

2021-2022 WILMINGTON 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: Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, Pender.

THE NEED Total population¹: 486,301

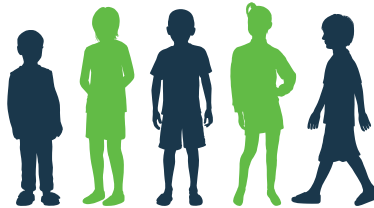
Food insecurity ¹	
Number of people who are food insecure	66,800
Percentage of people who are food insecure	14%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	16,240
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	20%
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level ²	31,443

Hunger ³	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	29,983
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	71%
Unemployment ⁴	
Percentage unemployment June 2022	7%



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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	8,295,115 meals
Total lbs. of food distributed from this branch	9,954,138 lbs.

AGENCIES IN THIS BRANCH INCLUDE:

St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church
First Fruit Ministries
Facts of Life Church

Lifesavers Outreach Services
Southport Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship



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