

BRUNSWICK COUNTY PROFILE: 2009-10

Population Statistics

Total Projected 2010 Population.....110,279¹

Population Growth, 2000 to 2009.....46.5%¹ Percentage Municipal Population....47%²

What is the impact of poverty in the 34 counties served by the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina? A higher infant mortality rate, children who can't learn in school because they are hungry, adults who die before their time because they eat cheaper, high fat foods instead of healthier, often more costly options, and frail elders who make do with a can of beans because they can't afford their medication and food, too.

Federal poverty guidelines do not cover today's cost of living; they simply provide a baseline means of existence with a very real risk of hunger. A single person with an income of \$10,000 or less or a family of four with an income of \$21,000 or less annually meet the criteria for poverty. On these incomes, hunger becomes more than a risk...it often becomes a reality. The Food Bank helps these folks, who are at risk of hunger every day.

THE NEED:

POVERTY

No. People Living at/Below Poverty Level: **13,675³**

Percentage of Population Living in Poverty: **12.4%⁴**

Individuals >65 Living in Poverty: **1,313⁵**

Individuals 18 to 64 Living in Poverty: **8,437⁵**

Children 0 to 17 Living in Poverty: **3,925⁵**

Percentage of Children Living in Poverty: **28.7%**

HUNGER⁶

No. Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunches: **7,956**

Percentage of Children Receiving Reduced/Free Lunches: **68%**

UNEMPLOYMENT⁷

Percentage Sept. 2010 Unemployment: **10.1%**

FOOD STAMP PARTICIPATION⁸

Number Served July 2009: **11,449**

Number Served July 2010: **13,300**

Percent of Eligible Served July 2010: **98%**

ADDRESSING NEEDS:

Total Pounds of Food Distributed Annually in our 34 counties: **40.1 mil. Lbs.**

Total Pounds Of Food Distributed in Brunswick County: **1,138,006 lbs.**

Pounds Per Person Distributed in County: **83 lbs.**

Per-Pound Cost of Distributing Food in County: **17¢**

Total Cost of Distributing Food in County: **\$192,763**

Value of Food Distributed in County: **\$1.8 million**

Brunswick Households Served: **34,501⁹**
Brunswick Individuals Served: **132,591**

For Every Dollar Donated, How Much is Spent on Food Distribution: **97¢**

Major Local Food Donors: Wholesalers, retailers, and grocery chains such as Food Lion, Harris-Teeter, Lowe's Foods, Kroger Stores, Walmart, Mt. Olive Pickles, Bruce Foods Corp., Reser's Fine Foods, Bimbo Bakeries, Nash Produce, & Society of St. Andrew

Our Partner Agencies are listed on the reverse side

¹Projected 2010 NC population by County, NC Office of State Budget & Management; ²2008 County Municipal Totals, NC Office of State Management & Budget; ³Total Projected 2010 Population x Percentage of Population Living in Poverty; ⁴US Census 2006-08 American Community Survey (SF-1, SF-3); ⁵Total of Individuals >65, Individuals 18-64 & Children 0-17 Living in Poverty, 2006-08 American Community Survey; ⁶Free & reduced Lunch Application Data by Site, Child Nutrition Services, NC Department of Public Instruction; ⁷2009, 2010 Civilian Labor Force Estimates for NC Counties, NC Employment Security Commission; ⁸NC Food & Nutrition Services Participation Report, DSS Performance Management Reporting & Evaluation Management, NC Department of Health & Human Services; ⁹Households/individuals served 1 or more times as reported by partner agencies

Brunswick Community Partner Agencies

Backpack Program - Supply Elementary School Parent-Teacher Assn.

Brunswick Family Assistance

Brunswick Island Baptist Church

Countywide CDC

Dixon Chapel UMC

Faith Building Missions - Ocean View Baptist Church

Kids Cafe - Community Boys & Girls Club - Brunswick Co. Unit

Love of Christ Ministries

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Sonrise Independent Baptist Church

South Brunswick Inter-Church Council

Southport Oak Island InterChurch Council

St. Brendan's Church

Trinity Missionary Baptist Church

Trinity Tabernacle Full Gospel Church

Victory Independent Baptist Church

Word of Life Outreach