

2019-2020 CHATHAM COUNTY PROFILE

In the 34 counties served by the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic means nearly 760,000 people may face hunger in 2020. COVID-19 is impacting communities and populations of people that were already made vulnerable by inequitable policies and structures. Food insecurity has emerged as a defined reality for hundreds of thousands of 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.

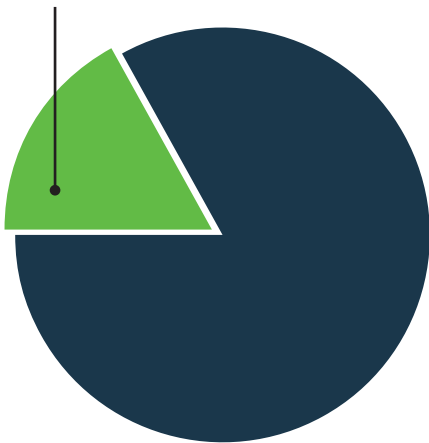
THE NEED County population¹: 69,790

Food insecurity ¹	
Number of people who are food insecure	11,690
Percentage of people who are food insecure	17.0%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	3,720
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	26.0%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level ²	3,813

Hunger ³	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	4,289
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	46.0%
Unemployment ⁴	
Percentage unemployment June 2020	5.9%

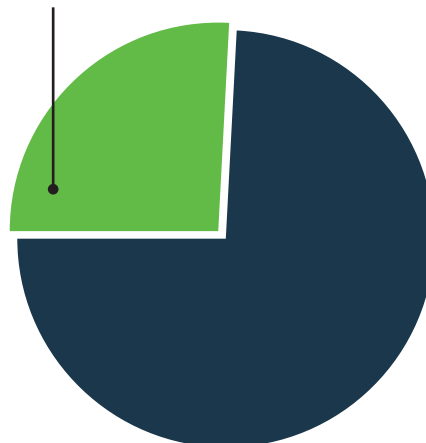
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11,690 people are food insecure in Chatham County.



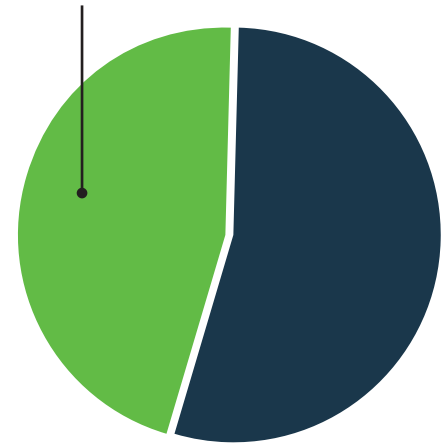
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46%

4,289 children receiving free/reduced school meals in Chatham County.



ADDRESSING NEEDS

Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2019-2020	92 million lbs.
Total meals provided in this county	830,059 meals
Total lbs. of food distributed in this county	985,695 lbs.

TOP AGENCIES

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

St. Julia Catholic Church
West Chatham Food Pantry



¹Feeding America The Impact of the Coronavirus on Food Insecurity

²NC State Aging Profile 2018

³Economically Disadvantaged Student Data SY 19-20

⁴<https://files.nc.gov/nccommerce/press-release/files/Jun-2020-county-release-combined.pdf>