $40,001 - $50,000
- Under $40,000
- South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)

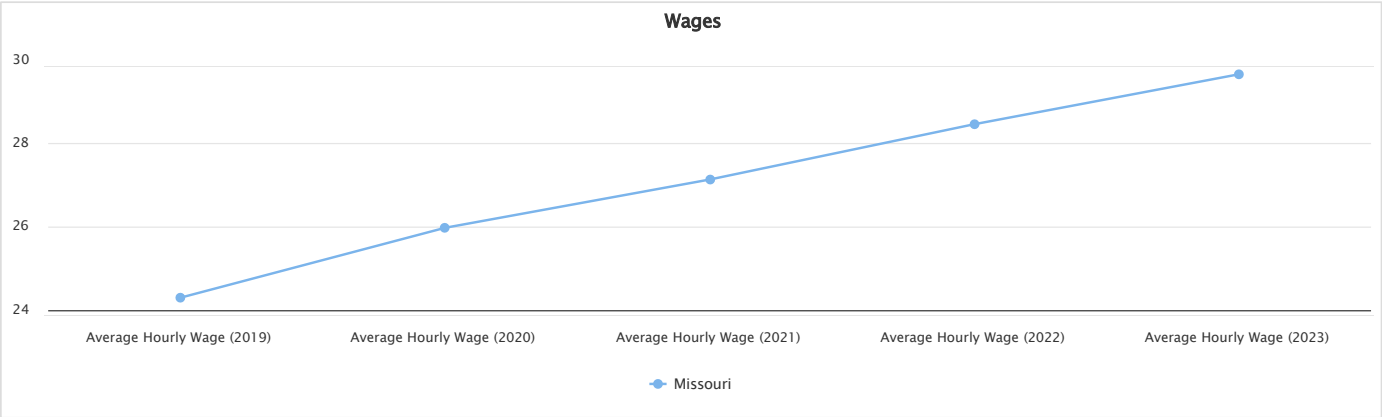


Wages

Average hourly and annual wages in the selected county(s) for the last five years are shown below. Due to limitations of the data, there is no calculation for average hourly or average annual wage for the report area.

Report Area	Average Hourly Wage (2019)	Average Annual Wage (2019)	Average Hourly Wage (2020)	Average Annual Wage (2020)	Average Hourly Wage (2021)	Average Annual Wage (2021)	Average Hourly Wage (2022)	Average Annual Wage (2022)	Average Hourly Wage (2023)	Average Annual Wage (2023)
Butler County, MO	$16.93	$35,184	$17.88	$37,178	$18.98	$39,488.00	$20.09	$41,783.00	$21.29	$44,284.00
Carter County, MO	$13.08	$27,175	$14.28	$29,689	$14.59	$30,348.00	$15.20	$31,611.00	$16.70	$34,737.00
Dent County, MO	$15.33	$31,892	$16.05	$33,378	$17.17	$35,705.00	$18.10	$37,640.00	$19.47	$40,494.00
Reynolds County, MO	$16.9	$35,136	$18.25	$37,934	$19.71	$40,992.00	$20.23	$42,086.00	$21.27	$44,233.00
Ripley County, MO	$12.15	$25,252	$12.6	$26,212	$12.85	$26,728.00	$13.64	$28,366.00	$14.30	$29,753.00
Shannon County, MO	$12.85	$26,728	$13.73	$28,534	$14.65	$30,475.00	$16.05	$33,385.00	$16.46	$34,243.00
Wayne County, MO	$12.63	$26,282	$14.05	$29,202	$15.36	$31,956.00	$16.73	$34,788.00	$18.13	$37,712.00
Missouri	$24.3	$50,536	$25.98	$54,046	$27.14	$56,447.00	$28.47	$59,225.00	$29.67	$61,711.00

Data Source: Missouri Department of Economic Development, Missouri Economic Research and Information Center. 2023.



Living Wage

The living wage shown is the hourly rate that an individual must earn to support their family, if they are the sole provider and are working full-time (2080 hours per year). Effective January 1, 2025 the Minimum Hourly Wage for Missouri is $13.75.

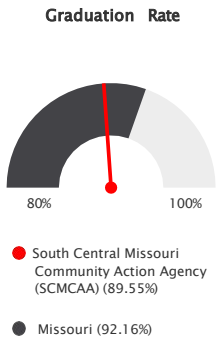
Report Area	One Adult	One Adult One Child	Two Adults	Two Adults One Child	Two Adults Two Children
Butler County, MO	$18.39	$32.64	$13.32	$18.61	$22.85
Carter County, MO	$19.42	$33.01	$13.90	$18.96	$22.95
Dent County, MO	$19.06	$32.29	$13.74	$18.58	$22.41
Reynolds County, MO	$19.77	$33.16	$14.13	$19.08	$22.99
Ripley County, MO	$19.22	$32.80	$13.91	$18.82	$22.81
Shannon County, MO	$19.41	$31.85	$13.90	$18.35	$21.82
Wayne County, MO	$18.70	$31.99	$13.92	$18.34	$22.16
Missouri	$20.87	$37.08	$14.80	$21.06	$26.24

Data Source: Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Living Wage Calculator. February 2025.

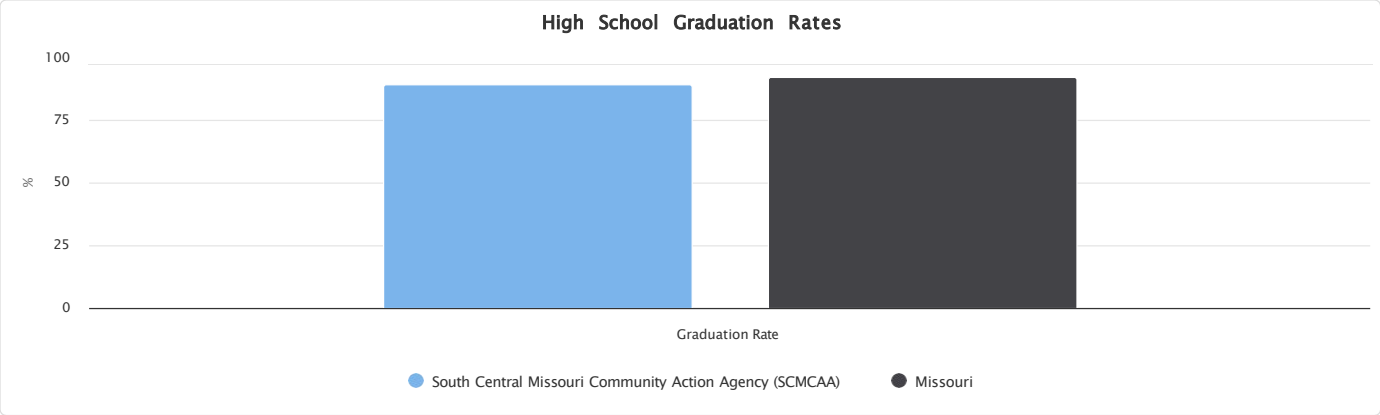
High School Graduation Rates

The number of 2024 high school graduates and the graduation rate in the report area are shown in the table. The report area average graduation rate was 89.55%, compared to the statewide rate of 92.16%

Report Area	Enrollment	Graduates	Graduation Rate
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	919	823	**89.55%**
Butler County, MO	446	391	87.67%
Carter County, MO	68	65	95.59%
Dent County, MO	135	122	90.37%
Reynolds County, MO	66	60	90.91%
Ripley County, MO	145	129	88.97%
Shannon County, MO	59	56	94.92%
Missouri	66,531	61,314	92.16%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. 2024.



Child Care Costs

For the 2023 Market Rate Survey, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, which is responsible for licensing childcare facilities, provided a list of all licensed facilities.

County	Type of Care	Infant Full	Infant Half	Infant Part	Preschool Full	Preschool Half	Preschool Part	School Age Full	School Age Half	School Age Part
BUTLER	Center	$33.78	$25.34	$16.89	$26.94	$20.21	$13.47	$24.00	$18.00	$12.00
BUTLER	Group	$30.00	$22.50	$15.00	$23.08	$17.31	$11.54	$18.96	$14.22	$9.48
BUTLER	Family Home	$25.02	$18.77	$12.51	$23.84	$17.88	$11.92	$18.08	$13.56	$9.04
CARTER	Center	$30.00	$22.50	$15.00	$24.00	$18.00	$12.00	$20.66	$15.50	$10.33
CARTER	Group	$23.12	$17.34	$11.56	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$17.00	$12.75	$8.50
CARTER	Family Home	$21.75	$16.31	$10.88	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00
DENT	Center	$30.00	$22.50	$15.00	$24.00	$18.00	$12.00	$20.66	$15.50	$10.33
DENT	Group	$23.12	$17.34	$11.56	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$17.00	$12.75	$8.50
DENT	Family Home	$21.75	$16.31	$10.88	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00
REYNOLDS	Center	$30.00	$22.50	$15.00	$24.00	$18.00	$12.00	$20.66	$15.50	$10.33
REYNOLDS	Group	$23.12	$17.34	$11.56	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$17.00	$12.75	$8.50
REYNOLDS	Family Home	$21.75	$16.31	$10.88	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00
RIPLEY	Center	$30.00	$22.50	$15.00	$24.00	$18.00	$12.00	$20.66	$15.50	$10.33
RIPLEY	Group	$23.12	$17.34	$11.56	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$17.00	$12.75	$8.50
RIPLEY	Family Home	$21.75	$16.31	$10.88	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00
SHANNON	Center	$30.00	$22.50	$15.00	$24.00	$18.00	$12.00	$20.66	$15.50	$10.33
SHANNON	Group	$23.12	$17.34	$11.56	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$17.00	$12.75	$8.50
SHANNON	Family Home	$21.75	$16.31	$10.88	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00
WAYNE	Center	$30.00	$22.50	$15.00	$24.00	$18.00	$12.00	$20.66	$15.50	$10.33
WAYNE	Group	$23.12	$17.34	$11.56	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$17.00	$12.75	$8.50
WAYNE	Family Home	$21.75	$16.31	$10.88	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00

Data Source: Missouri Department of Social Services, Child Care Market Rate Survey.

Daytime Rates - Regulated and Faith Based

County	Type of Care	Infant Full	Infant Half	Infant Part	Preschool Full	Preschool Half	Preschool Part	School Age Full	School Age Half	School Age Part
BUTLER	Center	$30.47	$22.85	$15.24	$25.94	$19.46	$12.97	$26.00	$19.50	$13.00
BUTLER	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
BUTLER	Family Home	$17.51	$13.14	$8.76	$16.69	$12.52	$8.34	$12.66	$9.49	$6.33
CARTER	Center	$28.83	$21.62	$14.41	$21.80	$16.35	$10.90	$20.15	$15.11	$10.07
CARTER	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
CARTER	Family Home	$15.23	$11.42	$7.62	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00
DENT	Center	$28.83	$21.62	$14.41	$21.80	$16.35	$10.90	$20.15	$15.11	$10.07
DENT	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
DENT	Family Home	$15.23	$11.42	$7.62	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00
REYNOLDS	Center	$28.83	$21.62	$14.41	$21.80	$16.35	$10.90	$20.15	$15.11	$10.07
REYNOLDS	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
REYNOLDS	Family Home	$15.23	$11.42	$7.62	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00
RIPLEY	Center	$28.83	$21.62	$14.41	$21.80	$16.35	$10.90	$20.15	$15.11	$10.07
RIPLEY	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
RIPLEY	Family Home	$15.23	$11.42	$7.62	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00
SHANNON	Center	$28.83	$21.62	$14.41	$21.80	$16.35	$10.90	$20.15	$15.11	$10.07
SHANNON	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
SHANNON	Family Home	$15.23	$11.42	$7.62	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00
WAYNE	Center	$28.83	$21.62	$14.41	$21.80	$16.35	$10.90	$20.15	$15.11	$10.07
WAYNE	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
WAYNE	Family Home	$15.23	$11.42	$7.62	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00

Data Source: Missouri Department of Social Services, Child Care Market Rate Survey.

Evening and Weekend Rates - Licensed

County	Type of Care	Infant Full	Infant Half	Infant Part	Preschool Full	Preschool Half	Preschool Part	School Age Full	School Age Half	School Age Part
BUTLER	Center	$38.85	$29.14	$19.42	$30.98	$23.24	$15.49	$27.60	$20.70	$13.80
BUTLER	Group	$34.50	$25.88	$17.25	$26.54	$19.91	$13.27	$21.80	$16.35	$10.90
BUTLER	Family Home	$28.77	$21.58	$14.39	$27.42	$20.56	$13.71	$20.79	$15.59	$10.40
CARTER	Center	$34.50	$25.88	$17.25	$27.60	$20.70	$13.80	$23.76	$17.82	$11.88
CARTER	Group	$26.59	$19.94	$13.29	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$19.55	$14.66	$9.78
CARTER	Family Home	$25.01	$18.76	$12.51	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50
DENT	Center	$34.50	$25.88	$17.25	$27.60	$20.70	$13.80	$23.76	$17.82	$11.88
DENT	Group	$26.59	$19.94	$13.29	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$19.55	$14.66	$9.78
DENT	Family Home	$25.01	$18.76	$12.51	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50
REYNOLDS	Center	$34.50	$25.88	$17.25	$27.60	$20.70	$13.80	$23.76	$17.82	$11.88
REYNOLDS	Group	$26.59	$19.94	$13.29	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$19.55	$14.66	$9.78
REYNOLDS	Family Home	$25.01	$18.76	$12.51	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50
RIPLEY	Center	$34.50	$25.88	$17.25	$27.60	$20.70	$13.80	$23.76	$17.82	$11.88
RIPLEY	Group	$26.59	$19.94	$13.29	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$19.55	$14.66	$9.78
RIPLEY	Family Home	$25.01	$18.76	$12.51	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50
SHANNON	Center	$34.50	$25.88	$17.25	$27.60	$20.70	$13.80	$23.76	$17.82	$11.88
SHANNON	Group	$26.59	$19.94	$13.29	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$19.55	$14.66	$9.78
SHANNON	Family Home	$25.01	$18.76	$12.51	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50
WAYNE	Center	$34.50	$25.88	$17.25	$27.60	$20.70	$13.80	$23.76	$17.82	$11.88
WAYNE	Group	$26.59	$19.94	$13.29	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$19.55	$14.66	$9.78
WAYNE	Family Home	$25.01	$18.76	$12.51	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50

Data Source: Missouri Department of Social Services, Child Care Market Rate Survey.

Evening and Weekend Rates - Regulated and Faith Based

County	Type of Care	Infant Full	Infant Half	Infant Part	Preschool Full	Preschool Half	Preschool Part	School Age Full	School Age Half	School Age Part
BUTLER	Center	$35.04	$26.28	$17.52	$29.84	$22.38	$14.92	$29.90	$22.43	$14.95
BUTLER	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
BUTLER	Family Home	$20.14	$15.11	$10.07	$19.19	$14.39	$9.60	$14.55	$10.92	$7.28
CARTER	Center	$33.15	$24.86	$16.58	$25.07	$18.80	$12.54	$23.17	$17.38	$11.58
CARTER	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
CARTER	Family Home	$17.51	$13.14	$8.76	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05
DENT	Center	$33.15	$24.86	$16.58	$25.07	$18.80	$12.54	$23.17	$17.38	$11.58
DENT	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
DENT	Family Home	$17.51	$13.14	$8.76	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05
REYNOLDS	Center	$33.15	$24.86	$16.58	$25.07	$18.80	$12.54	$23.17	$17.38	$11.58
REYNOLDS	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
REYNOLDS	Family Home	$17.51	$13.14	$8.76	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05
RIPLEY	Center	$33.15	$24.86	$16.58	$25.07	$18.80	$12.54	$23.17	$17.38	$11.58
RIPLEY	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
RIPLEY	Family Home	$17.51	$13.14	$8.76	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05
SHANNON	Center	$33.15	$24.86	$16.58	$25.07	$18.80	$12.54	$23.17	$17.38	$11.58
SHANNON	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
SHANNON	Family Home	$17.51	$13.14	$8.76	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05
WAYNE	Center	$33.15	$24.86	$16.58	$25.07	$18.80	$12.54	$23.17	$17.38	$11.58
WAYNE	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
WAYNE	Family Home	$17.51	$13.14	$8.76	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05

Data Source: Missouri Department of Social Services, Child Care Market Rate Survey.

Child Care Facilities

The number of licensed child care facilities and total maximum capacity of slots within the report area are shown below. According to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, there were a total of 41 licensed child care facilities in the report area in 2025, with a combined maximum capacity of 1,856 children.

Report Area	Number of Facilities	Total Maximum Capacity
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	41	1,856
Butler County, MO	20	1,029
Carter County, MO	2	42
Dent County, MO	5	252
Reynolds County, MO	3	66
Ripley County, MO	4	113
Shannon County, MO	2	128
Wayne County, MO	5	226
Missouri	2,830	166,815

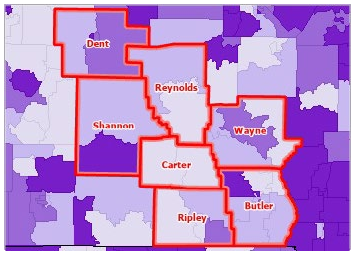
Data Source: US Department of Health & Human Services, Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services. 2025.

Commuter Travel Patterns

This indicator shows the method of transportation workers used to travel to work for the report area. Of the 37,605 workers in the report area, 77.7% drove to work alone while 12.3% carpooled. 0.4% of all workers reported that they used some form of public transportation, while others used some optional means including 1.9% walking or riding bicycles, and 1.0% used taxicabs to travel to work.

Report Area	Workers 16 and Up	Percent Drive Alone	Percent Carpool	Percent Public Transportation	Percent Bicycle or Walk	Percent Taxi or Other	Percent Work at Home
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	37,605	77.7%	12.3%	0.4%	1.9%	1.0%	6.7%
Butler County, MO	17,157	78.4%	13.0%	0.5%	1.7%	1.0%	5.4%
Carter County, MO	2,231	68.6%	14.6%	0.0%	4.3%	1.1%	11.4%
Dent County, MO	5,604	83.2%	6.5%	0.0%	2.3%	0.9%	7.2%
Reynolds County, MO	2,239	74.6%	16.4%	0.4%	1.4%	0.5%	6.7%
Ripley County, MO	4,008	73.7%	11.9%	0.4%	3.1%	1.2%	9.7%
Shannon County, MO	2,492	81.9%	8.9%	0.2%	0.8%	0.2%	7.9%
Wayne County, MO	3,874	75.4%	16.3%	0.9%	0.2%	2.1%	5.1%
Missouri	2,959,377	74.9%	8.1%	0.8%	2.0%	1.2%	13.0%
United States	159,114,094	68.8%	8.5%	3.2%	2.8%	1.5%	15.1%

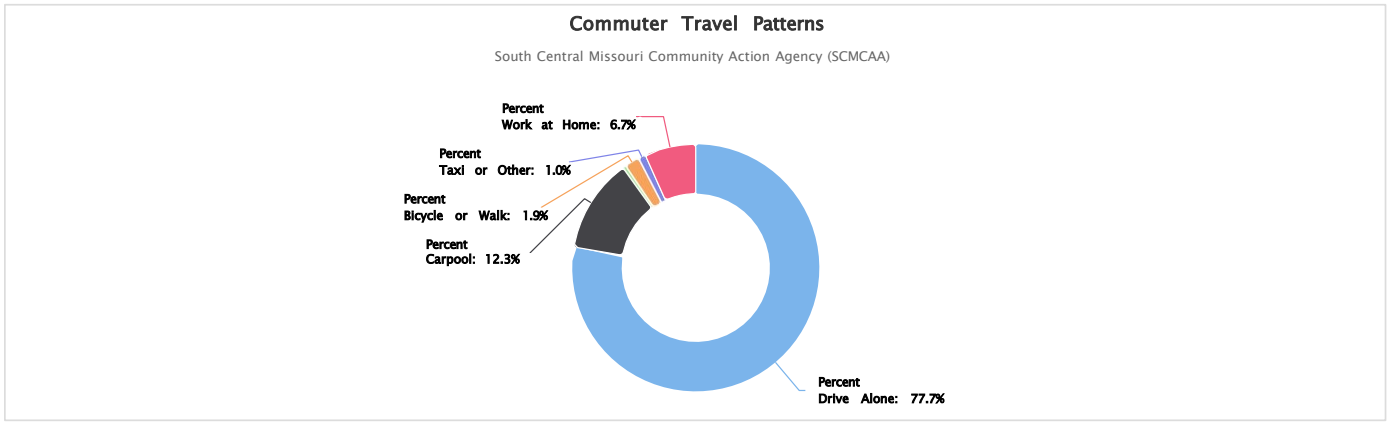
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.



