

GREENE COUNTY PROFILE: 2008-09

Population Statistics

Total Projected 2009 Population.....21,360¹
Population Growth, 2000 to 2008.....11.8%¹ Percentage Municipal Population....11%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: 4,123³

Percentage of Population Living in Poverty: 19.3%⁴

Individuals >65 Living in Poverty: 532⁵

Individuals 18 to 64 Living in Poverty: 2,301⁵

Children 0 to 17 Living in Poverty: 1,291⁵

Percentage of Children Living in Poverty: 31.3%

HUNGER⁶

No. Children Receiving Free/Reduced Lunches: 2,451

Percentage of Children Receiving Reduced/Free Lunches: 75%

UNEMPLOYMENT⁷

Percentage Aug. 2008 Unemployment: 7.4%

Percentage Aug. 2009 Unemployment: 11%

FOOD STAMP PARTICIPATION⁸

Number Served Jan. 2008: 3,324

Number Served Sept. 2009: 3,959

Percent of Eligible Served Sept. 2009: 80.7%

ADDRESSING NEEDS:

Total Pounds Of Food Distributed Annually in our 34 Counties: 36.8 mil. Lbs.

Total Pounds Of Food Distributed in Greene County: 332,289 lbs.

Value of Food Distributed: \$62,464

Pounds Per Person Distributed: 80.6 lbs.

Per-Pound Cost of Distributing Food: 19¢

Greene Households Served: 11,879⁹
Greene Individuals Served: 27,005

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

Greene Community Partner Agencies

***Greene County Interfaith Volunteers
Lebanon United Methodist Church
Ministries of the Bread of Life
Snow Hill Group Home/Easter Seal UCP Of NC***