Child Hunger in LAUDERDALE COUNTY

Nearly a fifth of children in Lauderdale 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 4,570 hungry kids in Lauderdale County

## **Current solutions**

- 46% of children are eligible for free/reduced price lunches in the 2018-19 school year.
- 17 out of 22 schools in Lauderdale County have backpack programs to provide weekend meals.
- 9 summer meal sites served 9,663 meals to 1,106 kids in 2018.



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