

# 2015-2016 EDGECOMBE COUNTY 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, 636,000 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.

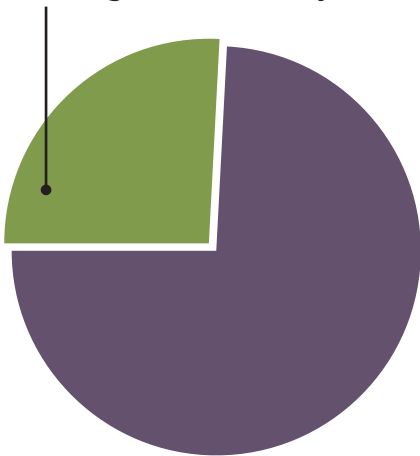
## THE NEED County population<sup>1</sup>: 55,779

Food insecurity <sup>1</sup>	
Number of people who are food insecure	14,330
Percentage of people who are food insecure	25.7%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	3,910
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	27.3%
Individuals over 18 who are food insecure	10,420
Percentage of individuals over 18 who are food insecure	72.7%
Individuals over 65 who are living in poverty <sup>2</sup>	1,379

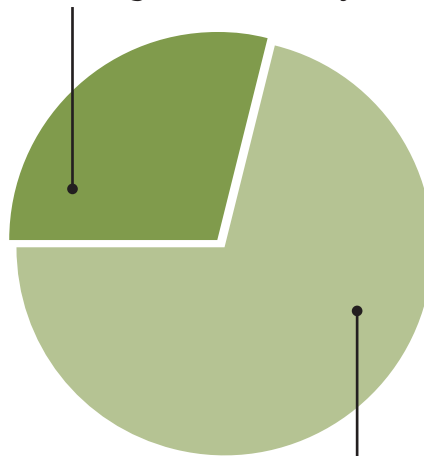
Hunger <sup>3</sup>	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	3,797
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	64.9%
Unemployment <sup>4</sup>	
Percentage unemployment June 2016	8.7%

Partner agencies are listed on the reverse side.

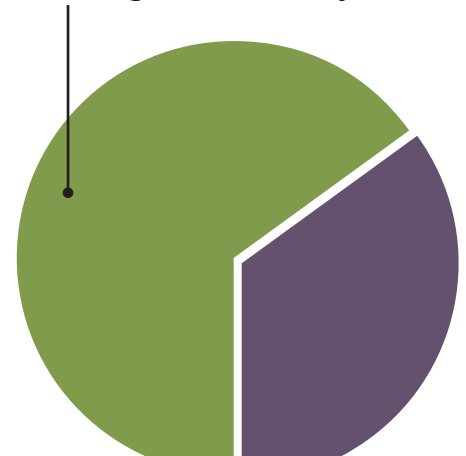
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<sup>1</sup>Feeding America Map the Meal Gap 2015

<sup>2</sup>North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services <http://www2.ncdhhs.gov/aging/cprofile/cprofile.htm>

<sup>3</sup>Department of Public Instruction [www.dpi.state.nc.us/fbs/resources/data](http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/fbs/resources/data)

<sup>4</sup>United States Department of Labor – Bureau of Labor Statistics

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## ADDRESSING NEEDS

Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2015-2016	<b>64.4 million lbs.</b>
Total meals provided in this county	<b>1,364,185</b>
Per-meal cost of distributing food in this county	<b>27¢</b>
Total lbs. of food distributed in this county	<b>1,619,970 lbs.</b>
Total cost of distributing food in this county	<b>\$370,578</b>
Value of food distributed in this county	<b>\$2,705,350</b>
Households served in this county <sup>5</sup>	<b>40,178</b>
Individuals served in this county <sup>5</sup>	<b>100,062</b>
For every dollar donated, how much is spent on food distribution	<b>97¢</b>

Major Local Food Donors:  
Wholesalers, retailers, and  
grocery chains such as Bimbo  
Bakeries, Bruce Foods Corp.,  
Food Lion, Harris Teeter, Kroger  
Stores, Lowes Foods, Mt. Olive  
Pickle Co., Reser's Fine Foods,  
Society of St. Andrew, Spring  
Acres, and Walmart.

## EDGECOMBE COMMUNITY PARTNER AGENCIES

Holy Mission Church of God  
Tarboro Community Outreach  
New Jerusalem Pentecostal  
Regeneration Development  
The Wright's Center, Inc.  
Word of Life International  
St. James Missionary Baptist  
Fellowship of Christ Church  
Adult Day Health Activity Center  
Conetoe Family Life Center

Community Enrichment  
New Destiny Outreach  
Living Waters Ministries of  
Open Door Ministry of Faith  
Gibraltar Church on the Rock  
Church of God  
Truth Foundational Ministries  
Cummins Engine Plant RM  
Refreshing Springs Church  
Greater Word of Life



<sup>5</sup>FBCENC Partner Agency Reports, Households/Individuals served 1 or more times.