## Child Hunger in FRANKLIN COUNTY

More than a fourth of children in Franklin County face hunger each year.

## Why it matters

Food insecure children are at increased risk of

- Depression/Anxiety
- · Behavioral Problems
- Delayed cognitive development
- Obesity
- · Performance in reading and math



This means there are 2,010 hungry kids in Franklin County

## **Current solutions**

- 32% of children are eligible for free/reduced price lunches in the 2018-19 school year.
- Only 1 of 13 schools in Franklin County have backpack programs to provide weekend meals.
- 6 summer meal sites served 18,342 meals to 2,187 kids in 2018.



Source: Feeding America Map the Meal Gap Updated 12/26/18