



RICHMOND COUNTY PROFILE: 2008-09

Population Statistics

Total Projected 2009 Population.....46,913¹
 Population Growth, 2000 to 2008.....0.6%¹ Percentage Municipal Population....39%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: |
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| <p><u>POVERTY</u> No. People Living at/Below Poverty Level: 9,289³</p> <p>Percentage of Population Living in Poverty: 19.8%⁴</p> <p>Individuals >65 Living in Poverty: 1,208⁵</p> <p>Individuals 18 to 64 Living in Poverty: 4,812⁵</p> <p>Children 0 to 17 Living in Poverty: 3,279⁵</p> <p>Percentage of Children Living in Poverty: 35.3%</p> | <p>Total Pounds Of Food Distributed Annually in our 34 Counties: 36.8 mil. Lbs.</p> <p>Total Pounds Of Food Distributed in Richmond County: 1,061,496 lbs.</p> <p>Value of Food Distributed: \$154,347</p> <p>Pounds Per Person Distributed: 114.3 lbs.</p> <p>Per-Pound Cost of Distributing Food: 15¢</p> <p>Richmond Households Served: 95,133⁹ Richmond Individuals Served: 255,094</p> |
| <p><u>HUNGER⁶</u> No. Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunches: 5,507</p> <p>Percentage of Children Receiving Reduced/Free Lunches: 71%</p> | <p>For Every Dollar Donated, How Much is Spent on Food Distribution: 97¢</p> <p>Our Partner Agencies: See back page.</p> |
| <p><u>UNEMPLOYMENT⁷</u> Percentage Aug. 2008 Unemployment: 9.9%</p> <p>Percentage Aug. 2009 Unemployment: 13.3%</p> | <p>Major Local Food Donors: wholesalers, retailers, and grocery chains such as Food Lion, Harris-Teeter, Lowe's Foods, Kroger Stores, Walmart</p> |
| <p><u>FOOD STAMP PARTICIPATION⁸</u> Number Served Jan. 2009: 8,101 Number Served Sept. 2009: 10,468 Percent of Eligible Served Sept. 2009: 85.4%</p> | <p><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></p> |

Richmond Community Partner Agencies

ARC Services/Monarch
Church of God of Prophecy/Ellerbe
Church of God of Prophecy/Rockingham
Community Mentor Program
Emmanuel Ministries Church
First United Methodist Church
Greater Diggs
Helping Hands of Hamlet
Helping Hands of Hamlet, Inc. (BackPack Program)
House of Prayer/Feed My People
King's Gate Church International/Sierra Christian Center
Leak St. Education and Culture Community Center
Mental Health Association/Maplewood Place
Mental Health Association/Richmond PSR
Mt. Zion UCC/Rockingham
New Horizons (Women Folk Unlimited)
Outreach for Jesus
Pee Dee Baptist Association
Prayer and Faith Temple Church Community Food Pantry
Richmond County Enrichment Corporation
Rockingham Spanish SDA Church
Southern Mission Ministries
St. Paul Lutheran/Hamlet
Tabernacle Full Gospel
Tabernacle of Faith PHC
Victory Deliverance Church of God in Christ