



# Budget Basics: Public Health & Nutrition



## FY 2022

**An introduction to Missouri's public health  
& nutrition services and funding**

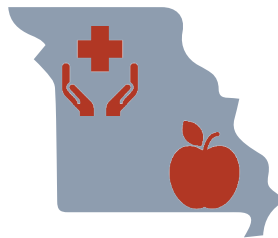
# Public Health

Public health and nutrition services are funded through Missouri's Division of Community and Public Health (DCPH). DCPH works with local public health agencies (LPHAs) and community partners to improve the health and well-being of Missourians through public health interventions and the analysis of health and longevity trends.

## Public Health:

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**61,639** children tested for lead  
**85,595** newborn screenings  
**7 million** analyses performed by  
state public health lab



## Nutrition:

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**SNAP:**  
**715,447** people per month

**WIC:**  
**77,906** women, infants, &  
children

This primer is intended to serve as a guide for Missourians who care about public health and nutrition services. These services are funded through the Division of Community and Public Health (DCPH) budget, which is included in House Bill 10. **Amounts included are Appropriated and reflect Gubernatorial vetoes, but not any mid-year restrictions that may have been made.**

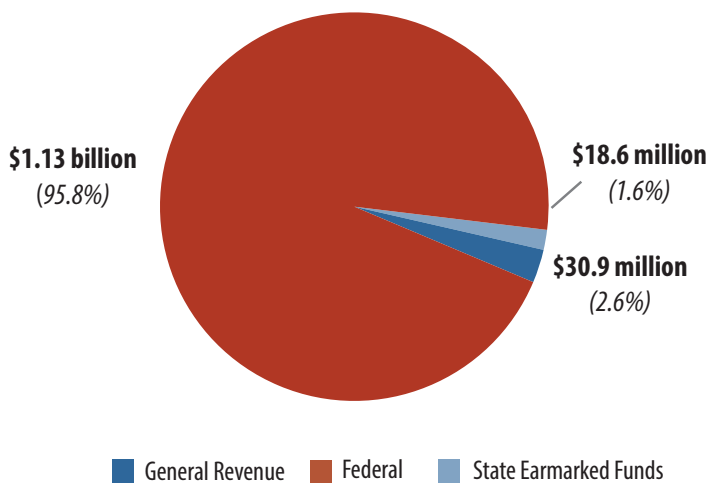
# Budget Basics

Missouri's state budget funding comes from three main sources:

- **Federal:** The first source of the funds come from the federal government for very specific purposes, such as Medicaid.
- **Earmarked State Funds:** Another source is state revenue dedicated to specific state purposes, like the fuel tax, which is dedicated to transportation.
- **State General Revenue:** Lawmakers have the most authority to allocate the final source of funds, referred to as General Revenue.

## Funding for the Division of Community and Public Health and the State Public Health Lab

Total DCPH Budget, by Source of Funding  
FY 2022



- In FY 2022, \$1.18 billion is dedicated to the Division of Community and Public Health and the State Public Health Lab.
- The vast majority of funding (95.8%) for public health and nutrition comes from federal sources.
- About one-third of funding in the DCPH flows from the federal government to fund nutrition services, with the remainder funding public health and related services.

# Public Health

**The Division of Community and Public Health (DCPH)** provides funding for a range of programs that support healthy and stable communities. DCPH coordinates the response to public health emergencies, directs programs that prevent and manages chronic and communicable disease, monitors and investigates environmental health hazards, conducts screenings for genetic conditions in newborns and maintains vital records and surveillance systems.



## Public Health Agencies Provide:

### Emergency response

- Performed over 66,000 free COVID tests
- Disaster preparedness education for nearly 300,000 Missouri families

### Environmental Health

- 61,639 Missouri children are tested for lead.
- Inspected 2,977 child care facilities for environmental hazards.

### Newborn screenings

- 85,595 Missouri newborns are screened for genetic disorders and hearing loss annually.

