

FOOD [IN]SECURITY

AT GREENFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

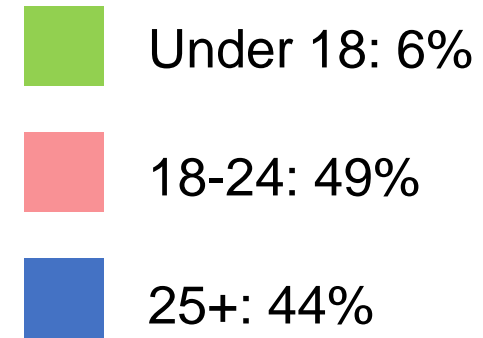
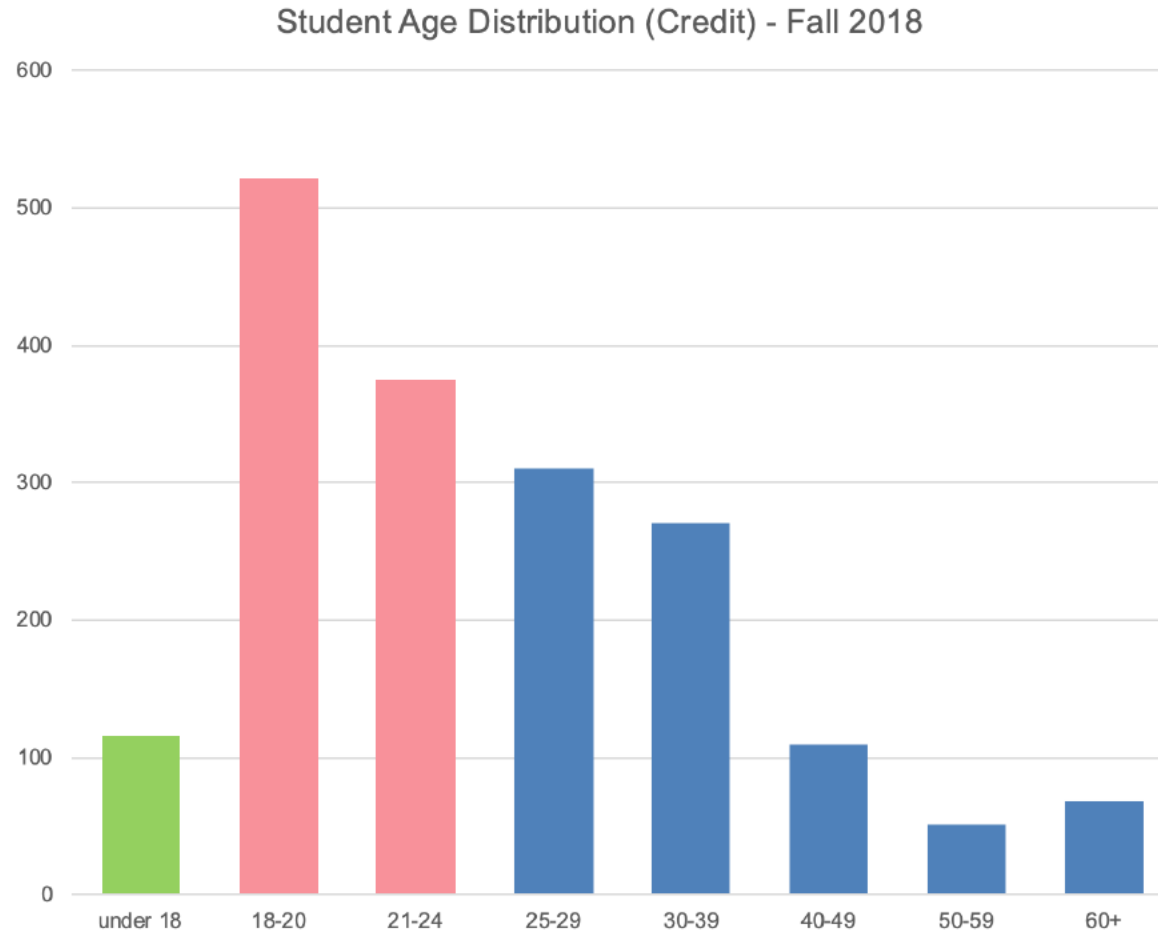


