

Public services lift 1.1 million Missourians out of poverty each year by helping working families with low wages, seniors and people with disabilities who have fixed incomes obtain health care, pay for child care, and fulfill a range of basic needs. Safety net programs in Missouri reduce the poverty rate by nearly 2/3 and are especially important to the 250,000 Missouri children lifted out of poverty each year through access to services such as income support, health care, and nutrition assistance.¹

Recent proposals in Congress would lead to deep reductions in federal funding for these critical services and, in many cases, would shift the cost and responsibility for services to the state.

The tables below show the number of recipients or households who benefit from these programs by congressional district.*

Estimates are of program enrollment only. They are not meant to provide estimates of the impact of specific federal proposals, but to indicate the broad range of Missourians who would be impacted by cuts across the state.

Income Support

- The Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), and child care assistance are programs that help families in Missouri make ends meet.
- Programs that boost family income have been linked to long term improvements in educational, behavioral, financial, and health outcomes among children.²

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EITC	93,051	32,918	53,801	60,885	71,914	52,851	70,041	72,087
Cash Assistance	7,724	2,866	4,960	6,315	8,996	5,344	5,850	5,983

Source: 2014 Brookings EITC Interactive; Census Bureau 2015 ACS Published Tables from American FactFinder. The number of Missouri children who are served by Child Care Assistance is available by county, and included in the Appendix of this report

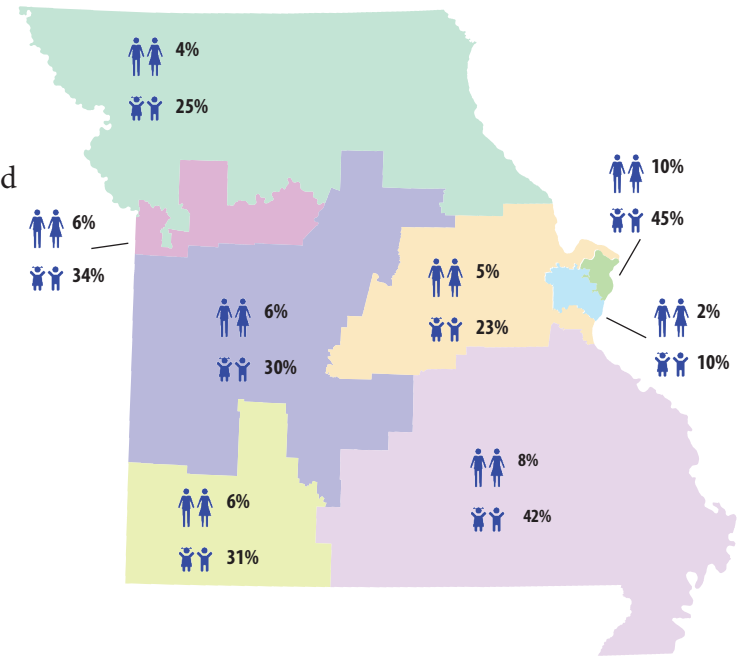
* See Appendix for county level data on the number of families in Missouri receiving child care assistance; ACS estimates of program participation are self-report (as opposed to administrative data) and are typically undercounts of actual program participation.

1 “In Missouri, Safety Net Lifts Roughly 1.1 Million People Above Poverty Line and Provides Health Coverage to 40 Percent of Children” Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) accessed at <https://www.cbpp.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/7-22-16pov-factsheets-mo.pdf>.

2 “Economic Security Programs Help Low-Income Children Succeed Over Long Term, Many Studies Find” Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) accessed at <https://www.cbpp.org/research/poverty-and-inequality/economic-security-programs-help-low-income-children-succeed-over>.

Health & Nutrition

- Medicaid, or MO HealthNet in Missouri, provides comprehensive health care coverage to 2 in 5 children across the state and is critical in providing access to care for seniors and people living with disabilities.
- One in eight Missouri residents is reached by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) program; over 70% are in families with children.³



3 “Missouri: Food Stamp Program” Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP) accessed at https://www.cbpp.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/snap_factsheet_missouri.pdf.

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MOHealth-Net/CHIP	157,822	38,893	89,298	107,570	125,293	93,192	115,829	158,814
SNAP	60,610	11,239	26,144	32,765	43,925	25,601	34,770	52,382

Source: Census Bureau 2015 ACS Published Tables from American FactFinder

Social & Economic Conditions

Social and economic conditions vary widely across the state. Missourians who live in areas with high rates of unemployment and poverty would be hit hardest by cuts to programs that help families make ends meet. Source: Census Bureau 2015 ACS Published Tables from American FactFinder

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Unemployment Rate	8.7%	3.4%	4.3%	5.7%	5.0%	4.7%	4.8%	6.5%
Poverty Rate	20.4%	5.2%	10.8%	17.5%	17.7%	12.5%	16.1%	19.2%
Child Poverty Rate	30.9%	4.9%	15.9%	21.1%	27.5%	15.6%	20.5%	26.2%

Source: Census Bureau 2015 ACS Published Tables from American FactFinder

Number of Children Receiving Child Care Assistance, by County

Adair	74	Clark	10	Iron	22	Montgomery	9	Schuyler	0
Andrew	9	Clay	758	Jackson	5,674	Morgan	19	Scotland	3
Atchison	6	Cole	650	Jasper	509	New Madrid	114	Scott	379
Audrain	61	Cooper	68	Jefferson	1,113	Newton	170	Shannon	0
Barry	44	Crawford	59	Johnson	184	Nodaway	13	Shelby	16
Barton	33	Dade	1	Knox	20	Osage	51	St Charles	1,209
Bates	35	Dallas	40	Laclede	148	Oregon	35	St Francois	316
Benton	43	Daviess	16	Lafayette	89	Ozark	3	St Louis County	9,625
Bollinger	30	De kalb	24	Lawrence	83	Pemiscot	118	St Louis City	6,220
Boone	960	Dent	36	Lewis	9	Pettis	180	St Clair	5
Buchanan	404	Douglas	28	Lincoln	116	Perry	81	Ste Genevieve	54
Butler	233	Dunklin	183	Linn	9	Phelps	141	Stoddard	167
Caldwell	24	Franklin	465	Livingston	25	Pike	92	Stone	52
Clinton	59	Gasconade	38	Macon	53	Platte	211	Sullivan	1
Callaway	214	Gentry	12	Madison	116	Polk	117	Taney	121
Cape Girardeau	295	Greene	1,645	Maries	0	Pulaski	90	Texas	61
Camden	132	Grundy	35	Marion	147	Putnam	6	Vernon	40
Carroll	5	Harrison	4	McDonald	25	Ralls	14	Warren	18
Carter	7	Henry	106	Mercer	0	Randolph	168	Washington	150
Cass	453	Hickory	11	Miller	60	Ray	13	Wayne	35
Cedar	38	Holt	0	Mississippi	58	Reynolds	7	Webster	66
Chariton	10	Howard	35	Moniteau	44	Ripley	57	Worth	0
Christian	265	Howell	194	Monroe	34	Saline	26	Wright	51

Source: Missouri Department of Social Services, "Children's Division, Early Childhood and Prevention Services Section, Block Grant Child Care Monthly Management Report," March 2017