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RISING CASELOADS: Severe Recession Fuels Dramatic Growth in the Food Stamp Program

Timely, accessible, and credible analysis of state and local budget and tax issues The severity of the current recession has fueled a dramatic expansion in North Carolina's Food Stamp Program. In April 2009, 1.2 million Tar Heels lived in families receiving food assistance. If those individuals gathered in one place, they would comprise a metro area more populous than Raleigh-Cary. Moreover, the number of individuals living in assisted families has increased by 231,000 since December 2007. Put differently, over the last 16 months the state's food assistance program has added slightly more people than currently reside in the City of Winston-Salem.

A Surging Food Stamp Caseload: 1.2 Million Persons and Rising

The Food Stamp Program – called Food and Nutrition Services in North Carolina – is a federal entitlement that helps low-income families purchase basic groceries. To qualify, a household must have a monthly income at or below 130 percent of the poverty level (approx. \$2,445 for a four-person family in 2008) and meet other criteria. Benefits are paid for with federal dollars, are set on a sliding scale and are modest in size; in April, half of enrolled households received less than \$200.

Since the start of the recession, the number of persons living in assisted families has grown by 231,000, rising from 985,000 to 1.2 million. Some 57 percent of the change has occurred since September 2008, which is when unemployment began to rise. And just two months – February and April 2009 – account a quarter of the change.

The Local Impact: Caseloads Rising in All 100 Counties

Since the recession's start, the number of persons living in families receiving food stamps has risen in every county **(over)**. Urban places have recorded the greatest numerical changes. Mecklenburg County, for instance, has gained 116,374 individuals. In relative terms, changes have been greatest in rural areas. Dare, Clay and Macon counties all have posted increases of more than 50 percent. Overall, caseloads in 21 counties – 20 of them rural – have grown by at least a third.

Food assistance has become vital to the well-being of households across the state. In April, 13 percent of all North Carolinians lived in families receiving food stamps. At the county level, the share of such individuals ranged from 30 percent in Burke County to 6 percent in Watauga County. Moreover, there now are 88 counties in which at least 10 percent of the population resides in families receiving food stamps.

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<u>Notes:</u> "# Individuals in FS Families" is the number of persons in families receiving food stamp benefits. Because not every individual in a family may be eligibile for assistance, the actual number of people in the food stamp household may be smaller. "Individuals in Families as a % of Total Pop." is the number of individuals in food stamp families in a county divided by the county's estimated population in July 2008. "% Change" measures the change in the number of individuals in FS families from Dec. 2007 to Apr. 2009. <u>Sources:</u> UNC-CH Jordan Institute for Families; Office of State Budget and Management