

- Cleveland County has a population of 97,521.
- There are 17,926 individuals living at or below the poverty level. This represents 18.4% of the population.
- There are 2,476 individuals 65 years and older living at or below the poverty level. This represents 13.5% of the older adult population.
- There are 6,446 children living at or below the poverty level. This represents 30% of the child population.

Cleveland **County Distribution**

In 2023-2024, the Food Bank distributed over 88 million pounds of food and household items throughout our 24 county service region.

In the past year, the Food Bank distributed almost 3 million pounds to agencies in Cleveland County.

Cleveland **County Partners**

The Food Bank serves 59 programs in Cleveland County including Upper Cleveland Area Needs, Shelby Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry, Washington Outreach Ministry, Walls Memorial, Central United Methodist Church and Union Baptist Church.

Child Hunger Programs

Second Harvest Food Bank sponsors Backpack Programs throughout the county.