



LENOIR COUNTY PROFILE: 2009-10

Population Statistics

Total Projected 2010 Population.....56,947¹
 Population Growth, 2000 to 2009.....-4.1%¹ Percentage Municipal Population.....46%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:
<u>POVERTY</u> No. People Living at/Below Poverty Level:	Total Pounds Of Food Distributed Annually in our 34 Counties:
14,635 ³	40.1 mil. Lbs.
Percentage of Population Living in Poverty:	Total Pounds Of Food Distributed in Lenoir County:
25.7% ⁴	685,541
Individuals >65 Living in Poverty:	Pounds Per Person Distributed in County:
2,122 ⁵	47 lbs.
Individuals 18 to 64 Living in Poverty:	Per-Pound Cost of Distributing Food in County:
8,108 ⁵	22¢
Children 0 to 17 Living in Poverty:	Total Cost of Distributing Food in County:
4,405 ⁵	\$154,213
Percentage of Children Living in Poverty:	Value of Food Distributed in County:
30.1%	\$1,096,866
<u>HUNGER</u>⁶ No. Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunches:	Lenoir Households Served:
5,724	11,957 ⁹
Percentage of Children Receiving Reduced/Free Lunches:	Lenoir Individuals Served:
62.7%	30,808
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT</u>⁷ Percentage Sept. 2010 Unemployment:	For Every Dollar Donated, How Much is Spent on Food Distribution:
10.3%	97¢
<u>FOOD STAMP PARTICIPATION</u>⁸ Number Served July 2009: Number Served July 2010: Percent of Eligible Served July 2010:	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	<small>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</small>

Lenoir Community Partner Agencies

Alpha and Omega Church

Antioch Free Will Baptist Church

Apostolic Deliverance Church of Christ

Bibleway Church of God in Christ

Flynn Christian Fellowship Home

Herring Grove F.W.B. Church

Kids Cafe - St. Mark's Church Hands for Humanity CDC

Kennedy Baptist Children's Home

River Of Life Christian/DC & PA

S.A.F.E. Lenoir County

Salvation Army-Kinston

St. Mark Church Ministries

The Bible Church of Christ