

Who's hungry in NC?

IN DISTRICT 2:

1 in 8 of residents,
or **102,810** people, do not
have enough to eat

Nearly 18%,
or **38,250** children, are
considered food insecure

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than **630** grocers and
retailers that participate
in SNAP



Every night, people in nearly **590,000** North Carolina households don't have enough to eat. North Carolina has the **10th highest** rate of food insecurity in the nation. The Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps, is responsible for lifting more than **160,000** people out of poverty each year. Additionally, more than **9,700** grocers and retailers participate in the program, pumping **\$2.14 billion** in the NC economy last year.

Since peaking at 17.3 percent in 2013, North Carolina's food insecurity rate has slowly declined, yet still remains well above pre-recession levels of 12.6 percent. Today, 5.6 percent, or 229,000 households, report missing meals. That's almost twice the number of all households in Durham, NC.

Here are a few things policy makers can do to help fight hunger:

- Support policies that support SNAP by ensuring all eligible North Carolinians have access to the program and rejecting burdensome benefit restrictions
- Expanding Breakfast in the Classroom
- Ensuring workers earn enough to be able to place food on the table by raising the minimum wage

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