



CHATHAM COUNTY PROFILE: 2008-09

Population Statistics

Total Projected 2009 Population.....62,471¹
 Population Growth, 2000 to 2007.....23%¹ Percentage Municipal Population.... 20%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:	ADDRESSING NEEDS:
<p><u>POVERTY</u> No. People Living at/Below Poverty Level: 6,650³</p> <p>Percentage of Population Living in Poverty: 10.5⁴</p> <p>Individuals >65 Living in Poverty: 1,181⁵</p> <p>Individuals 18 to 64 Living in Poverty: 3,523⁵</p> <p>Children 0 to 17 Living in Poverty: 2,073⁵</p> <p>Percentage of Children Living in Poverty: 31.6%</p>	<p>Total Pounds Of Food Distributed Annually in our 34 counties: 36.8 mil. Lbs.</p> <p>Total Pounds Of Food Distributed in Chatham County: 561,733</p> <p>Value of Food Distributed: \$133,242</p> <p>Pounds Per Person Distributed: 84.5 lbs.</p> <p>Per-Pound Cost of Distributing Food: 25¢</p> <p>Chatham Households Served: 43,874⁹ Chatham Individuals Served: 109,898</p>
<p><u>HUNGER⁶</u> No. Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunches: 3,587</p> <p>Percentage of Children Receiving Reduced/Free Lunches: 47%</p>	<p>For Every Dollar Donated, How Much is Spent on Food Distribution: 97¢</p> <p>Our Partner Agencies: See back page.</p>
<p><u>UNEMPLOYMENT⁷</u> Percentage Aug. 2008 Unemployment: 5.6%</p> <p>Percentage Aug. 2009 Unemployment: 8.3%</p>	<p>Major Local Food Donors: wholesalers, retailers, and grocery chains such as Food Lion, Harris-Teeter, Lowe's Foods, Kroger Stores that participate in WTVD 11 Heart of Carolina Food Drive</p>
<p><u>FOOD STAMP PARTICIPATION⁸</u> Number Served Jan. 2008: 3,344</p> <p>Number Served Sept. 2009: 4,509</p> <p>Percent of Eligible Served Sept. 2009: 64.6%</p>	<p><small>¹Projected 2009 NC population by County, NC Office of State Budget & Management; ²2008 County Municipal Totals, NC Office of State Management & Budget; ³Total Projected 2009 Population x Percentage of Population Living in Poverty; ⁴US Census 2006 American Community Survey (SF-1, SF-3); ⁵Total of Individuals >65, Individuals 18-64 & Children 0-17 Living in Poverty, 2004, 2006 American Community Survey; ⁶Free & reduced Lunch Application Data by Site, Child Nutrition Services, NC Department of Public Instruction; ⁷2008, 2009 Civilian Labor Force Estimates for NC Counties, NC Employment Security Commission; ⁸NC Nutrition & Food 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</small></p>

Chatham Community Partner Agencies

Alston Chapel United Holy Church
Chatham County Group Homes 1
Chatham County Group Homes 2
Chatham County Group Homes 3
Chatham County Group Homes/Griffin House
Chatham County Group Homes/Nooe House
Chatham County Group Homes/Perkins Place
Chatham County Group Homes/READD Center
Chatham County Group Homes/Winifred West
Chatham Out-Reach Alliance
Club Insight - Chrysalis Foundation
Destiny Church of God of Prophecy
Emmanuel Fellowship Church of God in Christ
Evergreen United Methodist Church
Family Wellness & Recovery Services/Hope Meadow
Haw River Baptist Church
Joy Baptist Church
Merry Oaks Baptist Church
Pentecostal Victory Temple
Piedmont Rescue Mission/Grace Haven Ministries
St. Julia Catholic Church