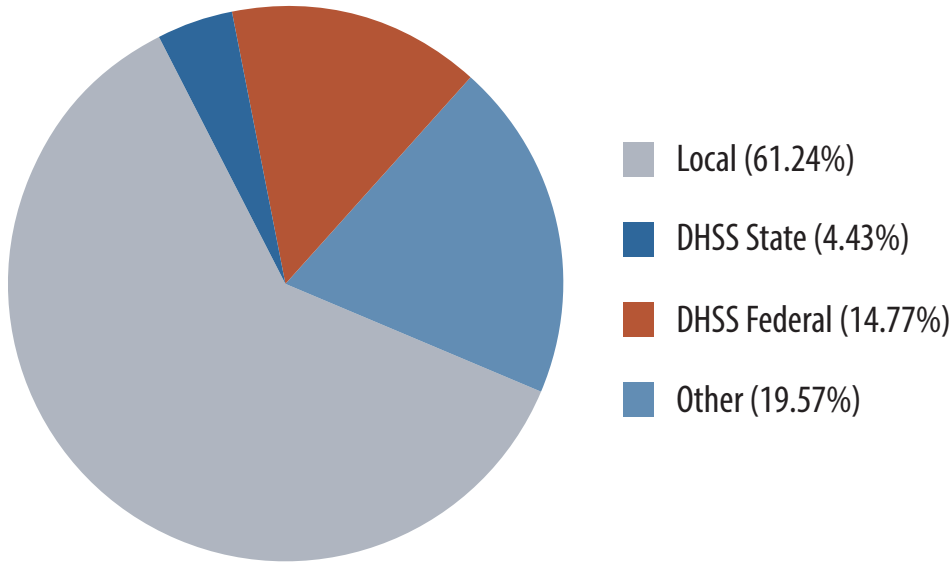
### Disease prevention and control

- Monitor nearly 100,000 cases of communicable disease in Missouri.
- Distribute 1.4 million vaccines

**Local Public Health Agencies (LPHA)** and other partner organizations work with the DCPH to provide comprehensive public health services in Missouri. The 114 LPHAs in Missouri are locally governed and financially supported through local, state, and federal funds.

**Funding for Local Public Health Agencies FY 2020**

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*Other revenue sources include federal and state funds used to reimburse LPHAs for services provided (such as home health services) that fall outside their core public health functions.*

**The Missouri State Public Health Laboratory (MSPHL)** serves local public health agencies, hospitals and medical and law enforcement professionals around the state by conducting and confirming a range of tests related to public health. The MSPHL is located in Jefferson City with a branch location in Poplar Bluff.

**In FY 2021 the Public Health Laboratory performed over 7 million analyses and tested 266,008 samples.**

- Performed 85,595 newborn screenings
- Tested 66,109 samples of drinking water and 1,788 samples of food
- Issued 2,743 permits for breath alcohol analysis
- Distributed over one million test kits to LPHAs, hospitals, and private labs in Missouri.

# Nutrition

The federal government provides funding for several nutrition programs housed within the DHSS Division of Community and Public Health. These programs are aimed primarily at serving children, pregnant and postpartum women, seniors, and the homeless.

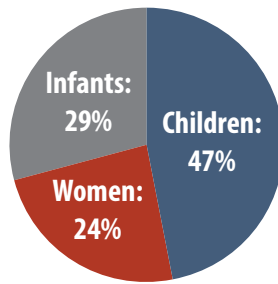
**The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC)** provides vouchers for nutritious food, health screenings, nutrition counseling, and breastfeeding promotion and support. In order to qualify for WIC, a family’s income must be below 185% of the federal poverty level.<sup>2</sup>

**In FY2022, this program will serve 18,947 women, 22,552 infants, and 36,407 children.**

**Who qualifies for WIC?**

- Pregnant women
- New mothers
- Infants
- Children up to age 5

**WIC Recipients**  
2022 Projections



WIC Income Guidelines*	
Family Size	Annual Income
1	\$23,828
2	\$32,227
3	\$40,626
4	\$49,025

\*Pregnant women count as 2 household members

**The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)** provides funding for nutritious meals and snacks served to children and adults in day care centers, after-school enrichment programs, and emergency homeless shelters. In FY2022, this program will serve over 38 million meals.

