

# 2016-2017 WILSON 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, 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.

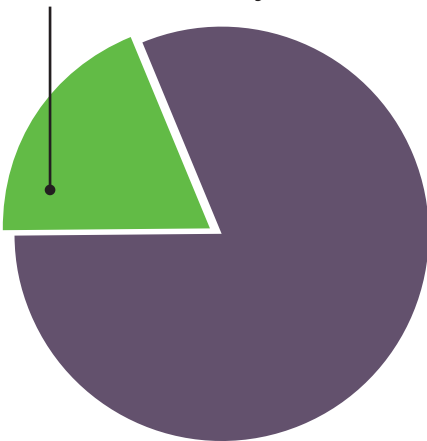
## THE NEED County population<sup>1</sup>: 81,581

Food insecurity <sup>1</sup>	
Number of people who are food insecure	17,810
Percentage of people who are food insecure	22%
Children under 18 who are food insecure	5,380
Percentage of children under 18 who are food insecure	30.2%
Individuals over 18 who are food insecure	12,430
Percentage of individuals over 18 who are food insecure	69.8%
Individuals over 65 who are living in poverty <sup>2</sup>	1,468

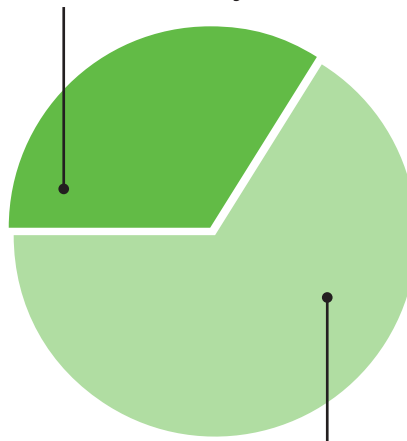
Hunger <sup>3</sup>	
Number of children receiving free/reduced school meals	6,951
Percentage of children receiving free/reduced school meals	57.5%
Unemployment <sup>4</sup>	
Percentage unemployment June 2017	7.3%

Partner agencies are listed on the reverse side.

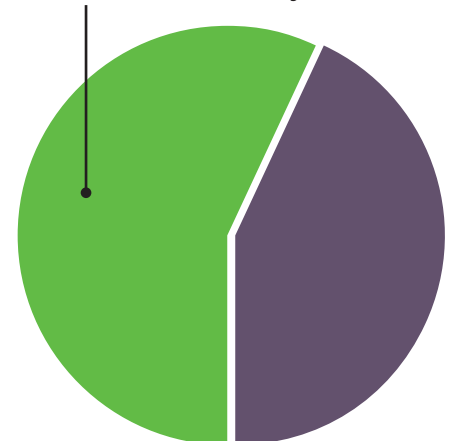
**22%**  
17,810 people  
are food insecure  
in Wilson County.



**30.2%**  
5,380 children under  
18 are food insecure in  
Wilson County.



**57.5%**  
6,951 children receiving  
free/reduced school meals  
in Wilson County.



**69.8%**  
12,430 adults over 18  
are food insecure in  
Wilson County.

**FOOD  
BANK**



**OF CENTRAL  
& EASTERN  
NORTH  
CAROLINA**

<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

# 2016-2017 WILSON COUNTY PROFILE



**2,005,368 lbs.**  
of food distributed  
in Wilson County



**1,688,731**  
meals provided  
in Wilson County

## ADDRESSING NEEDS

Total lbs. of food distributed by the Food Bank in 2016-2017	<b>70 million lbs.</b>
Total meals provided in this county	<b>1,688,731</b>
Per-meal cost of distributing food in this county	<b>29¢</b>
Total lbs. of food distributed in this county	<b>2,005,368 lbs.</b>
Total cost of distributing food in this county	<b>\$482,671</b>
Value of food distributed in this county	<b>\$3,469,287</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.

## WILSON COMMUNITY PARTNER AGENCIES

By Faith Church	St. Marks'/La Guadalupana
Christ Deliverance Tabernacle	St. Paul Church of Christ
Community Soup Kitchen of Wilson County, Inc.	The Word Became Flesh
Glad Tidings Gospel Church	Vaughn's Chapel MB Church
Kairos Church Ministries	Wilson County Interfaith
Mary Grove Missionary Baptist	Wilson Praise & Worship
NC Love in Action (LIA)	WRAJ Outreach Ministries
New Christian Food Pantry & Child Development Center	
Open Door Community Center	
Operation Care of Wilson, Inc.	
Pathway Outreach Center, Inc.	
Salvation Army-Wilson	
Spreading Seeds, Inc.	