Vision: Strengthening Our Community

Mission: Teaching and Learning Together



Student Demographics

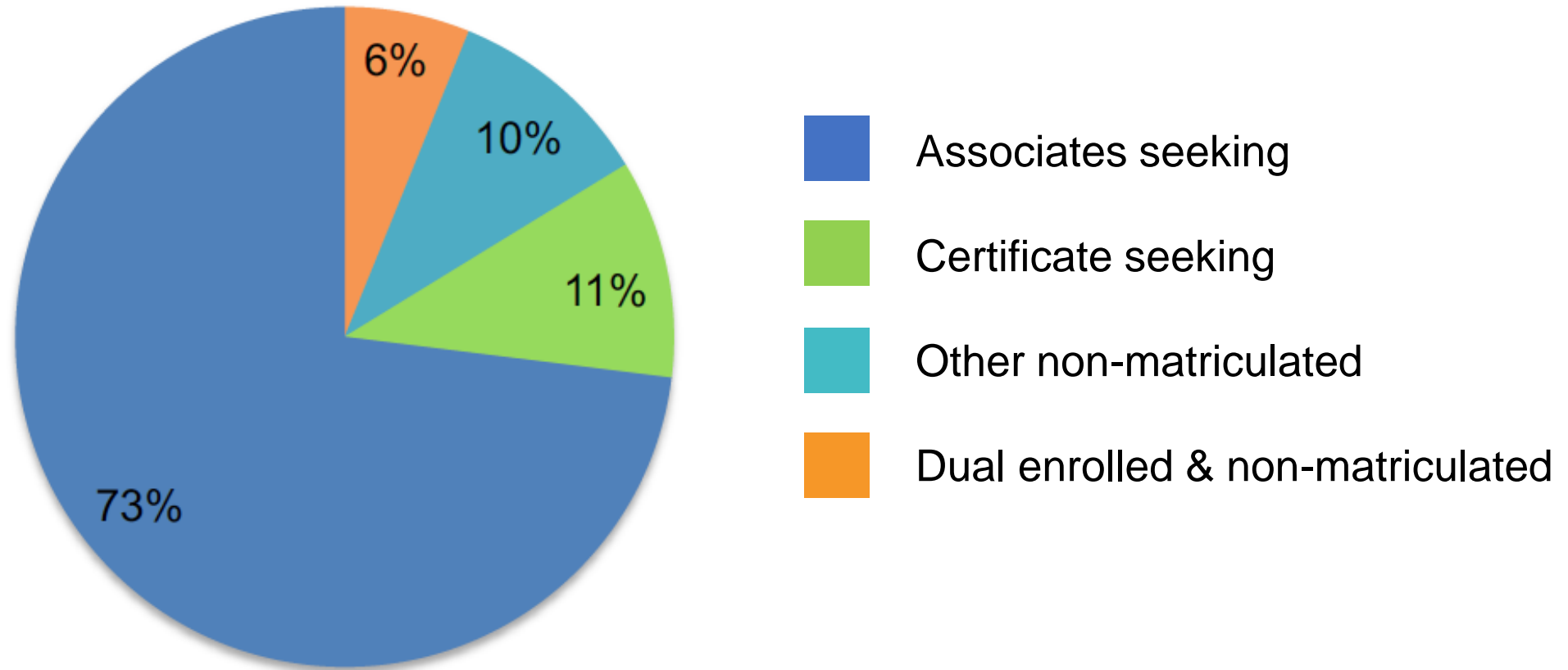


Gender
Female: 60%
Male: 37%
Other: 3%

Data source: GCC Office of Institutional Research, Fall 2018 Enrollment Demographics.

Key: Green = High school age students, Pink = Traditional age students, Blue = Non-traditional age students

Student Demographics





Over 1 in 10 people in Franklin County are food insecure.



Franklin County has consistently had the lowest average wages of all fourteen counties in Massachusetts since 2000.



18% of children in Franklin County are food insecure.



Over 14% of people in Franklin County use SNAP – 2% higher than the state



Only institution of Higher Education located in Franklin County.

Low Wages

+ Rural Challenges

+ High Cost of Food

Food Insecurity

in the GCC region

Hope Lab Survey



Hope Lab Survey

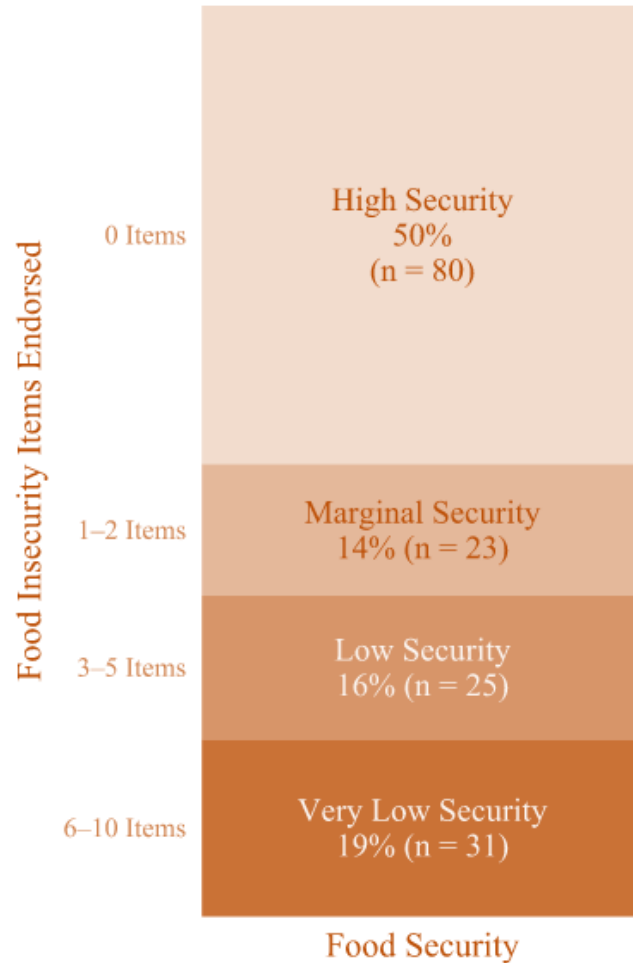
Measured:

