

# 2018-2019 LEE COUNTY PROFILE

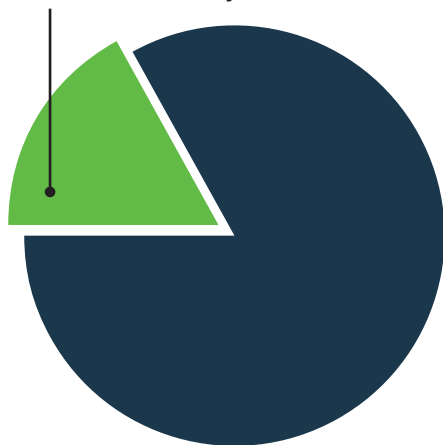
In the 34 counties the Food Bank services, nearly 600,000 individuals are unable to consistently access enough nutritious food to live a healthy, active life. Hunger is an epidemic, affecting more than just the families living at or below the poverty line. Food insecurity has emerged as a defined reality 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>: 59,805

Food insecurity <sup>1</sup>		Hunger <sup>3</sup>	
Number of people who are food insecure	8,100	Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	6,563
Percentage of people who are food insecure	13.5%	Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	43.7%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	3,090	Unemployment <sup>4</sup>	
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	20.6%	Percentage unemployment June 2019	5.1%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level <sup>2</sup>	1,048		

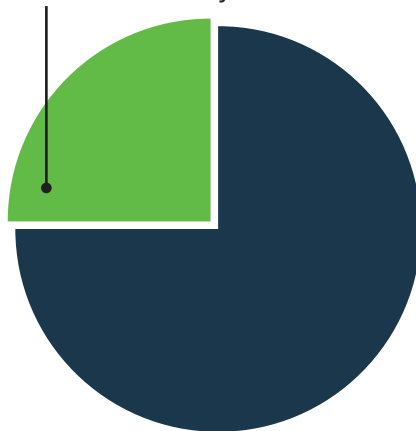
**13.5%**

8,100 people are food insecure in Lee County.



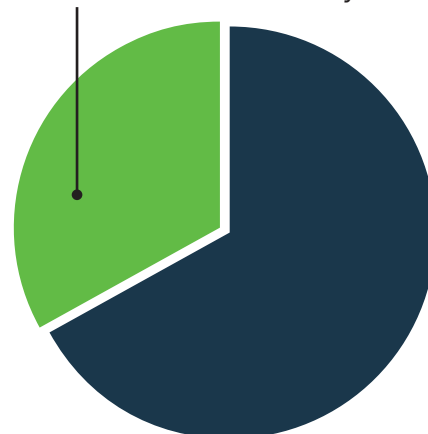
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**43.7%**

6,563 children receiving free/reduced school meals in Lee County.



## ADDRESSING NEEDS

Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2018-2019	82 million lbs.
Total meals provided in this county	1,019,690 meals
Total lbs. of food distributed in this county	1,223,628 lbs.

## TOP AGENCIES

Beaver Creek Church  
Bread Basket/Sanford Soup Kitchen  
Bread of Life Ministries

Christians United Outreach Center  
Salvation Army of Lee County



<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