

2021-2022 LEE 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: 61,083

Food insecurity ¹	
Number of people who are food insecure	8,940
Percentage of people who are food insecure	15%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	3,390
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	23%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level ²	3,003

Hunger ³	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	6,471
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	64%
Unemployment ⁴	
Percentage unemployment June 2022	8.3%



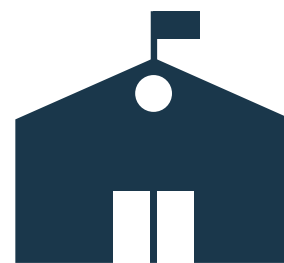
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ADDRESSING NEEDS

Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2021-2022	97,159,166 lbs.
Total meals provided in this county	1,052,602 meals
Total lbs. of food distributed in this county	1,263,122 lbs.

AGENCIES IN THIS COUNTY INCLUDE:

Bread Basket/Sanford Soup Kitchen
Christian Faith Ministries

Christians United Outreach Center
Salvation Army of Lee County



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