1. House Insecurity
2. Food Insecurity

Given To:

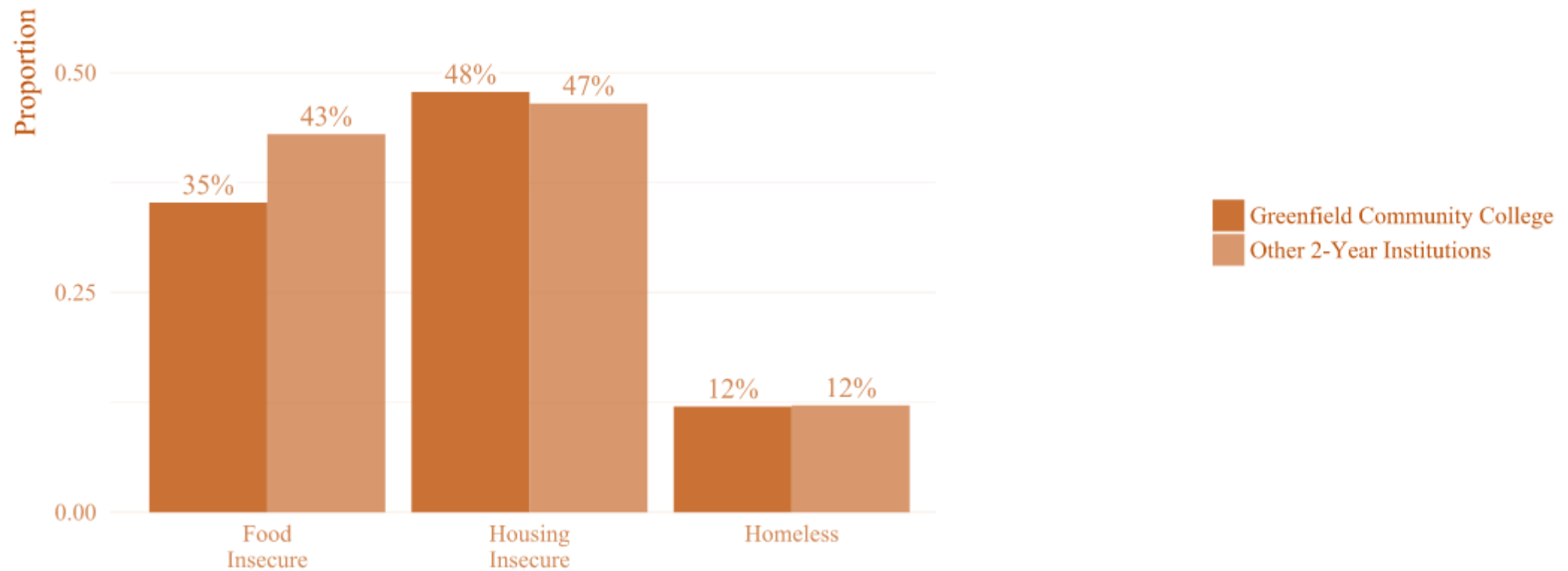
- 1,200 students
- Received 153 surveys
(13% response rate)

