



Reassessing Basic Needs Security Among Washington College Students

Washington Student Experience Survey: Second Administration Findings Report

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Note: This report builds on the work of the previous report [Basic Needs Among Washington College Students](#) (2023). It presents new findings from the 2024 administration of the updated Washington Student Experience Survey and provides comparisons with findings from the previous administration in 2022 – offering new insights into needs and trends in basic needs security among college students in Washington.



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2024 Washington Student Experience Survey: Executive Summary

In Fall 2024, students at **46 colleges and universities** across Washington State participated in a survey administered by Western Washington University in partnership with the Washington Student Achievement Council. This was a requirement of the Washington State Basic Needs Act (2SHB 1559) and marked the second administration of a survey first fielded in Fall 2022. In total, **11,320 students** responded to the 2024 survey, a 16% increase in responses from 2022. Data presented below are for 2024 survey respondents.

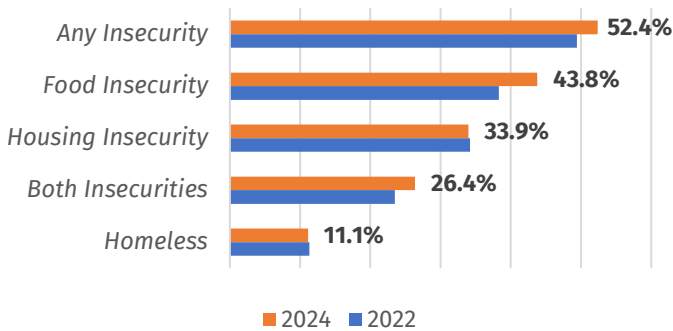
OVER HALF OF STUDENTS EXPERIENCE BASIC NEEDS INSECURITY

This represents a 6% increase in the rate reported in 2022, with rates of food insecurity, housing insecurity and/or homelessness persisting at both 2-year and 4-year colleges across the state.

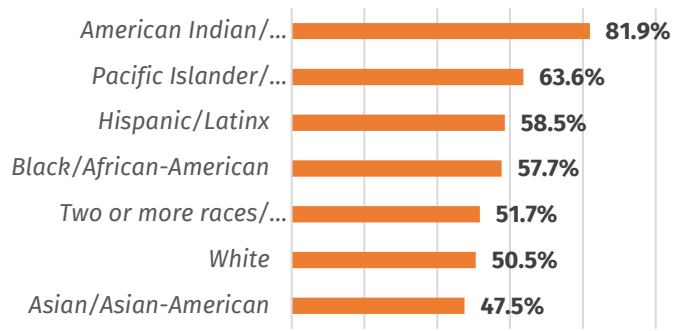
Overall rates of housing insecurity and homelessness remain high, while **the rate of students experiencing food insecurity has increased by 14%** since 2022.

Among race/ethnicity groups, **American Indian/Alaska Native and Pacific Islander/ Native Hawaiian students** experience the highest rates of basic needs insecurity.

Insecurity Rates Overall



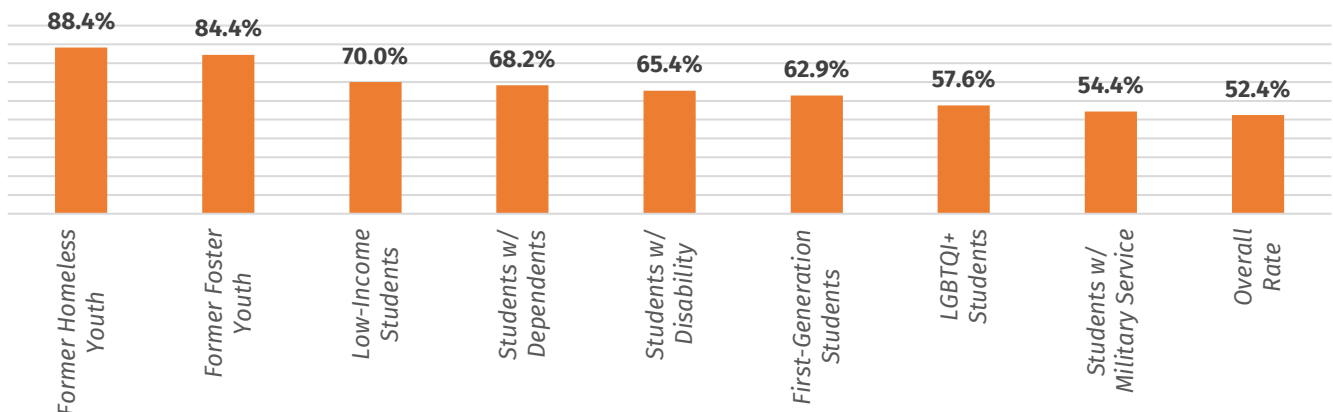
Insecurity Rates by Race/Ethnicity



Students who were homeless or in foster care in high school experience the highest rates of basic needs insecurity among all subpopulations of students.

Other subpopulations also experience rates of basic needs insecurity significantly higher than the overall rate, including **low-income students, students with children, students with disabilities, first-generation students, LGBTQI+ students, and students with military service.**

Insecurity Rates by Subpopulation



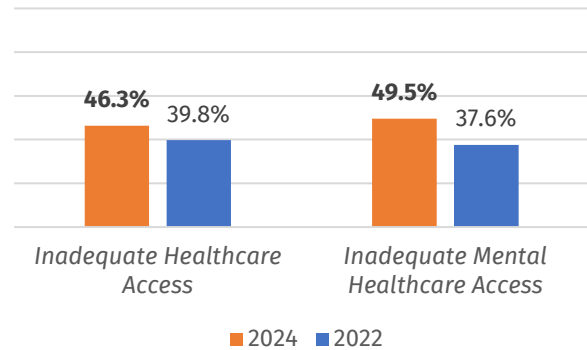
Nearly half of students are unable to reliably access needed healthcare services.

Since 2022, the rate of students reporting inadequate access to needed healthcare services has increased by 16%, while the rate of students with **inadequate access to needed mental healthcare services has increased by 32%.**

Top reasons for being unable to access needed mental healthcare resources:

- Availability of appointments/providers (39%)
- High cost despite health insurance (33%)
- Unsure how to access services (33%)

Healthcare Access Rates Overall



For students with children, access to affordable childcare is a significant barrier.

Of the 18% of students who reported parenting one or more children, **76% of student parents are unable to afford childcare without worrying about basic needs/levels of debt.**

Half of students experiencing basic needs insecurity are not accessing available resources.

Of students experiencing basic needs insecurity, **53% are accessing public basic needs resources and 41% are accessing campus basic needs resources.**

Top reasons for being unable to access public resources:

- Ineligibility for resources (36%)
- Lack of awareness of resources (18%)
- Unsure how to access resources (18%)

“I have a job, a child, and go to school and have to pay for childcare. I’m not making enough to be able to get by like I should. Just because I have a job I don’t qualify for resources. I make too much for help but not enough to survive.”

(Student Comment)

“Pursuing higher education is challenging enough, but dealing with food insecurity and housing instability makes the journey even tougher. These basic needs become constant distractions, making it hard to focus on school. I often find myself sitting in class thinking about how I’m going to make ends meet, whether I’ll have enough money for food, or how I’ll pay rent.”

(Student Comment)

Nearly 600 students provided written comments in addition to their survey responses, and their feedback echoed these findings – the most prevalent themes among student comments were food security (37%), housing security (33%), and mental healthcare access (25%).

2024 Washington Student Experience Survey: Project Overview

Survey Overview

Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) coordinated the development and administration of the Washington Student Experience Survey (WSES) in 2022 as a response to research showing that unmet basic needs represent an increasing barrier to the success of higher education students. This survey collected census-level data on basic needs security from students at 39 colleges and universities across the state, and the findings have supported institutional, regional, and state efforts to address basic needs challenges faced by students. The Postsecondary Basic Needs Act (2SHB-1559 2023) cited the survey findings and included a requirement to administer a similar survey again in 2024. A description of the process for developing the WSES and detailed findings from the 2022 survey can be found in the previous report, [Basic Needs Security Among Washington College Students](#) (2023).

To satisfy the requirement of the Postsecondary Basic Needs Act, and to gain new insights into needs and trends among higher education students, WSAC coordinated the updating and re-administration of the WSES again in 2024. Updates to the survey included:

- A new set of questions to better understand childcare needs (see *Childcare Access*, page 12).
- A new method of administration to reduce institutional burden, reduce respondent burden, and improve the quality of respondent demographic data (see *Survey Administration* below).

The updated survey (which is included in full in Appendix A) was administered in Fall 2024 to almost 250,000 currently enrolled students at 46 colleges and universities across the state. This report presents the findings from the 2024 administration and includes comparisons to the findings from the 2022 administration, providing insights into current needs and trends in basic needs security among higher education students in Washington.¹

Survey Administration

WSAC partnered with Western Washington University (WWU) to serve as Lead Partner Institution for administration, analysis, and reporting for the 2024 WSES. In total, 46 colleges and universities across the state participated in the WSES (see Participating Institutions, page 5).

For administration of the 2024 WSES, the methodology from 2022 was updated based on the recommendations of the *Basic Needs Survey Advisory Team*² coordinated by WSAC. These updates included a change from decentralized administration (in 2022 survey invitations were distributed by each college to enrolled students) to centralized administration (in 2024 survey invitations were distributed by WWU) to reduce institutional burden; as well as a change from collecting basic demographic data directly from respondents (2022 methodology) to matching survey responses to

¹ This report provides comparisons to key findings from the 2022 survey. Additional comparisons may be made by cross-referencing the 2023 report (linked above), which presents detailed findings from the 2022 survey.

² See acknowledgements page of this report for Basic needs Survey Advisory Team members and additional contributors to the 2024 survey.

institutional demographic data (2024 methodology) to reduce respondent burden and to improve the overall quality of demographic data and analysis for the project.³

WWU administered the 2024 WSES instrument using the Qualtrics survey platform. The survey was distributed via email using personalized weblinks to students enrolled in credit-bearing courses at the 46 participating institutions (for more information see *Participant Information*, pages 5-6). The instrument was open for responses from 10/28/2024 until 11/22/2024, and during this time reminder emails were sent out weekly to students who had not yet completed the survey. Partial responses were recorded when the survey closed to ensure all student feedback was considered.

Measuring Insecurity

Food security: Food security was assessed using the items from the 6-item Household Food Security Survey Module from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).⁴ These items assess access to food, quality of food available, and frequency of experiencing hunger (Appendix A, items 1-6). Food security for each respondent is assessed based on affirmative responses to these items: 0 affirmative responses indicate “high” food security, 1 affirmative response indicates “marginal” food security, 2-4 affirmative responses indicate “low” food security, and 5-6 affirmative responses indicate “very low” food security. Those with “low” and “very low” food security are considered to be “food insecure” (as per USDA guidance for the module). This rate has been calculated for respondents who answered all food insecurity items.

Housing security: Housing security was assessed using a modified item recommended by The Hope Center, which was adapted from the national Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) Adult Well-Being Module.⁵ This item assesses access and ability to pay for safe and reliable housing (Appendix A, item 8). Respondents who provided an affirmative response to parts 1-8 of this item are considered to be “housing insecure” (as per Hope Center guidance). This rate has been calculated for respondents who answered both housing items 8 and 9.

Homelessness: Homelessness was assessed using a modified item recommended by The Hope Center, which was developed based on the definition of homelessness in the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act.⁴ This item assesses where an individual has slept due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reasons (Appendix A, item 9). Respondents who provided an affirmative response to parts 1-9 of this item are considered to be “homeless” (as per Hope Center guidance). This rate has been calculated for respondents who answered housing items 8 and 9.

Other basic needs: Other areas of basic needs were assessed using items developed by the Basic Needs Survey Advisory Team (see Appendix A for all items), including healthcare access (items 10 and 11) and childcare access (item 25), with rates calculated based on relevant responses (excluding “prefer not to answer” or “does not apply” responses).

³ The WWU Human Research Protections Program reviewed the updated methodology and issued an exempt determination, classifying the project as *not human participant research*, including WWU’s role in administering the survey, analyzing the data, reporting on the findings, and sharing datasets with participating institutions.

⁴ For more information see the [USDA 6-item Household Food Security Survey Module](#).

⁵ For more information see the [Guide to Assessing Basic Needs Insecurity in Higher Education](#).

2024 Washington Student Experience Survey: Participant Information

Participating Institutions

46 colleges and universities from across the state of Washington participated in the 2024 WSES, including every public baccalaureate institution, almost every community/technical college (with one exception), and one tribal institution. Participating institutions included:

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| Bates Technical College | Renton Technical College |
| Bellevue College | Seattle Central College |
| Bellingham Technical College | Shoreline Community College |
| Big Bend Community College | Skagit Valley College |
| Cascadia College | South Puget Sound Community College |
| Centralia College | South Seattle College |
| Central Washington University | Spokane Community College |
| Clark College | Spokane Falls Community College |
| Clover Park Technical College | Tacoma Community College |
| Columbia Basin College | The Evergreen State College |
| Eastern Washington University | University of Washington - Bothell |
| Edmonds Community College | University of Washington - Seattle |
| Everett Community College | University of Washington - Tacoma |
| Grays Harbor College | Walla Walla Community College |
| Green River College | Washington State University - Everett |
| Highline College | Washington State University - Global |
| Lake Washington Institute of Technology | Washington State University - Pullman |
| Lower Columbia College | Washington State University - Spokane |
| North Seattle College | Washington State University - Tri-Cities |
| Northwest Indian College | Washington State University - Vancouver |
| Olympic College | Wenatchee Valley College |
| Peninsula College | Western Washington University |
| Pierce College | Whatcom Community College |

Population Characteristics

Survey invitations were sent to all students at participating institutions who were enrolled in credit-bearing courses during the Fall 2024 term.⁶ In total, 249,451 students were invited to participate. This group of students represents the population for this analysis. The characteristic rates for this population are presented in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Population Rates by Student Characteristics														
CATEGORY	Female	Male	Other Gender	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian	Hispanic/ Latinx	Pacific Islander/ Native Hawaiian	White	Two or more races/ ethnicities	2-Year	4-Year	Full-time	Part-time
RATE	53.8%	40.4%	5.8%	10.8%	0.8%	28.3%	16.4%	0.9%	25.0%	3.6%	51.0%	49.0%	73.1%	26.9%

⁶ Excluding College in the High School students and currently incarcerated students.

