

2019-2020 ORANGE 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.

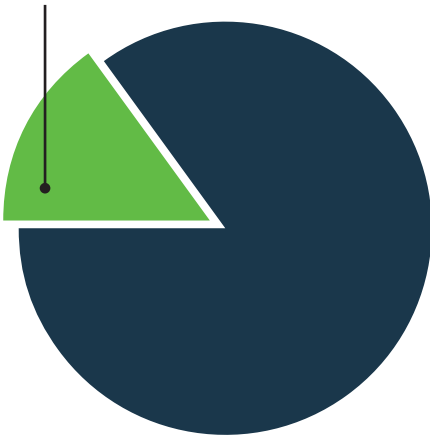
THE NEED County population¹: 142,940

Food insecurity ¹	
Number of people who are food insecure	21,810
Percentage of people who are food insecure	15.0%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	5,660
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	20.0%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level ²	3,617

Hunger ³	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	6,526
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	34%
Unemployment ⁴	
Percentage unemployment June 2020	6%

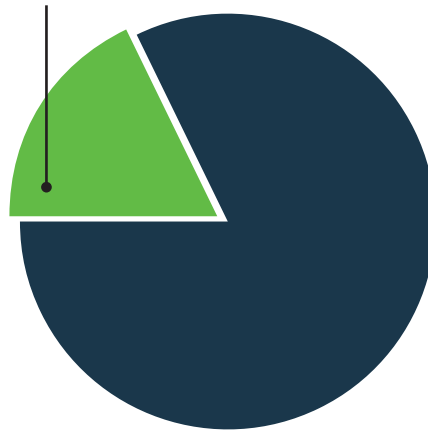
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21,810 people are food insecure in Orange County.



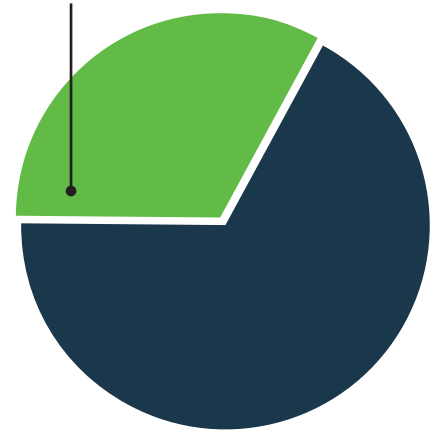
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5,660 children under 18 are food insecure in Orange County.



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6,526 children receiving free/reduced school meals in Orange County.



ADDRESSING NEEDS

Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2019-2020	92 million lbs.
Total meals provided in this county	2,035,646 meals
Total lbs. of food distributed in this county	2,417,330 lbs.

TOP AGENCIES

Freedom House
Friends of Orange County DSS
Hillsborough Church of God

Inter-Faith Council
Orange Congregations Mission



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>