

2021-2022 COLUMBUS 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 population¹: 55,659

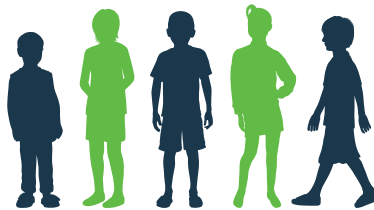
Food insecurity ¹	
Number of people who are food insecure	9,260
Percentage of people who are food insecure	17%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	3,030
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	26%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level ²	4,633

Hunger ³	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	7,955
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	90%
Unemployment ⁴	
Percentage unemployment June 2022	7.8%



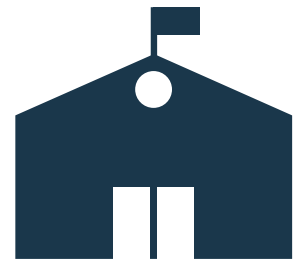
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ADDRESSING NEEDS

Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2021-2022	97,159,166 lbs.
Total meals provided in this county	2,276,600 meals
Total lbs. of food distributed in this county	2,731,920 lbs.

AGENCIES IN THIS COUNTY INCLUDE:

Facts of Life Church
Harvest Table
Lifesavers Outreach Services

St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church



¹Feeding America 2022 Map the Meal Gap Data

²NC Department of Health & Human Services, County Aging Profiles 2020

³NC Department of Public Instruction, Economically Disadvantaged Student Data 2019-2022

⁴NC Department of Commerce June 2022 County and Area Employment Figures