Food Insecurity Among GCC Students

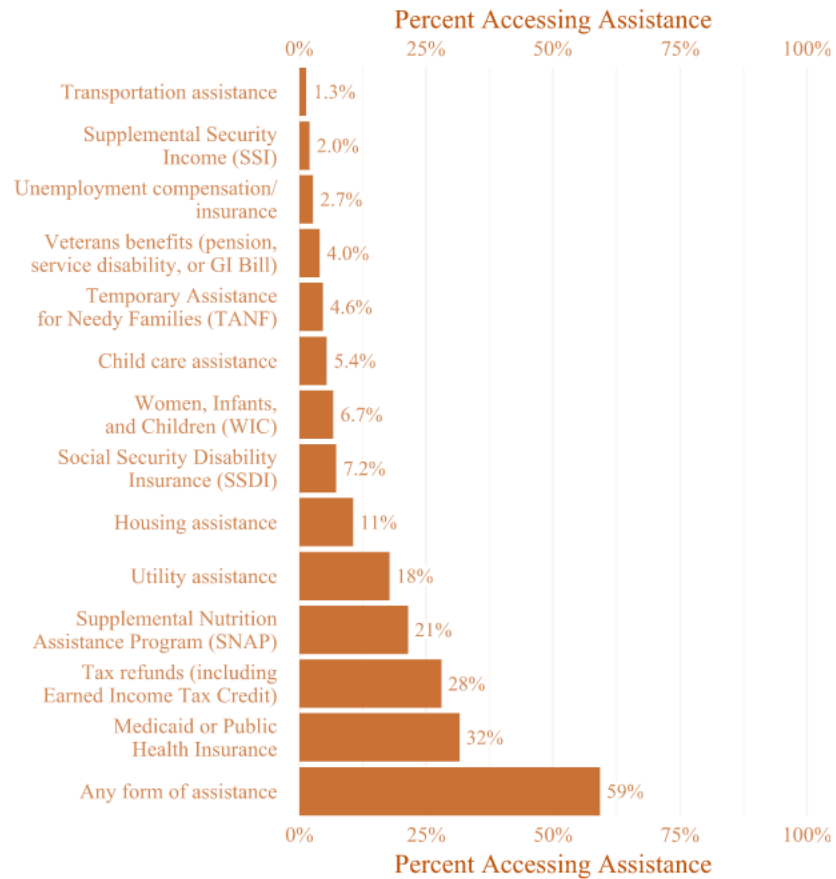


More than **1 in 3**
GCC students reported
low or very low food
security

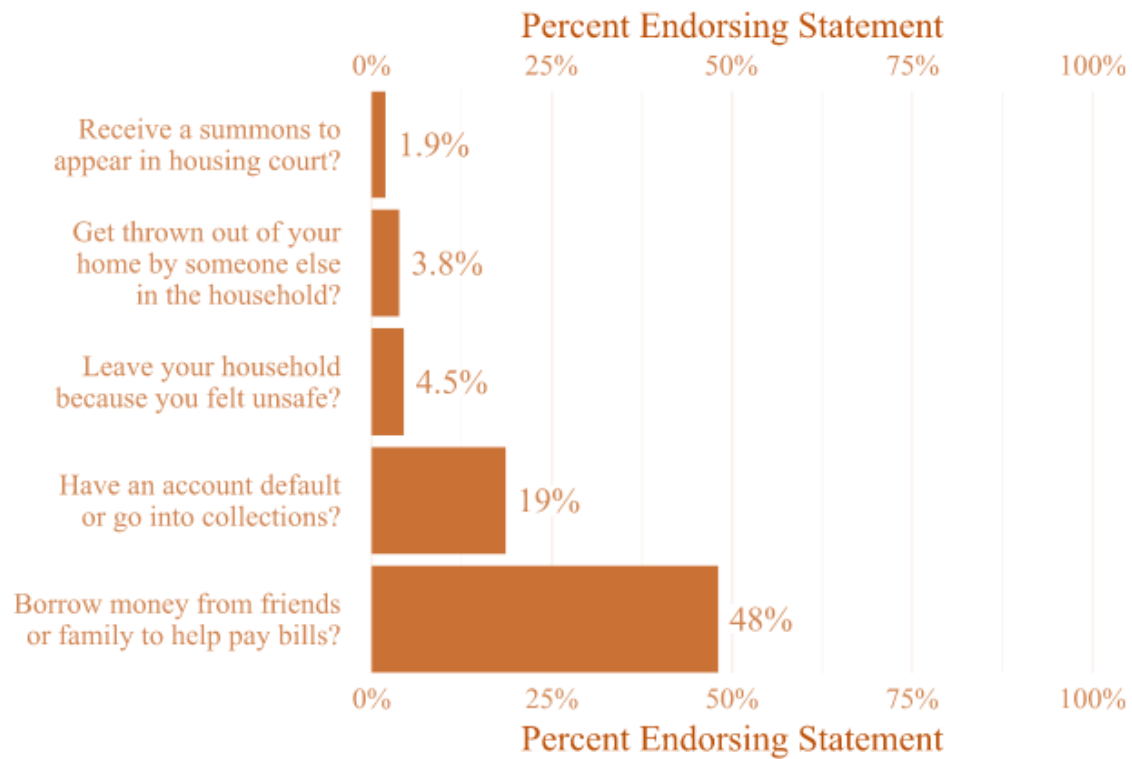
Food Insecurity Among GCC Students



Students Accessing Public Assistance



Other Concerns



Compounding Factors

Nearly **1 in 2**
GCC students
reported being
housing insecure.

Over **1 in 10**
GCC students
reported being
some degree of
homelessness.