Respondent Characteristics

In total, 11,320 students provided valid responses to the survey, a 15.9% increase in responses from 2022. This group of respondents represents the sample for this analysis. The characteristic rates for this sample are presented in Table 2 below.

CATEGORY	Female	Male	Other Gender	African American/ Black	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Asian	Hispanic/ Latinx	Pacific Islander/ Native Hawaiian	White	Two or more races/ ethnicities	2-Year	4-Year	Full-time	Part-time
RATE	64.7%	29.6%	5.7%	12.5%	0.9%	28.4%	14.7%	0.8%	28.7%	3.5%	54.4%	45.6%	76.6%	23.4%

With 11,320 of 249,451 students responding to the 2024 WSES, this provided an overall response rate of 4.5%, which is considered a reasonable response rate for an opt-in survey administered without incentives.⁷ The opt-in survey style was selected by the Basic Needs Survey Advisory Team in order to maximize the total number of responses and to ensure all current students had an opportunity to respond. With such a large survey population, even a modest response rate yields a robust sample, and while an opt-in survey does not allow for calculating a margin of error⁸ for generalizing findings to the overall population, a comparison of the characteristic composition of the sample relative to the population provides some indication of the representativeness of the sample (see Tables 1 and 2). Additionally, efforts were made to minimize self-selection bias, including avoiding references to basic needs in the survey title and solicitation, avoiding the use of incentives, and ensuring consistent and equitable administration procedures. Nevertheless, readers are encouraged to use discretion in generalizing 2024 WSES findings to the overall population, and findings presented in this report are specific to survey respondents.

⁷ Incentives were not provided for this survey to support consistency of administration and to avoid potential response bias. The Hope Center notes, "Without providing incentives to students, such as a gift card, you should anticipate low response rates, from 5% to 10%." See [Guide to Assessing Basic Needs Insecurity in Higher Education](#).

⁸ Margin of error is a measure specific to probability sampling; opt-in surveying use non-probability sampling.

2024 Washington Student Experience Survey: Survey Findings

Basic Needs Insecurity Rates

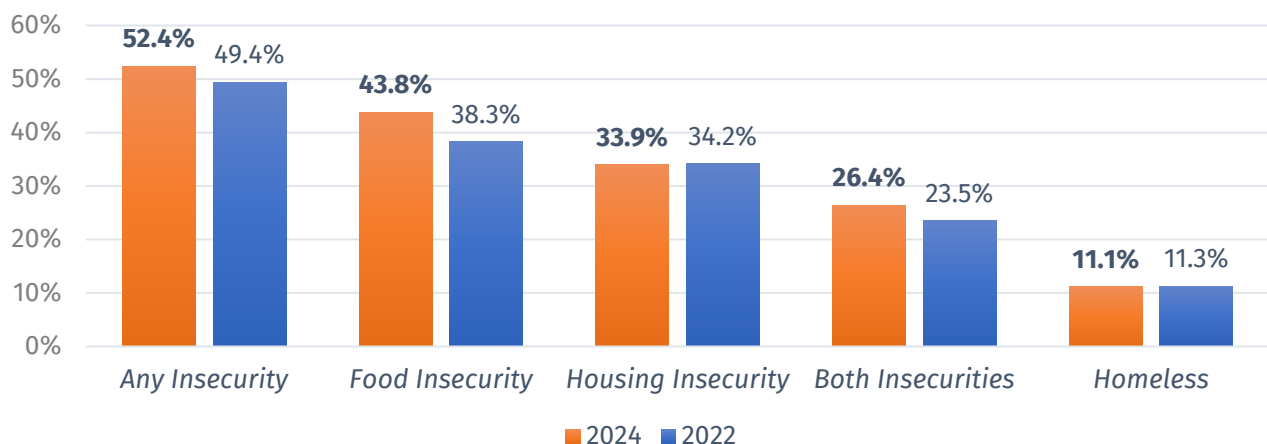
Using the measures for food security, housing security, and homelessness described in the Project Overview section (see page 4), the responses to the 2024 Washington Student Experience Survey (WSES) were analyzed to determine rates for **basic needs insecurity**. Rates for the overall population are highlighted below, followed by rates by sector and region, and rates by student population. Comparisons are presented relative to the findings of the 2022 WSES. (The 2024 rates are presented in detail in Tables 3 and 4 on Page 11.)

Rates Overall

As in 2022, respondents across the state reported significant levels of basic needs insecurity:

- **Over half of students experienced basic needs insecurity.** Overall, 52.4% of respondents experienced food or housing insecurity or homelessness, a 6.0% rate increase from 2022.
- **Nearly half of students experienced food insecurity.** Overall, 43.8% of respondents experienced food insecurity in the last 30 days, a 14.3% increase in the rate from 2022.
- **One in three students experienced housing insecurity.** Overall, 33.9% of respondents experienced housing insecurity in the last 12 months, a 0.7% decrease in the rate from 2022.
- **One in four students experienced both food insecurity and housing insecurity.** Overall, 26.4% of respondents experienced both food insecurity and housing insecurity, a 12.2% increase in the rate from 2022.
- **One in ten students experienced homelessness.** Overall, 11.1% of respondents experienced homelessness in the last 12 months, a 1.4% decrease in the rate from 2022.

Figure 1. Basic Needs Insecurity Rates (Overall)

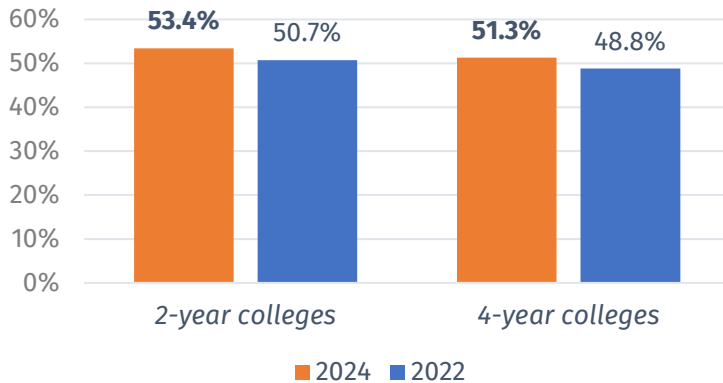


Rates by Sector and Region

Basic needs insecurity rates reported by respondents were again high at both two-year and four-year institutions and in all regions across the state. [For detailed rates see Table 3 on Page 11.]

- **Basic needs insecurity rates have increased for students at both two-year and four-year colleges.** Overall, 53.4% of respondents at two-year colleges and 51.3% of respondents at four-year colleges experienced either food or housing insecurity or homelessness – a 6.6% increase for two-year colleges and a 5.1% increase for four-year colleges in the rates from 2022.

Figure 2. Basic Needs Insecurity Rates by Sector

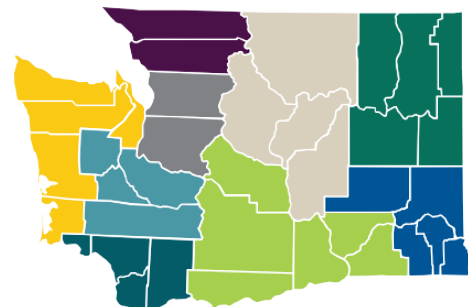
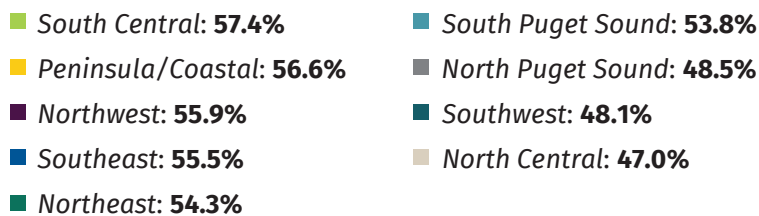


“I have money for food and rent only because I’ve taken out lots of loans. Otherwise, I wouldn’t be able to have a place to live or have food, or I would have to quit school.”

(Student Comment)

- **Rates of food insecurity were high for students at both two-year and four-year colleges.** Overall, 45.0% of respondents at two-year colleges and 42.4% of respondents at four-year colleges experienced food insecurity.
- **Students at two-year colleges experienced housing insecurity and homelessness at greater rates than students at four-year colleges.** Overall, 37.9% of respondents at two-year colleges experienced housing insecurity compared to 29.5% of respondents at four-year colleges, and 13.3% of respondents at two-year colleges experienced homelessness compared to 8.8% of respondents at four-year colleges.
- **Students experienced high rates of basic needs insecurity in every region across the state.** Though respondents from the South Central region had the highest insecurity rate at 57.4%, all regions had high rates of basic needs insecurity.

Figure 3. Basic Needs Insecurity Rates by Region

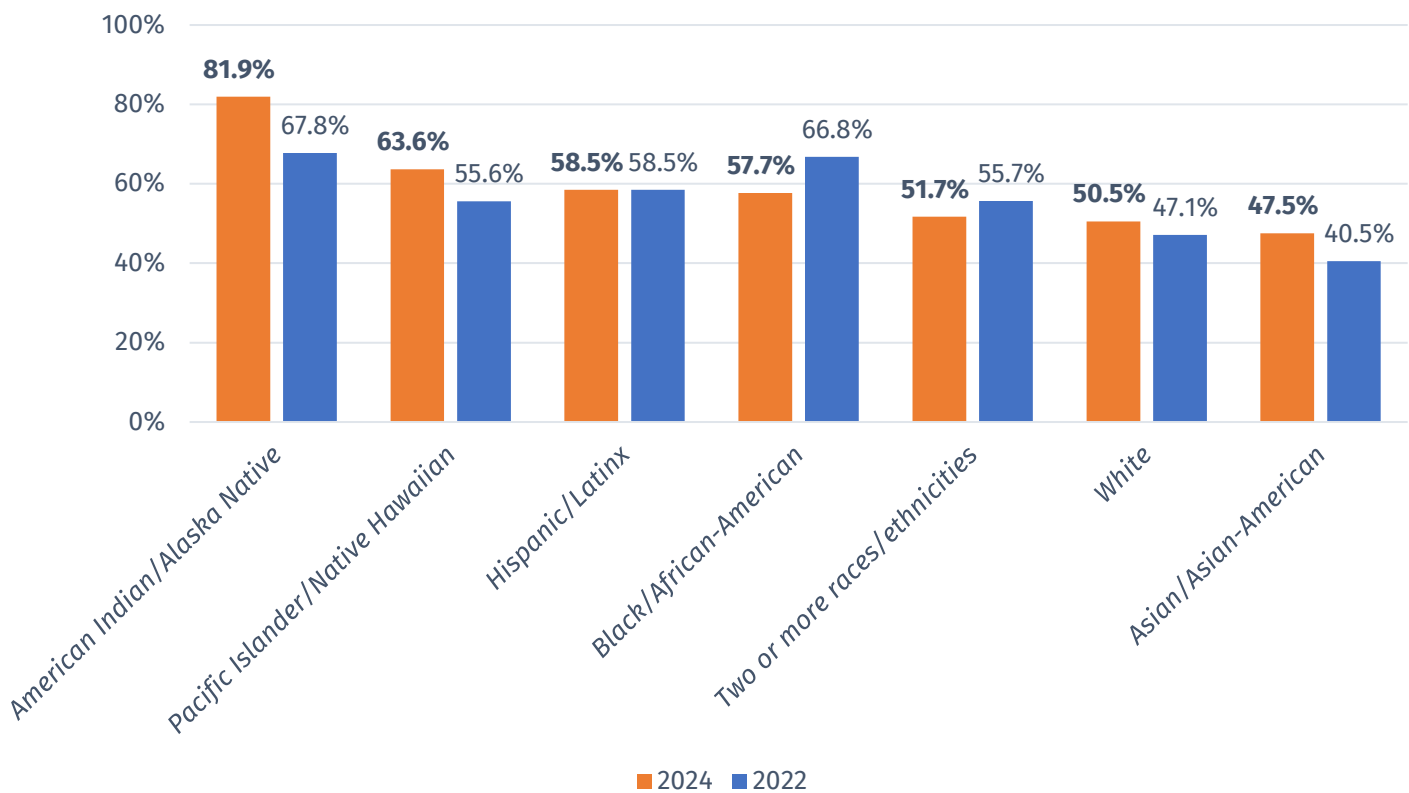


Rates by Student Characteristics

Significant disparities in basic needs security persist for respondents based on gender, race/ethnicity, income, parental education, and other characteristics. [For detailed rates see Table 4 on Page 11.]

- **Disparities by gender:** Female respondents experienced basic needs insecurity at a rate of 54.1%, while male respondents experienced basic needs insecurity at a rate of 49.2%. Respondents who indicated other genders experienced basic needs insecurity at a rate of 49.7%.
- **Disparities by race/ethnicity:** American Indian/Alaskan Native and Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian respondents experienced the *highest rates of basic needs insecurity* based on respondent race/ethnicity, with significant increases in insecurity rates for these subpopulations since 2022.