**The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)** provides funding for organizations to serve meals to low-income children age 18 and under when school is not in session. In FY2022, this program will serve over 21.7 million meals. *This program has been temporarily expanded due to COVID-19 emergency meal service and USDA waivers, but is expected to return to prior levels in FY 2023.*

**The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)** provides a variety of nutritious food packages that are distributed to elderly qualified participants through the food bank network. In FY 2022, more than 25,000 food packages will be distributed.

# Nutrition

The federal government provides additional funding for limited nutrition assistance programs that serve low-wage Missourians, in addition to funding for related programs that provide job training and health education for recipients.

**The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**, formerly known as food stamps, provides assistance for low-wage Missourians to purchase food. Funding for SNAP benefits does not flow through the state budget, aside from the associated administrative costs. SNAP benefits cannot be withdrawn as cash or used to purchase alcohol, tobacco, prepared foods, or non-food items such as medicine or paper products.

*SNAP are issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and benefits are loaded directly onto EBT cards. Thus, funding for SNAP benefit is not included in Missouri's annual budget, aside from administrative costs (such as EBT and eligibility and enrollment costs).*

**SNAP served 336,955 households and 698,720 Missourians in FFY2021.  
The average benefit was \$429.73 per household and \$207.26 per person.<sup>3</sup>**

## SNAP Eligibility Requirements<sup>4</sup>

- Recipients must work or participate in a work program (with exceptions for children, seniors, the disabled, and pregnant women.)
- Must meet income requirements and cannot have assets that value more than \$2,250 (or \$3,250 for seniors).

Household Size	Gross monthly household income (130% of poverty)	Maximum monthly benefit
1	\$1,396	\$250
2	\$1,888	\$459
3	\$2,379	\$658
4	\$2,871	\$835

**Food Distribution Programs** pay for the initial processing and packaging of the food and for transporting it to designated points (i.e. food banks) within each state for the Emergency Food Assistance Program.

**The Food Nutrition Program** provides nutrition information, physical activity, food safety and food budgeting education to Food Stamp eligible individuals, especially to households with children in the home, at-risk pregnant and parenting teens, youth and seniors.

**SkillUP** provides Food Stamp participants opportunities to gain skills, training or experience that will improve their employment prospects and assists them to obtain and retain sustaining employment reducing their reliance on Food Stamp benefits.

## Appendix

Program	Department Budget	Budget Section	FY22 GR	FY22 Federal	FY22 Other	FY22 TOTAL
<b>Community and Public Health Program Operations and Support</b>	DHHS	10.700	\$6,626,973	\$20,540,872	\$3,806,709	\$30,974,554
<b>Core Public Health Functions - Aid to Local Public Health Agencies</b>	DHHS	10.705	\$3,572,692	\$9,900,000	\$0	\$13,472,692
<b>Community Health Programs - Contracts with Local Public Health Agencies &amp; Other Providers to Provide Core Public Health Services</b>	DHHS	10.710 & 10.715	\$9,564,203	\$104,131,273	\$2,665,650	\$116,361,126
<b>Women's Health</b>	DHHS	10.720 & 10.725	\$6,901,099	\$20,406,958	\$57,464	\$27,365,521
<b>Office of Rural &amp; Primary Health</b>	DHHS	10.740 & 10.745	\$578,750	\$2,874,950	\$3,118,703	\$6,572,403
<b>Office of Minority Health</b>	DHHS	10.750	\$397,474	\$33,765	\$0	\$431,239
<b>Office of Emergency Coordination</b>	DHHS	10.740	\$500,000	\$568,311,928	\$800,000	\$569,611,928
<b>State Public Health Laboratory</b>	DHHS	10.770	\$2,800,083	\$3,482,412	\$7,806,507	\$14,089,002
<b>Nutrition</b>	DHSS	10.735	\$0	\$401,092,329	\$0	\$401,092,329



## Notes

1. Local Public Health Agency Financial Review 2020, obtained from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
2. Missouri WIC Income Guidelines, April 2021, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services
3. MBP Analysis of DSS Monthly Management Report
4. United States Department of Agriculture. Available: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/eligibility>