Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) were established primarily in the post-Civil War era to meet the educational needs of Black Americans. They provide pathways to upward social mobility and have a long-standing commitment to promoting both academic success and students’ health and well-being. But persistent funding inequities at both the state and federal level actively undermine those commitments and leave the sector particularly vulnerable during the coronavirus pandemic.

How are students at HBCUs faring, and in particular to what extent are their basic needs supported so that they can focus on learning and attain degrees? This report uses data from the #RealCollege Survey to examine the overlapping pandemic and basic needs challenges affecting students attending HBCUs during fall 2020.

2/3 of HBCU students experienced basic needs insecurity
46% experienced food insecurity in the prior 30 days
55% were housing insecure in the prior 12 months
20% experienced homelessness in the prior 12 months

Many students lost their jobs during the pandemic

8% of students got sick
52% of students had a family member or friend get sick
24% of students had a family member or friend die

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