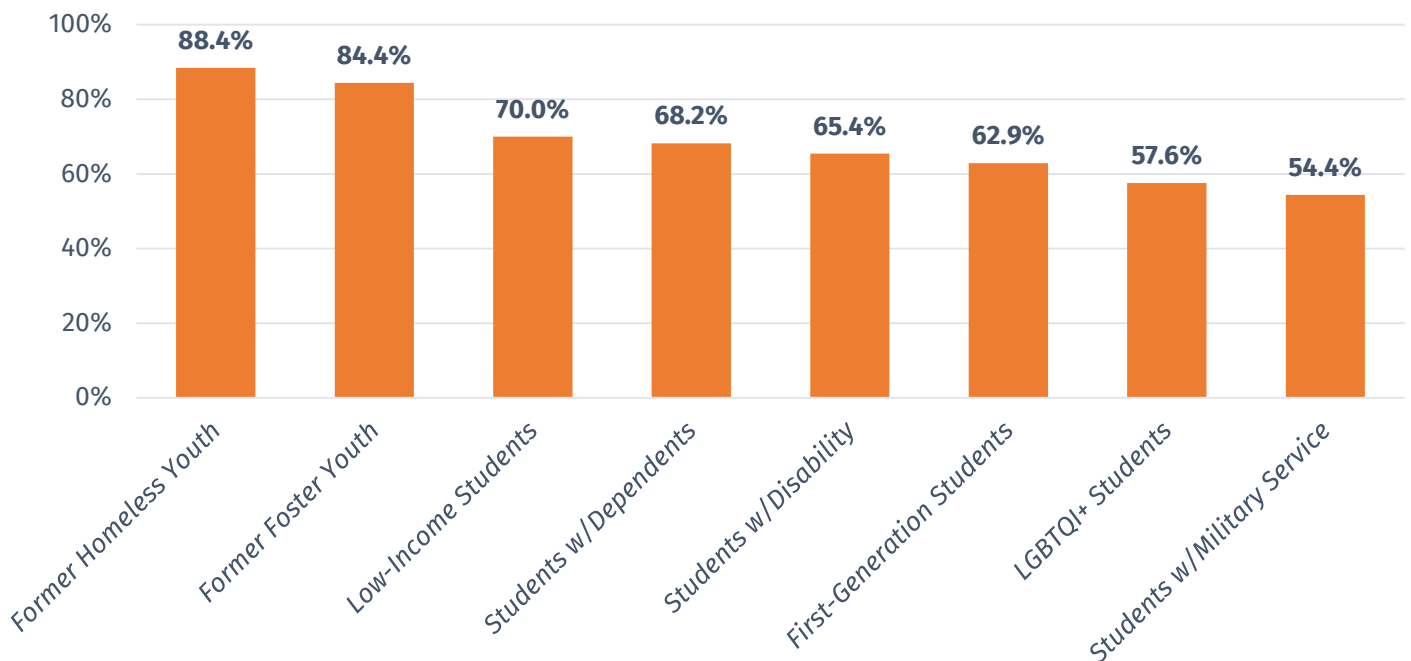
Figure 4. Basic Needs Insecurity Rates by Respondent Race/Ethnicity



- **Disparities by other characteristics:**
 - **Students who reported experiencing homelessness or foster care in high school experienced the highest rates of basic needs insecurity among all subpopulations.** Former homeless youth experienced insecurity at a rate of 88.4%, which is 36.0 percentage points higher than the overall rate. Former foster youth experienced insecurity at a rate of 84.4%, which is 32.0 percentage points higher than the overall rate.

- **Students who reported being eligible for need-based financial aid** (an indicator of low-income status) experienced basic needs insecurity at a rate of 70.0%, which is 17.6 percentage points higher than the rate for all students.
- **Students who reported being the parent of one or more children** experienced basic needs insecurity at a rate of 68.2%, which is 15.8 percentage points higher than the overall rate.
- **Students who reported living with one or more disabilities** experienced basic needs insecurity at a rate of 65.4%, which is 13.0 percentage points higher than the overall rate.
- **Students who reported being first-generation students** (neither of their parents/guardians earned a bachelor’s degree) experienced basic needs insecurity at a rate of 62.9%, which is 10.5 percentage points higher than the rate for all students.
- **Students who reported belonging to the LGBTQI+ community** experienced basic needs insecurity at a rate of 57.6%, which is 5.2 percentage points higher than the overall rate.
- **Students who reported having served in the military** experienced basic needs insecurity at a rate of 54.4%, which is 2.0 percentage points higher than the overall rate.

Figure 5. Basic Needs Insecurity Rates by Other Respondent Characteristics



“Students need to have support structures in place before they start school, not once they’ve shown signs they are failing or have to drop out because the costs of food or parking or housing has made it impossible to keep up with their classes.”

(Student Comment)

Basic Needs Insecurity Rate Tables

Table 3. Basic Needs Insecurity Rates by Sector and Region												
RATES BY SECTOR/REGION	Overall	2-year colleges	4-year colleges	North Central region	North Puget Sound region	Northeast region	Northwest region	Peninsula region	South Central region	South Puget Sound region	Southeast region	Southwest region
<i>Food Insecurity</i>	43.8%	45.0%	42.4%	40.9%	38.8%	45.6%	47.1%	50.4%	50.3%	45.3%	49.2%	39.1%
<i>Housing Insecurity</i>	33.9%	37.9%	29.5%	25.6%	32.2%	37.1%	35.4%	38.0%	33.1%	40.2%	21.7%	35.1%
<i>Homelessness</i>	11.1%	13.3%	8.8%	8.7%	10.3%	13.4%	10.6%	15.2%	11.3%	12.5%	6.2%	12.8%
Any Insecurity	52.4%	53.4%	51.3%	47.0%	48.5%	54.3%	55.9%	56.6%	57.4%	53.8%	55.5%	48.1%
Both Insecurities	26.4%	31.0%	21.5%	20.4%	23.0%	29.7%	27.9%	34.4%	28.1%	32.2%	17.5%	26.6%

Table 4. Basic Needs Insecurity by Student Characteristics					
RATES BY STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS	<i>Food Insecurity</i>	<i>Housing Insecurity</i>	<i>Homelessness</i>	Any Insecurity	Both Insecurities
Overall	43.8%	33.9%	11.1%	52.4%	26.4%
Female gender	45.1%	35.3%	10.2%	54.1%	27.2%
Male gender	41.3%	30.8%	12.8%	49.2%	24.2%
Other gender	42.0%	34.6%	13.0%	49.7%	28.4%
American Indian/Alaska Native	75.5%	49.5%	22.0%	81.9%	47.6%
Asian/Asian-American	39.1%	32.4%	11.6%	47.5%	25.7%
Black/African-American	48.9%	41.6%	14.4%	57.7%	33.7%
Hispanic/Latinx	50.7%	37.9%	10.9%	58.5%	31.0%
Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	55.8%	39.2%	19.0%	63.6%	34.7%
Two or more races/ethnicities	44.6%	27.5%	11.6%	51.7%	21.8%
White	41.1%	29.7%	8.1%	50.5%	20.9%
First-generation	53.7%	42.9%	14.3%	62.9%	35.6%
Eligible for need-based funding	59.7%	48.4%	16.0%	70.0%	40.4%
LGBTQI+	48.0%	35.9%	12.5%	57.6%	28.3%
Students with disability	55.5%	45.7%	16.6%	65.4%	37.6%
Students with dependent(s)	55.0%	58.0%	13.5%	68.2%	45.3%
Students with military service	39.9%	41.4%	14.7%	54.4%	28.3%
Former homeless youth	80.3%	75.8%	37.8%	88.4%	70.3%
Former foster youth	75.1%	68.1%	32.6%	84.4%	62.0%
Students living on campus	44.0%	15.4%	7.5%	48.7%	13.1%
Students living off campus	43.9%	38.0%	11.8%	53.9%	30.0%

Other Basic Needs

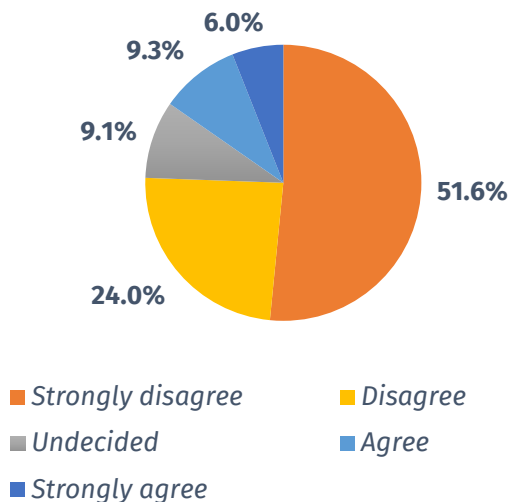
In addition to food security, housing security, and homelessness, respondents were also asked about childcare access (item 25) and healthcare access (items 10 and 11). Rates for each of these areas are highlighted below. [For detailed rates see Table 5 and 6 on Page 15.]

Childcare Access

- **Overall, 17.6% of respondents reported parenting at least one child.** This included 25.2% of respondents at two-year colleges and 9.4% of respondents at four-year colleges, with 6.9% of respondents parenting children ages five and under. Of those parenting children ages five or under, 83.7% reported needing to use childcare during the academic year.
- **Of those needing to use childcare, three out of four students are unable to afford it.** Of those respondents who are parenting children ages five or under and need childcare, 75.6% disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement: “I can afford to pay for childcare without worrying about my basic needs and my level of debt.” This represents a 13.7% increase in the rate reported for childcare affordability in 2022.

Figure 6. Ability to Afford Childcare Overall

To what extent do you agree with the following statement:
I can afford to pay for childcare without worrying about my basic needs and my level of debt.



“Students need more resources not only to help pay for childcare, but to access quality childcare spots close to campus. This is essential to the ability of parenting students to be full participants in their respective programs.”

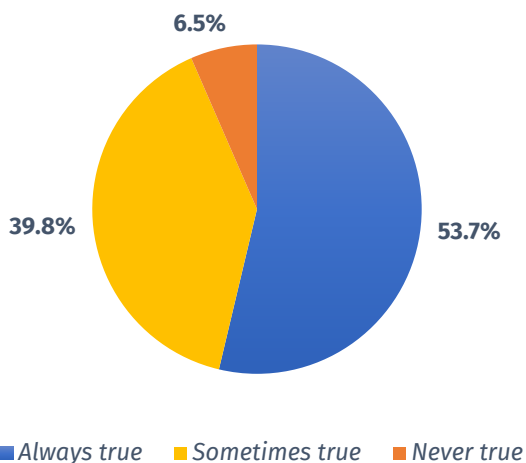
(Student Comment)

- **Inability to afford childcare is high across sectors and regions.** Of those needing to use childcare, 78.0% of respondents at two-year colleges and 68.3% of respondents at four-year colleges reported being unable to afford childcare. Similarly, the rate of inability to afford childcare is above 70% in seven out of nine regions across the state, with the highest rate in the South Puget Sound region (84.0%) and the lowest rate in the North Central region (56.3%).

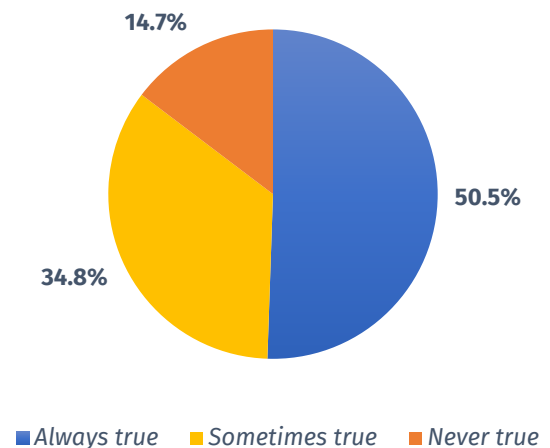
Healthcare Access

- Nearly half of students reported inadequate access to necessary healthcare and mental healthcare services.** Overall, 46.3% of respondents indicated inadequate access to needed healthcare services in the past 12 months, and 49.5% indicated inadequate access to needed mental healthcare services in the past 12 months. These rates represent a 16.3% increase in inadequate access for healthcare services and a 31.6% increase in inadequate access for mental healthcare services in comparison to the rates from 2022.

In the past 12 months, I was able to access the healthcare services I needed.



In the past 12 months, I was able to access the mental/behavioral healthcare services I needed.



