

# 2018-2019 EDGECOMBE 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.

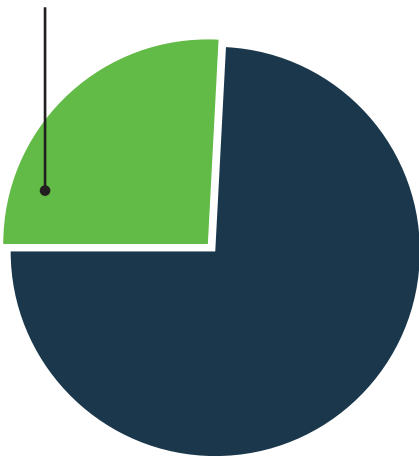
## THE NEED County population<sup>1</sup>: 54,032

Food insecurity <sup>1</sup>	
Number of people who are food insecure	13,000
Percentage of people who are food insecure	24.1%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	3,300
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	26.4%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level <sup>2</sup>	1,323

Hunger <sup>3</sup>	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	5,711
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	45.7%
Unemployment <sup>4</sup>	
Percentage unemployment June 2019	6.8%

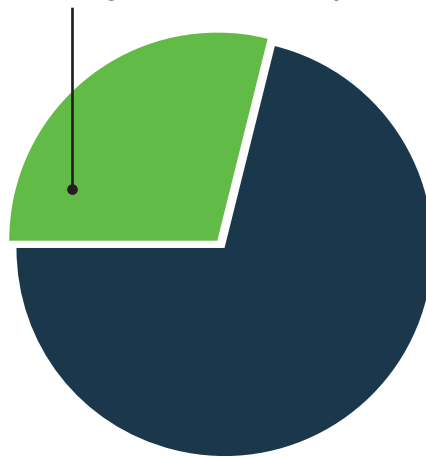
**24.1%**

13,000 people are food insecure in Edgecombe County.



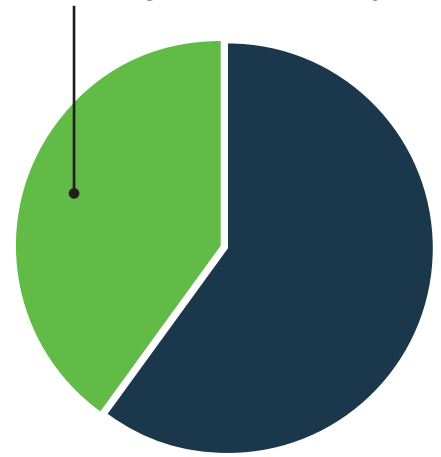
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3,300 children under 18 are food insecure in Edgecombe County.



**45.7%**

5,711 children receiving free/reduced school meals in Edgecombe County.



## ADDRESSING NEEDS

Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2018-2019	82 million lbs.
Total meals provided in this county	1,737,153 meals
Total lbs. of food distributed in this county	2,084,583 lbs.

## TOP AGENCIES

Living Waters Ministries  
Regeneration Development  
Tarboro Community Outreach



<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