



Mecklenburg County, NC *Facts* at a glance



- Mecklenburg County has a population of 1,019,285.
- There are 136,399 individuals living at or below the poverty level. This represents 13.4% of the population.
- There are 8,683 individuals 65 years and older living at or below the poverty level. This represents 8.3% of the older adult population.
- There are 45,905 children living at or below the poverty level. This represents 18.4% of the child population.

Mecklenburg County Distribution

In 2018-2019, the Food Bank distributed over 60 million pounds of food and household items throughout our 24 county service region.

In 2018-2019, the Food Bank distributed 12.8 million pounds to agencies in Mecklenburg County.

Mecklenburg County Partners

The Food Bank supports 268 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 18 Kids Café sites in Mecklenburg. These include YWCA sites at Sugaw Creek, Billingsville, Park Road, Sunridge, Leafcrest, Southside 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, New Creation Outreach Ministry and Project Embrace.

There are also 55 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 and middle schools on an annual basis.