- Among students who reported limited access to healthcare services, top barriers included:**

Healthcare services

- I have health insurance, but it still costs too much (38.0%)
- I wasn't able to find a care provider (32.4%)
- I was lacking information (19.5%)
- I don't have health insurance (15.2%)

Mental/behavioral healthcare services

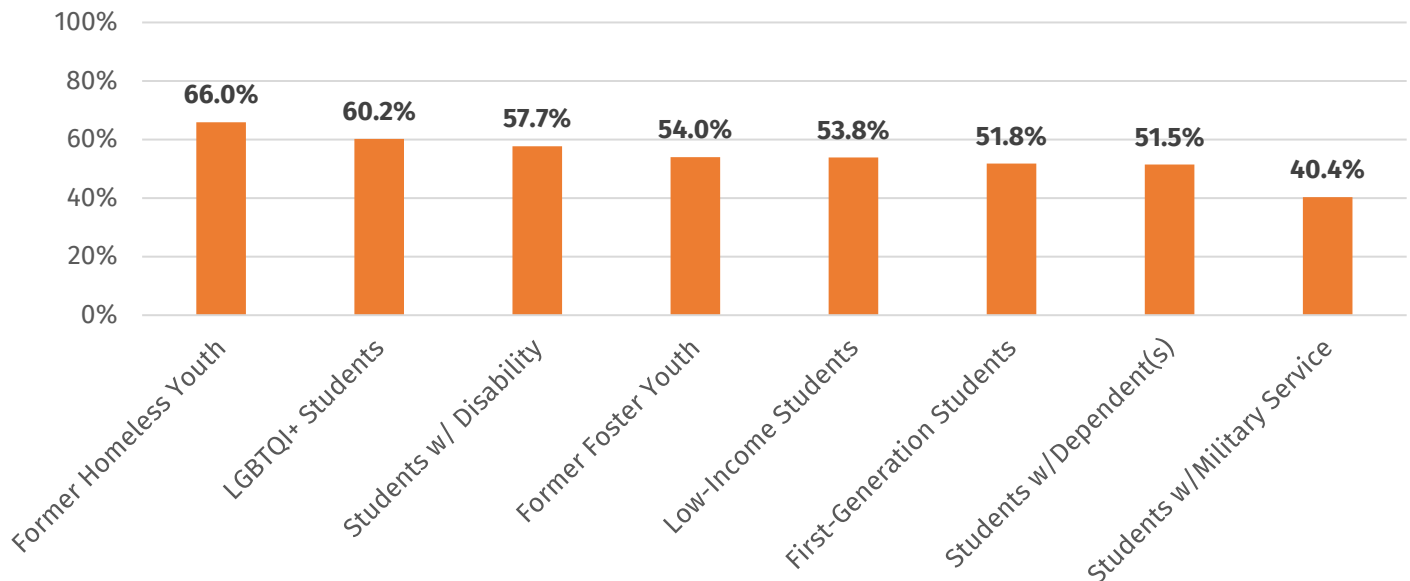
- I had difficulty finding an available appointment (39.1%)
- I wasn't able to find a care provider (37.0%)
- I have health insurance, but it still costs too much (33.2%)
- I wasn't sure where to go (32.6%)
- I don't have health insurance, and it costs too much (11.7%)

"I can't afford the college healthcare, it's like \$400 a month. I work part-time and my job only gives healthcare to full-time employees. If I work full-time, my grades will drop. If I work on campus for the healthcare, I won't be able to afford my bills."

(Student Comment)

- **There were significant disparities among students with inadequate access to needed mental healthcare services based on gender, race/ethnicity, characteristics, and region.**
 - **Disparities by gender:** Male respondents experienced inadequate access to needed mental healthcare services at a rate of 43.5%, while the rate for female respondents was 50.6% and the rate for respondents who indicated other genders was 51.3%.
 - **Disparities by race/ethnicity:** Three race/ethnicity groups experienced inadequate access to needed mental healthcare services at rates of over 50.0% – students with two or more races/ethnicities (55.5%), American Indian/Alaska Native students (53.5%), and Hispanic/Latinx students (51.5%).
 - **Disparities by background, orientation, and ability:** Among survey respondents, former homeless youth experienced the highest rate of inadequate access to needed mental healthcare services of any student subpopulation at 66.0% – a 16.5 percentage point disparity compared to students overall. Additionally, 60.2% of LGBTQI+ students and 57.7% of students with disability reported inadequate access to mental healthcare services, compared to 49.5% of students overall – representing a 10.7 percentage point disparity for LGBTQI+ respondents and an 8.2 percentage point disparity for respondents with disability.

Figure 8. Mental Healthcare Access Rates by Respondent Characteristics



- **Disparities by region:** Respondents from the Northwest and North Puget Sound regions reported the highest rates of inadequate access to mental healthcare services at 54.9% and 51.3% respectively. Respondents from the Southwest and North Central regions reported the lowest rates of inadequate access to mental healthcare services at 40.9% and 41.6%.

“I would like to be more aware of what mental health services are available... some (like me) are too scared to ask for help.”

(Student Comment)

Childcare and Healthcare Needs Rate Tables

Table 5. Childcare and Healthcare Access by Sector and Region												
ACCESS BY SECTOR/REGION	Overall	2-year colleges	4-year colleges	North Central	North Puget Sound	Northeast	Northwest	Peninsula	South Central	South Puget Sound	Southeast	Southwest
CHILDCARE ACCESS												
Parent/guardian status (Q25)	17.6%	25.2%	9.4%	21.1%	15.9%	22.6%	11.9%	25.0%	18.0%	24.9%	1.8%	22.9%
Childcare need (Q25D)*	83.7%	81.3%	83.0%	84.2%	82.9%	80.6%	84.6%	80.3%	82.6%	81.4%	42.9%	84.0%
Inability to afford childcare (Q25F)	75.6%	78.0%	68.3%	56.3%	70.3%	72.0%	82.1%	74.1%	75.0%	84.0%	66.7%	83.3%
HEALTHCARE ACCESS												
Inadequate healthcare access (Q10)	46.3%	43.1%	49.9%	28.1%	46.7%	46.0%	51.1%	43.3%	45.0%	46.7%	49.2%	40.5%
Inadequate mental healthcare access (Q11)	49.5%	47.6%	51.5%	41.6%	51.3%	50.3%	54.9%	44.8%	46.6%	48.2%	46.6%	40.9%

Table 6. Childcare and Healthcare Access by Student Population					
ACCESS BY STUDENT POPULATION	CHILDCARE ACCESS			HEALTHCARE ACCESS	
	Parent/guardian status (Q25)	Childcare need (Q25D)*	Inability to afford childcare (Q25F)	Inadequate healthcare access (Q10)	Inadequate mental healthcare access (Q11)
Female gender	20.3%	83.6%	78.3%	47.0%	50.6%
Male gender	12.1%	74.0%	64.5%	42.4%	43.5%
Other gender	15.1%	86.7%	76.9%	46.8%	51.3%
American Indian/Alaska Native	46.1%	73.3%	75.0%	47.6%	53.5%
Asian/Asian-American	21.1%	78.7%	75.4%	39.5%	45.0%
Black/African-American	25.4%	83.0%	77.1%	46.5%	46.7%
Hispanic/Latinx	18.6%	85.1%	77.7%	47.6%	51.5%
Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	24.7%	80.0%	75.0%	42.9%	46.2%
Two or more races/ethnicities	6.2%	87.5%	62.5%	46.2%	55.5%
White	9.5%	85.2%	67.1%	49.5%	49.8%
First-generation	24.6%	82.2%	76.6%	49.3%	51.8%
Eligible for need-based funding	24.8%	80.8%	80.4%	53.7%	53.8%
LGBTQI+	7.2%	86.9%	84.3%	56.2%	60.2%
Students with disability*	17.9%	80.2%	76.6%	54.3%	57.7%
Students with dependent(s)	NA	81.7%	75.6%	45.1%	51.5%
Students with military service	35.0%	66.7%	64.3%	38.8%	40.4%
Former homeless youth	63.5%	84.9%	80.8%	66.2%	66.0%
Former foster youth	33.8%	75.0%	81.3%	58.5%	54.0%

Resource Utilization

Public and Campus Resources

The WSES instrument also included items to assess the utilization of basic needs support resources, including both community and public resources (item 14) and campus resources (item 15). [For detailed rates see Table 7 and 8 on Page 16.]

- **Only half of students experiencing basic needs insecurity access available support resources.** Overall, 53.0% of respondents experiencing basic needs insecurity accessed public basic needs support resources (up from 48.9% in 2022) and 40.7% accessed campus basic needs support resources (up from 33.7% in 2022).
- **The most commonly accessed public and campus resources are food and healthcare programs.** Of respondents accessing public basic needs support resources, 53.1% are using Medicaid or public health insurance, 40.8% are using Basic Food/SNAP benefits, and 20.5% are using tax refunds (including EITC). Of students accessing campus basic needs support resources, 63.1% are using food resources, 27.1% are using healthcare resources, and 25.2% are using mental/behavioral healthcare services.
- **The most common barriers to accessing basic needs resources are awareness and eligibility.** The most common issues reported by respondents in accessing public basic needs support resources were ineligibility for resources (36.2%), lack of awareness of resources (18.2%), and being unsure of how to access resources (17.9%). The most common issues reported by respondents in accessing campus basic needs support resources were lack of awareness of resources (18.1%), being unsure of how to access resources (16.2%), and ineligibility for resources (14.3%).

“I do not qualify for SNAP/EBT food benefits... Washington state prevents students from accessing SNAP/EBT unless they work an average of 20+ hours per week. This is absolutely not feasible for me.”

(Student Comment)

- **Students from different sectors, regions, genders, ethnicities, and demographics use basic needs support resources at significantly different rates.**
 - **Utilization by sector:** Respondents from two-year colleges reported higher use of public resources (49.5%) compared to those in four-year colleges (39.2%). Conversely, respondents from two-year colleges reported lower use of campus resources (27.7%) compared to those in four-year colleges (44.1%).

- **Utilization by region:** Use of public resources by respondents spanned from 38.6% in the Southeast region to 53.5% in the Peninsula region. Use of campus resources spanned from 28.5% in the Southwest region to 59.8% in the Southeast region.
- **Utilization by gender:** Among survey respondents, 42.5% of males, 45.5% of females, and 46.8% of other gender students reported using public resources, while 35.7% of males, 35.9% of females, and 27.5% of other gender students reported using campus resources.
- **Utilization by race/ethnicity:** Among race/ethnicity groups, White respondents used public resources at the lowest rate (38.1%) and American Indian/Alaska Native respondents used public resources at the highest rate (53.2%). Asian/Asian-American respondents used campus resources at the lowest rate (26.2%) and respondents with two or more races/ethnicities used campus resources at the highest rate (45.7%).
- **Utilization by other student characteristics:** Among other student populations considered [see Table 8 on page 18], the highest public resource use is reported among students with military experience (85.5%) and former homeless youth (76.9%). However, several student populations are using campus resources at lower rates than the overall rate, with the lowest use among students with military experience (22.2%) and students with dependents (31.2%).

“There simply aren’t enough campus resources to support students like me. Emergency grants deplete so quickly they are never available when I need them. There are basically no support options specific to student parents. When I’ve met with resource navigators, they point me to community resources which have no funding, or I don’t qualify.”

(Student Comment)

How does employment impact basic needs security and resource utilization?

- Of respondents experiencing basic needs insecurity, 66.3% are working one or more jobs, and 12.3% are working two or more jobs.
- Students who are working experience basic needs insecurity at a higher rate (54.5%) than those who are not working (48.7%).
- Students who are working experience higher rates of inadequate healthcare access (48.7%) than those who are not working (40.7%), as well as higher rates of inadequate mental healthcare access (51.4%) than those who are not working (44.5%).
- Of students accessing public and community resources, 59.0% are working. Of students accessing campus resources, 56.8% are working.

Resource Utilization Rate Tables

UTILIZATION BY SECTOR/REGION	Overall	2-year colleges	4-year colleges	North Central	North Puget Sound	Northeast	Northwest	Peninsula	South Central	South Puget Sound	Southeast	Southwest
Public resources	44.7%	49.5%	39.2%	45.6%	39.8%	50.6%	41.8%	53.5%	48.5%	50.4%	38.6%	48.0%
Campus resources	35.4%	27.7%	44.1%	32.8%	30.8%	32.7%	44.1%	34.8%	40.6%	29.6%	59.8%	28.5%

UTILIZATION BY STUDENT POPULATION	Public resources	Campus resources
Overall	44.7%	35.4%
Female gender	45.5%	35.9%
Male gender	42.5%	35.7%
Other gender	46.8%	27.5%
American Indian/Alaska Native	53.2%	34.0%
Asian/Asian-American	46.5%	26.2%
Black/African-American	52.6%	32.2%
Hispanic/Latinx	49.2%	37.6%
Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	47.6%	37.8%
Two or more races/ethnicities	40.3%	45.7%
White	38.1%	42.6%
First-generation	53.0%	36.0%
Eligible for need-based funding	63.7%	42.8%
LGBTQI+	46.0%	41.7%
Students with disability	55.4%	42.0%
Students with dependent(s)	69.3%	31.2%
Students with military service	85.5%	22.2%
Former homeless youth	76.9%	49.8%
Former foster youth	70.6%	48.9%

Student Comments

In addition to the quantitative items which yielded the data in this report, the 2024 Washington Student Experience Survey also collected qualitative feedback from students. **Nearly 600 students provided comments which reinforced the findings presented in this report, with food security, housing security, and mental healthcare among their top concerns**, as detailed in Table 9 below. Select comments have been included throughout this report to ensure student voices are represented in this analysis.

COMMENT AREA(S) OF CONCERN	# of Comments	% of Comments Overall
<i>Note: Many comments included multiple areas of concern. This table indicates how many comments and the percent of comments overall which identified each area of concern.</i>		
Food Security	263	45.3%
Housing Security	234	40.3%
Other Financial Needs	225	38.8%
Mental Healthcare	180	31.0%
Physical Healthcare	145	25.0%
Dissatisfaction with Services Available	143	24.7%
Homelessness	83	14.3%
Satisfaction with Services Available	60	10.3%
Other	163	28.1%
Total Comments Received:	580	

“Please make it clearer and easier for students to know about and access programs that are available. Please add more staff to be able to help students in a timely manner.”

(Student Comment)

“There needs to be more programs for students who fall through the cracks because they technically make too much money, but the cost of living is so extreme... even a decent salary doesn’t go far.”

(Student Comment)

“I have experienced many barriers and much adversity while undergoing my program. There have been so many moments in which I have thought about dropping out because of my consistent level of stress. We really need to do a better job of creating opportunities for college students to become aware of and be able to access more support services.”

