

# 2019-2020 LENOIR 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.

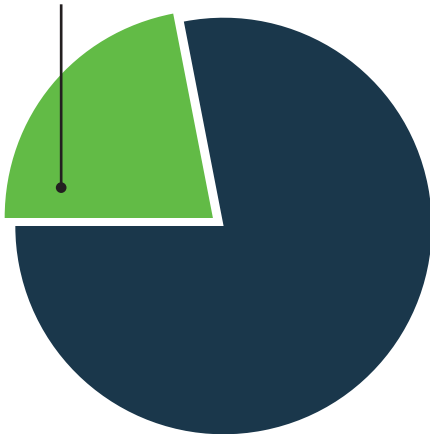
## THE NEED County population<sup>1</sup>: 57,230

Food insecurity <sup>1</sup>	
Number of people who are food insecure	13,700
Percentage of people who are food insecure	24.0%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	4,730
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	37.0%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level <sup>2</sup>	4,186

Hunger <sup>3</sup>	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	9,114
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	90.0%
Unemployment <sup>4</sup>	
Percentage unemployment June 2020	6.2%

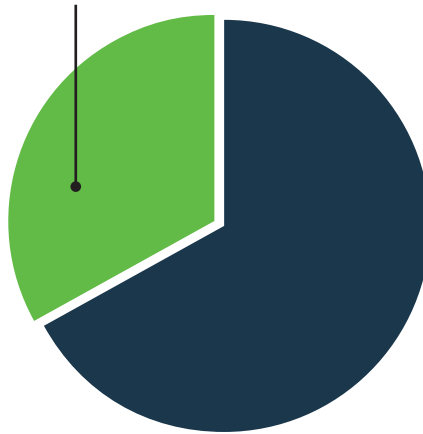
**24%**

13,700 people are food insecure in Lenoir County.



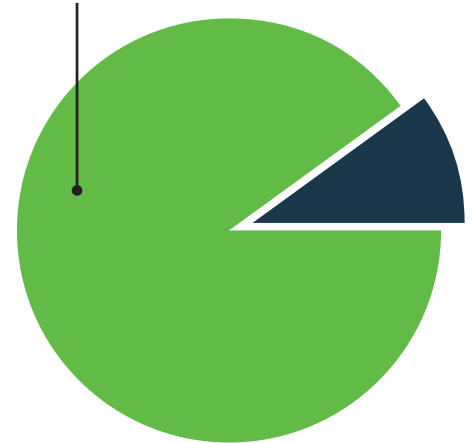
**37%**

4,730 children under 18 are food insecure in Lenoir County.



**90%**

9,114 children receiving free/reduced school meals in Lenoir County.



## ADDRESSING NEEDS

Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2019-2020	92 million lbs.
Total meals provided in this county	1,585,778 meals
Total lbs. of food distributed in this county	1,883,111 lbs.

## TOP AGENCIES

Greene Lamp  
Faith Developmental Community

Herring Grove FWB Church  
Save the Family Church



<sup>1</sup>Feeding America The Impact of the Coronavirus on Food Insecurity

<sup>2</sup>NC State Aging Profile 2018

<sup>3</sup>Economically Disadvantaged Student Data SY 19-20

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