

# 2019-2020 SAMPSON 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.

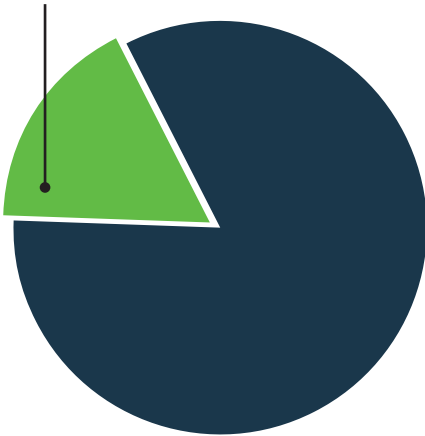
## THE NEED County population<sup>1</sup>: 63,560

Food insecurity <sup>1</sup>	
Number of people who are food insecure	14,150
Percentage of people who are food insecure	22.0%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	5,280
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	34.0%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level <sup>2</sup>	4,125

Hunger <sup>3</sup>	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	11,303
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	90%
Unemployment <sup>4</sup>	
Percentage unemployment June 2020	5.7%

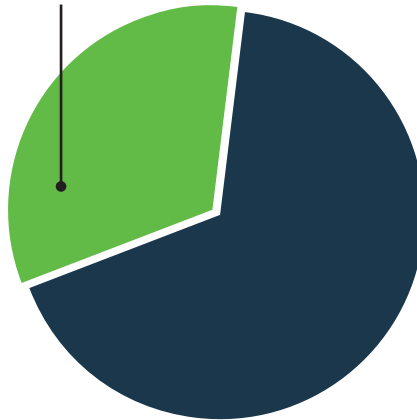
**22%**

14,150 people are food insecure in Sampson County.



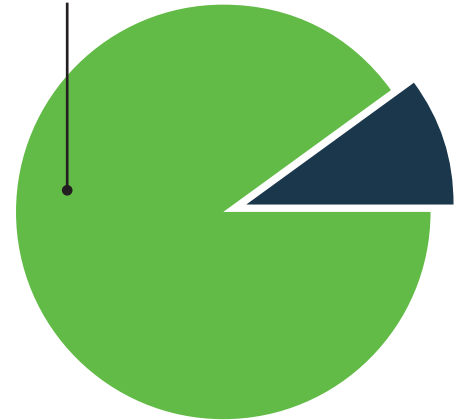
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## ADDRESSING NEEDS

Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2019-2020	92 million lbs.
Total meals provided in this county	998,995 meals
Total lbs. of food distributed in this county	1,186,306 lbs.

## TOP AGENCIES

Jackson Grove Bible Church of God  
New Vision Christian Church

Revival Deliverance Center, Inc.  
Rock Ministry, Inc.



<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>