(Student Comment)

2024 Washington Student Experience Survey: Conclusion

The 2024 Washington Student Experience (WSES) survey identified significant levels of basic needs insecurity among college students across the state. Furthermore, when compared to the results from the 2022 survey, the 2024 WSES findings suggest that basic needs insecurity is on the rise among Washington college students, especially with regard to food insecurity and inadequate access to mental healthcare services. The survey also identified significant disparities in basic needs security among certain student groups, particularly American Indian/Alaska Native students, Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian students, students who experienced homelessness or foster care in high school, students with dependents, and students with disabilities.

While the 2022 WSES results were considered reliable in part for being consistent with the 2021 report from The Hope Center (the leading source for national higher education basic needs data), the 2024 WSES results are considered to be even more reliable given the improved administration methods and increased response rate. It was assumed that the high rates of basic needs insecurity found in 2020 by The Hope Center and again by the 2022 WSES were in part due to the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, and that basic need security would improve in the post-pandemic era. However, the findings of the 2024 WSES indicate that basic needs insecurity has not only persisted but worsened since 2022. This suggests that economic and social factors beyond the pandemic are perpetuating what can only be described as a basic needs crisis among college students.

The 2024 WSES findings offer expanded insights into the needs of Washington college students, and meeting these needs will be critical to achieving the state goal for postsecondary attainment. With a second administration completed, providing the ability to analyze trends in basic needs insecurity over time, the 2024 WSES updates and expands the evidence-based research available to support the development of policies, programs, and investments to address the attainment barriers associated with basic needs insecurity for college students across Washington state.

Key takeaways from this report:

- **Basic needs insecurity among college students is increasing across the state**, impacting over half of students in both the 2-year and 4-year sectors.
- **Certain student groups are particularly impacted by basic needs insecurity**, including American Indian/Alaska Native students, Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian students, students who experienced homelessness or foster care in high school, students with dependents, and students with disabilities.
- **Food security and mental health services are growing areas of need**, with rates of food insecurity increasing by 14% and rates of inadequate access to needed mental healthcare services increasing by 32% compared to 2022 rates.
- **Questions to consider:**
 - *What economic and social factors are perpetuating and increasing basic needs insecurity?*
 - *How can institutions and community organizations and agencies better partner together to help meet both emergency and longer-term basic needs of students?*
 - *What interventions – and at what scale – will support student success?*

2024 Washington Student Experience Survey: Appendix A

WASHINGTON STUDENT EXPERIENCE SURVEY 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

Student Experience Survey: We are asking you to participate in a survey. Your participation is voluntary. The purpose of this form is to give you the information you need to decide whether to participate. Please read the form carefully. You may ask questions about anything that is not clear (contact information is below). This process is called “informed consent.”

Survey Description: Colleges in Washington want to learn about the best ways to help students succeed and are working with the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC, <https://wsac.wa.gov/>) to better understand challenges faced by students. You can help them by sharing your real-life experiences during college by participating in this survey (you were invited to participate simply because you are currently enrolled at a participating college in Washington). The survey questions will address your basic needs (food, housing, etc.) and services available to you to meet those needs. Your responses will help colleges to improve services for students and will be summarized in a report to state lawmakers to help them better understand the support needs of college students.

What will my participation involve? This one-time survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete, and all responses will be provided digitally, and no further participation is involved.

Are there any benefits to me? There are no direct benefits or compensation for participating in this survey, however your participation in this survey may inform the development of new support services which will benefit students in need at your college.

Are there any risks to me? You may find some questions uncomfortable, but you can reply “prefer not to answer” to any questions. The survey does not collect any personally-identifiable information and your survey responses will not be connected to any personally-identifiable information, but your survey responses will be connected to demographic information you have previously provided to your college (age, gender, race/ethnicity, etc.). While there is a remote possibility that through a combination of demographic variables your responses could be identified by researchers at your institution, no efforts will be made to identify individual respondents. All individual-level responses will be kept confidential (data will be saved on secure servers and accessible only to approved researchers at participating colleges) and will not be included in any analyses or reports of survey results. (Note: Data collected through this survey may be used for future studies on student needs without your additional informed consent, but only by approved researchers at participating colleges and/or WSAC.)

Who should I contact if I have questions about the survey? Questions about the survey can be directed to the Lead Partner Institution (Western Washington University) at ssi@wwu.edu. If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, you can contact the Western Washington University Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (RSP) at compliance@wwu.edu or (360) 650-2146.

Agreement to participate in the survey: Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary. You may stop the survey at any time. By participating in the survey you acknowledge you are currently enrolled in a participating college and you consent to your responses being included in the survey dataset for analysis and reporting purposes. You may print this page for your records.

Do you agree to participate?

- a. Yes
- b. No

[Start survey]

Module 1: Food Security

First we will ask questions related to food access.

1. In the last 30 days, the food that I bought just did not last, and I did not have money to get more.
 - a. Often true
 - b. Sometimes true
 - c. Never true
 - d. I prefer not to answer

2. In the last 30 days, I could not afford to eat balanced meals.
 - a. Often true
 - b. Sometimes true
 - c. Never true
 - d. I prefer not to answer

Display if a or b selected for either question 1 or 2:

3. In the last 30 days, did you ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there was not enough money for food?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I prefer not to answer

Display if a selected for question 3:

4. In the last 30 days, how many days did this happen?
 - a. Once
 - b. Twice
 - c. Three times
 - d. Four times
 - e. Five times
 - f. More than five times
 - g. I prefer not to answer

5. In the last 30 days, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there was not enough money for food?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I prefer not to answer

6. In the last 30 days, were you ever hungry but did not eat because there was not enough money for food?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I prefer not to answer

Module 2: Housing Security

Next we will ask questions related to housing access.

7. Do you currently live in college housing?
- Yes
 - No
 - I prefer not to answer
8. In the past 12 months, which of the following have you experienced? (select all that apply)
- I had a rent or mortgage increase that made it difficult to pay
 - I was unable to pay or underpaid my rent or mortgage
 - I was unable to pay or underpaid a utility bill (electricity, gas, water, etc.)
 - I had an account default or go into collections
 - I moved in with other people because of financial problems
 - I lived with others beyond the expected capacity of a house or apartment
 - I had to leave my household because I felt unsafe
 - I moved three or more times
 - None of these situations apply to me
 - I prefer not to answer
9. In the past 12 months, have you slept in any of the following places due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason? (select all that apply)
- Temporarily staying with relative, friend or couch surfing until I find other housing
 - In a camper or RV without a permanent home to return to
 - Temporarily at a hotel or motel without a permanent home to return to
 - In a closed area/space with a roof not meant for human habitation (such as abandoned building; car, truck, or van; encampment or tent; unconverted garage, attic, or basement; etc.)
 - At an outdoor location (such as street, sidewalk or alley; bus or train stop; campground or woods, park, beach, or riverbed; under bridge or overpass)
 - At a treatment center (such as detox, hospital, etc.)
 - In transitional housing or independent living program
 - At an overnight shelter
 - At a group home such as halfway house or residential program for mental health or substance abuse
 - None of these situations apply to me
 - I prefer not to answer

Display if a selected for question 7 and a-i selected for question 9:

- 9b. Did you sleep in this place/these places because you had no access to campus housing between academic terms?
- Yes
 - No
 - I prefer not to answer

If you have questions about resources for food or housing, please contact [insert campus/ local information provided by institutions based on respondent's selected institution].

Module 3: Healthcare Access

Next we will ask questions related to healthcare access.

10. In the past 12 months, I was able to access the healthcare services I needed.
- a. Always true
 - b. Sometimes true
 - c. Never true
 - d. Does not apply
 - e. I prefer not to answer

Display if b or c selected for question 10:

- 10b. What prevented you from accessing the healthcare services you needed? (select all that apply)
- a. I do not have health insurance
 - b. I have health insurance but it still costs too much
 - c. I was not able to find a care provider
 - d. It was difficult finding an available appointment
 - e. I was lacking information
 - f. I was not sure where to go
 - g. Other: _____
 - h. I prefer not to answer

11. In the past 12 months, I was able to access the mental / behavioral healthcare services I needed.
- a. Always true
 - b. Sometimes true
 - c. Never true
 - d. Does not apply
 - e. I prefer not to answer

Display if b or c selected for question 11:

- 11b. What prevented you from accessing the mental healthcare services you needed? (select all that apply)
- a. I do not have health insurance
 - b. I have health insurance but it still costs too much
 - c. I was not able to find a care provider
 - d. It was difficult finding an available appointment
 - e. I was lacking information
 - f. I was not sure where to go
 - g. Other: _____
 - h. I prefer not to answer

Module 4: Resource Use

Next we will ask questions related to resources you may have used.

12. In the past 6 months, which of the following **community and public resources** have you used? (select all that apply)
- a. Food benefits, such as Basic Food / SNAP
 - b. Community food bank
 - c. Housing assistance (rent assistance or start up costs, Section 8, etc.)
 - d. Utility assistance (Help paying for heat or water, etc.)
 - e. Public healthcare insurance, such as Medicaid (Apple Health)
 - f. Childcare assistance (Working Connections Childcare subsidy, etc.)
 - g. Transportation assistance
 - h. Tax-related money, such as Earned Income Tax Credit or Working Families Tax Credit
 - i. Cash assistance (public cash assistance, unemployment compensation, etc.)
 - j. Other: _____
 - k. None of the above
 - l. I prefer not to answer
13. Have any of the following issues affected your ability to use the public programs resources? (select all that apply)
- a. I am not eligible for these resources
 - b. I am not aware of these resources
 - c. I do not know how to use these resources
 - d. I do not have time to access these resources
 - e. I do not have transportation to use these resources
 - f. I am embarrassed to use these resources
 - g. I do not know anyone like me who uses these resources
 - h. Other: _____
 - i. None of these apply to me
 - j. I prefer not to answer
14. In the past 6 months, have you used any **campus services or resources** for basic needs? (select all that apply)
- a. Food resources
 - b. Housing resources
 - c. Health care
 - d. Mental/behavioral healthcare
 - e. Childcare assistance
 - f. Transportation assistance
 - g. Resource navigation/case management
 - h. Other: _____
 - i. None of the above
 - j. I prefer not to answer

15. Have any of the following issues affected your ability to use the campus resources? (select all that apply)
- a. I am not eligible for these resources
 - b. I am not aware of these resources
 - c. I do not know how to use these resources
 - d. I do not have time to access these resources
 - e. I do not have transportation to use these resources
 - f. I am embarrassed to use these resources
 - g. I do not know anyone like me who uses these resources
 - h. Other: _____
 - i. None of these apply to me
 - j. I prefer not to answer

16. Do you have additional comments related to basic needs you would like to share?
- a. Yes
 - b. No

Display if a selected for question 16:

16b. Please indicate the area(s) of concern for your comment(s): (select all that apply)

- Food Insecurity
- Housing Insecurity
- Homelessness
- Physical Healthcare
- Mental Healthcare
- Satisfaction with Services Available
- Dissatisfaction with Services Available
- Other Financial Needs
- Other Concerns: _____

16c. Please share your comment(s): [Text box]

Module 5: Respondent Information

Now we will ask questions related to your background, experience, and identity.

17. What is the highest level of education completed by any of your parents and/or guardians?
- a. Eighth grade or lower
 - b. Between 9th and 12th grade (but no high school diploma)
 - c. High school diploma
 - d. GED
 - e. Some college (but no college degree)
 - f. College certificate or diploma
 - g. Associate's degree
 - h. Bachelor's degree
 - i. Graduate degree
 - j. I do not know
 - k. I prefer not to answer
18. Are you currently receiving income-based financial aid for your education (for example: Pell grant, Washington College Grant, need-based scholarships, etc.)?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I do not know
 - d. I prefer not to answer
19. How many hours do you work weekly outside of classes?
- a. I am not employed
 - b. 1-19
 - c. 20-30
 - d. 31-40
 - e. More than 40 hours
 - f. I prefer not to answer

Display if a selected for question 11:

- 19b. Are you currently seeking employment?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I prefer not to answer

Display if b-e selected for question 11:

- 19c. How many jobs are you currently working?
- a. 1
 - b. 2
 - c. 3
 - d. 4
 - e. I prefer not to answer

20. Have you ever served, or are you currently serving, in the U.S. Armed Forces, Military Reserves, or National Guard?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I prefer not to answer

21. Have you ever been in foster care?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I prefer not to answer

Display if a selected for question 21:

- 21b. Were you in foster care after your 13th birthday?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I prefer not to answer

Display if a selected for question 21b:

- 21c. Did you “age out” of foster care?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I prefer not to answer

22. When you were in high school, did you ever experience homelessness?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I prefer not to answer

23. Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQI+ community?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I prefer not to answer

24. Are you living with a physical, mental/emotional, and/or learning disability?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I prefer not to answer

25. Are you currently parenting children?
- a. I am currently parenting at least one child
 - b. I am not currently parenting any children
 - c. I prefer not to answer

Module 6: Childcare*

*Display module if a selected for question 25

Finally, we will ask you some questions about parenting and childcare.

