The Basic Needs Security Challenge in Higher Education

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BASIC NEEDS INSECURITY RATES
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FOOD INSECURITY
(LAST 30 DAYS)

- White: 36%
- Southeast Asian: 38%
- Hispanic: 47%
- African American: 54%
- Indigenous: 60%
HOUSING INSECURITY
LAST 12 MONTHS

FT 43%
PT 54%
Undergrad 45%
Grad 49%
<1 Year 39%
1-2 Years 47%
3+ Years 52%
HOMELESSNESS
LAST 12 MONTHS

- Heterosexual: 16%
- Gay or Lesbian: 23%
- Bisexual: 24%
- Transgender: 28%
BASIC NEEDS INSECURITY AND MENTAL HEALTH
STUDENTS EXPERIENCED ANXIETY

**Two-Year**

- None to minimal: 24%
- Mild: 27%
- Moderate: 20%
- Severe: 29%

**Four-Year**

- None to minimal: 22%
- Mild: 26%
- Moderate: 21%
- Severe: 31%
BASIC NEEDS INSECURITY AND THE PANDEMIC
**BASIC NEEDS INSECURITY**

**PANDEMIC**

19 PERCENTAGE POINT DISPARITY

- White or Caucasian: 52%
- African American or Black: 71%

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HOUSING INSECURITY

FALL 2018-2019 VS. A SINGLE DAY DURING THE PANDEMIC

- White or Caucasian: 36%
- African American or Black: 41%

ON A SINGLE DAY DURING PANDEMIC

PANDEMIC

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HOMELESSNESS

FALL 2018-2019 VS. A SINGLE DAY DURING THE PANDEMIC

11%  
White or Caucasian

17%  
ON A SINGLE DAY DURING PANDEMIC

15%  
African American or Black

PANDEMIC

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TECHNOLOGY ACCESS DURING THE PANDEMIC
I do not have a functional laptop
- Two-Year: 11%
- Four-Year: 7%

I do not have sufficient internet access
- Two-Year: 13%
- Four-Year: 14%

I do not have time for school
- Two-Year: 14%
- Four-Year: 16%

I cannot concentrate on school
- Two-Year: 50%
- Four-Year: 63%

I have to take care of my family members while going to school
- Two-Year: 41%
- Four-Year: 36%
FOOD INSECURITY
(18-ITEM USDA, LAST 30 DAYS)

1. I worried whether my food would run out before I got money to buy more.
2. The food that I bought just didn't last and I didn’t have money to get more.
3. I couldn’t afford to eat balanced meals.

*Only if yes to 1, 2, or 3, proceed*

4. I cut size of meals or skipped meals

5. Three or more times

6. I ate less than I should.
7. I was hungry but didn’t eat because there wasn’t enough money for food.
8. I lost weight.

*Only if yes to 4, 6, or 7 proceed*

9. I didn’t eat for a whole day.

10. Three or more times

*THE STUDENT HAS A CHILD, SCORING DIFFERS SOMEWHAT*
HOUSING INSECURITY & HOMELESSNESS (LAST 12 MONTHS)

- Rent increase made it difficult or impossible to pay
- Didn’t pay full gas, oil, electric bill
- Moved in with others, financial problems
- Overcrowding
- Left home b/c felt unsafe
- Moved at least 3 times
- Account defaulted/went into collections
- Received summons to housing court

Have you been homeless?

Have you slept in:

- Temporary residence/couch
- Temporary hotel/motel
- Shelter
- Camper
- Transitional housing
- Group home
- Treatment center
- Indoor location not meant for habitation
- Outdoor location (street, sidewalk, alleyway, bus stop)