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Workers Traveling to Work by Car Alone, Percent by Tract, ACS 2020-24

- Over 83.0%
- 79.1 - 83.0%
- 75.1 - 79.0%
- Under 75.1%
- No Workers Traveling by Car Alone
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)



Non-Hispanic Commuters

This indicator shows the method of transportation non-Hispanic workers used to travel to work for the report area. Of the 36,935 non-Hispanic workers in the report area, 90.09% drove to work. 0.38% of all workers reported that they used some form of public transportation, while others used some optional means including 2.94% walking or riding bicycles, and 6.59% worked from home.

Report Area	Workers 16 and Up	Travel by Car	Use Public Transit	Bike/Walk	Work from Home
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	36,935	90.09%	0.38%	2.94%	6.59%
Butler County, MO	16,805	91.75%	0.48%	2.76%	5.01%
Carter County, MO	2,182	82.81%	0.00%	5.50%	11.69%
Dent County, MO	5,487	89.45%	0.00%	3.26%	7.29%
Reynolds County, MO	2,171	90.74%	0.37%	1.93%	6.96%
Ripley County, MO	3,946	85.38%	0.38%	4.36%	9.88%
Shannon County, MO	2,472	91.06%	0.24%	0.73%	7.97%
Wayne County, MO	3,872	91.74%	0.80%	2.35%	5.11%
Missouri	2,809,448	82.91%	0.83%	3.13%	13.14%
United States	129,295,027	76.52%	2.94%	4.21%	16.33%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.

White Non-Hispanic Commuters

This indicator shows the method of transportation white non-Hispanic workers used to travel to work for the report area. Of the 33,834 white non-Hispanic workers in the report area, 90.30% drove to work. 0.30% of all workers reported that they used some form of public transportation, while others used some optional means including 2.82% walking or riding bicycles, and 6.59% worked from home.

Report Area	Workers 16 and Up	Travel by Car	Use Public Transit	Bike/Walk	Work from Home
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	33,834	90.30%	0.30%	2.82%	6.59%
Butler County, MO	14,834	91.98%	0.28%	2.40%	5.34%
Carter County, MO	2,074	82.69%	0.00%	5.54%	11.76%
Dent County, MO	5,198	89.44%	0.00%	3.44%	7.12%
Reynolds County, MO	2,012	91.95%	0.40%	2.09%	5.57%
Ripley County, MO	3,727	85.24%	0.40%	4.35%	10.01%
Shannon County, MO	2,276	92.71%	0.26%	0.62%	6.41%
Wayne County, MO	3,713	91.70%	0.83%	2.32%	5.14%
Missouri	2,302,261	83.83%	0.34%	2.79%	13.03%
United States	93,740,164	77.79%	1.81%	3.84%	16.56%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.

Hispanic Commuters

This indicator shows the method of transportation Hispanic workers used to travel to work for the report area. Of the 670 Hispanic workers in the report area, 85.82% drove to work. 0.30% of all workers reported that they used some form of public transportation, while others used some optional means including 1.19% walking or riding bicycles, and 12.69% worked from home.

Report Area	Workers 16 and Up	Travel by Car	Use Public Transit	Bike/Walk	Work from Home
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	670	85.82%	0.30%	1.19%	12.69%
Butler County, MO	352	76.14%	0.00%	0.00%	23.86%
Carter County, MO	49	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Dent County, MO	117	99.15%	0.00%	0.00%	0.85%
Reynolds County, MO	68	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Ripley County, MO	62	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Shannon County, MO	20	60.00%	0.00%	40.00%	0.00%
Wayne County, MO	2	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Missouri	149,929	84.39%	1.03%	4.04%	10.53%
United States	29,819,067	80.75%	4.54%	4.87%	9.84%

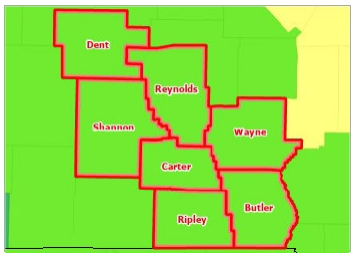
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.

Thirteen Month Unemployment Rates

Unemployment change within the report area from December 2024 to December 2025 is shown in the chart below.

Report Area	Dec. 2024	Jan. 2025	Feb. 2025	Mar. 2025	Apr. 2025	May 2025	Jun. 2025	Jul. 2025	Aug. 2025	Sep. 2025	Oct. 2025	Nov. 2025	Dec. 2025
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	4.3%	5.4%	5.7%	5.4%	4.6%	4.7%	5.4%	6.5%	5.7%	4.2%	No data	4.2%	4.1%
Butler County, MO	4.3%	5.3%	5.7%	5.7%	4.9%	5.0%	5.8%	7.3%	5.9%	4.4%	No data	4.2%	4.1%
Carter County, MO	5.0%	5.4%	5.7%	5.0%	4.1%	4.3%	5.0%	5.5%	4.9%	3.7%	No data	4.1%	3.9%
Dent County, MO	3.6%	4.4%	4.4%	4.2%	3.6%	3.7%	4.4%	4.5%	4.8%	3.3%	No data	3.4%	3.3%
Reynolds County, MO	4.1%	4.9%	5.3%	5.3%	4.6%	4.4%	4.8%	5.4%	5.4%	4.1%	No data	4.6%	4.0%
Ripley County, MO	4.1%	5.6%	5.5%	4.9%	4.2%	4.4%	5.4%	6.6%	6.0%	4.3%	No data	3.8%	3.7%
Shannon County, MO	5.2%	6.4%	7.6%	6.9%	5.4%	5.4%	5.8%	6.5%	6.2%	4.6%	No data	5.2%	5.1%
Wayne County, MO	5.2%	6.5%	6.6%	6.2%	5.2%	5.5%	5.8%	7.3%	6.3%	5.0%	No data	5.2%	5.1%
Missouri	3.2%	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%	3.8%	3.9%	4.4%	4.7%	4.5%	3.5%	No data	3.5%	3.3%
United States	3.9%	4.4%	4.5%	4.3%	3.9%	4.0%	4.4%	4.6%	4.5%	4.3%	5.8%	4.3%	4.1%

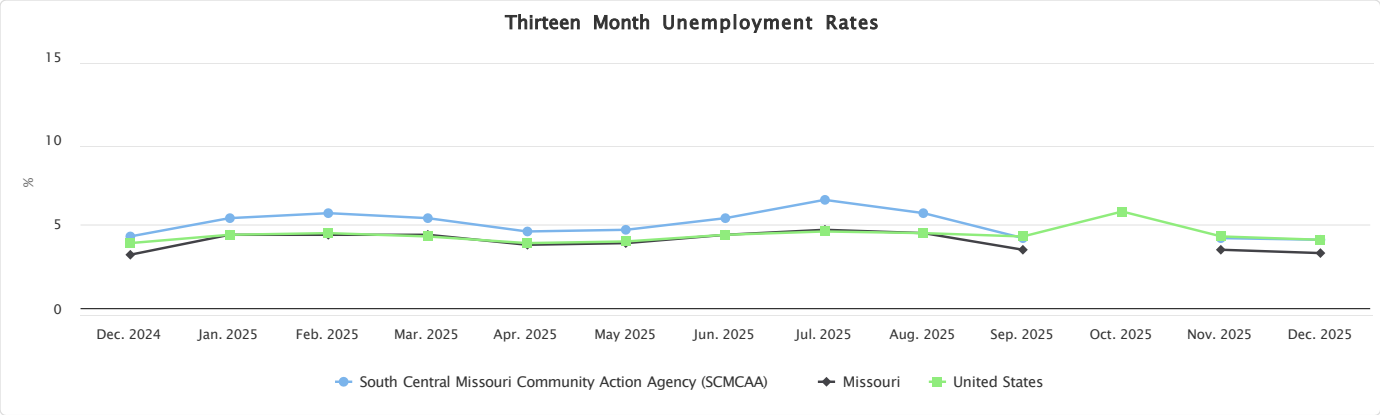
Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2025 - December.



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Unemployment, Rate by County, BLS 2025 - December

- Over 12.0%
- 9.1 - 12.0%
- 6.1 - 9.0%
- 3.1 - 6.0%
- Under 3.1%
- South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)

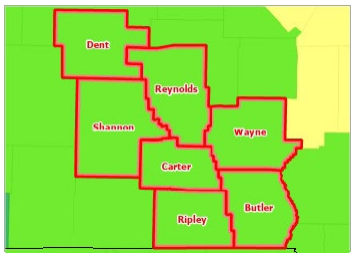


Five Year Unemployment Rate

Unemployment change within the report area from December 2021 to December 2025 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this five year period grew from 3.3% to 4.1%.

Report Area	December 2021	December 2022	December 2023	December 2024	December 2025
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	3.3%	3.7%	4.4%	4.3%	4.1%
Butler County, MO	3.1%	3.9%	4.6%	4.3%	4.1%
Carter County, MO	3.7%	4.3%	4.8%	5.0%	3.9%
Dent County, MO	2.9%	2.7%	3.5%	3.6%	3.3%
Reynolds County, MO	3.4%	3.4%	4.2%	4.1%	4.0%
Ripley County, MO	3.3%	3.2%	4.0%	4.1%	3.7%
Shannon County, MO	4.5%	4.7%	5.1%	5.2%	5.1%
Wayne County, MO	4.1%	4.9%	5.3%	5.2%	5.1%
Missouri	2.8%	2.4%	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%
United States	3.7%	3.3%	3.6%	3.9%	4.1%

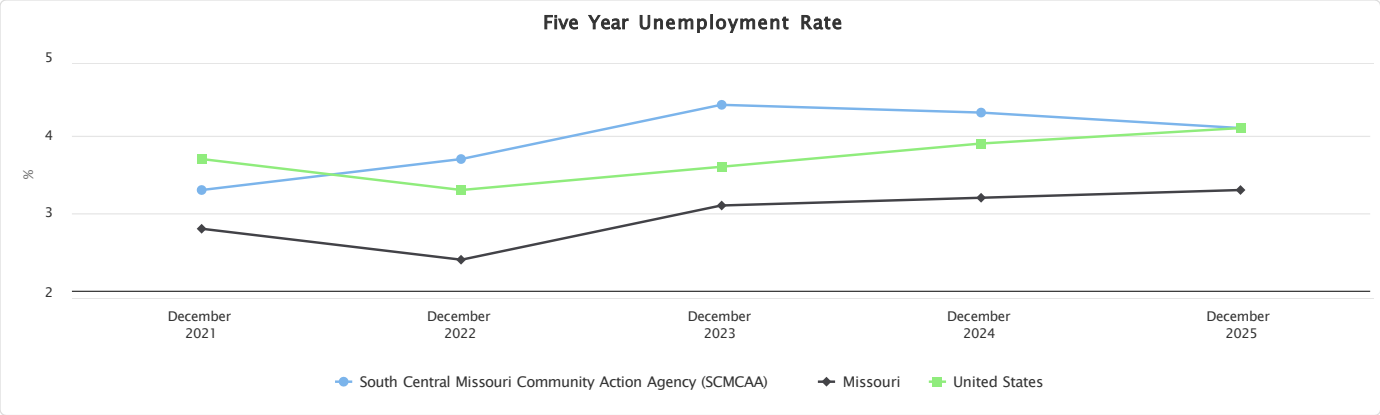
Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2025 - December.



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Unemployment, Rate by County, BLS 2025 - December

- Over 12.0%
- 9.1 - 12.0%
- 6.1 - 9.0%
- 3.1 - 6.0%
- Under 3.1%
- South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)



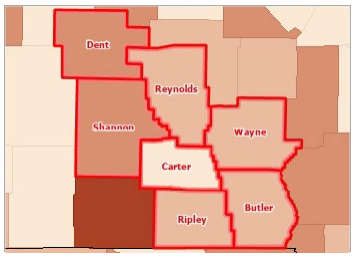
Education

Public School Districts

Enrollment, dropout rate and English proficiency by school district are shown in the table below.

District	County	Additional Counties	Enrollment K-12	Dropout Rate	ELL/LEP
NEELYVILLE R-IV	Butler	Ripley	610	0	0
POPLAR BLUFF R-I	Butler	NULL	4,787	3.4	9
TWIN RIVERS R-X	Butler	Stoddard	798	0	0
EAST CARTER CO. R-II	Carter	Butler, Wayne, Ripley	651	0	0
VAN BUREN R-I	Carter	Reynolds	468	0	0
SALEM R-80	Dent	NULL	1,415	1.7	8
OAK HILL R-I	Dent	Shannon	140	0	0
GREEN FOREST R-II	Dent	NULL	160	0	0
DENT-PHELPS R-III	Dent	Phelps	257	0	0
NORTH WOOD R-IV	Dent	Crawford	174	0	0
CENTERVILLE R-I	Reynolds	NULL	34	0	0
SOUTHERN REYNOLDS CO. R-II	Reynolds	Shannon	410	0	0
BUNKER R-III	Reynolds	Shannon, Dent	200	0	0
LESTERVILLE R-IV	Reynolds	Iron	179	0	0
NAYLOR R-II	Ripley	Butler	391	4.6	0
DONIPHAN R-I	Ripley	Butler	1,460	1.7	0
RIPLEY CO. R-IV	Ripley	NULL	109	0	0
RIPLEY CO. R-III	Ripley	NULL	111	0	0
MOUNTAIN VIEW-BIRCH TREE R-III	Shannon	Howell, Texas	1,213	0	13
WINONA R-III	Shannon	Carter, Oregon	420	0	0
EMINENCE R-I	Shannon	NULL	247	0	0
GREENVILLE R-II	Wayne	Butler	634	0	0
CLEARWATER R-I	Wayne	Reynolds, Madison	833	0	0

Data Source: US Census Bureau, Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing. Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. Accessed via KIDS COUNT data center. 2024.



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Enrollment in Public Schools, Grades K-12, Percent by County, ACS 2019-23

- Over 96.0%
- 92.1 - 96.0%
- 88.1 - 92.0%
- Under 88.1%
- No Grade K-12 Population Reported
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)

Colleges, Universities and Trade Schools

The number of colleges, universities, and trade Schools in the report area are shown below.

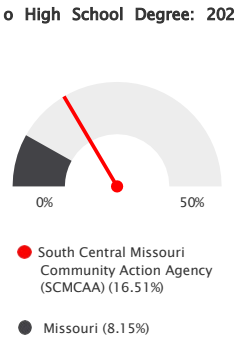
Report Area	Colleges, Universities, and Trade Schools
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	2
Butler County, MO	2
Carter County, MO	0
Dent County, MO	0
Reynolds County, MO	0
Ripley County, MO	0
Shannon County, MO	0
Wayne County, MO	0
Missouri	139

Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, NCES - Common Core of Data. Additional data analysis by CARES. 2025.

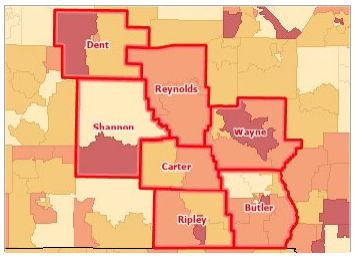
Educational Attainment

The table below shows the distribution of educational attainment levels in the report area. Educational attainment is calculated for persons over 25, and is an average for the period from 2020 to 2024 compared to data collected in the 2000 Census.

Report Area	No High School Diploma 2000	No High School Diploma 2024	High School Only 2000	High School Only 2024	Bachelors 2000	Bachelors 2024	Graduate or Professional 2000	Graduate or Professional 2024
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	33.40%	**16.51%**	35.49%	40.41%	5.92%	9.44%	3.73%	5.14%
Butler County, MO	29.45%	15.13%	34.31%	39.31%	6.32%	10.24%	5.28%	5.54%
Carter County, MO	33.41%	19.40%	35.25%	44.47%	7.63%	6.74%	3.18%	3.31%
Dent County, MO	33.67%	16.38%	35.86%	39.00%	7.03%	10.20%	3.09%	6.27%
Reynolds County, MO	34.81%	18.65%	39.70%	41.74%	4.90%	11.34%	2.58%	3.62%
Ripley County, MO	37.85%	17.42%	33.11%	39.20%	4.55%	7.87%	3.22%	4.69%
Shannon County, MO	32.40%	16.52%	43.13%	45.42%	5.30%	8.13%	2.28%	4.68%
Wayne County, MO	40.30%	18.33%	34.31%	41.51%	4.92%	8.03%	1.91%	4.66%
Missouri	18.67%	8.15%	32.72%	30.18%	13.97%	19.83%	7.61%	12.57%



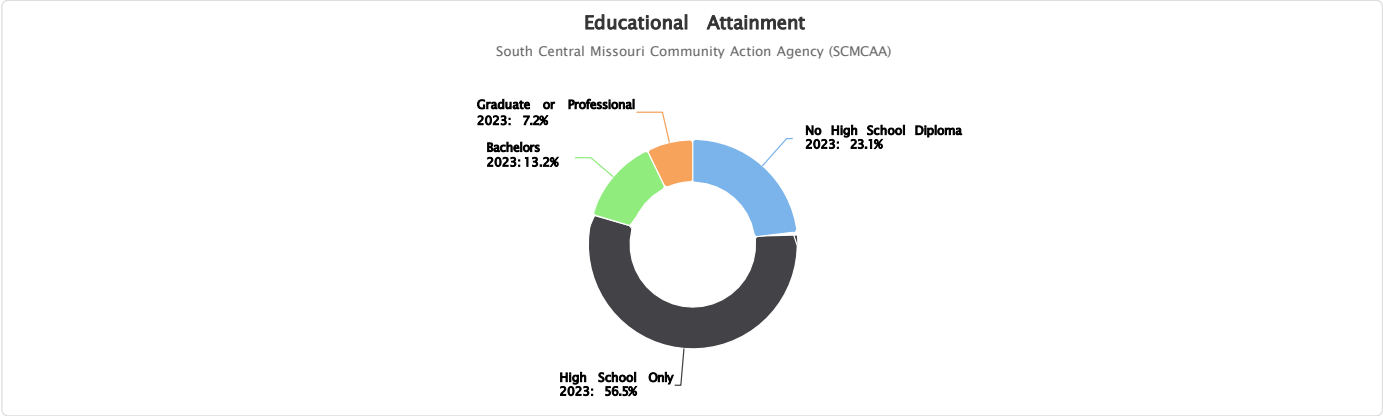
Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.



