

2021-2022 SANDHILLS 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: Moore, Richmond, Scotland. Lee is shared with the Raleigh Branch.

THE NEED Total population¹: 240,026

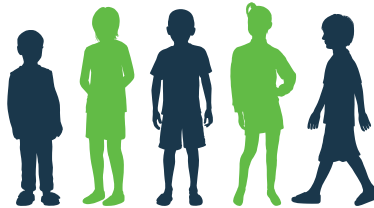
Food insecurity ¹	
Number of people who are food insecure	35,730
Percentage of people who are food insecure	16%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	12,450
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	26%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level ²	14,053

Hunger ³	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	24,537
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	70%
Unemployment ⁴	
Percentage unemployment June 2022	9.0%



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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 from this branch	7,219,437 meals
Total lbs. of food distributed from this branch	8,663,324 lbs.

AGENCIES IN THIS BRANCH INCLUDE:

Church Community Services
Laurinburg Hope in Christ
Restoring Hope Center

Blue Angel Outreach



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