

# 2016-2017 WILMINGTON BRANCH 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, 629,000 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.

Counties Served: Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, Pender.

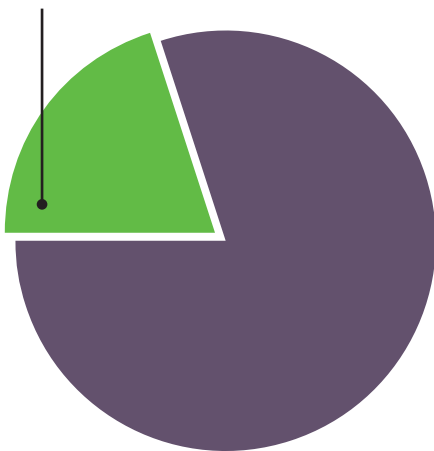
## THE NEED Total population<sup>1</sup>: 441,413

Food insecurity <sup>1</sup>	
Number of people who are food insecure	<b>72,070</b>
Percentage of people who are food insecure	<b>16.3%</b>
Children under 18 who are food insecure	<b>20,570</b>
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	<b>28.5%</b>
Individuals over 18 who are food insecure	<b>51,500</b>
Percentage of individuals over 18 who are food insecure	<b>71.5%</b>
Individuals over 65 living in poverty <sup>2</sup>	<b>6,632</b>

Hunger <sup>3</sup>	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	<b>29,860</b>
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	<b>56.5%</b>
Unemployment <sup>4</sup>	
Percentage unemployment June 2017	<b>4.6%</b>

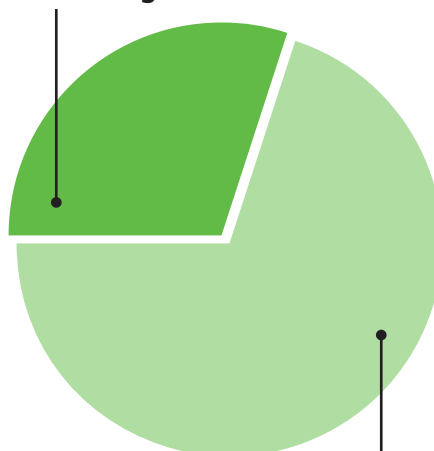
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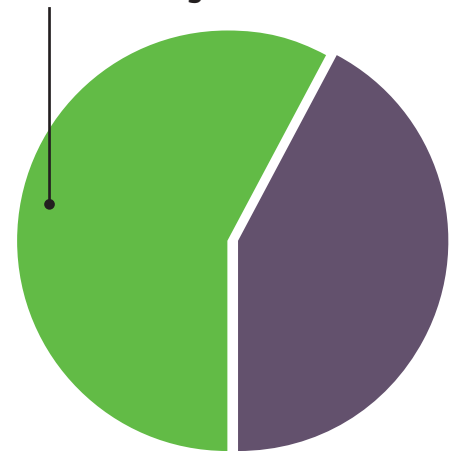
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<sup>1</sup>Feeding America Map the Meal Gap 2015

<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 2016-2017	<b>70 million lbs.</b>
Total meals provided by the Wilmington Branch	<b>7,565,699</b>
Per-meal cost of distributing food by the Wilmington Branch	<b>24¢</b>
Total lbs. of food distributed by the Wilmington Branch	<b>8,984,268 lbs.</b>
Total cost of distributing food by the Wilmington Branch	<b>\$1,796,854</b>
Value of food distributed by the Wilmington Branch	<b>\$15,542,784</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, Food Lion, Harris Teeter, Kroger Stores, Lowes Foods, Mt. Olive Pickle Co., Reser's Fine Foods, Society of St. Andrew, and Walmart.

