

# 2021-2022 BRUNSWICK COUNTY PROFILE

In the 34 counties served by the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina, over 500,000 people don't always know where their next meal will come from. Rising costs and the lingering impact of COVID-19 is affecting communities and populations of people that were already made vulnerable by inequitable policies and structures. Food insecurity is 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>: 137,303

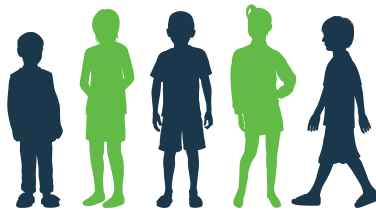
Food insecurity <sup>1</sup>	
Number of people who are food insecure	18,000
Percentage of people who are food insecure	13%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	3,890
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	19%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level <sup>2</sup>	7,565

Hunger <sup>3</sup>	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	1,232
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	90%
Unemployment <sup>4</sup>	
Percentage unemployment June 2022	8.5%



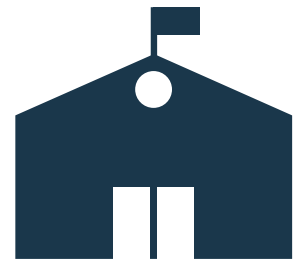
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## ADDRESSING NEEDS

Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2021-2022	97,159,166 lbs.
Total meals provided in this county	2,413,898 meals
Total lbs. of food distributed in this county	2,896,677 lbs.

## AGENCIES IN THIS COUNTY INCLUDE:

Brunswick Family Assistance  
Cornerstone Baptist Church  
Love of Christ Ministries

Southport Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship  
Towncreek Vision Corporation



<sup>1</sup>Feeding America 2022 Map the Meal Gap Data

<sup>2</sup>NC Department of Health & Human Services, County Aging Profiles 2020

<sup>3</sup>NC Department of Public Instruction, Economically Disadvantaged Student Data 2019-2022

<sup>4</sup>NC Department of Commerce June 2022 County and Area Employment Figures