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Population with No High School Diploma (Age 18+), Percent by Tract, ACS 2020-24

- Over 21.0%
- 16.1 - 21.0%
- 11.1 - 16.0%
- Under 11.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)

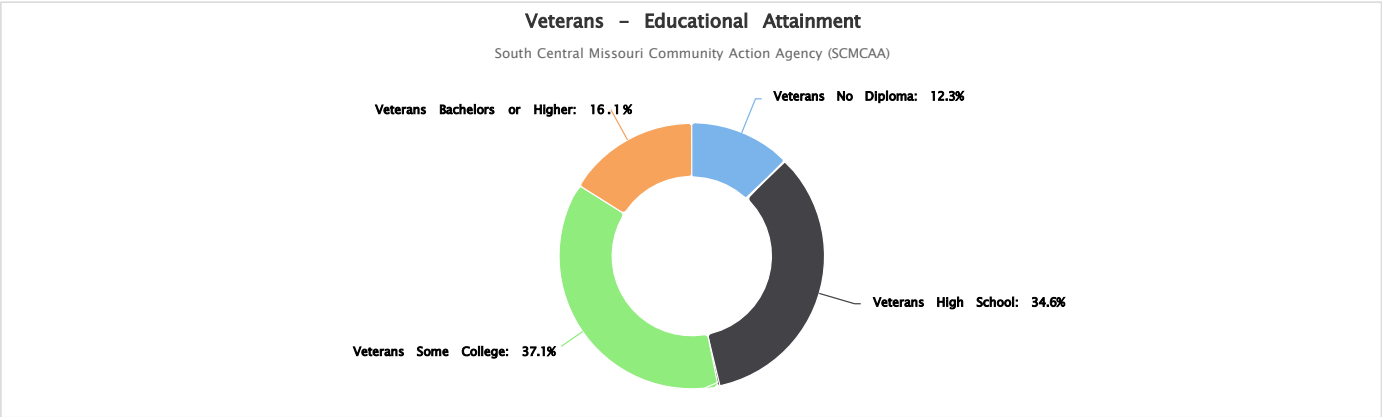


Veterans - Educational Attainment

Veterans Educational Attainment contrasts the distribution of educational attainment levels between military veterans and non-veterans in the region. Educational attainment is calculated for persons over 25, and is an estimated average for the period from 2020 to 2024.

Report Area	Veterans % No Diploma	Veterans % High School Diploma	Veterans % Some College Diploma	Veterans % Bachelors or Higher Diploma	Non-Veterans % No Diploma	Non-Veterans % High School Diploma	Non-Veterans % Some College Diploma	Non-Veterans % Bachelors or Higher Diploma
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	12.25%	34.57%	37.10%	16.08%	17.05%	41.10%	27.45%	14.40%
Butler County, MO	10.55%	30.33%	44.23%	14.88%	15.70%	40.38%	28.02%	15.90%
Carter County, MO	19.34%	34.24%	40.43%	6.00%	19.41%	46.21%	23.65%	10.74%
Dent County, MO	12.15%	28.76%	29.00%	30.09%	17.00%	40.38%	28.07%	14.55%
Reynolds County, MO	16.33%	43.22%	31.16%	9.30%	18.89%	41.61%	24.02%	15.48%
Ripley County, MO	9.81%	50.81%	29.44%	9.95%	18.28%	37.91%	30.96%	12.86%
Shannon County, MO	13.88%	35.81%	41.45%	8.85%	16.81%	46.46%	23.49%	13.24%
Wayne County, MO	13.79%	40.62%	27.08%	18.51%	18.83%	41.61%	27.52%	12.04%
Missouri	5.12%	31.55%	36.88%	26.45%	8.44%	30.11%	28.55%	32.90%
United States	4.52%	26.90%	36.82%	31.75%	10.87%	26.02%	27.16%	35.95%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.

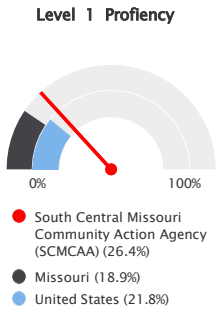


Adult Literacy

Literacy data published by the Program for the International Assessment of Adult Compentencies (PIACC) breaks adult literacy into three different "Levels". Those reported as Level 1 are at risk for being able to understand printed material. Those at the upper end of Level 1 can read and understand the text well enough to be able to perform small task, but might have difficultly understanding or drawing inferences from multiple forms of text. Those at the lower end may struggle with basic vocabulary or even be functionally illiterate.

The percentage at or below Level 1 for literacy in the report area is estimated at 26.4%, with a 95% probability that the actual (true, unknown) percentage is between 22% and 31%.

Report Area	Population Ages 16-74	Total At or Below Level 1	At or Below Level 1	Total Lower Credible Interval	Lower Credible Interval	Total Upper Credible Interval	Upper Credible Interval
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	75,992	20,037	**26.4%**	16,724	22%	23,533	31%
Butler County, MO	30,598	7,374	24.1%	6,242	20.4%	8,598	28.1%
Carter County, MO	4,438	1,114	25.1%	892	20.1%	1,349	30.4%
Dent County, MO	10,978	2,942	26.8%	2,459	22.4%	3,447	31.4%
Reynolds County, MO	4,587	1,321	28.8%	1,115	24.3%	1,537	33.5%
Ripley County, MO	9,791	2,761	28.2%	2,340	23.9%	3,202	32.7%
Shannon County, MO	5,994	1,594	26.6%	1,217	20.3%	1,990	33.2%
Wayne County, MO	9,606	2,930	30.5%	2,459	25.6%	3,410	35.5%
Missouri	4,433,131	839,176	18.9%	680,962	15.4%	1,017,356	22.9%
United States	235,567,157	51,401,095	21.8%	42,569,858	18.1%	60,378,678	25.6%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, NCES - Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies. 2017.

Adult Literacy Level 2

Those reported at Level 2 still struggle to perform text based informational tasks, but are considered to be nearing reading proficiency. People in this literacy level can usually be able to read printed words and digital print, as well as being able to relate and make inferences from multiple pieces of information that can be pulled from more than one document. Complex evaluation and inferencing may still be too difficult.

The percentage at or below Level 2 for literacy in the report area is estimated at 40.9%, with a 95% probability that the actual (true, unknown) percentage is between 34.9% and 46.8%.

Report Area	Population Ages 16-74	Total At or Below Level 2	At or Below Level 2	Total Lower Credible Interval	Lower Credible Interval	Total Upper Credible Interval	Upper Credible Interval
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	75,992	31,080	40.9%	26,526	34.9%	35,534	46.8%
Butler County, MO	30,598	11,872	38.8%	10,312	33.7%	13,402	43.8%
Carter County, MO	4,438	1,815	40.9%	1,504	33.9%	2,117	47.7%
Dent County, MO	10,978	4,819	43.9%	4,139	37.7%	5,456	49.7%
Reynolds County, MO	4,587	1,959	42.7%	1,683	36.7%	2,238	48.8%
Ripley County, MO	9,791	4,122	42.1%	3,544	36.2%	4,700	48%
Shannon County, MO	5,994	2,679	44.7%	2,164	36.1%	3,183	53.1%
Wayne County, MO	9,606	3,814	39.7%	3,180	33.1%	4,438	46.2%
Missouri	4,433,131	1,547,784	34.9%	1,319,891	29.8%	1,766,695	39.9%
United States	235,567,157	76,178,529	32.3%	64,300,451	27.3%	88,084,541	37.4%

Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, NCES - Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies. 2017.

Adult Literacy Level 3

Those reported at Level 3 still are proficient in reading. This includes being able to understand and work with multiple complex texts, while still being able to evaluate the reliability of sources. People in this level can infer complex ideas and sophisticated meanings from written documents and texts.

The percentage at or below Level 3 for literacy in the report area is estimated at 32.7%, with a 95% probability that the actual (true, unknown) percentage is between 27.2% and 38.1%.

Report Area	Population Ages 16-74	Total At or Below Level 3	At or Below Level 3	Total Lower Credible Interval	Lower Credible Interval	Total Upper Credible Interval	Upper Credible Interval
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	75,992	24,840	32.7%	20,677	27.2%	28,969	38.1%
Butler County, MO	30,598	11,321	37%	9,853	32.2%	12,759	41.7%
Carter County, MO	4,438	1,509	34%	1,234	27.8%	1,789	40.3%
Dent County, MO	10,978	3,217	29.3%	2,613	23.8%	3,820	34.8%
Reynolds County, MO	4,587	1,303	28.4%	1,046	22.8%	1,555	33.9%
Ripley County, MO	9,791	2,908	29.7%	2,379	24.3%	3,437	35.1%
Shannon County, MO	5,994	1,720	28.7%	1,277	21.3%	2,170	36.2%
Wayne County, MO	9,606	2,863	29.8%	2,277	23.7%	3,439	35.8%
Missouri	4,433,131	2,046,186	46.2%	1,833,140	41.4%	2,257,093	50.9%
United States	235,567,157	107,981,194	45.8%	96,513,724	41%	119,346,496	50.7%

Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, NCES - Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies. 2017.

Child Care Costs

For the 2023 Market Rate Survey, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, which is responsible for licensing childcare facilities, provided a list of all licensed facilities.

County	Type of Care	Infant Full	Infant Half	Infant Part	Preschool Full	Preschool Half	Preschool Part	School Age Full	School Age Half	School Age Part
BUTLER	Center	$33.78	$25.34	$16.89	$26.94	$20.21	$13.47	$24.00	$18.00	$12.00
BUTLER	Group	$30.00	$22.50	$15.00	$23.08	$17.31	$11.54	$18.96	$14.22	$9.48
BUTLER	Family Home	$25.02	$18.77	$12.51	$23.84	$17.88	$11.92	$18.08	$13.56	$9.04
CARTER	Center	$30.00	$22.50	$15.00	$24.00	$18.00	$12.00	$20.66	$15.50	$10.33
CARTER	Group	$23.12	$17.34	$11.56	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$17.00	$12.75	$8.50
CARTER	Family Home	$21.75	$16.31	$10.88	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00
DENT	Center	$30.00	$22.50	$15.00	$24.00	$18.00	$12.00	$20.66	$15.50	$10.33
DENT	Group	$23.12	$17.34	$11.56	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$17.00	$12.75	$8.50
DENT	Family Home	$21.75	$16.31	$10.88	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00
REYNOLDS	Center	$30.00	$22.50	$15.00	$24.00	$18.00	$12.00	$20.66	$15.50	$10.33
REYNOLDS	Group	$23.12	$17.34	$11.56	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$17.00	$12.75	$8.50
REYNOLDS	Family Home	$21.75	$16.31	$10.88	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00
RIPLEY	Center	$30.00	$22.50	$15.00	$24.00	$18.00	$12.00	$20.66	$15.50	$10.33
RIPLEY	Group	$23.12	$17.34	$11.56	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$17.00	$12.75	$8.50
RIPLEY	Family Home	$21.75	$16.31	$10.88	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00
SHANNON	Center	$30.00	$22.50	$15.00	$24.00	$18.00	$12.00	$20.66	$15.50	$10.33
SHANNON	Group	$23.12	$17.34	$11.56	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$17.00	$12.75	$8.50
SHANNON	Family Home	$21.75	$16.31	$10.88	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00
WAYNE	Center	$30.00	$22.50	$15.00	$24.00	$18.00	$12.00	$20.66	$15.50	$10.33
WAYNE	Group	$23.12	$17.34	$11.56	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$17.00	$12.75	$8.50
WAYNE	Family Home	$21.75	$16.31	$10.88	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00	$20.00	$15.00	$10.00

Data Source: Missouri Department of Social Services, Child Care Market Rate Survey.

Daytime Rates - Regulated and Faith Based

County	Type of Care	Infant Full	Infant Half	Infant Part	Preschool Full	Preschool Half	Preschool Part	School Age Full	School Age Half	School Age Part
BUTLER	Center	$30.47	$22.85	$15.24	$25.94	$19.46	$12.97	$26.00	$19.50	$13.00
BUTLER	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
BUTLER	Family Home	$17.51	$13.14	$8.76	$16.69	$12.52	$8.34	$12.66	$9.49	$6.33
CARTER	Center	$28.83	$21.62	$14.41	$21.80	$16.35	$10.90	$20.15	$15.11	$10.07
CARTER	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
CARTER	Family Home	$15.23	$11.42	$7.62	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00
DENT	Center	$28.83	$21.62	$14.41	$21.80	$16.35	$10.90	$20.15	$15.11	$10.07
DENT	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
DENT	Family Home	$15.23	$11.42	$7.62	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00
REYNOLDS	Center	$28.83	$21.62	$14.41	$21.80	$16.35	$10.90	$20.15	$15.11	$10.07
REYNOLDS	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
REYNOLDS	Family Home	$15.23	$11.42	$7.62	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00
RIPLEY	Center	$28.83	$21.62	$14.41	$21.80	$16.35	$10.90	$20.15	$15.11	$10.07
RIPLEY	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
RIPLEY	Family Home	$15.23	$11.42	$7.62	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00
SHANNON	Center	$28.83	$21.62	$14.41	$21.80	$16.35	$10.90	$20.15	$15.11	$10.07
SHANNON	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
SHANNON	Family Home	$15.23	$11.42	$7.62	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00
WAYNE	Center	$28.83	$21.62	$14.41	$21.80	$16.35	$10.90	$20.15	$15.11	$10.07
WAYNE	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
WAYNE	Family Home	$15.23	$11.42	$7.62	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00	$14.00	$10.50	$7.00

Data Source: Missouri Department of Social Services, Child Care Market Rate Survey.

Evening and Weekend Rates - Licensed

County	Type of Care	Infant Full	Infant Half	Infant Part	Preschool Full	Preschool Half	Preschool Part	School Age Full	School Age Half	School Age Part
BUTLER	Center	$38.85	$29.14	$19.42	$30.98	$23.24	$15.49	$27.60	$20.70	$13.80
BUTLER	Group	$34.50	$25.88	$17.25	$26.54	$19.91	$13.27	$21.80	$16.35	$10.90
BUTLER	Family Home	$28.77	$21.58	$14.39	$27.42	$20.56	$13.71	$20.79	$15.59	$10.40
CARTER	Center	$34.50	$25.88	$17.25	$27.60	$20.70	$13.80	$23.76	$17.82	$11.88
CARTER	Group	$26.59	$19.94	$13.29	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$19.55	$14.66	$9.78
CARTER	Family Home	$25.01	$18.76	$12.51	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50
DENT	Center	$34.50	$25.88	$17.25	$27.60	$20.70	$13.80	$23.76	$17.82	$11.88
DENT	Group	$26.59	$19.94	$13.29	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$19.55	$14.66	$9.78
DENT	Family Home	$25.01	$18.76	$12.51	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50
REYNOLDS	Center	$34.50	$25.88	$17.25	$27.60	$20.70	$13.80	$23.76	$17.82	$11.88
REYNOLDS	Group	$26.59	$19.94	$13.29	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$19.55	$14.66	$9.78
REYNOLDS	Family Home	$25.01	$18.76	$12.51	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50
RIPLEY	Center	$34.50	$25.88	$17.25	$27.60	$20.70	$13.80	$23.76	$17.82	$11.88
RIPLEY	Group	$26.59	$19.94	$13.29	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$19.55	$14.66	$9.78
RIPLEY	Family Home	$25.01	$18.76	$12.51	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50
SHANNON	Center	$34.50	$25.88	$17.25	$27.60	$20.70	$13.80	$23.76	$17.82	$11.88
SHANNON	Group	$26.59	$19.94	$13.29	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$19.55	$14.66	$9.78
SHANNON	Family Home	$25.01	$18.76	$12.51	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50
WAYNE	Center	$34.50	$25.88	$17.25	$27.60	$20.70	$13.80	$23.76	$17.82	$11.88
WAYNE	Group	$26.59	$19.94	$13.29	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$19.55	$14.66	$9.78
WAYNE	Family Home	$25.01	$18.76	$12.51	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50	$23.00	$17.25	$11.50

Data Source: Missouri Department of Social Services, Child Care Market Rate Survey.

Evening and Weekend Rates - Regulated and Faith Based

County	Type of Care	Infant Full	Infant Half	Infant Part	Preschool Full	Preschool Half	Preschool Part	School Age Full	School Age Half	School Age Part
BUTLER	Center	$35.04	$26.28	$17.52	$29.84	$22.38	$14.92	$29.90	$22.43	$14.95
BUTLER	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
BUTLER	Family Home	$20.14	$15.11	$10.07	$19.19	$14.39	$9.60	$14.55	$10.92	$7.28
CARTER	Center	$33.15	$24.86	$16.58	$25.07	$18.80	$12.54	$23.17	$17.38	$11.58
CARTER	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
CARTER	Family Home	$17.51	$13.14	$8.76	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05
DENT	Center	$33.15	$24.86	$16.58	$25.07	$18.80	$12.54	$23.17	$17.38	$11.58
DENT	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
DENT	Family Home	$17.51	$13.14	$8.76	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05
REYNOLDS	Center	$33.15	$24.86	$16.58	$25.07	$18.80	$12.54	$23.17	$17.38	$11.58
REYNOLDS	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
REYNOLDS	Family Home	$17.51	$13.14	$8.76	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05
RIPLEY	Center	$33.15	$24.86	$16.58	$25.07	$18.80	$12.54	$23.17	$17.38	$11.58
RIPLEY	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
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SHANNON	Center	$33.15	$24.86	$16.58	$25.07	$18.80	$12.54	$23.17	$17.38	$11.58
SHANNON	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
SHANNON	Family Home	$17.51	$13.14	$8.76	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05
WAYNE	Center	$33.15	$24.86	$16.58	$25.07	$18.80	$12.54	$23.17	$17.38	$11.58
WAYNE	Group	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data	No data
WAYNE	Family Home	$17.51	$13.14	$8.76	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05	$16.10	$12.08	$8.05

Data Source: Missouri Department of Social Services, Child Care Market Rate Survey.

Child Care Facilities

The number of licensed child care facilities and total maximum capacity of slots within the report area are shown below. According to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, there were a total of 41 licensed child care facilities in the report area in 2025, with a combined maximum capacity of 1,856 children.

Report Area	Number of Facilities	Total Maximum Capacity
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	41	1,856
Butler County, MO	20	1,029
Carter County, MO	2	42
Dent County, MO	5	252
Reynolds County, MO	3	66
Ripley County, MO	4	113
Shannon County, MO	2	128
Wayne County, MO	5	226
Missouri	2,830	166,815

Data Source: US Department of Health & Human Services, Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services. 2025.

Children with Disabilities Receiving Services

The number of students with disabilities receiving special education services categorized by age in the report area are shown in the table. According to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, a total of 3,035 students with disabilities received special education services in the report area in July, 2024.

