

**FOOD
BANK**OF CENTRAL
& EASTERN
NORTH
CAROLINA
AT
GREENVILLE

EDGECOMBE COUNTY PROFILE: 2008-09

Population Statistics

Total Projected 2009 Population.....51,599¹Population Growth, 2000 to 2007.....-6.8%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:**10,423³****Percentage of Population Living in Poverty:****20.2%⁴****Individuals >65 Living in Poverty:****1,188⁵****Individuals 18 to 64 Living in Poverty:****5,149⁵****Children 0 to 17 Living in Poverty:****4,086⁵****Percentage of Children Living in Poverty:****39.2**

HUNGER⁶

No. Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunches:**5,321****Percentage of Children Receiving Reduced/Free Lunches:****74%**

UNEMPLOYMENT⁷

Percentage Sept. 2007 Unemployment:**11.6%****Percentage Sept. 2008 Unemployment:****16.3%**

FOOD STAMP PARTICIPATION⁸

Number Served Jan. 2008:**11,807****Number Served Sept. 2009:****14,629****Percent of Eligible Served Sept. 2009:** **100.85%**

ADDRESSING NEEDS:

Total Pounds

Of Food Distributed

Annually in our Counties:**36.8 million**

Total Pounds

Of Food Distributed in

This County:

1,151,121 lbs.

Value of Food

Distributed:

\$264,796

Pounds Per Person

Distributed:

110 lbs.

Per-Pound Cost of

Distributing Food:

23¢**Edgecombe Households Served:****95,442⁹****Edgecombe Individuals Served:****212,547**

For Every Dollar

Donated, How Much is

Spent on Food

Distribution:

97¢**Our Partner Agencies:** See back page.**Major Local Food Donors:** wholesalers, retailers, and grocery chains such as Food Lion, Harris-Teeter, Lowe's Foods, Kroger Stores, Wal-Mart

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 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

Edgecombe Community Partner Agencies

Adult Day Health Activity Center
Caring Hearts Healthcare, Inc.
Community Enrichment Organization (Kids Cafe)
Conetoe Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
Fellowship of Christ Church
First National Unity Outreach
Greater St. Steven Church of Christ
Holy Mission Church of God in Christ
Living Waters Ministries of Pinetops, Inc. (SOAR)
My Sister's House
New Bethany Holiness Church
New Destiny Outreach
New Jerusalem Pentecostal
Outreach Community Center Inc.
Positive Generation in Christ
Refuge One Way Church
Regeneration Development Group, Inc,
Rock Church of Tarboro
St. James Missionary Baptist Church
Tarboro Community Outreach
The Wright's Center, Inc.
Willing Workers Miracle Tabernacle Holiness Church
Word of Life International Church