

# 2018-2019 ORANGE 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.

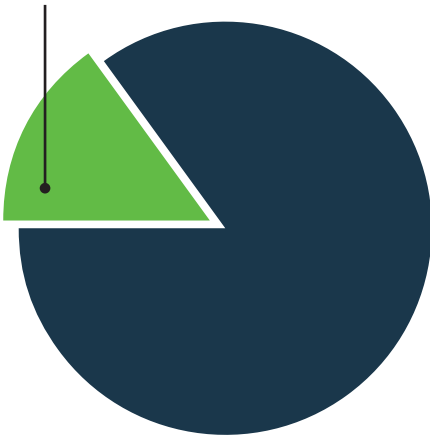
## THE NEED County population<sup>1</sup>: 141,812

Food insecurity <sup>1</sup>	
Number of people who are food insecure	18,030
Percentage of people who are food insecure	12.7%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	4,420
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	15.5%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level <sup>2</sup>	914

Hunger <sup>3</sup>	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	3,216
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	11.3%
Unemployment <sup>4</sup>	
Percentage unemployment June 2019	4%

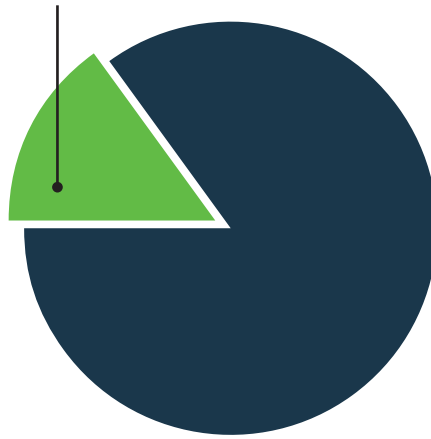
**12.7%**

18,030 people are food insecure in Orange County.



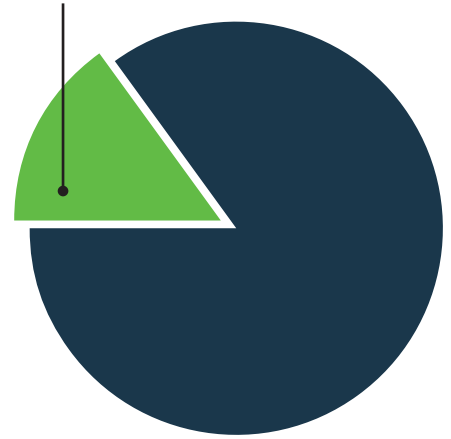
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## ADDRESSING NEEDS

Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2018-2019	82 million lbs.
Total meals provided in this county	1,605,914 meals
Total lbs. of food distributed in this county	1,927,097 lbs.

## TOP AGENCIES

Freedom House  
Friends of Orange County DSS  
Hillsborough Church of God

Inter-Faith Council  
Orange Congregations Mission



<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