- 25b. Are you responsible for the care of your child(ren) at least half of the time?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I prefer not to answer
- 25c. Do you consider yourself a single parent of your child(ren)?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I prefer not to answer
- 25d. If you are parenting any child(ren) ages 5 and under, what are your childcare arrangements for this academic year? (select all that apply)
- a. Paid or unpaid center-based care, such as pre-school, daycare, Head Start, nursery school, etc.
 - b. Paid or unpaid childcare provided by relatives, friends, neighbors, or non-center based professional childcare providers
 - c. I do not have childcare arrangements but I need childcare
 - d. I do not have childcare arrangements and I do not need childcare
 - e. I do not have any children ages 5 and under
 - f. I prefer not to answer

Display if a-c selected for 25d:

- 25e. In attempting to access childcare, I have experienced the following: (check all that apply)
- a. Unreasonable waitlists or a lack of spots available for my child(ren)
 - b. Opening/closing hours that do not fit my student schedule
 - c. Minimum hours of care required that do not fit my needs as a student
 - d. Lack of flexibility when my child cannot attend childcare
 - e. My preferred childcare option would not accept my childcare subsidy
 - f. Other experiences related to access to childcare: _____
 - g. I have not experienced any of these
 - h. I prefer not to answer
- 25f. To what extent do you agree with the following statement: *I can afford to pay for childcare without worrying about my basic needs and my level of debt.*
- a. Strongly disagree
 - b. Disagree
 - c. Undecided
 - d. Agree
 - e. Strongly agree
 - f. I prefer not to answer

Display if a-b selected for 25d:

- 25g. To what extent do you agree with the following statement: *I feel satisfied with the quality of my childcare.*
- a. Strongly disagree
 - b. Disagree
 - c. Undecided
 - d. Agree
 - e. Strongly Agree
 - f. I prefer not to answer
- 25h. To what extent do you agree with the following statement: *I feel that my children's childcare environments are safe.*
- a. Strongly disagree
 - b. Disagree
 - c. Undecided
 - d. Agree
 - e. Strongly Agree
 - f. I prefer not to answer

[End survey]

2024 Washington Student Experience Survey: Appendix B

Response Counts: Basic Needs Items

Items 1-6 (Food Security):

	Overall	Female gender	Male gender	Other gender	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian/Asian-American	Black/African-American	Hispanic/Latinx	Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	Two or more races/ethnicities	White	First-generation	Low-income	LGBTQI+	Students w/disability*	Students w/dependent(s)	Students w/military service*	Former homeless youth*	Former foster youth	2-year colleges	4-year colleges	North Central	North Puget Sound	Northeast	Northwest	Peninsula	South Central	South Puget Sound	Southeast	Southwest	
Q1 - In the last 30 days, the food that I bought just didn't last, and I didn't have money to get more.																															
Often true	1350	893	388	69	23	365	208	217	19	51	301	843	734	369	616	302	36	293	106	839	511	27	389	149	194	106	95	208	86	82	
Sometimes true	3244	2187	878	179	47	800	458	610	31	117	849	1706	1504	815	1140	539	85	307	125	1785	1459	58	989	292	514	232	277	429	249	166	
Never true	5996	3800	1865	331	32	1802	652	728	37	218	1973	2097	1579	1472	1576	631	188	172	83	2995	3001	125	2223	526	871	304	386	688	396	390	
Prefer not to answer	730	439	225	66	5	246	99	114	8	11	125	284	154	100	134	74	16	30	13	536	194	23	272	69	90	56	40	105	17	46	
Total	11320	7319	3356	645	107	3213	1417	1669	95	397	3248	4930	3971	2756	3466	1546	325	802	327	6155	5165	233	3873	1036	1669	698	798	1430	748	684	
Q2 - In the last 30 days, I couldn't afford to eat balanced meals.																															
Often true	1913	1296	509	108	35	529	253	320	22	68	521	1130	1027	632	938	357	58	361	117	1056	857	31	537	203	321	130	176	256	135	101	
Sometimes true	3313	2221	915	177	43	816	448	543	22	128	952	1567	1402	835	1117	526	79	282	131	1767	1546	64	1084	299	532	226	240	419	237	175	
Never true	5543	3479	1745	319	23	1684	642	720	42	194	1677	2016	1436	1230	1329	600	175	131	74	2932	2611	121	2050	483	742	308	354	666	366	372	
Prefer not to answer	551	323	187	41	6	184	74	86	9	7	98	217	106	59	82	63	13	28	5	400	151	17	202	51	74	34	28	89	10	36	
Total	11320	7319	3356	645	107	3213	1417	1669	95	397	3248	4930	3971	2756	3466	1546	325	802	327	6155	5165	233	3873	1036	1669	698	798	1430	748	684	
Q3 - In the last 30 days, did you ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?																															
Yes	3525	2340	1011	174	58	873	478	606	37	141	967	1940	1797	1014	1495	644	104	512	195	1876	1649	65	1051	338	559	222	282	477	297	190	
No	1907	1274	522	111	22	521	245	298	14	57	557	897	742	484	577	261	35	122	50	1029	878	34	620	160	334	145	154	231	114	99	
Prefer not to answer	367	265	74	28	2	95	58	65	3	14	84	165	114	78	116	51	4	35	16	244	123	7	116	42	53	29	31	50	17	17	
Total	5799	3879	1607	313	82	1489	781	969	54	212	1608	3002	2653	1576	2188	956	143	669	261	3149	2650	106	1787	540	946	396	467	758	428	306	
Q4 - In the last 30 days, how many days did this happen?																															
Once	100	64	33	3	4	20	11	23	2	2	21	52	46	11	22	18	3	6	7	59	41	6	27	5	23	5	9	16	5	4	
Twice	413	271	121	21	7	89	50	82	0	15	120	194	195	105	135	62	5	28	11	209	204	5	134	36	68	23	31	44	38	28	
Three times	654	464	159	31	12	145	86	141	7	31	178	343	309	178	254	104	15	66	20	331	323	12	186	64	104	32	54	86	70	38	
Four times	523	347	158	18	9	117	80	83	5	20	161	294	278	166	231	93	22	71	35	261	262	8	140	52	92	38	46	68	46	26	
Five times	336	229	90	17	4	76	48	45	5	16	110	185	168	97	142	53	7	42	18	150	186	7	96	30	54	22	23	48	33	18	
More than five times	1193	756	369	68	16	345	156	182	13	46	316	729	682	388	603	270	45	268	89	667	526	18	355	126	177	84	99	168	90	59	
Prefer not to answer	276	192	73	11	5	76	46	46	4	8	57	143	119	69	108	44	7	31	15	181	95	9	94	25	35	18	19	44	14	17	
Total	3495	2323	1003	169	57	868	477	602	36	138	963	1940	1797	1014	1495	644	104	512	195	1858	1637	65	1032	338	553	222	281	474	296	190	
Q5 - In the last 30 days, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasn't enough money for food?																															
Yes	3580	2341	1053	186	55	899	474	601	36	147	1004	1991	1860	1066	1505	647	104	520	195	1877	1703	66	1078	343	542	239	300	455	312	200	
No	6584	4250	1968	366	43	1978	790	877	49	217	1987	2648	1944	1587	1779	809	204	237	113	3528	3056	146	2355	589	965	384	432	802	394	422	
Prefer not to answer	620	386	192	42	5	189	84	107	3	12	123	291	167	103	182	90	17	45	19	424	196	12	227	57	89	44	36	87	21	37	
Total	10784	6977	3213	594	103	3066	1348	1585	88	376	3114	4930	3971	2756	3466	1546	325	802	327	5829	4955	224	3660	989	1596	667	768	1344	727	659	
Q6 - In the last 30 days, were you ever hungry but didn't eat because there wasn't enough money for food?																															
Yes	2972	1964	850	158	52	785	401	508	31	116	798	1668	1549	915	1338	558	90	479	174	1654	1318	58	867	285	472	216	237	402	224	176	
No	7177	4631	2161	385	45	2095	854	976	54	244	2175	2958	2216	1720	1941	898	214	263	136	3763	3414	154	2588	634	1037	406	487	849	474	442	
Prefer not to answer	635	382	202	51	6	186	93	101	3	16	141	304	206	121	187	90	21	60	17	412	223	12	205	70	87	45	44	93	29	41	
Total	10784	6977	3213	594	103	3066	1348	1585	88	376	3114	4930	3971	2756	3466	1546	325	802	327	5829	4955	224	3660	989	1596	667	768	1344	727	659	

Items 7-8 (Housing Security):

	Overall	Female gender	Male gender	Other gender	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian/Asian-American	Black/African-American	Hispanic/Latinx	Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	Two or more races/ethnicities	White	First-generation	Low-income	LGBTQ+	Students w/ disability*	Students w/ dependent(s)	Students w/ military service*	Former homeless youth*	Former foster youth	2-year colleges	4-year colleges	North Central	North Puget Sound	Northeast	Northwest	Peninsula	South Central	South Puget Sound	Southeast	Southwest	
Q7 - Do you currently live in college housing (i.e. a residence hall or apartment operated by your college)?																															
Yes	1626	1017	586	23	11	156	74	239	12	141	870	609	655	540	478	30	20	73	42	157	1469	17	443	87	350	8	210	95	410	6	
No	8430	5523	2387	520	86	2688	1176	1246	74	212	2083	4273	3292	2203	2967	1510	300	720	281	5222	3208	200	2898	840	1138	615	529	1163	286	616	
Prefer not to answer	87	45	39	3	2	19	12	12	1	3	21	48	24	13	21	6	5	9	4	51	36	2	33	7	12	5	5	11	5	5	
Total	10143	6585	3012	546	99	2863	1262	1497	87	356	2974	4930	3971	2756	3466	1546	325	802	327	5430	4713	219	3374	934	1500	628	744	1269	701	627	
Q8 - In the past 12 months, which of the following have you experienced (select all that apply):																															
I had a rent or mortgage increase that made it difficult to pay	1641	1090	474	77	20	426	232	262	11	49	470	984	848	451	722	443	83	269	99	909	732	25	533	155	269	93	119	240	78	94	
I was unable to pay or underpaid my rent or mortgage	985	660	263	62	13	306	195	173	10	22	159	701	652	284	491	345	36	237	79	706	279	18	303	101	114	95	75	149	29	83	
I was unable to pay or underpaid a utility bill (electricity, gas, water, etc.)	1179	846	268	65	26	375	214	212	12	25	185	850	774	314	597	480	50	307	98	852	327	21	334	129	156	106	85	211	31	88	
I had an account default or go into collections	808	594	173	41	14	270	158	122	6	20	144	602	549	223	457	352	41	230	84	580	228	12	237	84	94	80	60	144	22	62	
I moved in with other people because of financial problems	908	559	293	56	9	245	137	116	7	30	261	529	506	308	443	142	32	179	58	520	388	20	279	103	133	73	52	130	43	59	
I lived with others beyond the expected capacity of a house or apartment	485	300	152	33	9	139	49	87	4	13	129	296	283	167	251	94	9	110	29	300	185	9	148	49	79	39	35	64	18	37	
I had to leave my household because I felt unsafe	338	239	73	26	4	100	54	48	1	14	88	202	178	140	214	53	7	91	33	193	145	1	105	45	43	31	20	49	16	25	
I moved three or more times	274	195	66	13	3	69	31	45	2	12	86	156	145	90	137	32	8	71	27	148	126	2	97	26	37	20	19	35	16	18	
None of the above apply to me	6410	4091	1976	343	47	1850	702	891	48	247	2034	2675	1977	1726	1819	627	184	187	102	3200	3210	154	2186	564	933	375	479	718	525	388	
Prefer not to answer	427	253	148	26	8	119	61	67	7	15	87	231	144	67	119	40	10	35	17	267	160	9	142	42	54	27	26	69	28	27	
Total	10143	6585	3012	546	99	2863	1262	1497	87	356	2974	4930	3971	2756	3466	1546	325	802	327	5430	4713	219	3374	934	1500	628	744	1269	701	627	

Item 9 (Homelessness):

	Overall	Female gender	Male gender	Other gender	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian/Asian-American	Black/African-American	Hispanic/Latinx	Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	Two or more races/ethnicities	White	First-generation	Low-income	LGBTQI+	Students w/ disability*	Students w/ dependent(s)	Students w/ military service*	Former homeless youth*	Former foster youth	2-year colleges	4-year colleges	North Central	North Puget Sound	Northeast	Northwest	Peninsula	South Central	South Puget Sound	Southeast	Southwest	
Q9 - In the past 12 months, have you slept in any of the following places due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (select all that apply):																															
Temporarily staying with relative, friend or couch surfing until I find other housing	815	510	255	50	19	232	121	123	9	30	193	500	463	269	408	152	25	202	66	491	324	13	240	96	119	64	58	123	31	58	
In a camper or RV without a permanent home to return to	139	81	45	13	2	53	26	15	1	5	26	94	88	42	80	28	8	56	17	101	38	4	32	16	15	20	9	20	3	15	
Temporarily at a hotel or motel without a permanent home to return to	164	99	56	9	5	42	32	19	2	7	28	106	93	32	84	37	6	64	23	101	63	1	60	9	22	17	16	19	7	10	
In closed area/space with roof not meant for human habitation (such as abandoned building; car, truck, or van; encampment or tent; unconverted garage, attic, or basement; etc.)	160	87	63	10	6	46	29	20	2	3	36	106	95	50	97	31	13	64	20	111	49	1	47	9	27	20	8	30	4	13	
At outdoor location (such as street, sidewalk or alley; bus or train stop; campground or woods, park, beach, or riverbed; under bridge or overpass)	71	32	35	4	1	22	11	9	1	1	18	47	48	23	49	17	3	41	9	43	28	0	16	5	6	14	4	17	5	3	
At a treatment center (such as detox, hospital, etc.)	56	26	26	4	1	18	8	2	2	3	10	34	33	14	41	8	3	16	5	37	19	0	22	9	3	4	4	8	3	3	
In transitional housing or independent living program	105	49	48	8	0	34	26	15	5	2	12	78	75	25	64	32	5	48	25	87	18	4	31	14	15	17	5	10	1	7	
At an overnight shelter	54	22	27	5	0	18	12	8	0	1	6	42	31	11	32	10	0	30	9	42	12	0	16	4	7	9	4	9	2	3	
At a group home such as halfway house or residential program for mental health or substance abuse	59	22	36	1	1	23	12	6	3	2	7	44	43	10	42	8	4	25	12	49	10	0	21	5	7	12	3	5	2	4	
None of the above apply to me	8715	5743	2510	462	73	2450	1052	1278	67	299	2677	4061	3237	2364	2815	1298	267	473	214	4526	4189	194	2930	785	1299	511	641	1065	634	531	
Prefer not to answer	389	206	165	18	5	105	47	75	5	17	66	221	128	60	104	46	14	47	12	248	141	5	132	32	52	26	27	62	27	22	
Total	10143	6585	3012	546	99	2863	1262	1497	87	356	2974	4930	3971	2756	3466	1546	325	802	327	5430	4713	219	3374	934	1500	628	744	1269	701	627	
Q9B - Did you sleep in this place/these places because you had no access to campus housing between academic terms?																															
Yes	57	31	24	2	2	6	6	9	0	7	22	34	37	29	26	3	4	21	10	14	43	1	14	4	7	0	11	11	8	1	
No	47	31	14	2	1	6	2	6	0	5	21	22	29	17	28	3	4	15	3	8	39	0	11	2	11	0	6	6	11	0	
Prefer not to answer	17	13	3	1	1	1	1	2	0	2	8	7	9	9	9	0	0	5	0	1	16	0	4	2	5	0	4	0	2	0	
Total	121	75	41	5	4	13	9	17	0	14	51	63	75	55	63	6	8	41	13	23	98	1	29	8	23	0	21	17	21	1	

