

2020-2021 WAKE 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 600,000 people may face hunger in 2021. 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: 1,069,079

Food insecurity ¹	
Number of people who are food insecure	123,220
Percentage of people who are food insecure	12%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	37,090
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	14%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level ²	22,083

Hunger ³	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	54,706
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	33%
Unemployment ⁴	
Percentage unemployment June 2021	4.1%



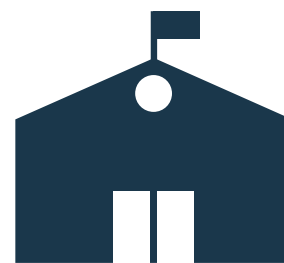
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ADDRESSING NEEDS

Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2020-2021	138 million lbs.
Total meals provided in this county	13,916,097 meals
Total lbs. of food distributed in this county	16,699,316 lbs.

TOP AGENCIES

Brown Bag Ministry
Community Helpers
Healing Transitions

Urban Ministries
Salvation Army Raleigh



¹Feeding America 2021 Food Insecurity Projections

²NC Department of Health & Human Services, County Aging Profiles 2019

³No Kid Hungry County Profiles, NC Department of Public Instruction

⁴NC Civilian Labor Force Estimates June 2021