

# 2017-2018 ORGANIZATION PROFILE

What is the impact of food insecurity in the 34 counties served by the Food Bank of Central & Eastern North Carolina? In our service area, 600,000 individuals were unable to consistently access enough nutritious food to live a healthy, active life, or went hungry because they had to skip meals. Hunger has grown into an epidemic, and is still more prevalent than ever, affecting more than just the families living at or below the poverty line. Food insecurity has emerged as a defined reality for hundreds of thousands of hard-working Americans who still cannot keep food on the table. The Food Bank continues our commitment to feed those living with hunger and will be more focused than ever as we deliver care through our programs to serve children, families and seniors.

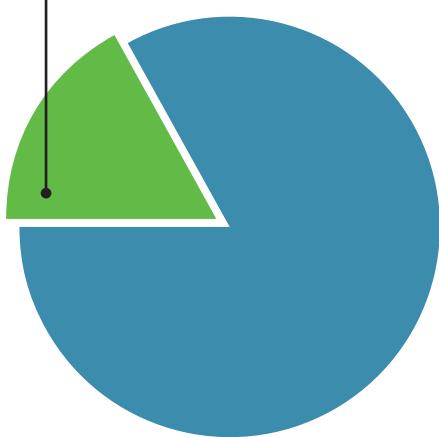
34 counties served by six branches: Durham, Greenville, New Bern, Raleigh, Sandhills, Wilmington

## THE NEED Total population<sup>1</sup>: 3,839,301

Food insecurity <sup>1</sup>		Hunger <sup>3</sup>	
Number of people who are food insecure	<b>604,720</b>	Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	<b>317,572</b>
Percentage of people who are food insecure	<b>16.4%</b>	Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	<b>73%</b>
Children under 18 who are food insecure	<b>182,750</b>	Unemployment <sup>4</sup>	
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	<b>22.8%</b>	Percentage unemployment June 2018	
Individuals over 65 who are living below the poverty level <sup>2</sup>	<b>49,762</b>		

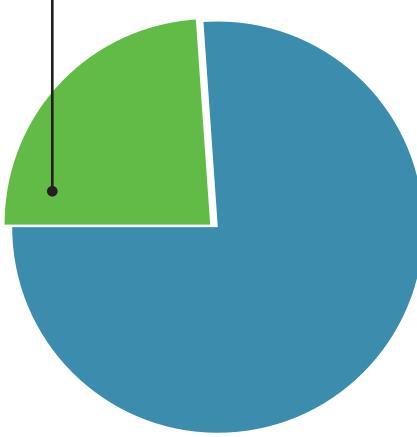
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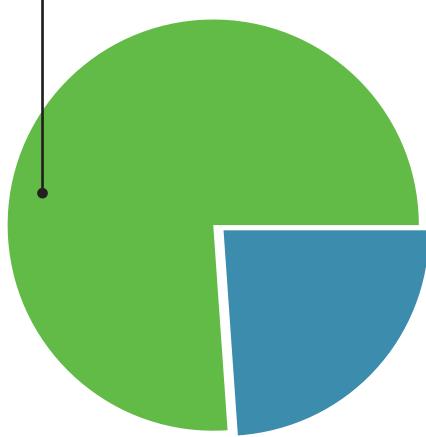
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## ADDRESSING NEEDS

Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2017-2018	<b>68 million lbs.</b>
Total meals provided by the Food Bank	<b>57,558,406 meals</b>
Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank	<b>68,350,607 lbs.</b>

<sup>1</sup>Feeding America Map the Meal Gap 2016

<sup>2</sup>files.nc.gov/ncdhs/documents/files/NC%20County%20Aging%20Profiles%202016.pdf

<sup>3</sup>dpi.state.nc.us/docs/fbs/resources/data/freerduced/2016-17freerduced.xlsx

<sup>4</sup>nccommerce.com/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=041CGg7cPHs%3D&tabid=1849&mid=4733

