## 2021-2022 NEW BERN BRANCH 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.

Counties Served: Carteret, Craven, Jones, Onslow, Pamlico.

## THE NEED Total population<sup>1</sup>: 392,094

Food insecurity <sup>1</sup>		Hunger <sup>3</sup>	
Number of people who are food insecure	53,740	Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	28,728
Percentage of people who are food insecure	14%	Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	72%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	16,310	Unemployment⁴	
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	19%	Percentage unemployment June 2022	6.0%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level <sup>2</sup>	17,459		



**14%** 53,740 people

are food insecure in the New Bern service area.



**19%** 

16,310 children under 18 are food insecure in the New Bern service area.



72%

28,728 children receiving free/reduced school meals in the New Bern service area.

## ADDRESSING NEEDS

Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2021-2022	97,159,166 lbs.
Total meals provided from this branch	7,241,346 meals
Total lbs. of food distributed from this branch	8,689,615 lbs.

## AGENCIES IN THIS BRANCH INCLUDE:

Folkstone Original Free Will Mt Carmel, Inc. HELPS Onslow Community Outreach Open Door Management The Storehouse Food Pantry Adelphia CDC, Inc. The Filling Station



<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