

LEE COUNTY PROFILE: 2009-10

Population Statistics

Total Projected 2010 Population.....59,365¹
 Population Growth, 2000 to 2009.....19.4%¹ Percentage Municipal Population.....50%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: **8,489³**

Percentage of Population Living in Poverty: **14.3%⁴**

Individuals >65 Living in Poverty: **1,044⁵**

Individuals 18 to 64 Living in Poverty: **4,635⁵**

Children 0 to 17 Living in Poverty: **2,810⁵**

Percentage of Children Living in Poverty: **33.1**

HUNGER⁶
No. Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunches: **5,894**

Percentage of Children Receiving Reduced/Free Lunches: **61.8%**

UNEMPLOYMENT⁷
Percentage Sept. 2010 Unemployment: **11.4%**

FOOD STAMP PARTICIPATION⁸
Number Served July 2009: **8,009**
Number Served July 2010: **8,693**
Percent of Eligible Served July 2010: **99.0%**

ADDRESSING NEEDS:

Total Pounds Of Food Distributed Annually in our 34 Counties: **40.1 mil. Lbs.**

Total Pounds Of Food Distributed in Lee County: **757,619 lbs.**

Pounds Per Person Distributed: **89 lbs.**

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

Total Cost of Distributing Food in County: **\$165,614**

Value of Food Distributed in County: **\$1,212,190**

Lee Households Served: **20,091⁹**
Lee Individuals Served: **61,171**

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

Lee Community Partner Agencies

Body of Christ Ministry

Bread Basket/Sanford Soup Kitchen

Bread of Life Ministries of Sanford

Christian Faith Ministries

Christian Youth Fellowship Council

Christians United Outreach Center

Church of God of Prophecy/Sanford

DBR Ministries Lighthouse

Emmanuel Church of God

Faith Hope Deliverance Christian Center

GET SMART, INC.

HAVEN in Lee County, Inc.

Hillview Christian Assembly

Kids Cafe - Boys & Girls Club Sanford/Lee County

Ministerio Bethel, Inc

Monarch/Seawell

New Birth Non-Denominational

New Life Praise Church

Program Resource Institute/Scoggins Center

Salvation Army of Lee County

Works for Christ Christian Center