

2019-2020 LEE 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.

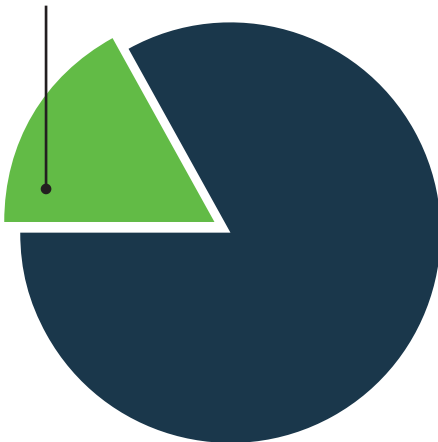
THE NEED County population¹: 60,130

| Food insecurity ¹ | |
|---|--------|
| Number of people who are food insecure | 11,650 |
| Percentage of people who are food insecure | 19.0% |
| Children under 18 who are food insecure | 4,250 |
| Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure | 29.0% |
| Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level ² | 3,174 |

| Hunger ³ | |
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| Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals | 6,468 |
| Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals | 63.0% |
| Unemployment ⁴ | |
| Percentage unemployment June 2020 | 8.3% |

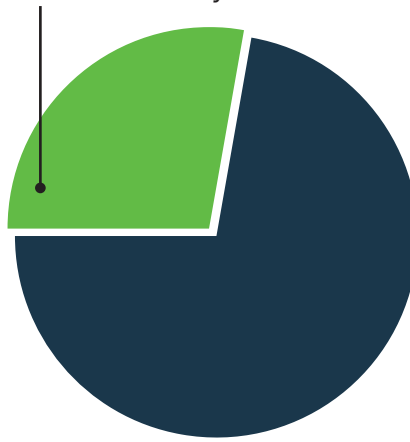
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11,650 people are food insecure in Lee County.



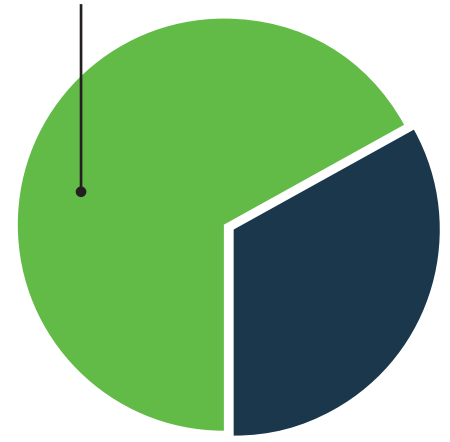
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4,250 children under 18 are food insecure in Lee County.



63%

6,468 children receiving free/reduced school meals in Lee County.



ADDRESSING NEEDS

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| Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2019-2020 | 92 million lbs. |
| Total meals provided in this county | 1,283,221 meals |
| Total lbs. of food distributed in this county | 1,523,825 lbs. |

TOP AGENCIES

Bread Basket/Sanford Soup Kitchen
Bread of Life Ministries

Christians United Outreach Center
Salvation Army of Lee County



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>