

Cleveland County, NC *Facts* at a glance



- Cleveland County has a population of 98,200.
- There are 16,925 individuals living at or below the poverty level. This represents 17.2% of the population.
- There are 2,586 individuals 65 years and older living at or below the poverty level. This represents 14% of the older adult population.
- There are 5,951 children living at or below the poverty level. This represents 27.1% of the child population.

Cleveland 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 2.8 million pounds to agencies in Cleveland County.

Cleveland County Partners

The Food Bank serves 62 programs in Cleveland County including Upper Cleveland Area Needs, Shelby Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain Crisis Ministry, Washington Outreach Ministry, Walls Memorial, Central United Methodist Church and Union Baptist Church.

Child Hunger Programs

Second Harvest Food Bank sponsors Backpack Programs throughout the county.