



LENOIR COUNTY PROFILE: 2008-09

Population Statistics

Total Projected 2009 Population.....57,431¹
 Population Growth, 2000 to 2008.....-3.5%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>	Total Pounds
No. People Living at/Below Poverty Level: 10,625 ³	Of Food Distributed
Percentage of Population Living in Poverty: 18.5% ⁴	Annually in our 34 Counties: 36.8 mil. Lbs.
Individuals >65 Living in Poverty: 1,541 ⁵	Total Pounds
Individuals 18 to 64 Living in Poverty: 5,886 ⁵	Of Food Distributed in Lenoir County: 700,312
Children 0 to 17 Living in Poverty: 3,198 ⁵	Value of Food Distributed: \$149,718
Percentage of Children Living in Poverty: 30.1%	Pounds Per Person Distributed: 65.9 lbs.
<u>HUNGER</u>⁶	Per-Pound Cost of Distributing Food: 21¢
No. Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunches: 5,639	Lenoir Households Served: 27,790 ⁹
Percentage of Children Receiving Reduced/Free Lunches: 61%	Lenoir Individuals Served: 53,406
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT</u>⁷	For Every Dollar Donated, How Much is Spent on Food Distribution: 97¢
Percentage Aug. 2008 Unemployment: 7.8%	Our Partner Agencies: See back page.
Percentage Aug. 2009 Unemployment: 11.7%	Major Local Food Donors: wholesalers, retailers, and grocery chains such as Food Lion, Harris-Teeter, Lowe's Foods, Kroger Stores, Wal-Mart
<u>FOOD STAMP PARTICIPATION</u>⁸	
Number Served Jan. 2008: 9,651	<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 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</small>
Number Served Sept. 2009: 12,356	
Percent of Eligible Served Sept. 2009: 91.1%	

Lenoir Community Partner Agencies

Alpha and Omega Church

Antioch Free Will Baptist Church

Apostolic Deliverance Church of Christ

Bibleway Church of God in Christ

Boys & Girls Club of Lenoir County

Flynn Christian Fellowship Home

Herring Grove F.W.B. Church Ministry of Kindness

Integrity Ministries, Inc./Word of Faith

Kennedy Baptist Children's Home

Kinston/Lenoir County One On One, Inc.

One On One Brotherhood Ministry

Queen Street United Methodist Church

River Of Life Christian/DC & PA

S.A.F.E. Lenoir County, Inc.

Salvation Army-Kinston

St. Mark Church Ministries