Items 10-11 (Healthcare Access):

	Overall	Female gender	Male gender	Other gender	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian/Asian-American	Black/African-American	Hispanic/Latinx	Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	Two or more races/ethnicities	White	First-generation	Low-income	LGBTQI+	Students w/ disability*	Students w/ dependent(s)	Students w/ military service*	Former homeless youth*	Former foster youth	2-year colleges	4-year colleges	North Central	North Puget Sound	Northeast	Northwest	Peninsula	South Central	South Puget Sound	Southeast	Southwest	
Q10 - In the past 12 months, I was able to access the health care services I needed.																															
Always true	4924	3180	1492	252	49	1556	599	697	43	174	1384	2262	1710	1141	1509	801	184	266	136	2746	2178	138	1604	465	676	327	367	606	318	340	
Sometimes true	3644	2520	927	197	36	906	445	536	29	138	1239	1856	1699	1319	1586	553	92	398	136	1713	1931	47	1204	346	627	217	262	423	274	193	
Never true	599	366	198	35	5	151	89	116	4	15	138	373	303	173	218	110	22	94	35	365	234	7	202	50	80	33	38	108	34	38	
Does not apply	644	331	276	37	4	161	81	92	11	22	155	304	190	95	107	56	19	30	18	368	276	16	229	50	82	35	52	85	61	34	
Prefer not to answer	244	131	96	17	5	64	35	36	0	7	41	135	69	28	46	26	8	14	2	173	71	8	102	17	22	13	17	36	11	16	
Total	10055	6528	2989	538	99	2838	1249	1477	87	356	2957	4930	3971	2756	3466	1546	325	802	327	5365	4690	216	3341	928	1487	625	736	1258	698	621	
Q10B - What prevented you from accessing the health care services you needed (select all that apply):																															
I don't have health insurance	639	421	178	40	12	158	88	156	2	17	146	428	342	197	228	109	28	93	28	385	254	13	220	54	91	30	46	106	39	35	
I have health insurance but it still costs too much	1597	1119	388	90	13	410	205	231	10	58	506	866	771	614	745	259	38	195	56	773	824	19	553	150	278	75	107	200	109	86	
I wasn't able to find a care provider	1361	993	298	70	12	327	144	179	12	53	555	665	660	655	746	217	36	170	59	548	813	6	434	123	273	78	82	171	102	71	
I was lacking information	822	533	249	40	8	184	84	127	8	46	286	382	355	338	365	71	21	77	31	338	484	9	275	61	165	45	53	89	77	38	
Other (please specify)	824	570	203	51	12	196	110	100	5	33	302	407	414	320	443	158	37	126	37	370	454	10	247	88	127	61	60	102	62	41	
Prefer not to answer	492	298	165	29	4	124	72	70	3	19	142	239	190	127	145	44	4	40	23	272	220	9	162	55	80	29	39	52	40	26	
Total	4205	2866	1110	229	41	1044	531	648	33	152	1365	2229	2002	1492	1804	663	114	492	171	2057	2148	54	1394	393	702	248	298	524	306	227	
Q11 - In the past 12 months, I was able to access the mental / behavioral health services I needed.																															
Always true	3640	2342	1109	189	37	1119	441	498	28	122	1135	1659	1348	939	1286	529	143	232	120	1949	1691	80	1152	336	520	249	289	455	250	254	
Sometimes true	2504	1731	617	156	24	662	279	377	17	111	864	1214	1092	1051	1268	368	69	257	84	1190	1314	44	834	245	451	151	186	284	166	116	
Never true	1058	744	258	56	15	295	128	167	9	43	280	612	521	390	522	190	27	176	59	578	480	13	381	95	183	51	66	140	52	60	
Does not apply	2314	1402	813	99	20	617	313	351	26	67	568	1220	862	293	296	410	74	106	57	1305	1009	65	791	209	269	142	155	295	195	151	
Prefer not to answer	428	249	154	25	3	112	69	66	7	11	83	225	148	83	94	49	12	31	7	280	148	13	144	34	48	29	32	63	30	32	
Total	9944	6468	2951	525	99	2805	1230	1459	87	354	2930	4930	3971	2756	3466	1546	325	802	327	5302	4642	215	3302	919	1471	622	728	1237	693	613	
Q11B - What prevented you from accessing the mental / behavioral health services you needed (select all that apply):																															
I don't have health insurance and it costs too much	415	291	98	26	8	108	51	107	2	16	90	261	210	141	181	72	15	61	17	246	169	7	151	39	64	19	34	51	23	23	
I have health insurance but it still costs too much	1173	853	245	75	13	324	114	170	3	45	398	603	562	546	633	173	30	149	33	543	630	14	430	106	215	46	70	140	73	60	
I wasn't able to find a care provider	1308	957	279	72	14	344	137	175	9	67	492	671	652	639	778	236	33	196	63	557	751	12	419	127	278	74	88	145	84	58	
I had difficulty finding an available appointment	1380	1002	299	79	18	336	139	193	8	70	543	690	672	695	869	223	40	192	56	566	814	15	438	116	289	80	93	160	108	60	
I wasn't sure where to go	1153	802	289	62	14	285	109	190	5	63	389	571	500	521	557	99	19	106	38	498	655	21	393	115	233	59	86	122	70	45	
Other (please specify)	436	307	102	27	6	133	58	48	2	21	134	232	196	197	279	77	23	75	28	229	207	8	141	46	66	29	23	58	37	22	
Prefer not to answer	305	171	113	21	3	71	42	39	4	11	82	141	109	72	81	41	4	20	13	183	122	9	112	34	44	14	21	38	16	16	
Total	3533	2456	868	209	39	950	404	539	26	152	1136	1826	1613	1441	1790	558	96	433	143	1752	1781	57	1202	335	629	200	251	423	216	176	

Items 12-13 (Public Resource Utilization):

	Overall	Female gender	Male gender	Other gender	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian/Asian-American	Black/African-American	Hispanic/Latinx	Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	Two or more races/ethnicities	White	First-generation	Low-income	LGBTQI+	Students w/ disability*	Students w/ dependent(s)	Students w/ military service*	Former homeless youth*	Former foster youth	2-year colleges	4-year colleges	North Central	North Puget Sound	Northeast	Northwest	Peninsula	South Central	South Puget Sound	Southeast	Southwest	
Q12 - In the past 6 months, which of the following community and public resources have you used (select all that apply):																															
Tax refunds (including EITC)	844	549	254	41	12	242	107	108	7	37	272	479	506	293	412	285	44	118	37	435	409	14	254	85	120	63	67	97	70	62	
Basic Food / SNAP (food benefits)	1656	1123	429	104	24	545	298	281	21	41	275	1203	1230	446	811	584	44	371	139	1183	473	52	425	187	187	187	148	229	79	135	
Medicaid or public health insurance	2157	1523	513	121	27	701	339	345	19	70	487	1440	1556	699	1127	643	42	390	147	1327	830	56	621	230	292	190	192	271	111	155	
Any utility assistance programs (e.g. help paying for heat or water)	769	559	171	39	17	234	129	133	5	22	158	548	540	200	402	324	28	173	53	489	280	9	214	83	94	69	58	120	53	60	
Any community housing assistance programs	330	217	88	25	9	108	69	53	5	8	40	260	263	68	193	138	16	116	44	251	79	9	114	30	34	43	24	48	11	13	
Any community transportation assistance programs	493	314	145	34	4	127	69	68	5	20	148	289	282	194	255	72	7	90	35	274	219	8	162	36	90	28	35	67	40	25	
Veterans benefits	461	233	209	19	2	130	73	61	3	26	133	271	206	111	211	117	227	42	17	242	219	3	104	58	46	33	29	113	31	29	
SSDI (Social Security Disability Income)	174	112	54	8	6	51	38	24	1	5	36	129	129	42	135	46	13	44	22	120	54	4	43	26	18	17	8	32	5	15	
Child care assistance	197	164	25	8	1	63	30	36	2	4	35	132	139	35	80	166	2	42	11	150	47	7	63	23	14	17	13	34	5	18	
SSI (Supplemental Security Income)	140	87	44	9	0	49	26	17	3	4	26	103	107	39	98	39	5	33	21	108	32	4	39	25	15	15	10	21	1	8	
Unemployment compensation or insurance	225	134	70	21	1	88	26	38	1	4	39	161	131	57	105	73	16	35	14	174	51	3	80	20	20	21	16	36	6	18	
TANF (public cash assistance, formerly called ADC or ADCF)	191	154	29	8	2	74	50	16	8	3	20	159	153	29	104	160	3	70	23	165	26	8	56	23	12	36	16	21	3	13	
Other (please specify)	380	263	93	24	8	118	55	56	5	9	101	244	242	125	209	100	20	73	24	219	161	11	103	41	64	25	32	52	21	27	
None of the above	4892	3169	1485	238	39	1329	508	651	42	191	1670	2158	1376	1434	1481	469	44	174	89	2324	2568	104	1744	414	765	249	327	547	385	288	
Prefer not to answer	363	196	138	29	7	110	41	68	4	13	61	217	109	70	91	18	4	18	10	232	131	10	123	24	58	31	30	46	22	17	
Total	9316	6069	2760	487	94	2629	1142	1367	82	335	2769	4930	3971	2756	3466	1546	325	802	327	4938	4378	204	3044	863	1386	592	685	1164	656	583	
Q13 - Have any of the following issues affected your ability to use community and public resources? (select all that apply)																															
I am not eligible for these resources	3373	2330	868	175	46	897	382	444	18	134	1189	1713	1382	1239	1538	638	95	342	121	1621	1752	57	1151	344	529	165	226	418	225	201	
I am not aware of these resources	1696	1049	549	98	23	399	169	287	11	74	542	935	822	581	676	193	52	157	53	753	943	29	579	144	301	86	111	188	164	79	
I do not know how to use these resources	1668	1050	521	97	22	399	172	249	11	76	578	890	829	672	764	159	40	167	66	738	930	27	523	149	305	91	119	198	167	71	
I do not have time to access these resources	1036	668	301	67	16	249	116	142	7	46	376	592	570	458	564	144	25	136	45	429	607	17	298	108	205	65	69	120	84	53	
I do not have transportation to use these resources	443	289	116	38	6	109	52	70	7	19	124	293	266	190	242	50	9	81	32	226	217	2	120	37	68	26	37	72	47	30	
I am embarrassed to use these resources	637	404	194	39	7	169	67	98	5	33	207	371	352	252	340	108	28	94	31	305	332	9	175	74	102	39	51	83	56	40	
I do not know anyone like me who uses these resources	777	485	244	48	9	178	67	115	5	41	275	428	366	293	345	82	25	78	25	341	436	11	269	71	124	39	53	85	80	39	
Other (please specify):	238	152	67	19	5	77	40	26	2	7	59	148	138	74	136	65	13	54	20	142	96	3	76	27	38	18	8	34	12	16	
None of these apply to me	3620	2302	1140	178	16	1138	450	494	39	120	1010	1771	1320	859	1006	544	156	171	94	2045	1575	101	1172	330	497	245	294	442	220	258	
Prefer not to answer	531	314	185	32	7	164	74	99	6	13	102	336	222	99	160	89	15	49	26	350	181	17	164	35	75	54	32	75	41	33	
Total	9316	6069	2760	487	94	2629	1142	1367	82	335	2769	4930	3971	2756	3466	1546	325	802	327	4938	4378	204	3044	863	1386	592	685	1164	656	583	

Items 14-15 (Campus Resource Utilization):