Compounding Factors

Over half of GCC
students reported
basic needs
insecurity in the
last year

58 %

Food Pantry Survey

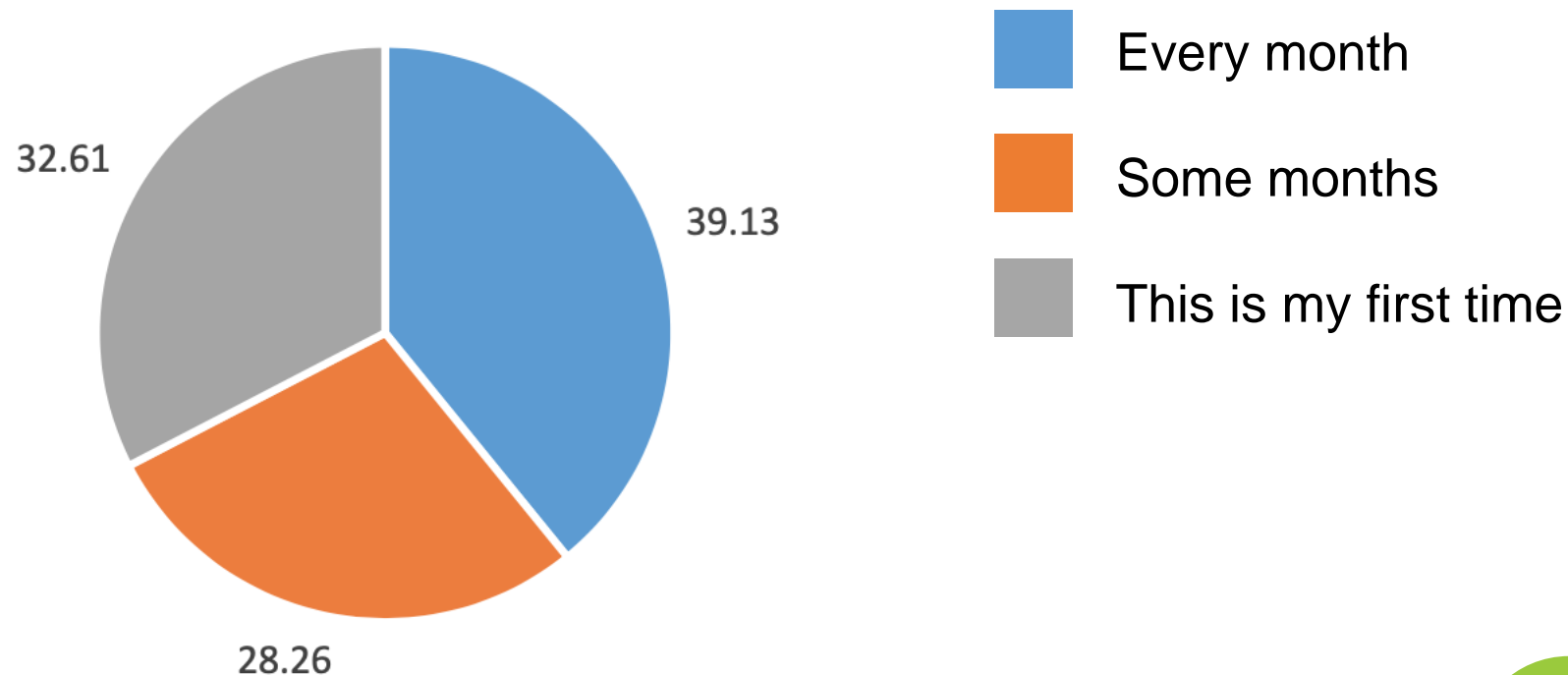


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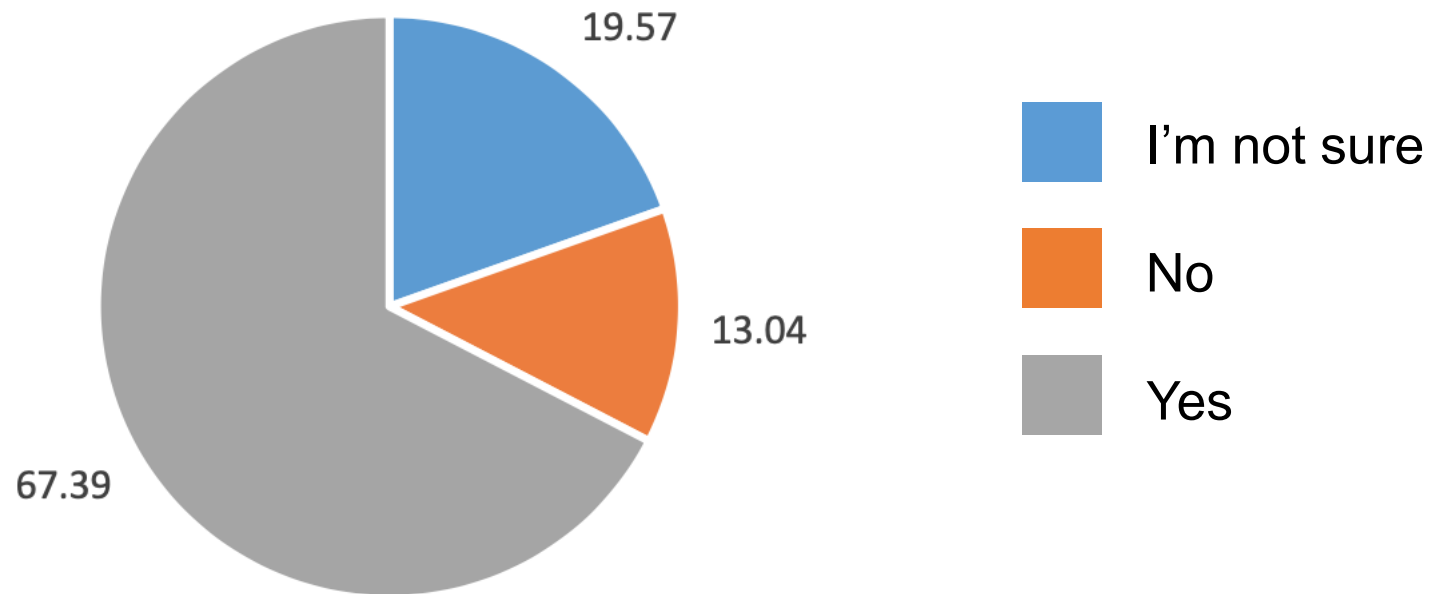
Food Pantry Survey Results

