

# 2018-2019 CARTERET COUNTY PROFILE

In the 34 counties the Food Bank services, nearly 600,000 individuals are unable to consistently access enough nutritious food to live a healthy, active life. Hunger is an epidemic, affecting more than just the families living at or below the poverty line. Food insecurity has emerged as a defined reality for hundreds of thousands Americans who cannot keep food on the table. The Food Bank works every day to nourish people while building solutions to hunger through programming and partnerships, empowering North Carolina communities to thrive.

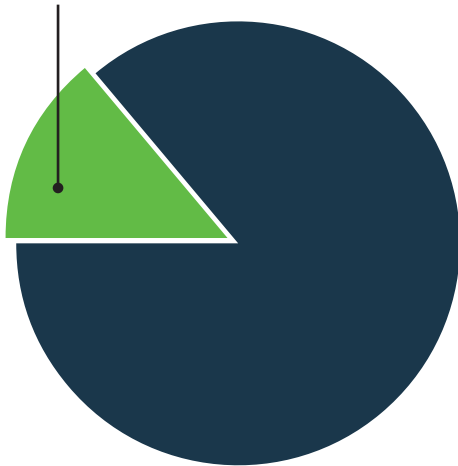
## THE NEED County population<sup>1</sup>: 68,699

Food insecurity <sup>1</sup>	
Number of people who are food insecure	8,310
Percentage of people who are food insecure	12.1%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	2,460
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	19.6%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level <sup>2</sup>	938

Hunger <sup>3</sup>	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	3,518
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	28.1%
Unemployment <sup>4</sup>	
Percentage unemployment June 2019	4.6%

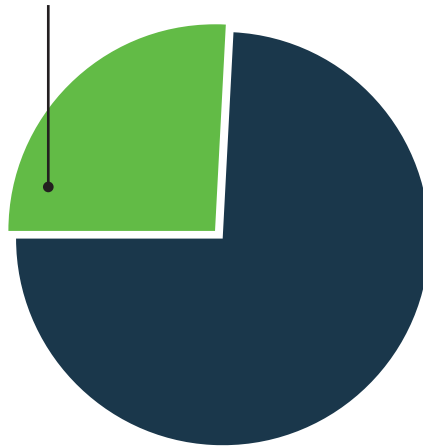
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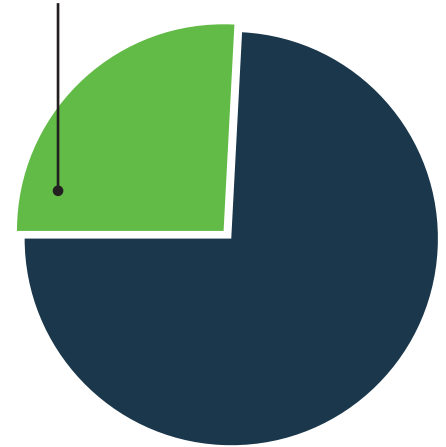
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## ADDRESSING NEEDS

Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2018-2019	80 million lbs.
Total meals provided in this county	68,633,529 meals
Total lbs. of food distributed in this county	1,281,309 lbs.

## TOP AGENCIES

Calvary Baptist Church  
Lighthouse Community Church  
Martha's Mission Cupboard

St. James Methodist Church  
The Storehouse Pantry



<sup>1</sup>Feeding America Map the Meal Gap 2016

<sup>2</sup>files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/documents/files/NC%20County%20Aging%20Profiles%202016.pdf

<sup>3</sup>dpi.state.nc.us/docs/fbs/resources/data/freereduced/2016-17freereduced.xlsx

<sup>4</sup>ncommerce.com/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=041CGg7cPHs%3D&tabid=1849&mid=4733