

Rutherford County, NC *Facts* at a glance



- Rutherford County has a population of 65,248.
- There are 12,804 individuals living at or below the poverty level. This represents 19.6% of the population.
- There are 1,176 individuals 65 years and older living at or below the poverty level. This represents 9% of the older adult population.
- There are 3,715 children living at or below the poverty level. This represents 27.3% of the child population.

Rutherford 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 over 1.1 million pounds to agencies in Rutherford County.

Rutherford County Partners

The Food Bank supports 26 programs in Rutherford County including Chase Corner UMC Ministries and Little White Country Church.

Child Hunger Programs

The Food Bank sponsors a Kids Café site at Youth Empowerment in Forest City. The Food Bank also sponsors Backpack Programs at Dunbar Elementary School, Pinnacle Elementary School, Sunshine Elementary School, Mt. Vernon Elementary School, Spindale Elementary School, Rutherfordton Elementary School, Ellenboro Elementary School, Carver Center at Salvation Army, Chase Middle School, East Rutherford Middle School, Chase High School, RS Middle School, RS Central High School, Rutherford Opportunity Center, REACH, Forest Hunt Elementary and Salvation Army.

Proximity to SHMETROLINA Branches

The Food Bank operates branch warehouses in Dallas, North Carolina and Spartanburg, South Carolina. Those branches have greatly reduced time and transportation expenses for Rutherford County agencies to acquire food.