How often do you use the GCC food pantry?



Food Pantry Survey Results

Did the campus food pantry provide you with meals that you would have otherwise had to skip?



Food Insecurity Among GCC Students

	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Spring 2017
Total # of Adults and Kids	16	69	60	77	65	287
Total # of Adults	12	48	42	55	41	198
Total # of Kids	4	21	18	22	24	89
Number of New Adults and Kids	6	6	9	16	5	42
Number of New Adults	6	6	6	11	2	31
Number of New Kids	0	0	3	5	3	11
Total # of Visits	9	31	27	33	27	127
Pounds of Food Distributed	162.1	661.7	534.8	716	632	2706.6

**This # is calculated differently from “Different # of People Served” below. It reflects the total # of adults each month, so it includes duplicates.



Food Insecurity Among GCC Students

	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Spring 2018
Total # of Adults and Kids	35	87	95	95	95	407
Total # of Adults						
Total # of Kids						
Number of New Adults and Kids	2	40	22	20	2	86
Number of New Adults						
Number of New Kids						
Total # of Visits	13	47	40	67	39	206
Pounds of Food Distributed	217	896	942	1087.5	871	4013.5

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What We Are Doing To Help Students

Food Pantry

To-Go Bags

Free sandwiches in the Veterans Resource Center

Café Food Vouchers in Admissions

Referrals to Women's Resource Center

SNAP on campus

Programs that address stigma

Student Emergency Fund

Service on local committees/task forces

Partner with organizations (Franklin Co Meals Plan)

Changing the Story Workshop



Western Mass Coalition to End Hunger

VISIT
coalitiontoendhunger.org >

The Coalition to End Hunger was launched in 2017 as a result of recommendations developed in 2016 by the Task Force to End Hunger in western Massachusetts. This collaborative network of leaders and organizations are focusing on three primary areas of work.



Western Mass Coalition to End Hunger

- Policy Team
 - Identifies and supports changes that will help to resolve the underlying causes of hunger.
- Service Integration Team
 - Develops a network that will help connect those who are food insecure.
- Communication and Education Team
 - Addresses the lack of understanding and education about food insecurity, and the stigma involving food insecurity through a targeted media campaign.

University of New Haven Career Closet / Campus Pantry

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A wide-angle photograph of a large, multi-story red brick building with white architectural details, including columns and a central entrance. The building is surrounded by green lawns, trees, and a paved walkway. The sky is clear and blue.

Mission

The University of New Haven is a student-centered comprehensive university with an emphasis on excellence in liberal arts and professional education. Our mission is to prepare our students to lead purposeful and fulfilling lives in a global society by providing the highest quality education through experiential, collaborative and discovery-based learning.

Quick Facts

5,000

UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS

1,800

GRADUATE
STUDENTS

5

SCHOOLS AND
COLLEGES

100+

DEGREE
PROGRAMS

60%

INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT
SINCE 2004

89%

OF FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID

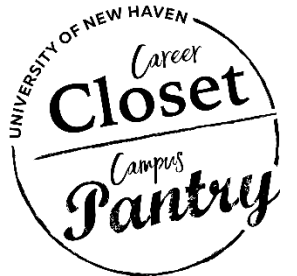
Goal



- To provide support to current students in need of professional clothing, non-perishable food, and health & wellness products



“Life is expensive; We’re here to help”