Report Area	Ages 3 to Pre-K	Ages Kindergarten to 21	Ages 14 to 21	Ages All
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	178	2,154	703	3,035
Butler County, MO	96	1,019	338	1,453
Carter County, MO	22	155	52	229
Dent County, MO	19	287	77	383
Reynolds County, MO	5	119	34	158
Ripley County, MO	12	289	101	402
Shannon County, MO	0	95	39	134
Wayne County, MO	24	190	62	276
Missouri	12,588	117,335	39,267	169,190

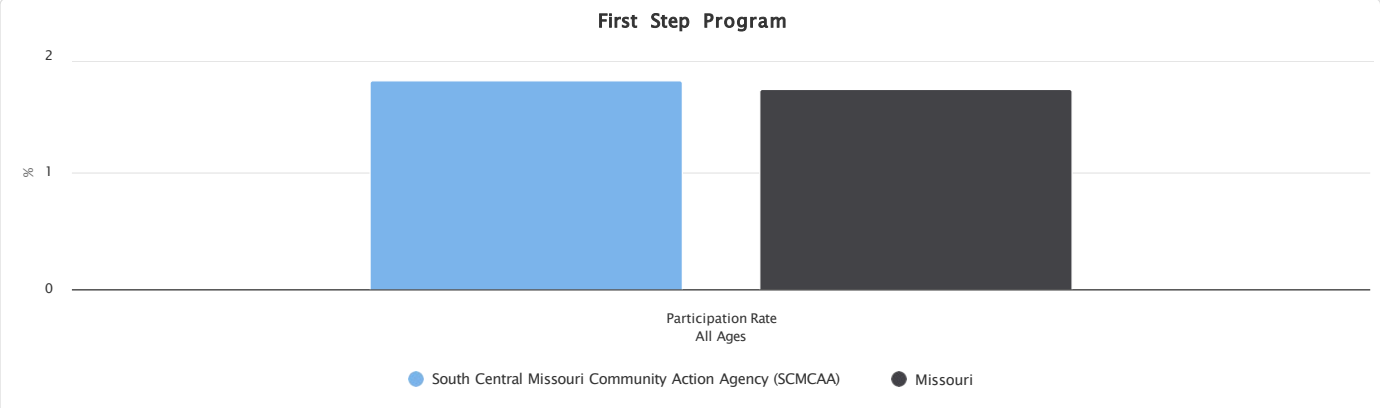
Data Source: Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. Accessed via KIDS COUNT data center. 2024.

First Step Program

The number of children participating in the First Step Program and the participation rate for each age group in the report area for 2009-2010 is shown in the table. First Steps offers coordinated services and assistance to young children with special needs and their families. First Steps is designed for children, birth to age 3, who have delayed development or diagnosed conditions that are associated with developmental disabilities. According to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, the average participation rate for the report area was 1.79% compared to the statewide rate of 1.72%.

Report Area	Participation Age 0-1	Participation Rate Age 0-1	Participation Age 1-2	Participation Rate Age 1-2	Participation Age 2-3	Participation Rate Age 2-3	Participation All Ages	Participation Rate All Ages
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	14	1.07%	22	1.71%	34	2.60%	70	**1.79%**
Butler County, MO	7	1.19%	14	2.39%	16	2.83%	37	2.13%
Carter County, MO	0	0%	2	2.7%	4	4.3%	6	2.44%
Dent County, MO	2	1.13%	2	1.18%	3	1.49%	7	1.28%
Reynolds County, MO	0	0%	1	1.79%	2	3.13%	3	1.71%
Ripley County, MO	1	0.58%	2	1.2%	6	3.97%	9	1.84%
Shannon County, MO	1	0.98%	0	0%	1	0.92%	2	0.65%
Wayne County, MO	3	2.24%	1	0.73%	2	1.57%	6	1.51%
Missouri	676	0.84%	1,339	1.63%	2,185	2.66%	4,200	1.72%

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. Accessed via KIDS COUNT data center.



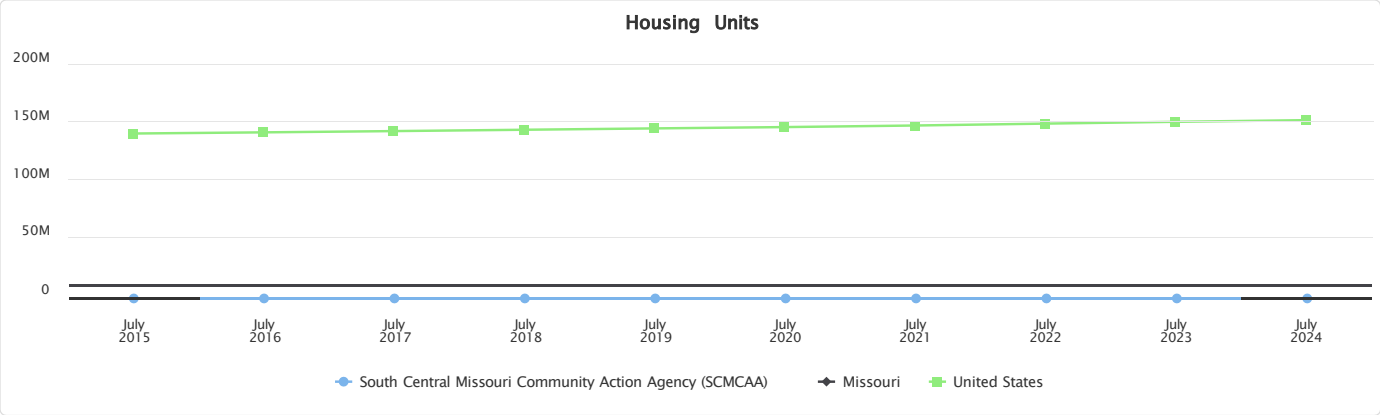
Housing

Housing Units

The number of housing units within the report area in July of each year from 2015-2024 is shown below. According to the U.S. Census, there were a total of 47,088 housing units in the report area in 2024, an decrease of -6,295 (or -11.79%) since 2015 compared to a 3.57% increase statewide.

Report Area	July 2015	July 2016	July 2017	July 2018	July 2019	July 2020	July 2021	July 2022	July 2023	July 2024
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	53,383	53,416	53,399	53,432	53,426	47,009	47,036	47,056	47,056	47,088
Butler County, MO	19,834	19,875	19,867	19,871	19,867	19,287	19,302	19,306	19,301	19,323
Carter County, MO	3,265	3,265	3,264	3,265	3,265	2,675	2,678	2,681	2,683	2,687
Dent County, MO	7,338	7,335	7,334	7,336	7,333	6,818	6,821	6,824	6,828	6,830
Reynolds County, MO	4,037	4,034	4,032	4,032	4,030	3,461	3,462	3,463	3,463	3,464
Ripley County, MO	6,628	6,627	6,622	6,639	6,642	5,145	5,151	5,158	5,159	5,162
Shannon County, MO	4,173	4,173	4,171	4,174	4,174	3,514	3,513	3,513	3,512	3,511
Wayne County, MO	8,108	8,107	8,109	8,115	8,115	6,109	6,109	6,111	6,110	6,111
Missouri	5,520,284	5,549,662	5,580,828	5,612,226	5,638,766	5,580,608	5,614,854	5,652,842	5,688,924	5,717,206
United States	135,285,123	136,286,436	137,366,902	138,516,439	139,684,244	140,811,440	142,172,055	143,799,370	145,359,015	146,770,711

Data Source: US Census Bureau, US Census Population Estimates.



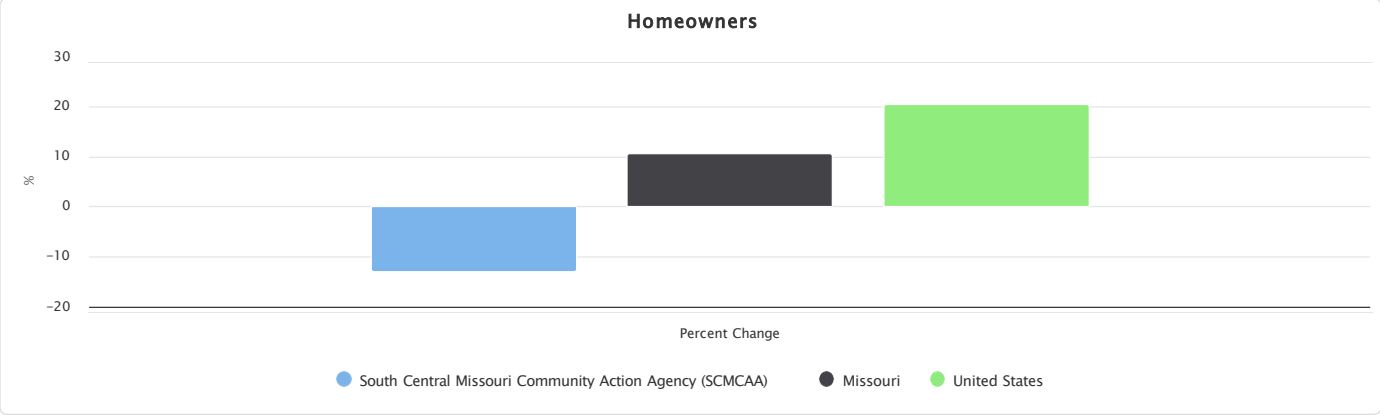
Homeowners

The U.S. Census Bureau estimated there were 31,068 homeowners in the report area in 2000, and 27,034 homeowners in the report

area for the 5-year estimated period from 2020 - 2024. This equates to a change of -12.98%.

Report Area	Homes 2000	Homes 2024	Percent Change 2000-2024
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	31,068	27,034	-12.98%
Butler County, MO	11,513	10,726	-6.84%
Carter County, MO	1,827	1,237	-32.29%
Dent County, MO	4,437	4,266	-3.85%
Reynolds County, MO	2,103	1,864	-11.36%
Ripley County, MO	4,217	3,166	-24.92%
Shannon County, MO	2,630	2,304	-12.40%
Wayne County, MO	4,341	3,471	-20.04%
Missouri	1,542,149	1,708,413	10.78%
United States	69,815,753	84,210,142	20.62%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.

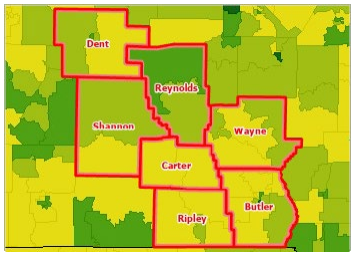


Housing Age

Total housing units, median year built and median age in 2024 for the report area are shown below. Housing units used in housing age include only those where the year built is known.

Report Area	Total Housing Units	Median Year Built	Median Age (from 2024)
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	47,066	No data	No data
Butler County, MO	19,303	1981	43
Carter County, MO	2,676	1983	41
Dent County, MO	6,822	1978	46
Reynolds County, MO	3,461	1975	49
Ripley County, MO	5,168	1983	41
Shannon County, MO	3,517	1980	44
Wayne County, MO	6,119	1980	44
Missouri	689,329	1967	57
Missouri	1,400,692	1981	43
Missouri	305,647	1981	43
Missouri	114,720	1976	48
Missouri	190,927	1984	40
Missouri	429,619	1980	44
Missouri	735,266	1980	44
Missouri	1,963,288	1976	48
Missouri	861,999	1984	40
Missouri	2,825,287	1978	46
Missouri	2,395,668	1978	46
Missouri	2,090,021	1977	47
United States	143,775,355	1980	44

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.



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Housing Constructed Before 1960, Percent by Tract, ACS 2020-24

- Over 45.0%
- 30.1 - 45.0%
- 20.1 - 30.0%
- Under 20.1%
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Vacancy Rates

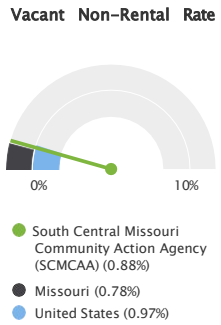
The U.S. Census Bureau provides vacancy data based on American Community Survey 5-year estimates (2020 - 2024). Vacancy rates for the report area are reported below.

Vacant non-rental housing totals 416 units and includes those for sale only and sold but not occupied. For the report area, that is a non-rental housing vacancy rate of 0.88%, in comparison the national rate is 0.97%.

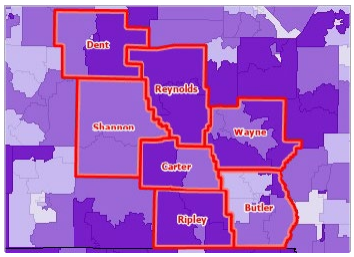
Vacant rental housing totals 694 units and includes those for rent and rented but not occupied. For the report area, that is a rental housing vacancy rate of 1.47%, in comparison the national rate is 2.20%.

Vacant other housing totals 7,864 units and includes those used for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use, as well as units used for migrant workers. For the report area, that is an other housing vacancy rate of 16.71%, in comparison the national rate is 6.96%.

Report Area	Total Housing Units	Vacant Non-Rental	Vacant Non-Rental Rate	Vacant Rental	Vacant Rental Rate	Vacant Other	Vacant Other Rate
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	47,066	416	0.88%	694	1.47%	7,864	16.71%
Butler County, MO	19,303	52	0.27%	493	2.55%	2,164	11.21%
Carter County, MO	2,676	23	0.86%	9	0.34%	606	22.65%
Dent County, MO	6,822	179	2.62%	62	0.91%	963	14.12%
Reynolds County, MO	3,461	34	0.98%	8	0.23%	1,084	31.32%
Ripley County, MO	5,168	72	1.39%	82	1.59%	1,012	19.58%
Shannon County, MO	3,517	10	0.28%	16	0.45%	609	17.32%
Wayne County, MO	6,119	46	0.75%	24	0.39%	1,426	23.30%
Missouri	861,999	10,200	1.18%	7,763	0.90%	118,711	13.77%
Missouri	1,400,692	13,938	1.00%	19,043	1.36%	61,571	4.40%
Missouri	114,720	892	0.78%	3,863	3.37%	11,337	9.88%
Missouri	735,266	8,345	1.13%	11,241	1.53%	127,572	17.35%
Missouri	2,090,021	23,496	1.12%	40,743	1.95%	105,663	5.06%
Missouri	689,329	9,558	1.39%	21,700	3.15%	44,092	6.40%
Missouri	2,395,668	26,799	1.12%	47,492	1.98%	139,318	5.82%
Missouri	190,927	2,411	1.26%	2,886	1.51%	22,318	11.69%
Missouri	2,825,287	31,841	1.13%	51,984	1.84%	233,235	8.26%
Missouri	305,647	3,303	1.08%	6,749	2.21%	33,655	11.01%
Missouri	1,963,288	21,641	1.10%	44,221	2.25%	114,524	5.83%
Missouri	429,619	5,042	1.17%	4,492	1.05%	93,917	21.86%
United States	143,775,355	1,389,756	0.97%	3,158,004	2.20%	10,000,099	6.96%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.



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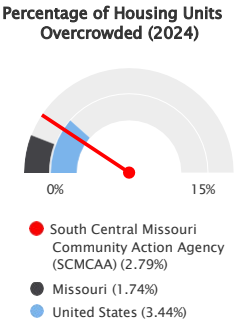
Vacant Housing Units, Percent by Tract, ACS 2020-24

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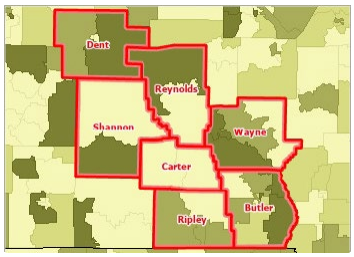
Overcrowded Housing

Occupied housing units, overcrowded housing units, and percent overcrowded for 2014-2019 and 2020-2024 American Community Survey Estimates are provided for the report area below. The average for the report area for 2024 is 2.79%, compared to a statewide average of 1.74%.

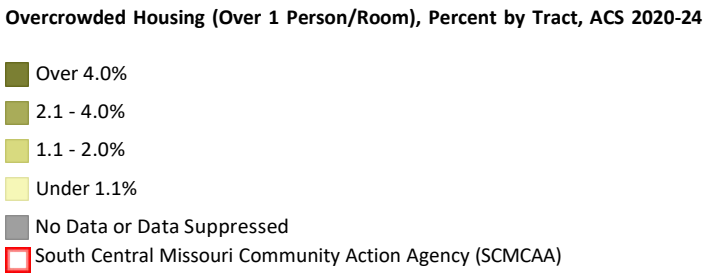
Report Area	Occupied Housing Units 2019	Overcrowded Housing Units 2019	Percent Overcrowded 2019	Occupied Housing Units 2024	Overcrowded Housing Units 2024	Percent Overcrowded 2024
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	39,241	961	2.45%	38,092	1,061	**2.79%**
Butler County, MO	15,167	258	1.70%	16,594	403	2.43%
Carter County, MO	2,264	28	1.24%	2,038	3	0.15%
Dent County, MO	6,120	185	3.02%	5,618	169	3.01%
Reynolds County, MO	2,502	48	1.92%	2,335	41	1.76%
Ripley County, MO	4,956	109	2.20%	4,002	78	1.95%
Shannon County, MO	2,936	147	5.01%	2,882	168	5.83%
Wayne County, MO	5,296	186	3.51%	4,623	199	4.30%
Missouri	2,029,881	43,401	2.14%	2,508,227	43,709	1.74%
United States	92,289,957	4,045,979	4.38%	129,227,496	4,449,577	3.44%

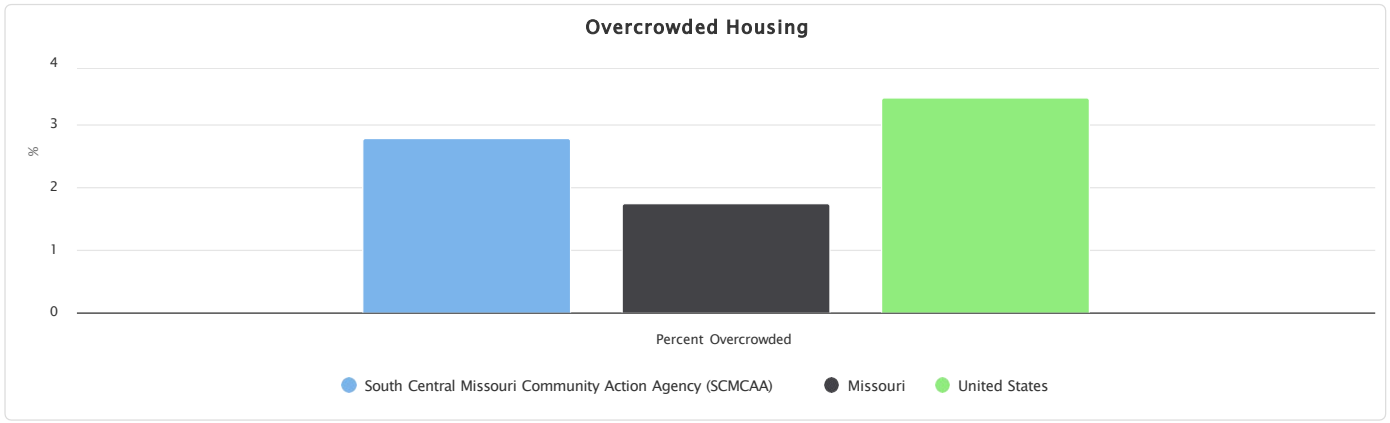


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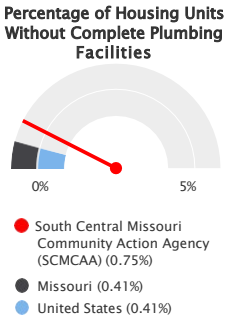




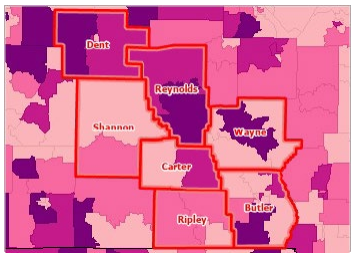
Number of Unsafe, Unsanitary Homes

The number and percentage of occupied housing units without plumbing are shown for the report area. U.S. Census data shows 561 housing units in the report area were without plumbing in 2000 and ACS 5 year estimates show 285 housing units in the report area were without plumbing in 2024.

