

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT



EAST MISSOURI
ACTION AGENCY INC.

(EMAA)

2022-2023

East Missouri Action Agency Head Start

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East Missouri Action Agency (EMAA) Head Start has provided services to our eight county service area for more than fifty years.

The EMAA Head Start program has worked hard to provide children (ages 3-5 years) with nutritious meals, health screenings, and the ability to become Kindergarten ready. We provide only center-based classrooms and the counties we serve are as follows:

- Bollinger
- Cape Girardeau
- Iron
- Madison
- Perry
- St. Francois
- Ste. Genevieve
- Washington

We serve a total of 542 children throughout the eight counties.

We use a selection criteria grid to choose which children will be attending our program. Our criteria grid is updated annually, if needed, and approved by the EMAA Policy Council and Board of Directors. Just this year we added SNAP benefits to our grid so families that receive food stamps will be eligible for our program. It also allows us to serve the oldest, neediest children first.

The EMAA Head Start program looks at many data sources to help us make decisions regarding the number of children served in each county. The latest census, PIR, Resource and Referral, etc. are some of the data we used in our determinations this year.

**Total Population – 3 to 5 Years Old
EMAA Service Area**

County	Total Population by Counties:	Number of 3-5 year olds
<i>Bollinger</i>	10,556	385
<i>Cape Girardeau</i>	82,113	2,758
<i>Iron</i>	9,408	287
<i>Madison</i>	12,652	424
<i>Perry</i>	18,922	624
<i>St. Francois</i>	67,541	2,147
<i>Ste. Genevieve</i>	18,588	657
<i>Washington</i>	23,502	803

**Median Income – Per Capita Income – Persons in Poverty
EMAA Service Area**

For the State of Missouri, the median household income for 2016-2020 was \$57,290. The following chart shows the median household income for our service area and the per capita income for the past twelve months and the percentage of persons in poverty.

County	Median Household Income	Per Capita Income	Persons in Poverty (%)
<i>Bollinger</i>	\$45,140	\$21,813	16.3%
<i>Cape Girardeau</i>	\$53,776	\$27,483	11.9%
<i>Iron</i>	\$40,082	\$21,769	19.5%
<i>Madison</i>	\$47,984	\$26,063	16.3%
<i>Perry</i>	\$56,861	\$27,294	11.7%
<i>St. Francois</i>	\$46,307	\$22,577	16.2%
<i>Ste. Genevieve</i>	\$61,746	\$33,049	9.0%
<i>Washington</i>	\$42,849	\$23,740	19.4%

As you can tell from the above information, only one of our eight counties (Perry) is above the states median household income. The other seven counties are well below the states median range.

**Percentage of Population Without Health Insurance
EMAA Service Area**

Many people are without health insurance. Just another reason to maintain Head Start centers in our eight counties. Following is the percentage of people without health insurance in our service area.

BOLLINGER	16.9%
CAPE	12.2%
IRON	16.4%
MADISON	14.7%
PERRY	12.1%
ST. FRANCOIS	13.7%
STE. GENEVIEVE	12.3%
WASHINGTON	14.9%

**Race and Hispanic Origin
EMAA Service Area**

	White Alone	African American	American Indian	Asian Alone	Hawaiian /Pacific Islander	Two or More Races	Hispanic or Latino
Bollinger	96.3%	.8%	.9%	.3%	0%	1.7%	1.7%
Cape	87.3%	7.8%	.4%	1.9%	0%	2.5%	2.6%
Iron	95.2%	1.7%	.9%	.2%	0%	2.0%	1.9%
Madison	96.2%	.6%	.6%	1%	0%	1.6%	2.4%
Perry	96.3%	.7%	.6%	1.1%	.1%	1.2%	2.5%
St. Francois	93.2%	4.4%	.5%	.4%	.1%	1.4%	1.8%
Ste. Genevieve	96.8%	.8%	.3%	.3%	.6%	1.2%	1.1%
Washington	94.9%	2.6%	.5%	.4%	0%	1.6%	1.6%