

# 2018-2019 CHATHAM 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.

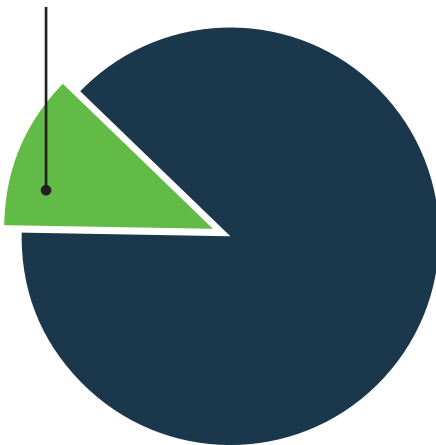
## THE NEED County population<sup>1</sup>: 68,364

Food insecurity <sup>1</sup>	
Number of people who are food insecure	7,490
Percentage of people who are food insecure	11%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	2,610
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	18.5%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level <sup>2</sup>	1,088

Hunger <sup>3</sup>	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	4,382
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	31%
Unemployment <sup>4</sup>	
Percentage unemployment June 2019	4%

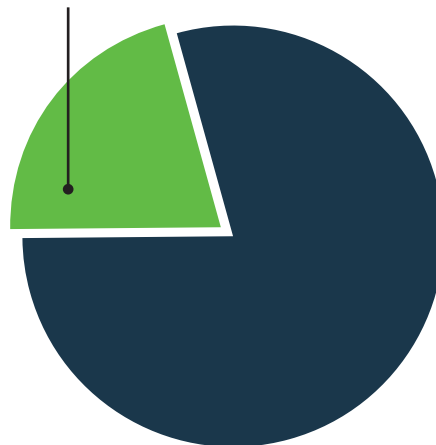
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7,490 people are food insecure in Chatham County.



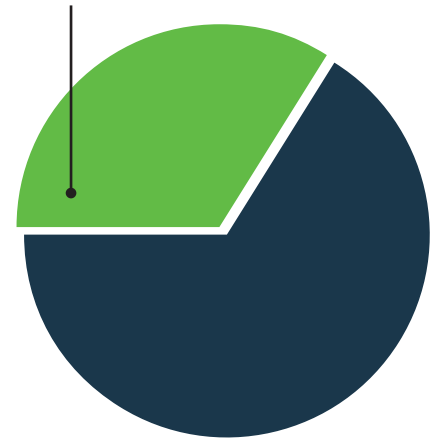
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2,610 children under 18 are food insecure in Chatham County.



**31%**

4,382 children receiving free/reduced school meals in Chatham County.



## ADDRESSING NEEDS

Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2018-2019	82 million lbs.
Total meals provided in this county	770,863 meals
Total lbs. of food distributed in this county	925,035 lbs.

## TOP AGENCIES

Alston Chapel United Holy  
Chatham Out-Reach Alliance  
Haw River Baptist Church

St. Julia Catholic Church  
West Chatham Food 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>nccommerce.com/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=041CGg7ePHs%3D&tabid=1849&mid=4733