Report Area	Occupied Housing Units 2000	Housing Units without Plumbing 2000	Percent without Plumbing 2000	Occupied Housing Units 2024	Housing Units without Plumbing 2024	Percent without Plumbing 2024
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	42,085	561	1.33%	38,092	285	**0.75%**
Butler County, MO	16,718	114	0.61%	16,594	79	0.48%
Carter County, MO	2,378	28	0.92%	2,038	21	1.03%
Dent County, MO	5,982	79	1.13%	5,618	89	1.58%
Reynolds County, MO	2,721	50	1.33%	2,335	41	1.76%
Ripley County, MO	5,416	102	1.60%	4,002	17	0.42%
Shannon County, MO	3,319	110	2.85%	2,882	10	0.35%
Wayne County, MO	5,551	78	1.04%	4,623	28	0.61%
Missouri	2,194,594	11,923	0.49%	2,508,227	10,309	0.41%
United States	106,741,426	736,626	0.69%	130,518,362	537,404	0.41%



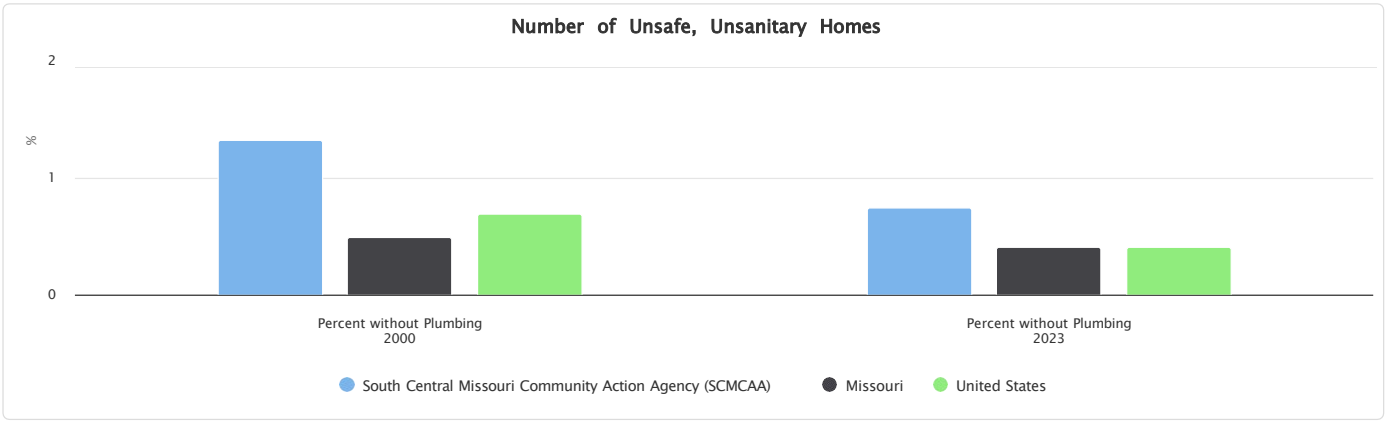
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Housing Units Lacking Complete Plumbing Facilities, Percent by Tract, ACS 2020-24

- Over 2.0%
- 1.1 - 2.0%
- 0.1 - 1.0%
- 0.0%
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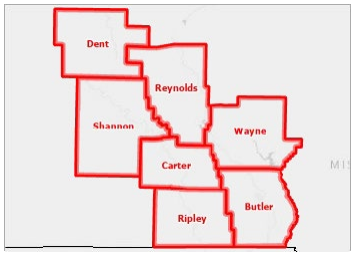


Fair Market Rent

Fair market monthly rent for 2025 (0-4 bedrooms) is shown below.

Report Area	Fair Market Rent (Monthly) 0 Bedrooms	Fair Market Rent (Monthly) 1 Bedrooms	Fair Market Rent (Monthly) 2 Bedrooms	Fair Market Rent (Monthly) 3 Bedrooms	Fair Market Rent (Monthly) 4 Bedrooms
Butler County, MO	$615	$628	$824	$1,128	$1,150
Carter County, MO	$615	$628	$824	$1,016	$1,242
Dent County, MO	$615	$628	$824	$993	$1,168
Reynolds County, MO	$616	$629	$825	$994	$1,101
Ripley County, MO	$615	$664	$824	$1,020	$1,312
Shannon County, MO	$615	$628	$824	$993	$1,242
Wayne County, MO	$615	$744	$824	$1,000	$1,384
Missouri	$693.36	$732.59	$920.21	$1,202.74	$1,386.47

Data Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition. 2025.



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Hours per Week at Minimum Wage Needed to Afford Housing, 1-Bedroom (at FMR) by County, NLIHC 2023

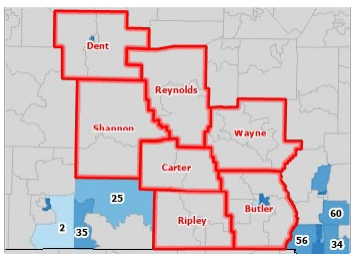
- Over 50%
- 11 - 50%
- 0 - 10%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
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Housing Affordability

The National Low Income Housing Coalition reports each year on the amount of money a household must earn in order to afford a rental unit based on Fair Market Rents in the area and an accepted limit of 30% of income for housing costs.

Report Area	Average Renter Hourly Wage	Hourly Wage 0 Bedrooms	Hourly Wage 1 Bedrooms	Hourly Wage 2 Bedrooms	Hourly Wage 3 Bedrooms	Hourly Wage 4 Bedrooms
Butler County, MO	$11.99	$11.58	$11.67	$15.35	$20.96	$23.25
Carter County, MO	$8.83	$11.56	$11.67	$15.33	$19.63	$23.40
Dent County, MO	$9.18	$11.56	$11.67	$15.33	$19.38	$22.02
Reynolds County, MO	$17.36	$11.62	$11.73	$15.40	$18.63	$23.52
Ripley County, MO	$7.36	$11.56	$12.06	$15.33	$18.54	$23.71
Shannon County, MO	$10.73	$12.23	$12.35	$16.21	$19.60	$24.75
Wayne County, MO	$10.14	$11.56	$13.44	$15.33	$19.75	$26.02
Missouri	$18.49	$15.94	$17.03	$20.83	$27.37	$31.62

Data Source: National Low Income Housing Coalition. 2024.



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Hourly Wage Needed to Afford Housing, 1-Bedroom (at FMR) by County, NLIHC 2024

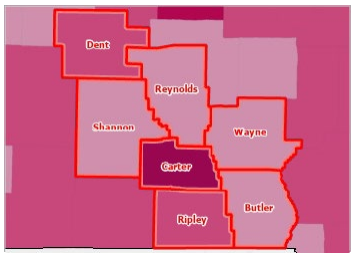
- Over 60
- 31 - 60
- 11 - 30
- Under 11
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)

Homeless Children

Homeless children ages 3 through the 12th grade are shown for the report area below. Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education data show a total of 541 homeless children in the report area during the 2022-2023 school year. Homeless children and youth are defined in this report as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

Report Area	Homeless Year 2018-2019	Homeless Year 2019-2020	Homeless Year 2020-2021	Homeless Year 2021-2022	Homeless Year 2022-2023
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	425	462	408	407	541
Butler County, MO	116	153	132	233	256
Carter County, MO	123	119	119	17	24
Dent County, MO	40	43	47	29	49
Reynolds County, MO	31	25	19	24	19
Ripley County, MO	114	120	72	90	175
Shannon County, MO	0	0	19	14	18
Wayne County, MO	1	2	No data	No data	No data
Missouri	34,099	34,944	32,310	35,893	35,230

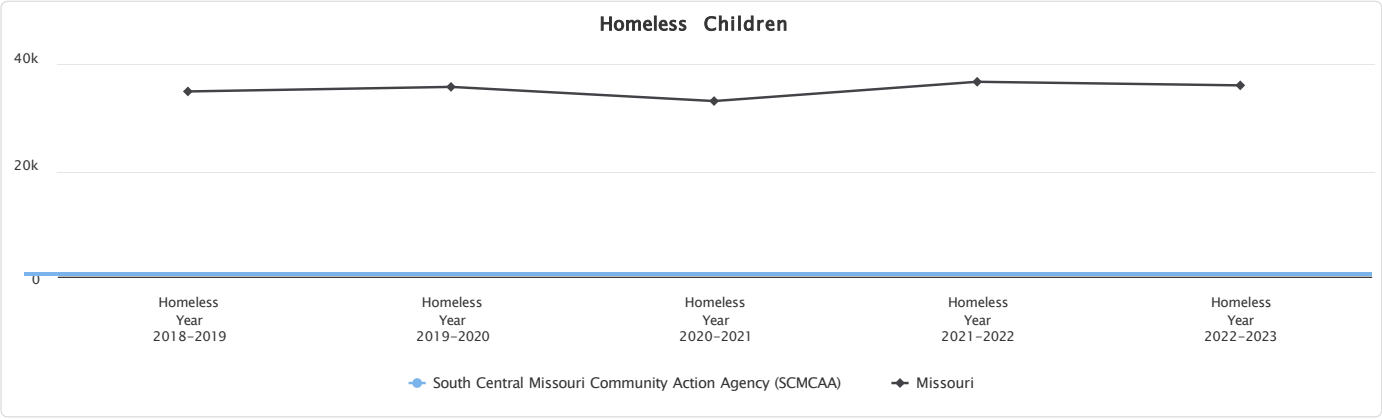
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Homeless Children and Youth, Percent by County, Missouri DESE 2021

- Over 4.0%
- 3.1 - 4.0%
- 1.0 - 3.0%
- Under 1.0%
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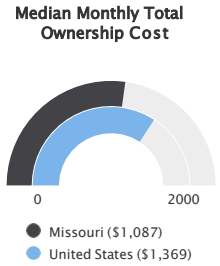


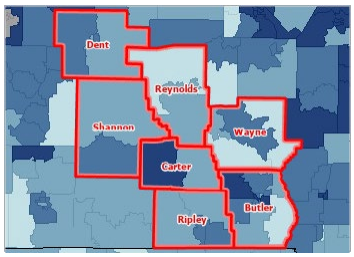
Monthly Housing Cost

The median monthly total ownership cost of owner occupied housing units for the report area are shown below.

Report Area	Median Monthly Total Ownership Cost	Median Monthly Total Ownership Cost with Mortgage	Median Monthly Total Ownership Cost with no Mortgage
Butler County, MO	$701	$1,074	$428
Carter County, MO	$661	$992	$463
Dent County, MO	$644	$1,219	$370
Reynolds County, MO	$571	$1,124	$391
Ripley County, MO	$667	$983	$365
Shannon County, MO	$674	$1,119	$441
Wayne County, MO	$520	$1,055	$357
Missouri	$1,087	$1,524	$546
United States	$1,369	$1,963	$638

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.





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Monthly Homeowner Housing Costs, All Units, Median by Tract, ACS 2020-24

- Over $1,100
- $801 - $1,100
- $651 - $800
- $501 - $650
- Under $501
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)

Age of Housing Unit Rentals

The age of rental housing units are listed in the below table. 20.53% of all rentals in the report area were built before 1960.

Report Area	Percent Built Before 1960	Built Before 1960	Built 1960-1979	Built 1980-1999	Built 2000-2009	Built 2010-2019	Built after 2020
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	20.53%	2,270	3,497	3,175	1,145	924	47
Butler County, MO	19.70%	1,156	1,751	1,717	668	562	14
Carter County, MO	12.98%	104	309	206	56	123	3
Dent County, MO	22.49%	304	472	348	164	46	18
Reynolds County, MO	29.30%	138	187	103	11	32	0
Ripley County, MO	28.71%	240	215	220	120	29	12
Shannon County, MO	13.49%	78	221	193	10	76	0
Wayne County, MO	21.70%	250	342	388	116	56	0
Missouri	28.45%	227,538	212,188	186,761	84,250	77,480	11,597
United States	25.44%	11,451,361	11,557,938	11,042,257	5,187,261	4,965,079	813,458

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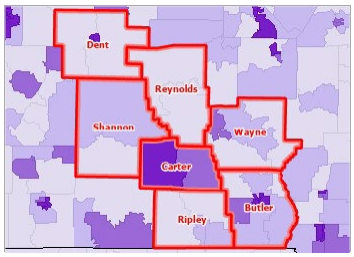


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South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA) (20.53%)

Missouri (28.45%)

United States (25.44%)



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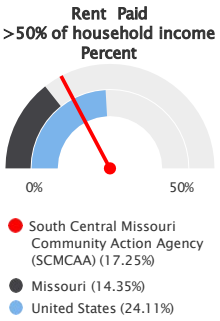
Renter-Occupied Housing Units, Percent by Tract, ACS 2020-24

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- 30.1 - 38.0%
- 22.1 - 30.0%
- Under 22.1%
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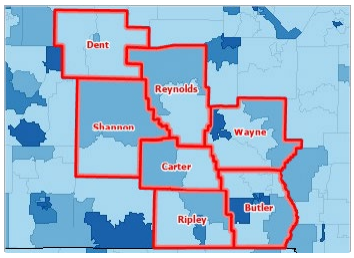
Greater than 50% of Income Paid Towards Rent/Mortgage

Those who are paying over 50% of the household income to either monthly rent or to mortgage payments for the report are shown in the table below. According to the American Community Survey 5-year estimate, for those households where income is known, 17.25% of rental households and 7.99% of mortgage households were paying over 50% of household income on rent or mortgage payments.

Report Area	Rent Paid >50% of household income Total	Rent Paid >50% of household income Percent	Mortgage Paid >50% of household income Total	Mortgage Paid >50% of household income Percent
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	1,907	**17.25%**	2,160	7.99%
Butler County, MO	1,123	19.14%	1,029	9.59%
Carter County, MO	105	13.11%	86	6.95%
Dent County, MO	163	12.06%	208	4.88%
Reynolds County, MO	38	8.07%	153	8.21%
Ripley County, MO	196	23.44%	230	7.26%
Shannon County, MO	32	5.54%	203	8.81%
Wayne County, MO	250	21.70%	251	7.23%
Missouri	26,494	16.03%	31,316	7.41%
Missouri	152,140	21.10%	105,482	7.22%
Missouri	137,371	21.65%	93,601	7.28%
Missouri	68,722	23.28%	25,893	8.12%
Missouri	144,410	21.70%	82,828	7.41%
Missouri	19,455	14.48%	42,089	7.12%
Missouri	163,865	20.49%	124,917	7.31%
Missouri	68,649	20.23%	67,708	7.00%
Missouri	14,769	17.05%	11,881	6.78%
Missouri	9,080	19.34%	3,427	6.63%
Missouri	5,689	14.35%	8,454	6.84%
Missouri	11,725	14.91%	19,435	7.85%
United States	10,852,194	24.11%	8,124,912	9.65%



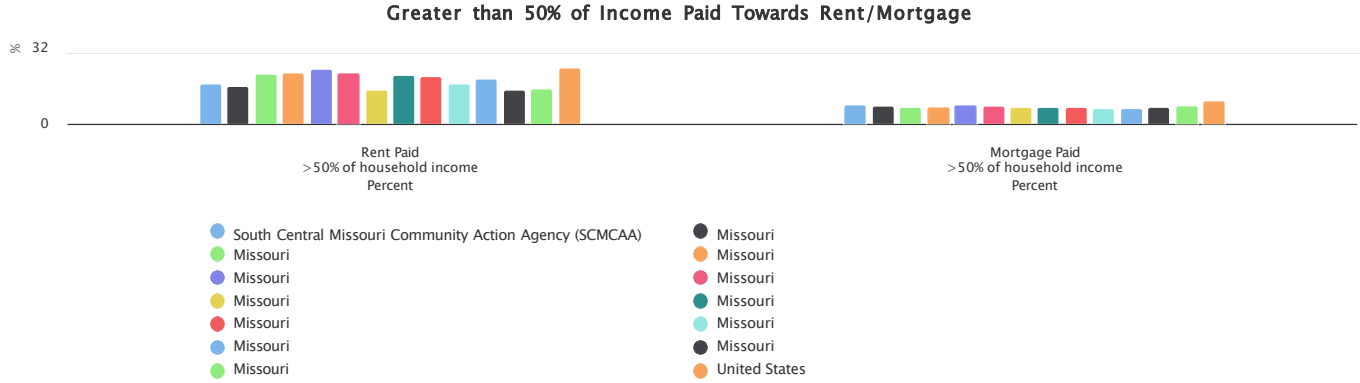
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Severely Cost Burdened Households (Housing Costs Exceed 50% of Household Income), Percent by Tract, ACS 2020-24

- Over 15.0%
- 12.1 - 15.0%
- 9.1 - 12.0%
- Under 9.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
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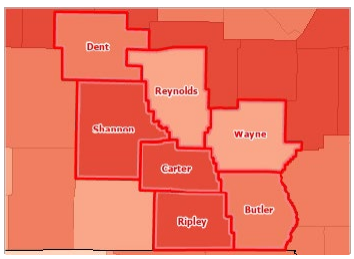
Income

Income Levels

Two common measures of income are Median Household Income and Per Capita Income based on American Community Survey 5 year estimates. Both measures are shown for the report area below.

Report Area	Median Household Income	Per Capita Income
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	No data	$26,287
Butler County, MO	$49,213	$27,108.34
Carter County, MO	$45,083	$27,115.41
Dent County, MO	$54,306	$27,469.99
Reynolds County, MO	$44,357	$26,575.62
Ripley County, MO	$43,898	$23,690.89
Shannon County, MO	$59,000	$25,451.48
Wayne County, MO	$43,393	$24,091.35
Missouri	$68,920	$38,497.11
United States	$78,538	$43,288.98

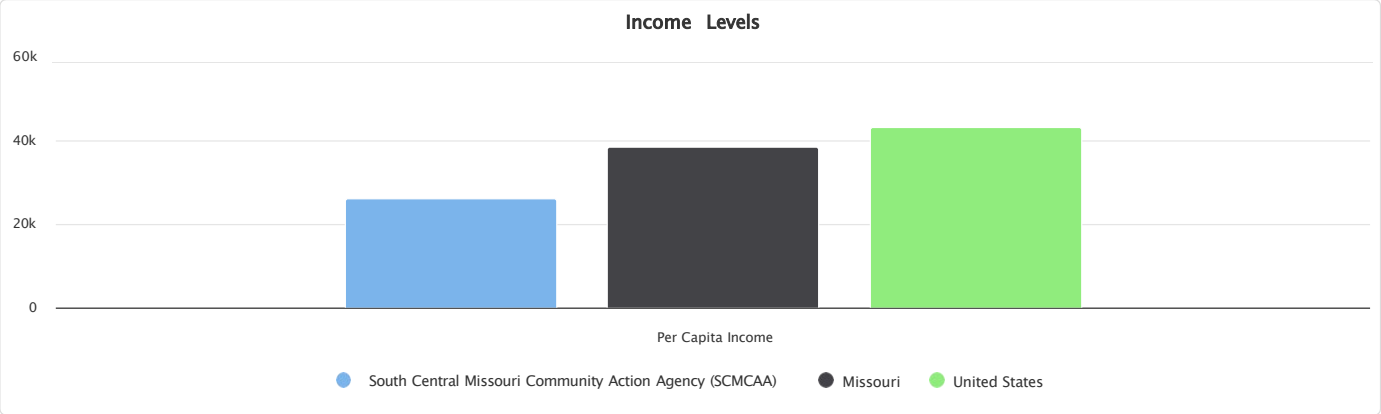
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23.



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Median Income of 2-Person Families by County, ACS 2019-23

- Over $60,000
- $52,001 - $60,000
- $44,001 - $52,000
- Under $44,001
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)



Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

The average number of families receiving TANF in January of 2025, and the number of families receiving TANF per 1000 families (based on 2020 - 2024 population estimates) are shown for the report area below. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services reported that a total of 133 families were receiving TANF benefits in the report area.

