

# 2018-2019 WILSON 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.

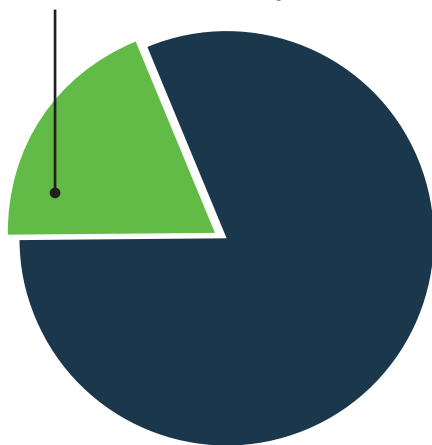
## THE NEED County population<sup>1</sup>: 81,379

Food insecurity <sup>1</sup>	
Number of people who are food insecure	15,990
Percentage of people who are food insecure	19.7%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	4,850
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	25.2%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level <sup>2</sup>	1,458

Hunger <sup>3</sup>	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	8,069
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	42%
Unemployment <sup>4</sup>	
Percentage unemployment June 2019	6.8%

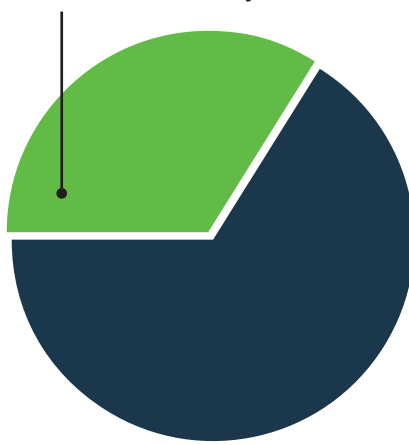
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15,990 people are food insecure in Wilson County.



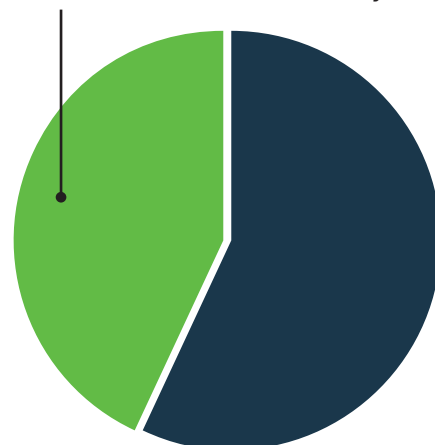
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4,850 children under 18 are food insecure in Wilson County.



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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	2,259,247 lbs.

## TOP AGENCIES

Community Soup Kitchen of Wilson  
Glad Tidings Gospel Church  
NC Love in Action

New Christian Food Pantry  
Wilson County Interfaith



<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