## 2021-2022 **HARNETT COUNTY PROFILE**

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>: 134,328

Food insecurity <sup>1</sup>	
Number of people who are food insecure	18,430
Percentage of people who are food insecure	14%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	6,990
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	20%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level <sup>2</sup>	6,261

Hunger <sup>3</sup>	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	12,066
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	59%
Unemployment⁴	
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	2,612,003 meals
Total lbs. of food distributed in this county	3,134,404 lbs.

## **AGENCIES IN THIS COUNTY INCLUDE:**

Angier Area Food Pantry Glad Tiding Church, Inc. Hand-ee

Coats COGOP (Church of God of Prophecy)

