

#REALCOLLEGE Research

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KEY RESEARCH QUESTIONS



INVITE STUDENTS INTO THE RESEARCH

HOW CAN WE FOCUS ON STUDENT SUCCESS?

REFRAME RESEARCH SO INSTITUTIONS CAN SHARE SUCCESS STORIES

FOCUS ON PRACTICES NOT BOOTSTRAPS

SUSTAINABILITY & DEVELOPING COMMUNITY PARTNERS

LOOK FOR LONG TERM SOLUTIONS

PAIRING STORIES & DATA

STIPENDED STRUGGLE IN SUMMER & FALL
Fall housing contracts
GRADUATE STUDENT

FOOD BANKS

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

LOCAL RESTAURANT
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

WORK AGAINST MISTRUST
STATE LEGISLATORS

Introduction to the #RealCollege survey

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WHAT IS #REALCOLLEGE?

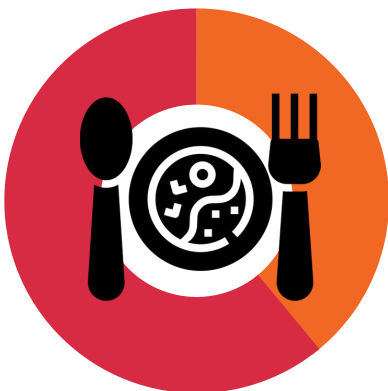
The #RealCollege survey is the nation's largest, longest-running annual assessment of basic needs insecurity among college students. In the absence of any federal data on the subject, the Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice created the survey in 2015 to evaluate access to affordable food and housing among college students.

WHO ARE WE?

The Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice is redefining what it means to be a student-ready college, with a national movement centering #RealCollege students' basic needs. Food, affordable housing, transportation, childcare, and mental health are central conditions for learning. Without those needs met, far too many students leave college in debt and without degrees. We are conducting action research and fighting for the resources and supports to help #RealCollege students succeed.

Students are humans first.

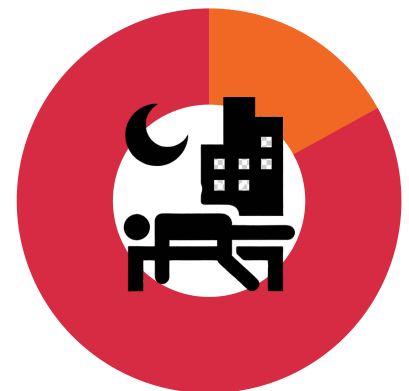
In 2019, nearly 167,000 students from 171 two-year institutions and 56 four-year institutions responded to the #RealCollege survey. The results indicate:



39%
of respondents were
food insecure in the
prior 30 days



46%
of respondents were
housing insecure in
the previous year



17%
of respondents were
homeless in the
previous year

#RealCollege survey:

368,600+

Student Responses

421

colleges and universities

The #RealCollege survey has been cited in 500+ news articles over the past five years, helping bring attention to a crucial issue for students and the colleges trying to support them.

500+

Media mentions

Including key outlets such as:

CBS NEWS

The New York Times

The Atlantic

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Forbes

HUFFPOST

Sports Illustrated

The Washington Post

npr

THE HECHINGER REPORT

INSIDE HIGHER ED

THE CHRONICLE of Higher Education

PBS

CNBC

TIME

THE #REALCOLLEGE SURVEY IS USEFUL



Peter J. Taylor
@taylorpeterj

Don't scroll past these statistics without reading them. This is important. This is [#RealCollege](#)—and exactly why we launched our [#BasicNeedsInitiative](#) at [@ECMCFoundation](#) in late 2019. Learn more: bit.ly/31T9Lpd



Angela M. Sanchez
@_AngelaMSanchez

Latest [#RealCollege](#) national survey is out!! [@hope4college](#)'s dogged scholarship is one of the reasons [#highereducation](#) is waking up to and moving on addressing college students' [#basicneeds](#).



Bryce McKibben
@bmckib

Washington State's community colleges now have data of their own confirming that basic needs security is an urgent problem! Thank you [@SBCTCWashington](#) [@hope4college](#) for shining a light! [#RealCollege](#) [#waleg](#) [#waedu](#)



Stephanie Hurder
@shurder

Congratulations to [@saragoldrickrab](#) and [@hope4college](#) for this year's [#RealCollege](#) survey.

Economic models of human capital accumulation have a lot of catching up to do.

THE #REALCOLLEGE SURVEY IS ACTIONABLE



Dr. Lisa Skari, President @... · 2h ✓

It is encouraging to see more Oregon community colleges participating in the [#RealCollege](#) survey. Together, we will promote student success by understanding food and housing insecurity through data like these and taking informed and meaningful action in response [@hope4college](#)



Jane Tuttle
@JaneATuttle ✓

The research by [@saragoldrickrab](#) on [#RealCollege](#) food insecurity is one reason [@KUStuAffairs](#) [#OneDayOneKU](#) fund is for Jayhawk Support Fund. The need is real. [hope4college.com/realcollege-20...](#) Help us help students.



Dan Guberman
@dan_guberman ✓

Incredibly excited that last week the purdue faculty senate overwhelmingly voted to include a basic needs statement in our syllabus template. It's a start to many broader discussions about this. Thanks [@saragoldrickrab](#) for writings and inspiration.



The Infamous Dr. Daddy
@Infamous_PhD ✓

[@saragoldrickrab](#), [@bmcc_cuny](#) and [@AmarilloCollege](#) were just named top 10 finalists for the [@AspenHigherEd](#) excellence award! When we truly understand our students, meet their needs, and redesign to serve and support, great things happen. Thank you [@hope4college](#) for all you do.



Ryan Erickson-Kulas
@RyanHEK ✓

Excited to have an entire round of the Spark Grant program dedicated to [#highered](#) affordability and student basic needs in September! [#RealCollege](#)

The #RealCollege survey has been cited in many pieces of state legislation and of federal legislation over the past five years, inspiring efforts to improve support for student's basic needs around the country.

Senator Warren and Representative Lawson Introduce the College Student Hunger Act of 2019 to Address Hunger on College Campuses

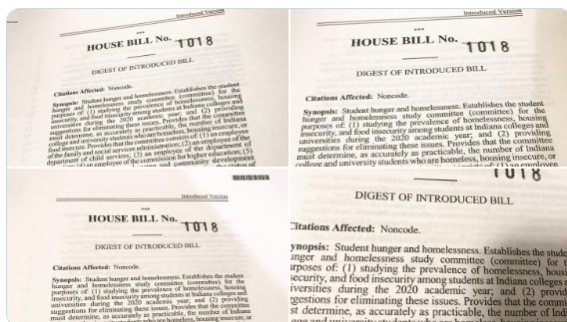
More than 30% of college students might face food insecurity, and almost 2 million at-risk students did not receive SNAP benefits in 2016, even though they were eligible; Legislation would ensure support to food-insecure students and remove barriers to low-income college students accessing SNAP benefits by expanding the eligibility criteria



Earl L. Harris, Jr.
@Earl_Harris_Jr

I have started filing bills for the upcoming 2020 Session. Working to help college students dealing with Food and Homelessness continues to be a top initiative of mine. HB 1018 will provide help in #Indiana.

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Rep. Norma Torres announces legislation protecting students' access to basic needs

By Education - November 8, 2019



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- A confidential report on your data
- A tool for educating faculty and staff
- Data to drive advocacy and fundraising
- Information to assess practice
- A deeper understanding of what your students really need

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