

North Carolina

Demographics, Poverty and Food Insecurity

Population (2005)	
Total People	8,411,041
Children (Under Age 18)	2,132,017
Income and Poverty (2005)	
Median Household Income (2005)	\$40,729
Rank Among States	39
Total People Living In Poverty	1,262,770
Poverty Rate	15.1%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	13
Children (Under Age 18) Living In Poverty	448,699
Child Poverty Rate	21.3%
Rank Among States (Highest to Lowest)	13
Total People Living Below 185% of Federal Poverty Level	2,700,939
Food Insecurity Among Households (2003-2005, 3-Year Averages)	
Number of Households that are Food Insecure	441,000
Percent of Households that are Food Insecure	13.2%
Number of Households that are Very-Low Food Secure	150,000
Percent of Households that are Very-Low Food Secure	4.5%

Federal Nutrition Programs

School Breakfast Program (School Year 2005-2006)	
Average Daily Student Participation	355,988
Free and Reduced-Price Students	285,754
Paid Students	70,234
Change in Free and Reduced-Price Participation in Last 10 Years	75.6%
Free/Reduced-Price Student Participation Rate (Compared to School Lunch Participation)	50.4
Rank Among States	13
Additional Free and Reduced-Priced Children Served if Reached Participation Rate of 60%	54,415
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Reached Participation Rate of 60%	\$11,354,732
Number of Schools Participating	2,272
School Participation Rate (Compared to Number of Schools Serving Lunch)	97.6%
Federal Reimbursement for School Breakfast	\$73,697,076
School Breakfast Mandate in State Law (Yes/No)	No
National School Lunch Program (School Year 2005-2006)	
Average Daily Student Participation	941,882
Free and Reduced-Price Students	566,949
Paid Students	374,933
Number of Schools Participating	2,329
Federal Reimbursement for School Lunch	\$236,705,317
Summer Nutrition Participation (July 2005)	
Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in July	62,631
July Summer Food Service Participation	32,038
July National School Lunch Participation in Free and Reduced-Price Lunch	30,593
Change in Average Daily Summer Nutrition Participation in Last 10 Years	-2.9%
Low-Income Participation Rate (Compared to Regular Year Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch)	12.4
Rank Among States	36
Additional Low-Income Children Served if Participation Rate Reached 40%	138,606
Additional Federal Dollars State Would Receive if Participation Rate Reached 40%	\$7,470,887
Number of Summer Food Service Sponsors	82
Number of Summer Food Service Sites	757
Federal Funding for Summer Food Service Program	\$4,543,945

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Food Stamp Program (FY 2006)	
Average Monthly Number of Individuals Participating	854,407
Change in Participation in Last 5 Years	73.1%
Average Monthly Benefit per Person	\$89.83
Proportion of Eligible Persons Who Were Participating (FY 2004)	56%
Rank Among States	38
Participation Rate of Eligible Working Poor (FY 2004)	47%
Federal Funding for Food Stamps	\$920,976,885
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) (FY 2006)	
Average Monthly Number of Participants	232,990
Women	59,154
Infants	62,261
Children	111,575
Change in Last 10 Years (Total Participation)	23.4%
Federal Funding for WIC	\$143,353,310
Child and Adult Care Food Program (FY 2006)	
Number of Participating Family Child Care Homes	3,473
Family Child Care Home Average Daily Participation of Children	16,130
Change in Family Child Care Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	-3.6%
Number of Participating Child Care Centers (Includes Head Start)	2,095
Child Care Center Average Daily Participation of Children (Includes Head Start)	109,786
Change in Center Daily Participation in Last 10 Years	45.8%
Federal Funding for CACFP	\$68,600,323
The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) (FY 2006)	
Federal Entitlement Funding	\$4,372,787
Federal Bonus Commodity Funding	\$2,404,187
Administrative Funding	\$1,564,965
Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) (FY 2006)	
Average Monthly Participation	1,249
Federal Funding for CSFP	\$213,630

State Economic Security Policies

Minimum Wage (2006)	
State Minimum Wage	\$5.15 (Federal)
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) (2006)	
State EITC (Yes/No)	No
Refundable (Yes/No)	No
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) (FY 2005)	
Average Monthly Number of Participants (2005)	64,451
Adults	12,976
Children	51,475
Maximum Monthly Benefit per 3-Person Family (FY 2004)	\$272
Federal and State Funding for Cash Assistance	\$108,391,953