

EDGECOMBE COUNTY PROFILE: 2009-10

Population Statistics

Total Projected 2010 Population.....51,272¹
 Population Growth, 2000 to 2007.....-7.7%¹ Percentage Municipal Population.....63%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: **11,741³**

Percentage of Population Living in Poverty: **22.9%⁴**

Individuals >65 Living in Poverty: **1,339⁵**

Individuals 18 to 64 Living in Poverty: **5,800⁵**

Children 0 to 17 Living in Poverty: **4,602⁵**

Percentage of Children Living in Poverty: **39.2**

HUNGER⁶
No. Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunches: **5,625**

Percentage of Children Receiving Reduced/Free Lunches: **78.1%**

UNEMPLOYMENT⁷
Percentage Sept. 2010 Unemployment: **14.5%**

FOOD STAMP PARTICIPATION⁸
Number Served July 2009: **14,020**
Number Served July 2010: **15,365**
Percent of Eligible Served Sept. 2009: **106%**

Our Partner Agencies are listed on the reverse side

ADDRESSING NEEDS:

Total Pounds Of Food Distributed Annually in our Counties: **40.1 million**

Total Pounds Of Food Distributed in Edgecombe County: **1,284,193 lbs.**

Pounds Per Person Distributed: **109 lbs.**

Per-Pound Cost of Distributing Food in County: **22¢**

Total Cost of Distributing Food in County: **\$286,591**

Value of Food Distributed: **\$2,054,709**

Edgecombe Households Served: **34,685⁹**
Edgecombe Individuals Served: **72,172**

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

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; ⁹Unduplicated households/individuals served as reported by partner agencies

Edgecombe Community Partner Agencies

**Adult Day Health Activity Center
Builder's Inc.
Christ Way Holiness Church
Conetoe Chapel Missionary Church
Fellowship of Christ Church
First National Unity Outreach
Greater St. Steven Church of Christ
Holy Mission Church of God
Kids Cafe - Community Enrichment
Living Waters Ministries of Pinetops, Inc. SOAR
New Bethany Holiness Church
New Destiny Outreach
New Jerusalem Pentecostal
Open Door Ministry of Faith Deliverance Center, Inc.
Outreach Community Center Inc.
Positive Generation in Christ
Regeneration Development Group, Inc.
Rock Church of Tarboro
St. James Missionary Baptist Church
Tarboro Community Outreach
The Lighthouse Home, Inc.
The Wright's Center, Inc.
Willing Workers Miracle Tabernacle Holiness Church
Word of Life International Church**