

2019-2020 PENDER 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.

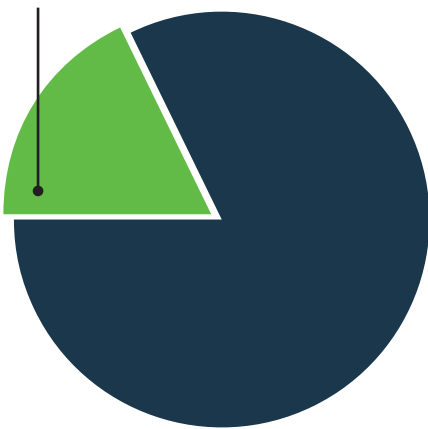
THE NEED County population¹: 59,020

Food insecurity ¹	
Number of people who are food insecure	11,270
Percentage of people who are food insecure	19.0%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	3,850
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	50.0%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level ²	2,772

Hunger ³	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	4,578
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	45.0%
Unemployment ⁴	
Percentage unemployment June 2020	6.7%

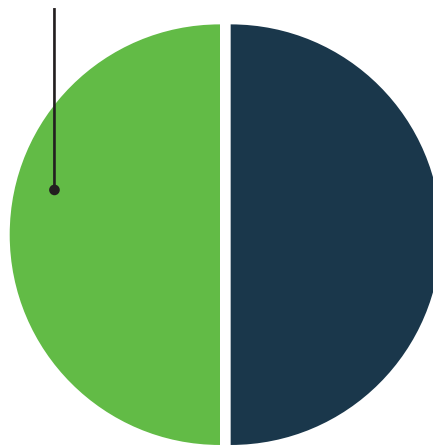
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11,270 people are food insecure in Pender County.



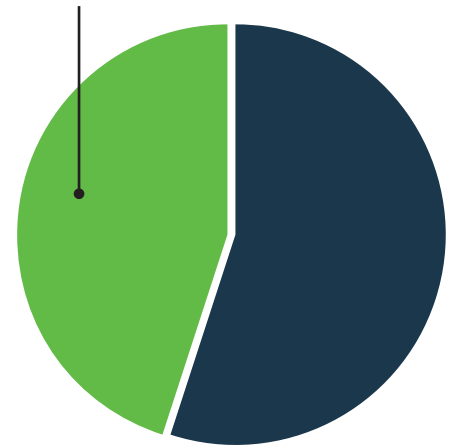
50%

3,850 children under 18 are food insecure in Pender County.



45%

4,578 children receiving free/reduced school meals in Pender County.



ADDRESSING NEEDS

Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2019-2020	92 million lbs.
Total meals provided in this county	1,184,537 meals
Total lbs. of food distributed in this county	1,406,638 lbs.

TOP AGENCIES

Gateway Community Church
Livingstones Tabernacle
Pender County Christian Services

Share the Table, Inc.
St. Joseph Parish Outreach



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>