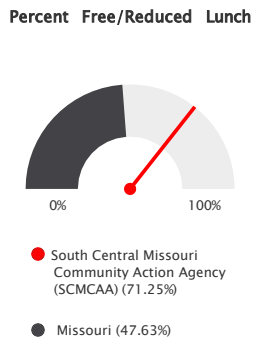
Report Area	Total Families Receiving TANF	TANF Recipients by Family per 1000	Total Payments to TANF Recipients
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	133	5.62	$29,937.00
Butler County, MO	64	6.52	$13,446.00
Carter County, MO	3	2.43	$964.00
Dent County, MO	14	3.86	$3,113.00
Reynolds County, MO	9	5.84	$2,398.00
Ripley County, MO	15	5.69	$3,334.00
Shannon County, MO	12	6.22	$2,902.00
Wayne County, MO	16	5.55	$3,780.00
Missouri	5,429	3.48	$1,265,765.00

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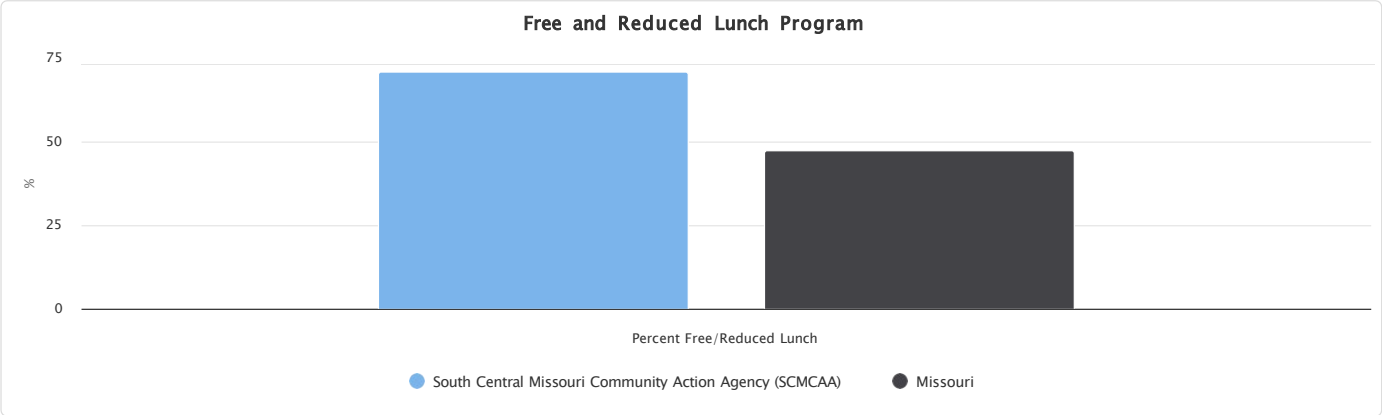
Free and Reduced Lunch Program

Free and Reduced Lunch enrollment for the report area are shown below. According to the January 2024 statistics released by the Missouri Department of Education, of the 13,801 students enrolled at public school lunch programs, 71.25% were participating in either free or reduced lunches.

Report Area	Total Lunch Enrollment	Free/Reduced Lunch Count	Percent Free/Reduced Lunch
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	13,801	9,834	**71.25%**
Butler County, MO	6,013	4,159	69.17%
Carter County, MO	1,098	670	60.97%
Dent County, MO	1,804	1,343	74.45%
Reynolds County, MO	817	523	64.00%
Ripley County, MO	1,995	1,740	87.22%
Shannon County, MO	654	570	87.16%
Wayne County, MO	1,418	828	58.38%
Missouri	838,050	399,124	47.63%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. 2023-2024.



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamp Program)

The average number of households per month receiving SNAP benefits, the average monthly benefit payment and total SNAP dollars issued per county are shown for the report area.

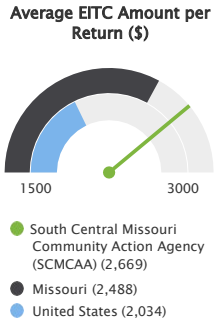
Report Area	Households Receiving Benefits (Average per Month)	Benefit Payment (Average per Month)	Total Benefits Issued
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	9,832	$368.71	$43,275,152
Butler County, MO	4,358	$366	$19,155,639
Carter County, MO	495	$402	$2,388,031
Dent County, MO	1,152	$353	$4,877,118
Reynolds County, MO	583	$345	$2,413,317
Ripley County, MO	1,337	$377	$6,054,387
Shannon County, MO	773	$382	$3,542,887
Wayne County, MO	1,134	$356	$4,843,773
Missouri	323,462	$397	$1,539,786,611

Data Source: Missouri Department of Social Services. 2024.

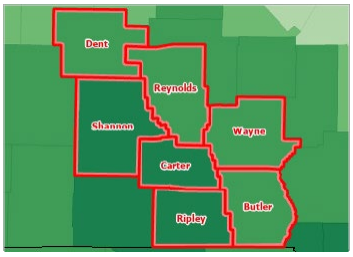
Earned Income Tax Credit

The indicator reports information about tax filers claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Data are obtained through an analysis of the IRS Statistics of Income (SOI) data tables.

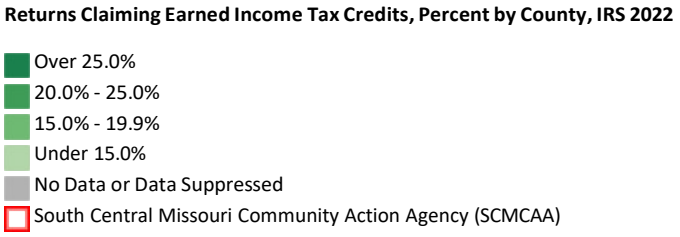
Report Area	Total Returns Claiming EITC	Total EITC Amount ($1,000)	Average EITC Amount per Return ($)
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	10,350	27,626	2,669
Butler County, MO	4,400	11,800	2,681
Carter County, MO	650	1,720	2,646
Dent County, MO	1,310	3,285	2,507
Reynolds County, MO	580	1,440	2,482
Ripley County, MO	1,410	3,980	2,822
Shannon County, MO	860	2,353	2,736
Wayne County, MO	1,140	3,048	2,673
Missouri	435,420	1,083,252	2,488
United States	32,048,530	65,174,414	2,034



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: IRS - Statistics of Income. 2022.



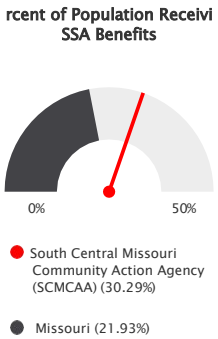
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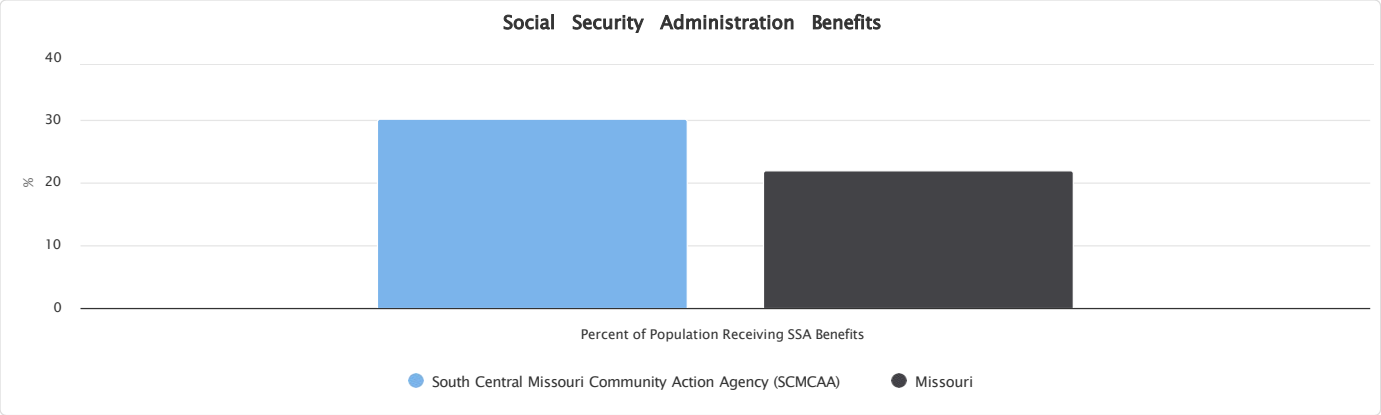
Social Security Administration Benefits

Total persons receiving Social Security benefits, percent of the population, total Social Security payments, and average Social Security payments for the report area are shown below. The Social Security Administration (SSA) reported that a total of 29,260 persons were receiving SSA benefits in the report area in 2024.

Report Area	Total Persons Receiving SSA Benefits	Percent of Population Receiving SSA Benefits	Total SSA Payments ($1,000s)	Average SSA Payment
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	29,260	30.29%	$42,009	$1,436
Butler County, MO	10,960	26.08%	$15,716	$1,434
Carter County, MO	1,910	36.06%	$2,698	$1,413
Dent County, MO	4,405	30.30%	$6,641	$1,508
Reynolds County, MO	2,025	33.69%	$3,099	$1,530
Ripley County, MO	3,675	34.32%	$5,137	$1,398
Shannon County, MO	2,335	32.53%	$3,153	$1,350
Wayne County, MO	3,950	36.37%	$5,565	$1,409
Missouri	1,358,163	21.93%	$2,345,947	$1,727



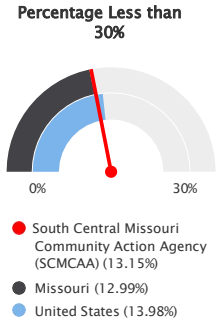
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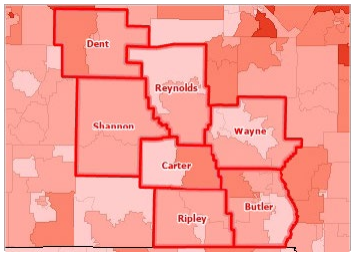
Number of Households earning 30% or 50% of Median Gross Income

The number of households earning 30% or less, or 50% or less of the Area Median Income (AMI) for the report area is listed below. AMI divides the household income distribution into two equal parts: one-half of the cases falling below the median household income and one-half above the median. For the report area, 13.15% of households are earning less than 30% AMI, while 24.70% of households are earning less than 50% AMI.

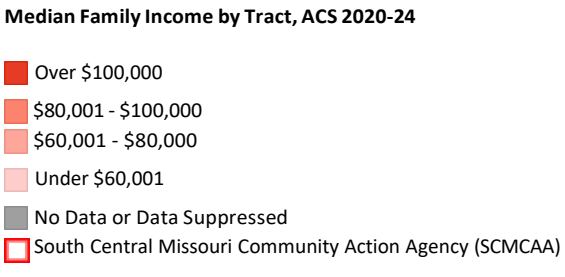
Report Area	Less than 30%	Percentage Less than 30%	Less than 50%	Percentage Less than 50%
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	5,008	13.15%	9,409	24.70%
Butler County, MO	2,270	13.68%	3,996	24.08%
Carter County, MO	316	15.51%	528	25.91%
Dent County, MO	622	11.07%	1,365	24.3%
Reynolds County, MO	270	11.56%	504	21.58%
Ripley County, MO	496	12.39%	1,056	26.39%
Shannon County, MO	404	14.02%	779	27.03%
Wayne County, MO	630	13.63%	1,181	25.55%
Missouri	325,832	12.99%	598,906	23.88%
United States	18,246,606	13.98%	32,197,670	24.67%

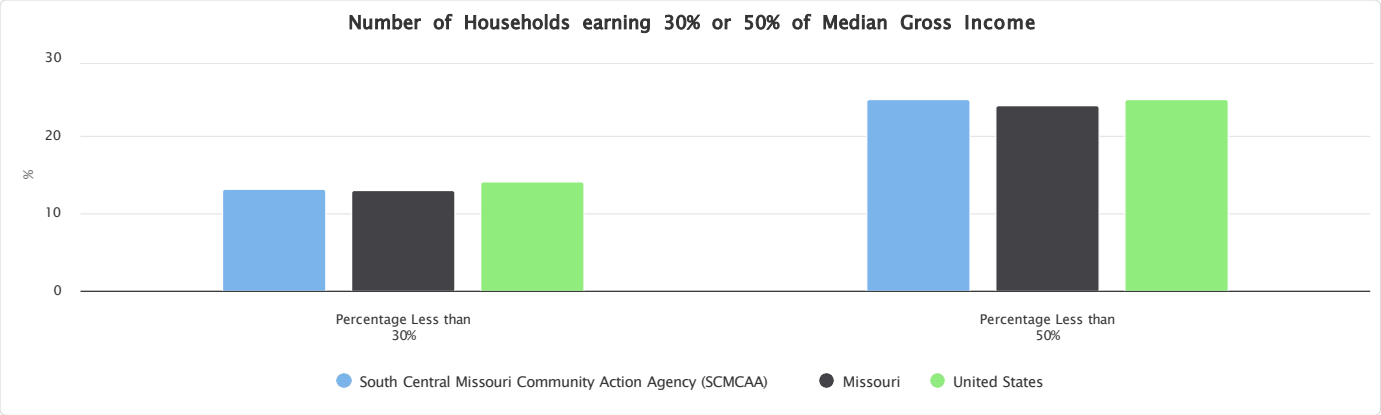


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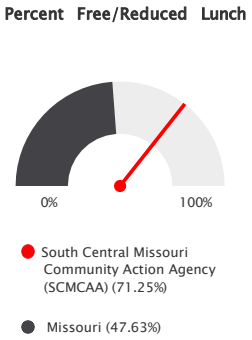


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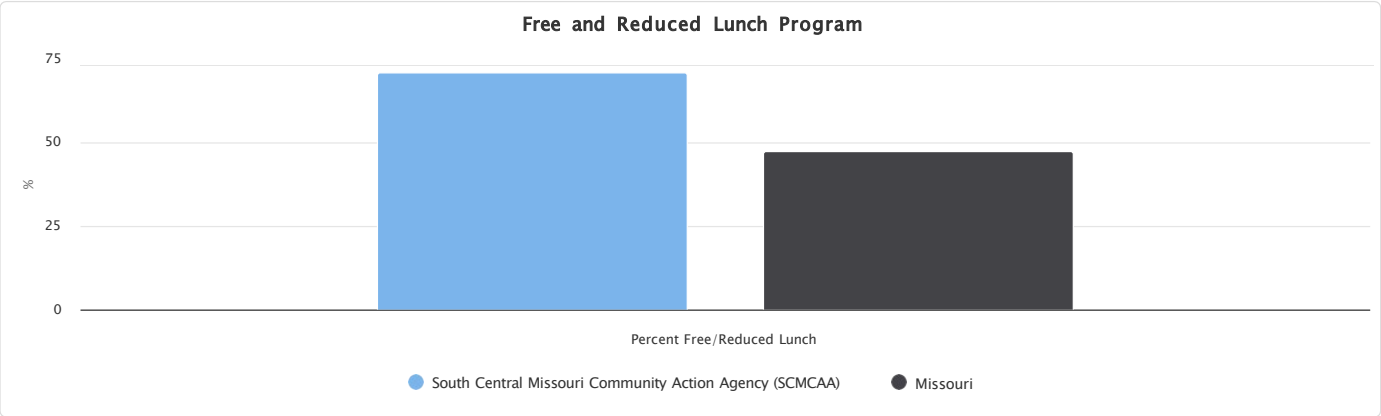
Free and Reduced Lunch Program

Free and Reduced Lunch enrollment for the report area are shown below. According to the January 2024 statistics released by the Missouri Department of Education, of the 13,801 students enrolled at public school lunch programs, 71.25% were participating in either free or reduced lunches.

Report Area	Total Lunch Enrollment	Free/Reduced Lunch Count	Percent Free/Reduced Lunch
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	13,801	9,834	**71.25%**
Butler County, MO	6,013	4,159	69.17%
Carter County, MO	1,098	670	60.97%
Dent County, MO	1,804	1,343	74.45%
Reynolds County, MO	817	523	64.00%
Ripley County, MO	1,995	1,740	87.22%
Shannon County, MO	654	570	87.16%
Wayne County, MO	1,418	828	58.38%
Missouri	838,050	399,124	47.63%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education. 2023-2024.



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly Food Stamp Program)

The average number of households per month receiving SNAP benefits, the average monthly benefit payment and total SNAP

dollars issued per county are shown for the report area.

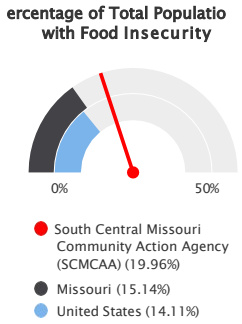
Report Area	Households Receiving Benefits (Average per Month)	Benefit Payment (Average per Month)	Total Benefits Issued
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	9,832	$368.71	$43,275,152
Butler County, MO	4,358	$366	$19,155,639
Carter County, MO	495	$402	$2,388,031
Dent County, MO	1,152	$353	$4,877,118
Reynolds County, MO	583	$345	$2,413,317
Ripley County, MO	1,337	$377	$6,054,387
Shannon County, MO	773	$382	$3,542,887
Wayne County, MO	1,134	$356	$4,843,773
Missouri	323,462	$397	$1,539,786,611

Data Source: Missouri Department of Social Services. 2024.

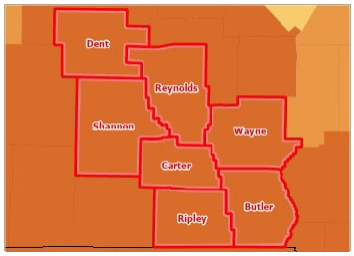
Food Insecurity

Overall Food Insecurity for the report area is listed in the table below. In 2022, there was an estimated 19,400 individuals in the area thought to be food insecure, which is 19.96% of the total area population.

Report Area	Total Population	Food Insecure Population, Total	Food Insecurity Rate
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	97,173	19,400	19.96%
Butler County, MO	42,800	8,560	20%
Carter County, MO	5,333	1,120	21%
Dent County, MO	14,278	2,570	18%
Reynolds County, MO	6,158	1,170	19%
Ripley County, MO	10,700	2,140	20%
Shannon County, MO	6,947	1,320	19%
Wayne County, MO	10,957	2,520	23%
Missouri	6,156,146	931,910	15.14%
United States	331,287,882	46,753,190	14.11%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: Feeding America. 2023.



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Food Insecure Population, Percent by County, Feeding America 2023

- Over 16.0%
- 13.1 - 16.0%
- 12.1 - 14.0%
- Under 12.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)

Food Insecurity - Food Insecure Children

This indicator reports the estimated percentage of the population under age 18 that experienced food insecurity at some point during the report year. Food insecurity is the household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food.

