## 2021-2022 **VANCE 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>: 44,614

| Food insecurity <sup>1</sup>  |       |
|---|-------|
| Number of people who are food insecure                                  | 7,410 |
| Percentage of people who are food insecure                              | 17%   |
| Children under 18 who are food insecure                                 | 3,250 |
| Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure                   | 31%   |
| Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level <sup>2</sup> | 2,862 |

| Hunger³  |       |  |
|--|-------|--|
| Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals     | 5,689 |  |
| Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals | 90%   |  |
| Unemployment⁴  |       |  |
| Percentage unemployment June 2022                          | 9.7%  |  |



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3,250 children under 18 are food insecure in Vance County.



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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                          | 1,912,923 meals |
| Total lbs. of food distributed in this county                | 2,295,507 lbs.  |

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

Gang Free The Help Center Salvation Army of Henderson Saint's Delight Direct distribution

