

# 2018-2019 NEW HANOVER 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.

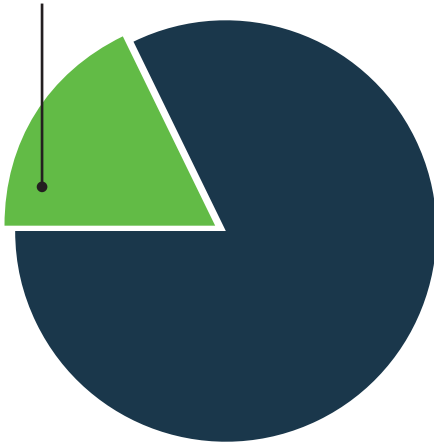
## THE NEED County population<sup>1</sup>: 219,866

Food insecurity <sup>1</sup>	
Number of people who are food insecure	33,660
Percentage of people who are food insecure	15.3%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	8,510
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	20.1%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level <sup>2</sup>	3,060

Hunger <sup>3</sup>	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	14,537
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	34.4%
Unemployment <sup>4</sup>	
Percentage unemployment June 2019	4%

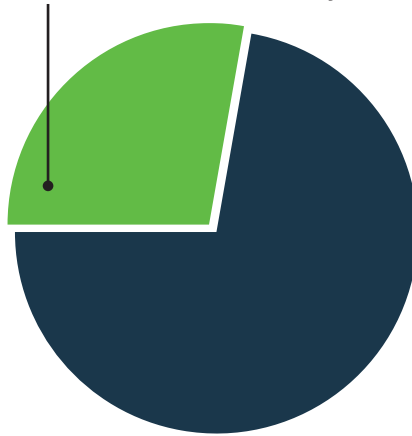
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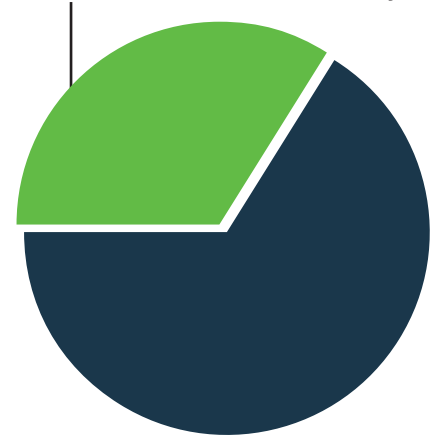
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## ADDRESSING NEEDS

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	3,794,472 lbs.

## TOP AGENCIES

Ashley Center  
Brigade Boys and Girls Club  
Good Shepherd

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard  
Nourish NC



<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=041CGg7ePHs%3D&tabid=1849&mid=4733