Report Area	Population Under Age 18	Food Insecure Children, Total	Child Food Insecurity Rate
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	21,673	5,220	24.09%
Butler County, MO	9,800	2,450	25%
Carter County, MO	1,185	320	27%
Dent County, MO	3,318	730	22%
Reynolds County, MO	1,111	300	27%
Ripley County, MO	2,524	530	21%
Shannon County, MO	1,556	280	17.99%
Wayne County, MO	2,179	610	27.99%
Missouri	2,719,280	498,500	18.33%
United States	72,810,721	13,128,990	18.03%

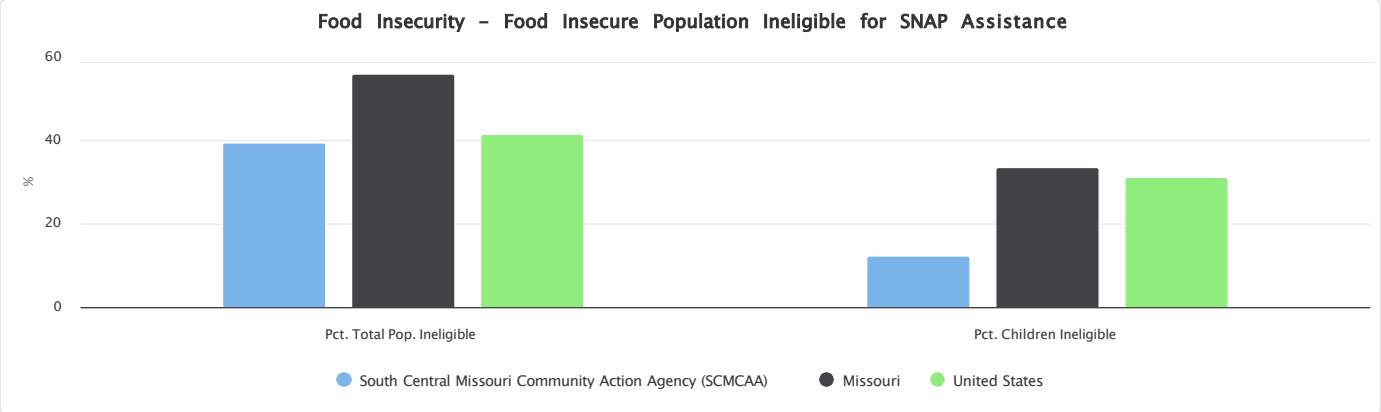
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Food Insecurity - Food Insecure Population Ineligible for SNAP Assistance

This indicator reports the estimated percentage of the total population and the population under age 18 that experienced food insecurity at some point during the report year, but are ineligible for SNAP assistance. Food insecurity is the household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food. Assistance eligibility is determined based on household income of the food insecure households relative to the maximum income-to-poverty ratio for SNAP.

Report Area	Food Insecure Population	Food Insecure Population Ineligible for Assistance, Percent	Food Insecure Children	Food Insecure Children Ineligible for Assistance, Percent
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	19,050	39.34%	5,220	12.3%
Butler County, MO	8,260	37%	2,450	10%
Carter County, MO	1,120	42%	320	20%
Dent County, MO	2,600	46%	730	10%
Reynolds County, MO	1,210	44%	300	30%
Ripley County, MO	2,140	37%	530	10%
Shannon County, MO	1,220	47%	280	20%
Wayne County, MO	2,500	35%	610	10%
Missouri	870,080	56.15%	243,780	33.47%
United States	42,657,200	41.49%	13,128,990	31.21%

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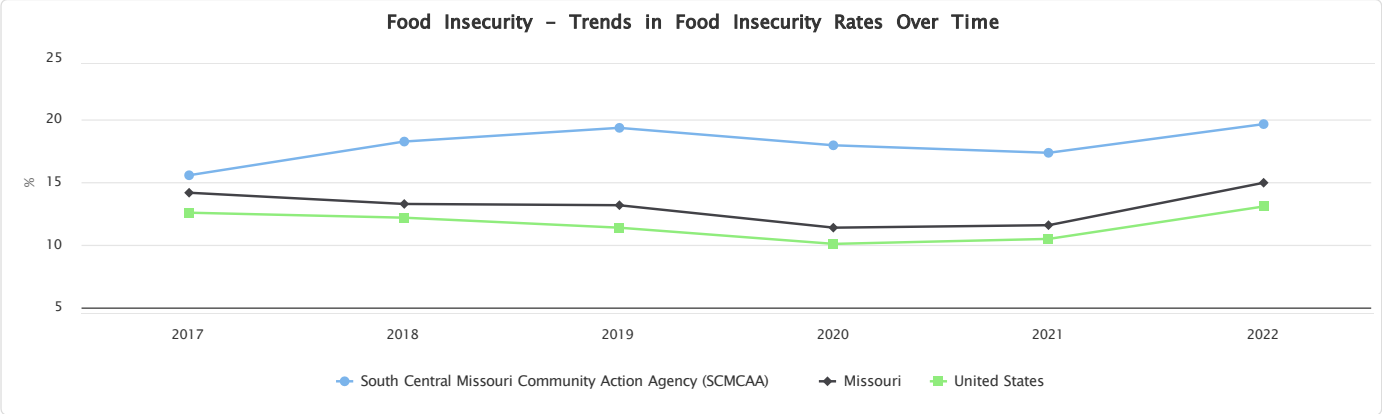
Food Insecurity - Trends in Food Insecurity Rates Over Time

This indicator reports the estimated percentage of the food insecurity trend observed at various points throughout the report year.

Food insecurity is the household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food.

Report Area	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	15.6%	18.3%	19.4%	18%	17.4%	19.7%
Butler County, MO	16.6%	18.2%	19.9%	18.1%	17.2%	19.5%
Carter County, MO	14%	16.6%	15.6%	16.8%	18.7%	21.1%
Dent County, MO	15.1%	16.7%	18.3%	15.4%	15.2%	17.9%
Reynolds County, MO	13.5%	16.1%	17.7%	16.2%	15.8%	19.8%
Ripley County, MO	16%	20.6%	21.7%	19.4%	17.7%	19.8%
Shannon County, MO	18.4%	20.3%	21.8%	19.9%	17.9%	17.2%
Wayne County, MO	15.6%	19.9%	21.1%	20.2%	19%	22.6%
Missouri	14.2%	13.3%	13.2%	11.4%	11.6%	15%
United States	12.6%	12.2%	11.4%	10.1%	10.5%	13.1%

Data Source: Feeding America. 2023.

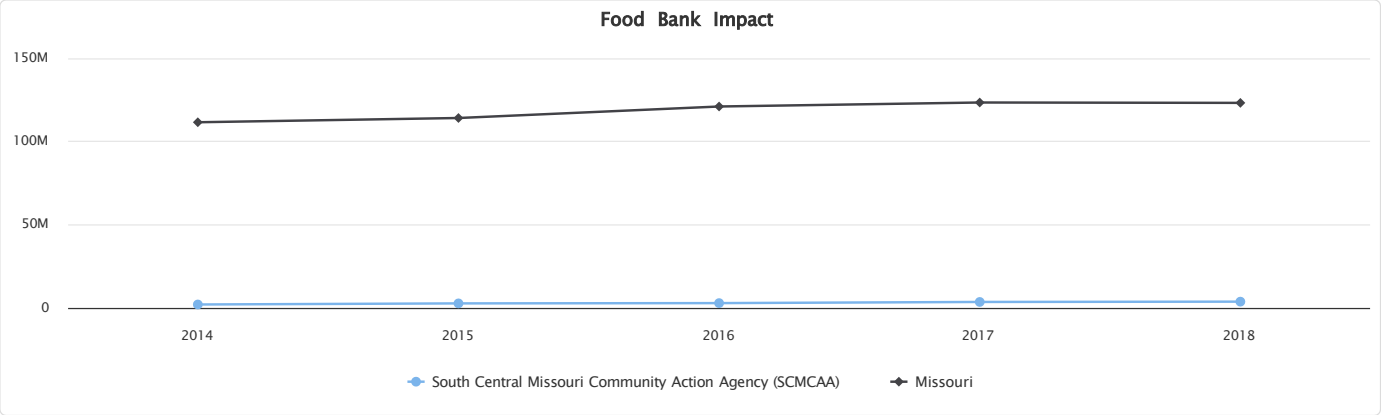


Food Bank Impact

The total amout of food (in pounds) distributed from regional food banks is listed in the table below for the report area. The amount of food includes USDA commodity foods.
In the report area there were 545,030 more total pounds of food distributed this year compared to last.

Report Area	Total Pounds Distributed 2014	Total Pounds Distributed 2015	Total Pounds Distributed 2016	Total Pounds Distributed 2017	Total Pounds Distributed 2018	Total Pounds Distributed 2019
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	2,063,979	2,717,955	2,891,488.94	3,583,443	3,769,857	4,314,887
Butler County, MO	616,906	758,933	712,425.81	1,165,984	1,513,462	1,729,698
Carter County, MO	210,023	179,528	231,759.8	332,349	304,814	320,190
Dent County, MO	341,637	387,157	430,121	427,321	509,552	517,834
Reynolds County, MO	342,554	536,042	692,655.77	402,986	265,068	355,300
Ripley County, MO	140,008	314,581	259,661.68	475,673	454,712	495,686
Shannon County, MO	211,103	252,763	369,975	310,950	294,555	376,951
Wayne County, MO	201,748	288,951	194,889.88	468,180	427,694	519,228
Missouri	111,592,785	114,146,873	121,054,446	123,460,705	123,237,295	135,070,170

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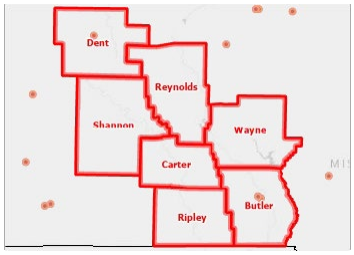


Number of Farmer's Markets

The number of farmers' markets in the report area are shown below.

Report Area	Number of Farmers Markets
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	4
Butler County, MO	No data
Carter County, MO	1
Dent County, MO	2
Reynolds County, MO	No data
Ripley County, MO	No data
Shannon County, MO	No data
Wayne County, MO	1
Missouri	203

Data Source: Missouri Grown USA. April 2025.



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Farmers' Markets, USDA - AMS July 2025

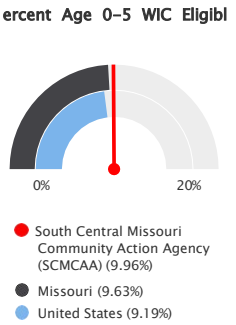
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Eligible

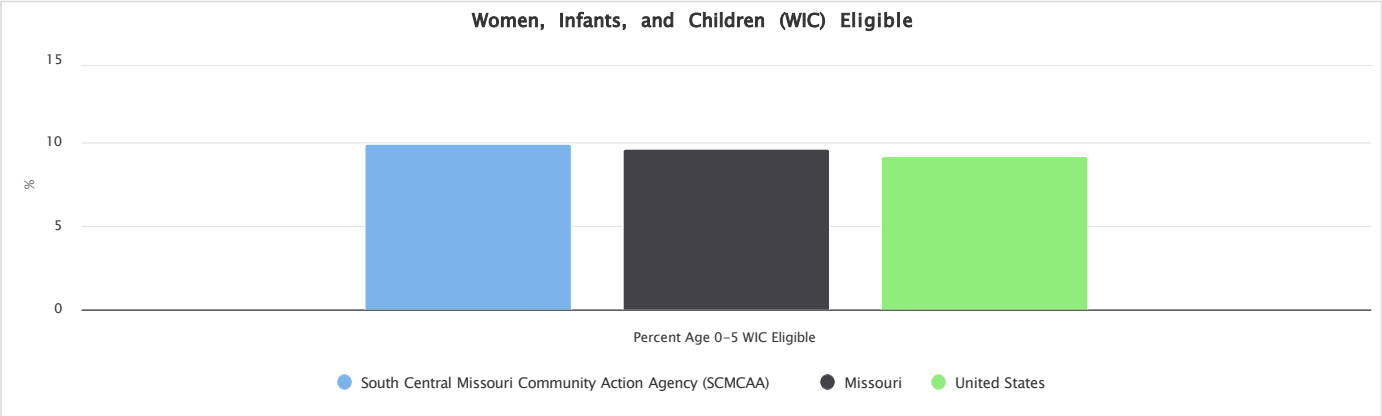
Below are the number of infants and children, ages 0 - 5 who are eligible for Women, Infants and Children's Program (WIC) benefits for the report area. Eligibility is defined as those living at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level.

For this report, of the total population of 41,513 eligible for WIC, 9.96% are age 0 - 5 according to the American Community Survey 5-year estimates.

Report Area	Population WIC Eligible	Population Age 0-5 WIC Eligible	Percent Age 0-5 WIC Eligible
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	41,513	4,135	9.96%
Butler County, MO	18,536	1,984	10.70%
Carter County, MO	2,375	273	11.49%
Dent County, MO	5,259	620	11.79%
Reynolds County, MO	2,415	202	8.36%
Ripley County, MO	5,273	404	7.66%
Shannon County, MO	2,793	236	8.45%
Wayne County, MO	4,862	416	8.56%
Missouri	1,621,156	156,070	9.63%
United States	84,043,493	7,722,889	9.19%



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.



Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program

Prenatal, postpartum, infant and child participation in the WIC program within the report area for 2021 are shown. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services reported that a total of 3,982 persons received WIC benefits in the report area in 2021.

Report Area	Prenatal Participation	Postpartum Participation	Infant Participation	Child Participation
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	689	724	796	1,773
Butler County, MO	345	369	391	830
Carter County, MO	51	55	63	119
Dent County, MO	62	70	77	196
Reynolds County, MO	40	32	37	116
Ripley County, MO	88	95	104	227
Shannon County, MO	41	45	55	113
Wayne County, MO	62	58	69	172
Missouri	19,620	25,558	28,223	50,168

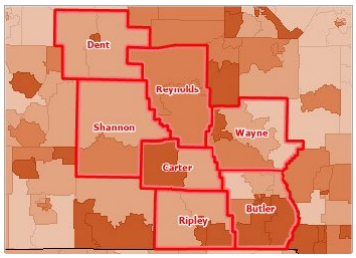
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Households Receiving SNAP by Poverty Status (ACS)

The below table shows that according to the American Community Survey (ACS), 7,031 households (or 18.5%) received SNAP payments during 2020-2024. During this same period there were 3,727 households with income levels below the poverty level that were not receiving SNAP payments.

Report Area	Households Receiving SNAP Total	Households Receiving SNAP Percent	Households Receiving SNAP Income Below Poverty	Households Receiving SNAP Income Above Poverty	Households Not Receiving SNAP Total	Households Not Receiving SNAP Percent	Households Not Receiving SNAP Income Below Poverty	Households Not Receiving SNAP Income Above Poverty
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	7,031	18.5%	4,064	2,967	31,061	81.5%	3,727	27,334
Butler County, MO	3,366	20.28%	1,965	1,401	13,228	79.72%	1,600	11,628
Carter County, MO	404	19.82%	315	89	1,634	80.18%	131	1,503
Dent County, MO	955	17.00%	368	587	4,663	83.00%	382	4,281
Reynolds County, MO	379	16.23%	186	193	1,956	83.77%	275	1,681
Ripley County, MO	694	17.34%	493	201	3,308	82.66%	552	2,756
Shannon County, MO	389	13.50%	200	189	2,493	86.50%	283	2,210
Wayne County, MO	844	18.26%	537	307	3,779	81.74%	504	3,275
Missouri	246,701	9.84%	123,442	123,259	2,261,526	90.16%	200,731	2,060,795
United States	15,572,114	12.05%	6,598,381	8,973,733	113,655,382	87.95%	9,649,356	104,006,026

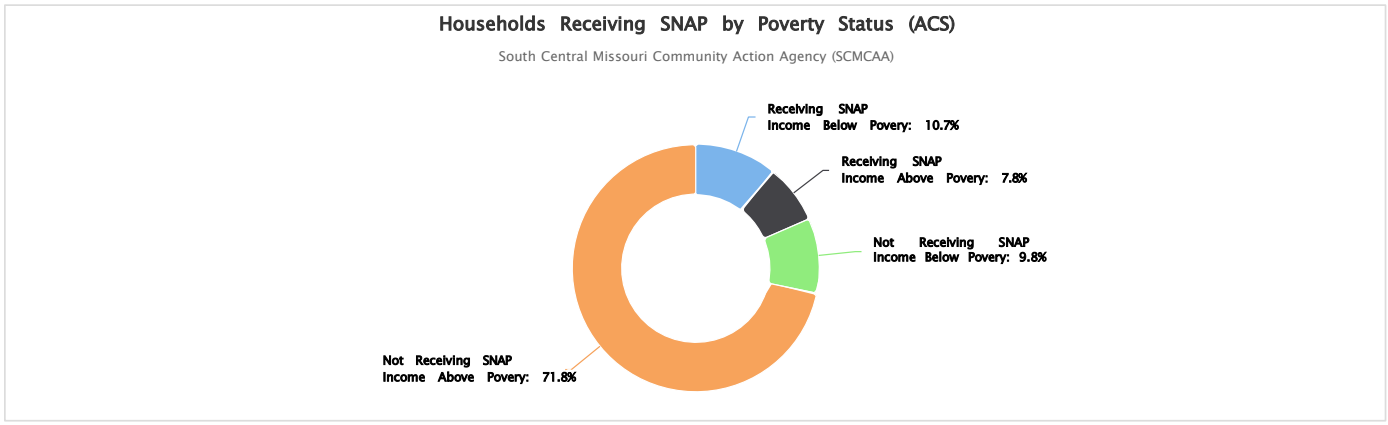
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Households Receiving SNAP Benefits, Percent by Tract, ACS 2020-24

- Over 19.0%
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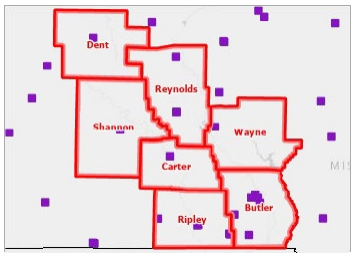
Health Care

Federally Qualified Health Centers

Federally Qualified Health Centers in this selected area.

County	Provider Number	FQHC Name	Address	City	Phone
Butler County	PN: 261144	MISSOURI HIGHLANDS MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC	1407 N WESTWOOD BLVD	POPLAR BLUFF	(573) 663-2313
Butler County	PN: 261906	MISSOURI HIGHLANDS HEALTH CARE	289 BROADWAY ST	NEELYVILLE	(573) 663-2313
Butler County	PN: 261914	MISSOURI HIGHLANDS HEALTH CARE	11001 US-160	HARVIELL	(573) 663-2313
Butler County	PN: 261008	MISSOURI HIGHLANDS MEDICAL CLINIC	2210 BARRON RD SUITE 120	POPLAR BLUFF	(573) 785-6536
Butler County	PN: 791006	MISSOURI HIGHLANDS WOMEN'S CLINIC	2879 JAMES BLVD	POPLAR BLUFF	(573) 609-8800
Butler County	PN: 261982	MISSOURI HIGHLANDS HEALTH CARE	711 NICKEY ST	POPLAR BLUFF	(573) 413-4191
Butler County	PN: 261983	MISSOURI HIGHLANDS HEALTH CARE	1300 VICTORY LN	POPLAR BLUFF	(573) 413-4193
Carter County	PN: 261816	BIG SPRINGS MEDICAL CLINIC	405 MAIN STREET	VAN BUREN	(314) 323-4253
Dent County	PN: 791173	SOUTH CENTRAL MISSOURI COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER	601 S MCARTHUR ST	SALEM	(573) 453-9138
Reynolds County	PN: 261001	POPLAR BLUFF COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINIC	1105 2ND STREET, PO BOX 157	ELLINGTON	(573) 663-2313
Reynolds County	PN: 261877	VALLEY SPRINGS MEDICAL CLINIC	ROUTE 1 BOX 127	BLACK	(573) 663-2313
Reynolds County	PN: 261148	BIG SPRINGS DENTAL CLINIC	115 W WALNUT ST	ELLINGTON	(573) 663-3177
Reynolds County	PN: 261815	ELLINGTON FAMILY CLINIC	HWY 106 & 2ND STREET	ELLINGTON	(314) 663-2525
Ripley County	PN: 261163	DONIPHAN FAMILY CLINIC	109 LEROUX ST	DONIPHAN	(573) 663-2313
Ripley County	PN: 261196	DONIPHAN URGENT CARE	109 PLUM STREET	DONIPHAN	(573) 663-2313
Ripley County	PN: 261908	MISSOURI HIGHLANDS HEALTH CARE	3277 US HIGHWAY 160 W	DONIPHAN	(573) 663-2313
Ripley County	PN: 261913	MISSOURI HIGHLANDS HEALTH CARE	101 E BATTEN ST	NAYLOR	(573) 663-2313
Ripley County	PN: 261002	MISSOURI HIGHLANDS HEALTH CARE	220 E BROAD ST	NAYLOR	(573) 663-2313
Ripley County	PN: 791041	BIG SPRINGS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION	109 PLUM ST	DONIPHAN	(573) 351-0220
Ripley County	PN: 261987	MISSOURI HIGHLANDS HEALTH CARE	603 E SUMMIT ST	DONIPHAN	(573) 413-4486
Shannon County	PN: 261841	SHANNON COUNTY FAMILY CLINIC	1003 SMAIN ST	EMINENCE	(573) 663-2313
Wayne County	PN: 261184	MISSOURI HIGHLANDS HEALTHCARE OF WAYNE COUNTY	1 HALS PLX	PIEDMONT	(573) 663-2313
Wayne County	PN: 791164	MISSOURI HIGHLANDS HEALTH CARE	1 HALS PLZ, STE B	PIEDMONT	(573) 223-8902

Data Source: US Department of Health & Human Services, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Provider of Services File. 4th Quarter 2024.



