



Mecklenburg County

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Facts At A Glance

- Mecklenburg County has a population of 1,034,070.
- There are 157,178 individuals living at or below the poverty level. This represents 15.2% of the population.
- There are 8,946 individuals 65 years and older living at or below the poverty level. This represents 10.3% of the older adult population.
- There are 53,490 children living at or below the poverty level. This represents 21.2% of the child population.

Mecklenburg County Distribution

In 2015-2016, the Food Bank distributed over 50 million pounds of food and household items throughout our 19 county service region.

In 2015-2016, the Food Bank distributed over 11.3 million pounds to agencies in Mecklenburg County.

Mecklenburg County Partners

The Food Bank supports 283 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 41 Backpack Programs in Mecklenburg largely concentrated in Kids Café sites and high-poverty elementary schools. The Food Bank also provides over 150 school based mobile pantries at high-poverty elementary schools on an annual basis, produce distributions as well as sponsoring in-school emergency pantries.