

# 2018-2019 CRAVEN 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.

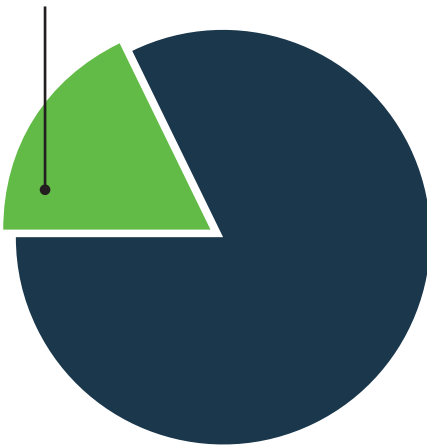
## THE NEED County population<sup>1</sup>: 103,374

Food insecurity <sup>1</sup>	
Number of people who are food insecure	15,610
Percentage of people who are food insecure	15.1%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	4,950
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	21.4%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level <sup>2</sup>	1,326

Hunger <sup>3</sup>	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	7,345
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	31.8%
Unemployment <sup>4</sup>	
Percentage unemployment June 2019	4.8%

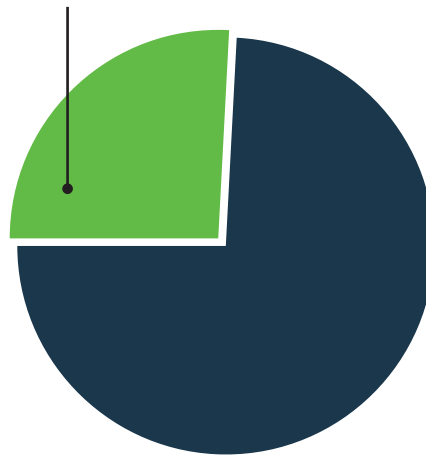
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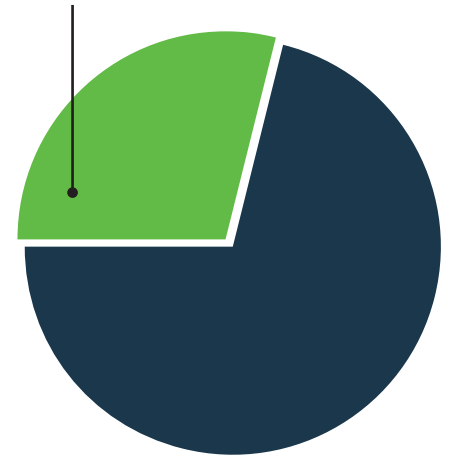
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## ADDRESSING NEEDS

Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2018-2019	82 million lbs.
Total meals provided in this county	2,125,637 meals
Total lbs. of food distributed in this county	2,550,764 lbs.

## TOP AGENCIES

Adelphia CDC, Inc.  
Religious Community Services  
Salvation Army New Bern

Unity Ministry  
Vanceboro Christian



<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