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Federally Qualified Health Centers, POS June 2025

South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)

MO HealthNet Providers

The Missouri Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division manages claims by health care providers for Medicare and other types of reimbursement. The table below shows the number of total providers submitting claims in April 2025. There are 149 different types of providers broken into 264 specialties. A single health care provider may be counted multiple times depending on how many types and specialty services they provide.

Report Area	Number of All Providers (2025)
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	3,239
Butler County, MO	1,976
Carter County, MO	191
Dent County, MO	272
Reynolds County, MO	208
Ripley County, MO	557
Shannon County, MO	180
Wayne County, MO	272
Missouri	171,156

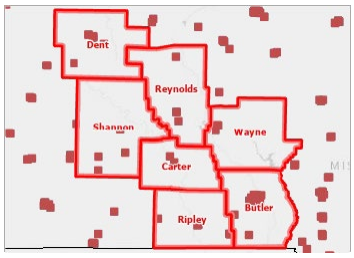
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Medicare and Medicaid Providers

Total institutional Medicare and Medicaid providers, including hospitals, nursing facilities, Federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics and community mental health centers for the report area are shown. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, there were 56 active Medicare and Medicaid institutional service providers in the report area in the second quarter of 2025.

Report Area	Total Institutional Providers	Hospitals	Nursing Facilities	Federally Qualified Health Centers	Rural Health Clinics	Community Mental Health Centers
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	56	2	14	23	13	0
Butler County, MO	22	1	5	7	6	0
Carter County, MO	2	0	1	1	0	0
Dent County, MO	8	1	3	1	3	0
Reynolds County, MO	5	0	1	4	0	0
Ripley County, MO	9	0	1	7	0	0
Shannon County, MO	4	0	1	1	2	0
Wayne County, MO	6	0	2	2	2	0
Missouri	1,501	144	487	331	316	0
United States	55,894	7,023	14,752	12,599	5,631	125

Data Source: US Department of Health & Human Services, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Provider of Services File. 2025.



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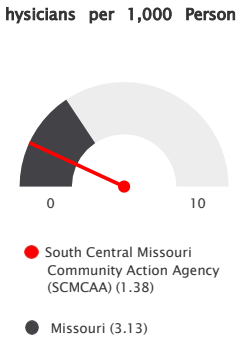
All Providers of Service, POS June 2025

South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)

Physicians

The number of licenses recorded by county from the Missouri Division of Professional Registration is listed for the report area in the table below.

Report Area	Physicians, MD	Physicians, DO	Physicians Assistants	Physicians per 1,000 Persons
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	103	23	7	**1.38**
Butler County, MO	87	17	7	2.64
Carter County, MO	1	0	0	0.19
Dent County, MO	13	1	0	0.96
Reynolds County, MO	0	1	0	0.17
Ripley County, MO	1	1	0	0.19
Shannon County, MO	0	0	0	0.00
Wayne County, MO	1	3	0	0.37
Missouri	15,012	2,825	1,526	3.13



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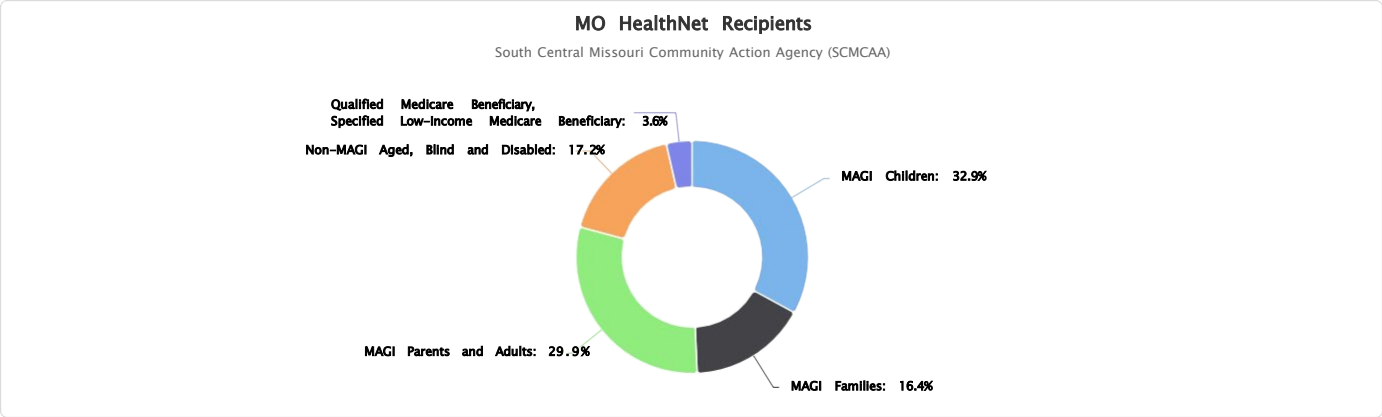
MO HealthNet Recipients

The total number of persons receiving MO HealthNet benefits for the report area are shown below. A total of 44,206 persons received benefits in the report area. Data shown is from January 2025.

MAGI = Modified Adjusted Gross Income

Report Area	MAGI Children	MAGI Families	MAGI Parents and Adults	Non-MAGI Aged, Blind and Disabled	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	14,551	7,245	13,207	7,622	1,581
Butler County, MO	6,068	3,076	5,488	3,345	717
Carter County, MO	924	451	790	420	94
Dent County, MO	1,974	969	1,844	885	185
Reynolds County, MO	835	410	815	460	93
Ripley County, MO	2,005	1,017	1,721	1,019	194
Shannon County, MO	1,291	607	1,114	583	114
Wayne County, MO	1,454	715	1,435	910	184
Missouri	562,776	279,264	488,233	204,339	41,499

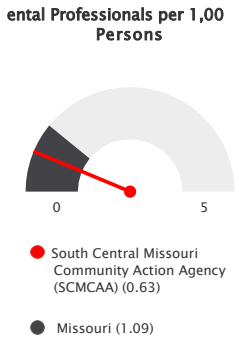
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Dentists

The number of licenses recorded by county from the Missouri Division of Professional Registration is listed for the report area in the table below.

Report Area	Dentists	Dental Specialists	Dental Hygienists	Dental Professionals per 1,000 Persons
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	24	2	35	**0.63**
Butler County, MO	16	2	18	0.86
Carter County, MO	2	0	3	0.94
Dent County, MO	4	0	2	0.41
Reynolds County, MO	1	0	2	0.50
Ripley County, MO	0	0	0	0.00
Shannon County, MO	0	0	1	0.14
Wayne County, MO	1	0	9	0.92
Missouri	2,584	567	3,599	1.09



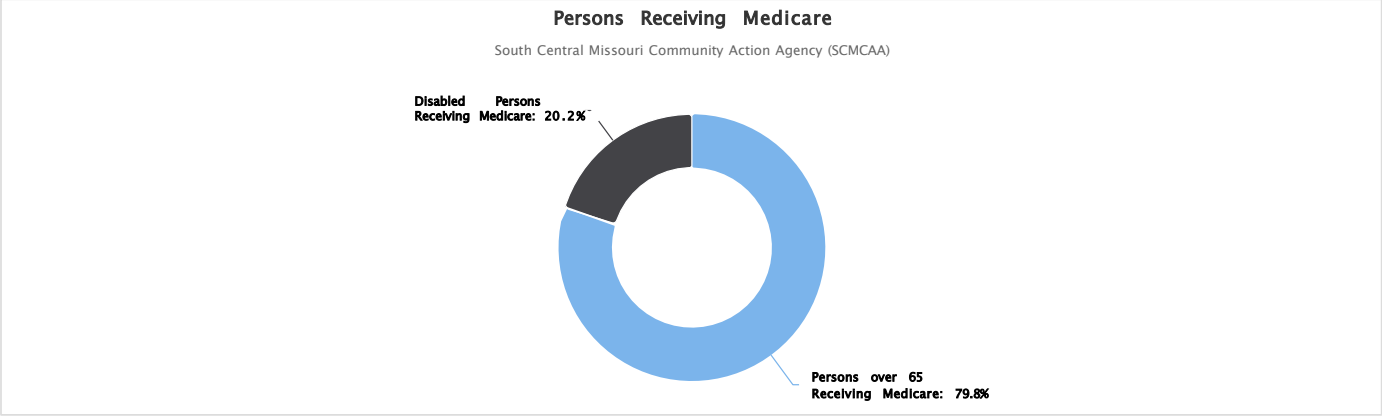
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Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.

Persons Receiving Medicare

The total number of persons receiving Medicare is shown, broken down by number over 65 and number of disabled persons receiving Medicare for the report area. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reported that a total of 27,225 persons were receiving Medicare benefits in the report area in 2023. A large number of individuals in our society are aware that persons over 65 years of age receive Medicare; however, many of them are unaware that disabled persons also receive Medicare benefits. A total of 5,502 disabled persons in the report area received Medicare benefits in 2024.

Report Area	Persons Over 65 Receiving Medicare	Disabled Persons Receiving Medicare	Total Persons Receiving Medicare
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	21,724	5,502	27,225
Butler County, MO	8,748	2,293	11,041
Carter County, MO	1,257	287	1,544
Dent County, MO	3,406	747	4,153
Reynolds County, MO	1,294	307	1,601
Ripley County, MO	2,724	726	3,450
Shannon County, MO	1,612	403	2,014
Wayne County, MO	2,683	739	3,422
Missouri	1,156,863	173,799	1,330,661
United States	60,718,882	7,189,884	67,908,765

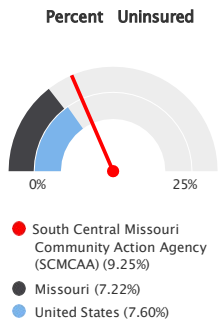
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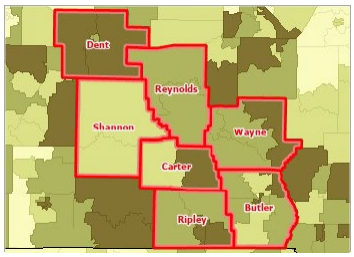
Uninsured Population

The uninsured population of 2024 is calculated by estimating the number of persons eligible for insurance (generally those under 65) minus the estimated number of insured persons.

Report Area	Insurance Population (2022 Estimate)	Number Insured	Number Uninsured	Percent Uninsured
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	96,613	65,899	8,939	**9.25%**
Missouri	6,191,814	4,496,958	447,348	7.22%
United States	334,922,499	243,728,120	25,457,101	7.60%



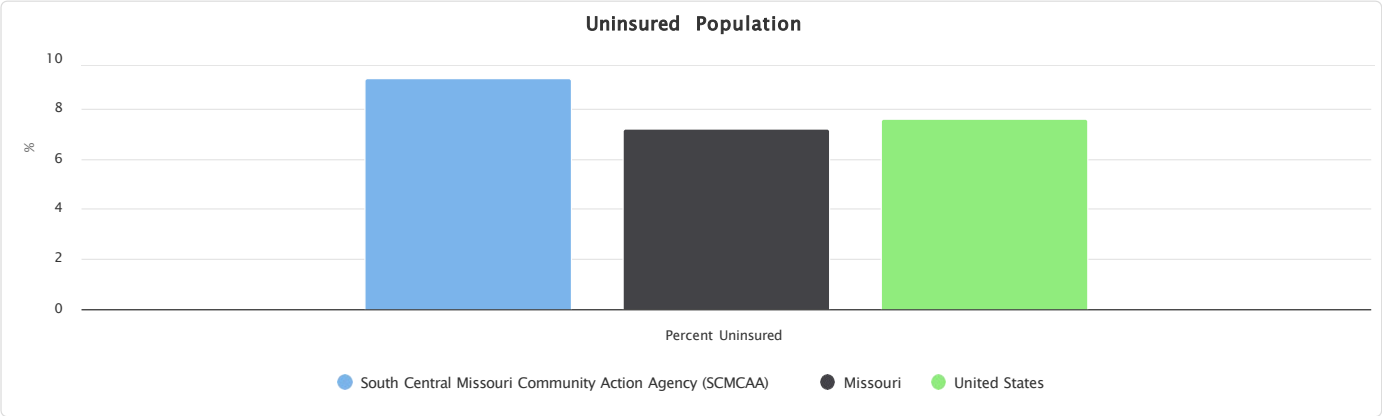
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Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. US Census Bureau, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates. 2020-24.



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Uninsured Population, Percent by Tract, ACS 2020-24

- Over 15.0%
- 10.1 - 15.0%
- 6.1 - 10.0%
- Under 6.1%
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)



Causes of Death

Total deaths broken down by cause for the report area are shown in the table below. According to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services in 2022, there were 1,633 deaths in the report area.

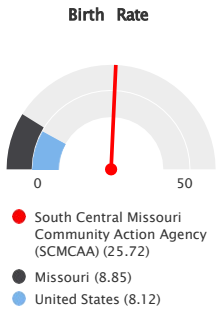
Report Area	All Deaths	Heart Disease	Cancer	Stroke	Accidents	Diabetes	Alzheimer's Disease	Pneumonia and Influenza	Kidney Disease	Other Causes
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	1,633	303	321	57	86	62	65	41	47	651
Butler County, MO	672	132	125	22	33	32	38	22	24	244
Carter County, MO	74	9	21	4	4	0	4	1	1	30
Dent County, MO	248	45	48	7	14	12	7	2	8	105
Reynolds County, MO	96	20	22	4	8	4	3	2	2	31
Ripley County, MO	208	43	33	4	8	4	5	5	2	104
Shannon County, MO	129	27	31	7	7	3	2	1	0	51
Wayne County, MO	206	27	41	9	12	7	6	8	10	86
Missouri	71,776	16,118	13,065	3,148	4,922	1,877	2,619	1,097	1,683	27,247

Data Source: US Department of Health & Human Services, Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services.

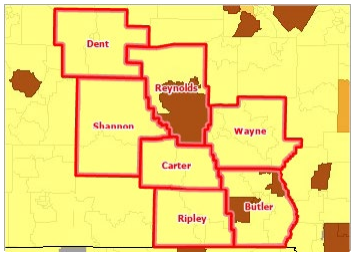
Teen Births

Based on American Community Survey 2020-2024 5-year estimates, there was an average of 25.72 births for every 1,000 teens (age 15 - 19) in the report area.

Report Area	Females Age 15 to 19	Births to Teens	Births per 1,000 Teens
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	2,799	72	**25.72**
Butler County, MO	1,300	63	48.46
Carter County, MO	140	0	0.00
Dent County, MO	382	0	0.00
Reynolds County, MO	219	9	41.10
Ripley County, MO	284	0	0.00
Shannon County, MO	143	0	0.00
Wayne County, MO	331	0	0.00
Missouri	198,819	1,760	8.85
United States	10,750,875	87,268	8.12



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.



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Women that Gave Birth, Age 15-19, Percent by Tract, ACS 2020-24

- Over 3.0%
- 1.6 - 3.0%
- 0.1 - 1.5%
- 0
- No Population Age 15-19 Reported
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)

Infant Health

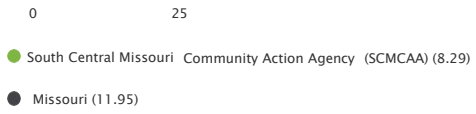
Low birth weight for the report area in 2021 are shown in the table below. According to the Missouri Information for Community Assessment (MICA), of the 1,165 total births there were 796 certified as Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) infants. Of these WIC infants, 66 (or a rate of 8.29) had low birth weights.

Report Area	Total Missouri Resident Births	All WIC Certified Infants in a Given Year	Low Birth Weight WIC Certified Infants	Rate of Low Birth Weight in WIC Certified Infants
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	1,165	796	66	**8.29**
Butler County, MO	549	391	38	9.72
Carter County, MO	97	63	8	12.70
Dent County, MO	143	77	6	7.79
Reynolds County, MO	53	37	No data	No data
Ripley County, MO	140	104	9	8.65
Shannon County, MO	77	55	No data	No data
Wayne County, MO	106	69	5	7.25
Missouri	69,269	28,223	3,372	11.95

Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Missouri Information for Community Assessment. 2021.

Child Abuse and Neglect

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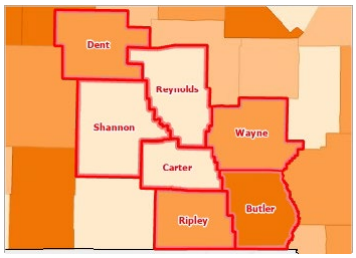




Substantiated child abuse/neglect incidents and number of children are shown for the report area in the table below. There were a total of 133 substantiated incidents in the report area in 2024.

Report Area	Substantiated Incidents	Substantiated Children
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	133	227
Butler County, MO	52	93
Carter County, MO	8	11
Dent County, MO	16	26
Reynolds County, MO	8	18
Ripley County, MO	25	40
Shannon County, MO	7	11
Wayne County, MO	17	28
Missouri	3,242	4,509

Data Source: Missouri Department of Social Services, Missouri Department of Social Services, Children's Division. 2024.



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Substantiated Cases of Child Abuse or Neglect, Substantiated Cases by County, MO DSS 2023

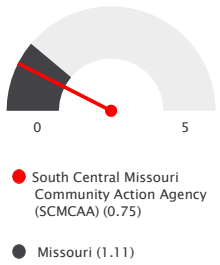
- Over 39
- 16 - 30
- 10 - 15
- Under 10
- No Data or Data Suppressed
- South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)

Licensed Professional Counselors

The number of licenses recorded by county from the Missouri Division of Professional Registration is listed for the report area in the table below.

Report Area	Licensed Professional Counselors	Counselors per 1,000 persons
South Central Missouri Community Action Agency (SCMCAA)	72	**0.75**
Butler County, MO	27	0.64
Carter County, MO	5	0.94
Dent County, MO	19	1.31
Reynolds County, MO	1	0.17
Ripley County, MO	9	0.84
Shannon County, MO	2	0.28
Wayne County, MO	9	0.83
Missouri	6,901	1.11

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Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2020-24.