

Burke County, NC *Facts* at a glance



- Burke County has a population of 85,482.
- There are 15,326 individuals living at or below the poverty level. This represents 17.9% of the population.
- There are 1,769 individuals 65 years and older living at or below the poverty level. This represents 9.8% of the older adult population.
- There are 4,908 children living at or below the poverty level. This represents 30.8% of the child population.

Burke County Distribution

In 2024-2025, 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 over 2.3 million pounds to agencies in Burke County.

Burke County Partners

The Food Bank supports 28 programs in Burke County including Burke United Christian Ministries, Oak Ridge Baptist Church, East Burke Christian Ministries, Hildebran UMC and The Outreach Center.

Child Hunger Programs

The Food Bank sponsors Backpack Programs at several elementary schools in the county.

Catawba Branch

The Food Bank operates a branch warehouse in Hickory, North Carolina. This branch has greatly reduced time and transportation expenses for Burke County agencies to acquire food.