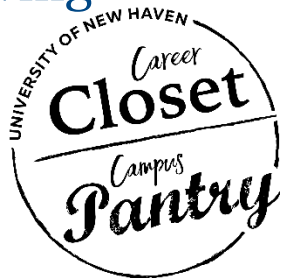


Background Data

- Financial Wellness Survey
 - 2018, 49% respondents showed signs of low or very low food security (skipping meals or eating less nutritious meals)
 - 2019, 51% respondents showed signs of low or very low food security
- Annual Bergami Summer Internship Program Application Statement of Financial Need
 - 173 applications over 6 years of the program
 - 54% applicants showed need for financial support for food costs
 - 49% applicants showed need for financial support for professional clothing
- 2019 BSSE Survey
 - 39 incoming transfer/delayed entry students reported likely stress from not having enough money for basic needs



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Fall 2019 Food Insecurity Needs Assessment

- 12% response rate – 783 students (101 international, 676 domestic)
- 33% indicated there had been a time when they did not have enough to eat for themselves or their household – 260 students
- 28% responded that in the last 30 days they had been hungry due to not being able to afford food – 214 students
 - 77% of those indicating hunger in the last 30 days experienced hunger 1-2 days a week – 159 students
 - 13% more than 3 days a week – 26 students



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Pop Up Growth

September 2018	October 2018	November 2018	February 2019	April 2019	September 2019	October 2019
1-5 students *First pantry pop up	29 students *First combined closet/pantry pop up	29 Students	28 students	16 students	56 students	38 students

- March 2018 – Baskets of food products in staff member’s office.
- March 2018 – First purchased clothing items stored on garment rack in staff member’s home.
- September 2018 – Uniform lockers established as safe storage space on campus for clothing/food.
- November 2018 – Additional space needs assessment submitted to Facilities Department.
- Spring/Summer 2019 – Space needs approved and construction started on permanent location.
- Fall 2019 – Items moved into new space. Approved for Federal Work Study student worker.
- November 20, 2019 – Grand opening of permanent new location.



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Grand Opening of Career Closet/Campus Pantry

November 20, 2019, 12 – 2 p.m.

53 students (27 students in first 15 minutes)

- 31 undergraduate, 22 graduate
- 34 commuter, 19 resident
- 26 international, 27 domestic

Stop and Shop donated 100 reusable bags, 500 paper bag & 30 \$10 gift certificates

Staff created 15 holiday meal bags for students staying on campus or in the local area for the Thanksgiving holiday



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Sources of Support

- Sodexo
 - Meal Vouchers
 - Frozen meals for Campus Pantry freezer
- Retail Partners
 - Stop & Shop
 - Target
 - Walgreens
 - Ann Taylor LOFT
- Student's First Fund –Faculty/Staff/Alumni donations
- Clothing, food, health & wellness product donations from campus community members



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Next Steps

- Investigating meal swipes through “Swipe Out Hunger” program
- Partner with School of Health Sciences Faculty

Key Partners

- Dean of Students Office
- Beckerman Recreation Center
- Career Development Center
- Dining Services
- Facilities
- Financial Aid
- Health Services
- Marketing and Communications



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Career Closet / Campus Pantry





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FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT AUGUSTA

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December 11-13, 2019
Boston, MA

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UNIVERSITY OVERVIEW

MISSION: *UMA transforms the lives of students of every age and background across the State of Maine and beyond through **access** to high-quality distance and on-site education, excellence in student support, civic engagement, and professional and liberal arts programs.*

- Third largest state school in Maine with 4,361 students (Fall 2019)
- Our locations are dispersed across the state...
 - Two campuses (Augusta and Bangor)
 - Eight UMA Centers
 - 56 receiving sites
 - 46% of credit hours are online
 - Students in all 16 counties in Maine and over 400 municipalities

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- Student body
 - 67% part-time; 33% full-time (12 credits or more)
 - 68% female; 32% male
 - 56% Non-traditional (25+); 31% traditional; 13% early college
 - Average age of 30

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- Our student body
 - 72% Pell Grant eligible
 - 48% First-generation college students*
 - UMA students spend an average of 14.5 hours per week providing care for dependents*

