



# Mecklenburg County

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## Facts At A Glance

- Mecklenburg County has a population of 1,054,835.
- There are 150,841 individuals living at or below the poverty level. This represents 14.3% of the population.
- There are 8,386 individuals 65 years and older living at or below the poverty level. This represents 7.5% of the older adult population.
- There are 45,492 children living at or below the poverty level. This represents 17.8% of the child population.

### Mecklenburg County Distribution

In 2016-2017, the Food Bank distributed over 54 million pounds of food and household items throughout our 19 county service region.

In 2016-2017, the Food Bank distributed almost 12.3 million pounds to agencies in Mecklenburg County.

### Mecklenburg County Partners

The Food Bank supports 275 programs in Mecklenburg County including Loaves and Fishes, St. Peter's Soup Kitchen, Urban Ministry, Charlotte Area Fund, Center of Hope, Crisis Assistance, Charlotte Rescue Mission, Salvation Army and Hope Haven.

### Child Hunger Programs

There are 22 Kids Café sites in Mecklenburg. These include YWCA sites at Sugaw Creek, Billingsville, Park Road, Sunridge, Leafcrest, Southside, Tuckaseegee and Albemarle Road; YMCA sites at Johnston and Stratford; Salvation Army sites at Belmont and Marsh Road; A Better World, Bold Kids, Bethlehem Center, Parkview, Lakewood Preschool, Seigle Avenue, New Creation Outreach Ministry and Project Embrace.

There are also 49 Backpack Programs in Mecklenburg largely concentrated in Kids Café sites and high-poverty elementary schools. The Food Bank also provides approximately 175 school based mobile pantries at high-poverty elementary schools on an annual basis, produce distributions and sponsors in-school emergency pantries.