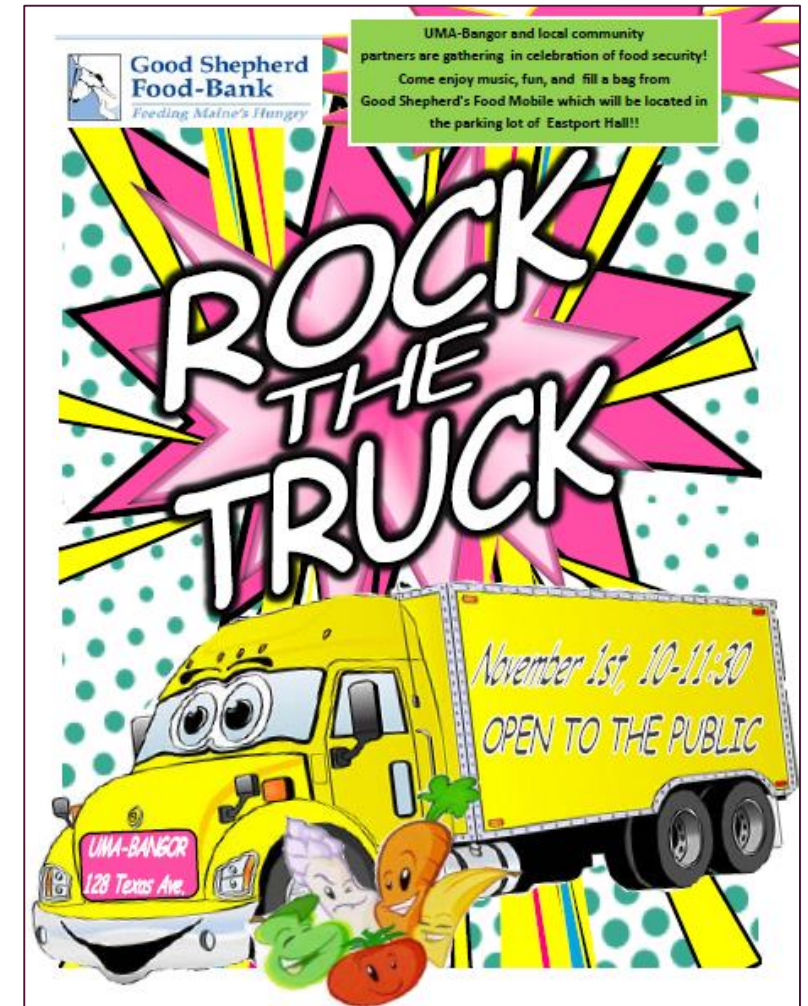
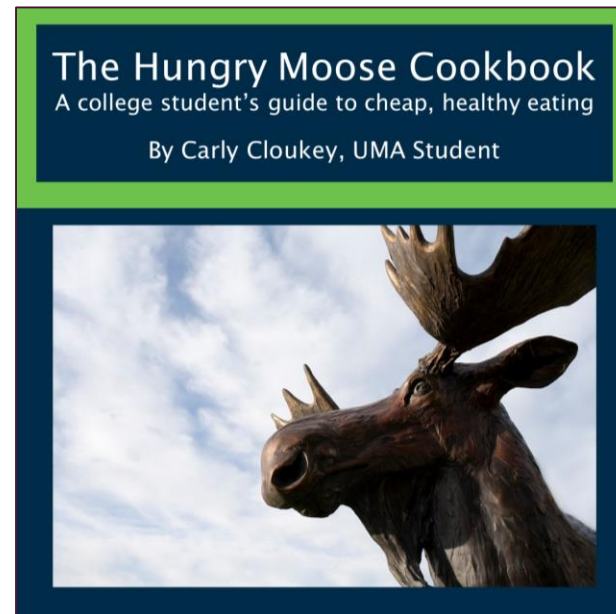
“A STUDY OF FOOD INSECURITY AMONG STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT AUGUSTA – BANGOR CAMPUS”

--COLLEEN COFFEE, FALL 2015

Question	Yes – <i>n</i> (%)	No – <i>n</i> (%)
Have you ever attended class hungry because you did not have money to buy food?	56 (45.5%)	67 (54.5%)
During your time as a student, have you ever had to cut the size of a meal or skip a meal because you did not have money for food?	61 (49.2%)	63 (50.8%)
Have you ever missed class because you or someone in your household did not have food that day?	11 (8.9%)	109 (88.6%)
If UMA-Bangor had an on-campus food pantry for students, would you or someone you know use it?	81 (64.8%)	17 (13.6%)

FOOD SECURITY COALITION

- Founded in Fall 2015
- Cross-campus
- Faculty, staff, students, administrators
- Maine Hunger Dialogues
- The Hungry Moose Cookbook
- Rock the Truck
- Pack-Outs (Maine Campus Compact, Food AND Medicine)
- Food for Thought Food Pantry



SOLIDARITY HARVEST WITH FOOD AND MEDICINE (NOV 2019)

- The Garden Club, SGA, Student Life and TRiO organized volunteers for the Solidarity Harvest
- AND organized for UMA Bangor to be a distribution site
- 46 baskets, feeding 8-10 people each, were distributed to students



UMA COMMUNITY GARDENS BANGOR AND AUGUSTA CAMPUSES

- Revived in 2016 by Drs. James Cook (Sociology) and Kati Corlew (Psychology)
 - Augusta by SSC 334/Garden Club
 - Bangor by VISTA Volunteer Jason Foley – Veterans Programming; adopted by SSC 334/Garden Club in 2017
- SSC 334 “Cultivating Community: The Garden Seminar”
 - Alternating campuses each spring
 - Initially co-taught and co-coordinated
- Campus Events
 - Eat & Greets, Open Houses, Workshops, Wellness Activities, Bonfires, and more....
- Community Partnerships
 - Augusta Food Bank, FedCap, Capitol Area New Mainers Project, local high schools, and many more...
 - Peace & Justice Center, Food Access Committee (FAM), BAHS, BARN, HEAL, local preschools, and many more...



Thank you!!

Any Questions??

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