	Overall	Female gender	Male gender	Other gender	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian/Asian-American	Black/African-American	Hispanic/Latinx	Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	Two or more races/ethnicities	White	First-generation	Low-income	LGBTQ+	Students w/disability*	Students w/dependent(s)	Students w/military service*	Former homeless youth*	Former foster youth	2-year colleges	4-year colleges	North Central	North Puget Sound	Northeast	Northwest	Peninsula	South Central	South Puget Sound	Southeast	Southwest	
Q14 - In the past 6 months, which of the following campus services or resources have you used for basic needs (select all that apply):																															
Food resources	2040	1314	658	68	15	414	230	347	22	105	691	1159	1144	700	867	278	38	269	104	853	1187	41	492	183	374	144	206	239	234	118	
Housing resources	672	417	243	12	12	84	55	98	6	52	296	329	345	210	250	67	12	78	40	170	502	13	195	45	133	16	74	65	118	12	
Health care	876	986	365	50	13	193	128	191	8	82	652	635	634	606	677	117	22	130	52	365	1036	12	455	93	288	46	84	110	264	46	
Mental/behavioral health services	815	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Childcare	77	54	20	3	1	16	10	21	0	1	11	60	54	9	26	63	3	14	7	57	20	3	29	5	4	7	5	15	0	9	
Navigation/case management	327	201	102	24	5	100	52	52	6	13	70	220	197	104	181	81	8	70	33	217	110	15	83	31	65	28	27	38	19	19	
Other (please specify)	261	185	55	21	3	84	48	41	4	5	50	174	149	76	139	85	12	50	21	184	77	8	77	27	35	30	16	44	6	15	
None of the above	5815	3783	1688	344	59	1878	746	828	49	179	1543	3029	2215	1574	1961	1046	249	386	159	3449	2366	135	2037	570	750	364	394	794	248	399	
Prefer not to answer	267	148	108	11	5	82	38	38	4	6	58	174	94	50	75	30	6	24	11	168	99	6	88	15	35	25	16	37	22	21	
Total	9316	6069	2760	487	94	2629	1142	1367	82	335	2769	4930	3971	2756	3466	1546	325	802	327	4938	4378	204	3044	863	1386	592	685	1164	656	583	
Q15 - Have any of the following issues affected your ability to use campus services and resources? (select all that apply)																															
I am not eligible for these resources	1336	889	370	77	12	373	168	188	8	42	414	700	503	443	585	270	43	141	48	721	615	26	510	113	177	85	81	174	75	75	
I am not aware of these resources	1682	1122	464	96	23	451	195	276	10	56	473	970	874	574	728	314	58	200	75	854	828	29	629	149	259	97	112	181	118	88	
I do not know how to use these resources	1507	1001	414	92	19	379	176	248	12	66	462	860	779	585	731	249	44	178	75	711	796	24	515	129	250	92	107	178	111	81	
I do not have time to access these resources	1192	828	289	75	19	296	133	172	9	52	419	650	610	542	637	185	28	121	42	510	682	25	380	114	224	54	81	155	79	71	
I do not have transportation to use these resources	349	234	84	31	9	109	45	54	5	13	72	219	209	147	211	69	9	79	34	199	150	7	96	31	42	27	33	51	29	27	
I am embarrassed to use these resources	563	371	161	31	6	143	66	105	5	23	169	352	314	213	296	106	12	80	26	281	282	10	161	64	102	39	44	66	38	35	
I do not know anyone like me who uses these resources	483	293	157	33	4	135	40	85	4	18	136	279	213	169	221	66	12	65	24	242	241	9	176	46	75	22	32	52	38	31	
Other (please specify):	355	267	68	20	7	84	32	40	4	14	141	196	185	139	208	89	13	69	22	155	200	6	100	36	73	18	19	45	26	20	
None of these apply to me	4663	2927	1498	238	32	1390	576	622	43	163	1409	2261	1738	1210	1384	638	177	241	115	2509	2154	113	1492	448	655	296	354	579	336	310	
Prefer not to answer	490	280	186	24	7	143	60	84	7	15	109	308	197	106	154	74	16	45	21	313	177	13	147	29	79	48	36	63	46	27	
Total	9316	6069	2760	487	94	2629	1142	1367	82	335	2769	4930	3971	2756	3466	1546	325	802	327	4938	4378	204	3044	863	1386	592	685	1164	656	583	

Item 25 (Childcare Access):

	Overall	Female gender	Male gender	Other gender	American Indian/Alaska Native	Asian/Asian-American	Black/African-American	Hispanic/Latinx	Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	Two or more races/ethnicities	White	First-generation	Low-income	LGBTQI+	Students w/ disability*	Students w/ dependent(s)	Students w/ military service*	Former homeless youth*	Former foster youth	2-year colleges	4-year colleges	North Central	North Puget Sound	Northeast	Northwest	Peninsula	South Central	South Puget Sound	Southeast	Southwest	
Q25 - Are you currently parenting children?																															
I am currently parenting at least one child	1546	1164	313	69	41	522	268	238	19	20	252	1149	951	197	603	1546	111	802	107	1153	393	40	453	185	159	136	116	269	11	125	
I am not currently parenting any children	7221	4560	2273	388	48	1955	789	1045	58	301	2414	3531	2885	2525	2773	0	206	461	210	3427	3794	150	2396	634	1175	409	528	812	612	422	
Prefer not to answer	273	160	99	14	4	71	52	47	2	6	43	199	104	33	89	0	5	34	10	195	78	9	102	20	26	22	17	41	14	19	
Total	9040	5884	2685	471	93	2548	1109	1330	79	327	2709	4879	3940	2755	3465	1546	322	1297	327	4775	4265	199	2951	839	1360	567	661	1122	637	566	
Q25B - Are you responsible for the care of your child(ren) at least half of the time?																															
Yes	1434	1106	265	63	37	481	250	224	18	19	233	1076	898	178	552	1434	104	282	96	1077	357	38	415	169	145	129	109	252	9	117	
No	82	37	40	5	3	31	12	9	1	1	17	52	40	12	40	82	5	18	6	53	29	0	29	10	10	5	5	14	2	6	
Prefer not to answer	24	18	5	1	1	9	6	3	0	0	2	17	11	5	9	24	2	6	4	18	6	1	5	6	4	2	2	2	0	2	
Total	1540	1161	310	69	41	521	268	236	19	20	252	1145	949	195	601	1540	111	306	106	1148	392	39	449	185	159	136	116	268	11	125	
Q25C - Do you consider yourself a single parent of your child(ren)?																															
Yes	591	502	60	29	17	206	123	92	8	4	72	495	449	80	270	591	32	167	58	490	101	15	165	78	62	71	45	89	2	48	
No	904	621	246	37	22	299	139	134	11	16	175	616	474	108	320	904	79	132	43	620	284	23	270	102	91	60	69	171	9	73	
Prefer not to answer	46	38	5	3	2	17	5	11	0	0	5	35	27	7	10	46	0	7	4	39	7	2	14	5	6	4	2	9	0	4	
Total	1541	1161	311	69	41	522	267	237	19	20	252	1146	950	195	600	1541	111	306	105	1149	392	40	449	185	159	135	116	269	11	125	
Q25D - If you are parenting any child(ren) ages 5 and under, what are your childcare arrangements for this academic year? (select all that apply)																															
Paid or unpaid center-based care, such as pre-school, daycare, Head Start, nursery school, etc.	294	166	38	12	4	65	31	41	5	4	32	154	136	25	77	216	15	41	14	161	55	6	71	26	21	21	16	36	2	13	
Paid or unpaid childcare provided by relatives, friends, neighbors, or non-center based professional childcare providers	200	88	26	4	3	29	30	20	0	2	20	86	69	18	67	118	10	31	9	84	34	6	30	13	12	12	8	24	0	9	
I do not have childcare arrangements but I need childcare	111	63	14	2	1	26	14	18	1	0	11	62	55	11	38	79	3	35	3	62	17	1	24	5	5	13	10	11	1	6	
I do not have childcare arrangements and I do not need childcare	118	68	32	3	4	38	14	15	2	1	13	72	69	11	45	103	14	19	8	78	25	2	30	10	8	12	8	19	4	6	
I do not have any children ages 5 and under	872	661	159	38	26	317	150	110	8	11	156	647	507	106	354	858	65	164	58	628	230	19	242	115	100	59	64	153	4	67	
Prefer not to answer	56	36	18	0	0	12	10	8	0	0	5	45	33	3	16	54	4	12	4	46	8	2	20	7	4	2	3	11	0	5	
Total	1533	1082	287	59	38	487	249	212	16	18	237	1066	869	174	597	1428	111	302	96	1059	369	36	417	176	150	119	109	254	11	106	

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Q25E - In attempting to access childcare, have you experienced any of the following? (select all that apply) - Selected Choice																															
Unreasonable waitlists or a lack of spots available for my child(ren)	214	45	10	4	1	17	10	12	1	0	12	43	40	7	30	59	4	13	7	42	17	2	18	2	5	9	4	13	1	4	
Opening/closing hours that do not fit my student schedule	152	15	4	3	0	8	6	3	1	0	3	17	17	5	12	22	4	7	0	16	6	0	7	4	2	1	3	5	0	0	
Minimum hours of care required that do not fit my needs as a student	91	10	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	2	9	8	1	7	10	1	7	2	8	2	0	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	
Lack of flexibility when my child cannot attend childcare	112	9	2	0	0	4	1	2	0	0	1	9	8	0	27	11	5	13	0	10	1	0	3	1	0	1	3	1	0	2	
My preferred childcare option would not accept my childcare subsidy	35	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	18	2	3	17	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Other experiences related to access to childcare: (please specify)	82	28	1	0	0	7	5	7	1	0	5	22	22	7	35	29	0	21	3	22	7	0	8	5	1	4	2	6	0	1	
I have not experienced any of these	153	107	36	8	5	45	30	28	1	3	14	108	86	21	45	151	11	23	8	123	28	4	43	17	17	22	11	25	0	9	
Prefer not to answer	25	14	8	1	0	4	6	7	0	0	1	19	13	2	10	23	0	7	1	21	2	2	11	2	2	2	0	3	1	0	
Total	500	230	61	16	6	87	59	62	4	4	38	227	195	44	184	307	28	108	21	243	64	8	98	32	28	40	23	53	2	17	
Q25F - To what extent do you agree with the following statement: I can afford to pay for childcare without worrying about my basic needs and my level of debt.																															
Strongly disagree	249	195	41	13	4	69	50	49	5	2	33	194	182	40	100	249	14	64	23	196	53	6	67	24	20	32	17	46	2	27	
Disagree	116	90	19	7	2	38	14	24	1	3	16	78	68	19	34	116	4	20	3	87	29	3	35	12	12	11	10	22	0	8	
Undecided	44	35	7	2	1	13	6	10	1	1	5	35	24	3	14	44	1	5	2	36	8	3	11	6	2	9	3	7	0	3	
Agree	45	29	15	1	0	16	7	4	0	2	14	26	22	4	15	45	6	6	1	23	22	4	19	7	3	3	2	2	1	2	
Strongly agree	29	15	11	3	1	6	6	7	1	0	5	22	15	4	12	29	3	9	3	21	8	0	13	1	2	3	4	4	0	2	
Prefer not to answer	20	16	3	1	2	8	4	5	0	0	1	12	14	4	10	20	0	5	1	17	3	1	6	1	7	2	2	0	0	1	
Total	503	380	96	27	10	150	87	99	8	8	74	367	325	74	185	503	28	109	33	380	123	17	151	51	46	60	38	81	3	43	
Q25G - To what extent do you agree with the following statement: I feel satisfied with the quality of my childcare.																															
Strongly disagree	24	16	6	2	1	6	0	4	3	1	2	21	19	5	10	24	3	8	5	18	6	0	5	3	2	5	1	6	0	1	
Disagree	35	23	10	2	0	14	5	5	0	0	5	25	25	2	19	35	4	11	3	26	9	1	15	2	3	3	3	6	0	2	
Undecided	66	47	12	7	2	17	16	13	0	1	6	50	43	15	22	66	3	19	8	55	11	3	23	5	6	7	3	14	0	3	
Agree	146	114	26	6	6	38	20	28	2	4	29	99	84	20	44	146	10	22	6	102	44	6	38	16	19	17	8	21	1	14	
Strongly agree	128	99	22	7	0	41	26	24	2	2	20	91	80	18	54	128	6	21	4	95	33	5	39	17	8	10	13	20	1	14	
Prefer not to answer	19	13	6	0	0	5	6	5	0	0	1	14	14	3	8	19	1	3	2	16	3	1	5	2	2	4	0	3	0	2	
Total	418	312	82	24	9	121	73	79	7	8	63	300	265	63	157	418	27	84	28	312	106	16	125	45	40	46	28	70	2	36	
Q25H - To what extent do you agree with the following statement: I feel that my children's childcare environments are safe.																															
Strongly disagree	18	13	3	2	0	6	2	4	3	1	1	15	14	5	9	18	3	8	5	14	4	0	2	3	3	5	1	3	0	1	
Disagree	10	5	3	2	1	1	3	4	0	0	9	5	1	4	10	0	4	1	9	1	1	4	0	1	1	0	3	0	0		
Undecided	22	14	7	1	0	6	3	6	0	0	2	14	15	2	6	22	2	4	2	17	5	1	8	3	2	0	1	6	0	1	
Agree	146	112	27	7	5	42	15	28	1	4	28	102	90	26	47	146	7	28	7	103	43	7	52	16	16	13	10	16	1	11	
Strongly agree	207	161	35	11	4	59	46	34	3	3	32	148	130	26	86	207	12	37	10	155	52	7	55	23	17	23	15	40	1	20	
Prefer not to answer	17	9	7	1	0	7	4	3	0	0	14	13	3	6	17	3	4	3	15	2	0	5	1	1	4	1	2	0	3		
Total	420	314	82	24	10	121	73	79	7	8	63	302	267	63	158	420	27	85	28	313	107	16	126	46	40	46	28	70	2	36	

Response Counts: Demographic Items

ITEM/RESPONSES	COUNT
Q17 - What is the highest level of education completed by any of your parents and/or guardians?	
8th grade or lower	326
Between 9th and 12th grade (but no high school diploma)	303
High school diploma	1227
GED	201
Some college (but no college degree)	1367
College certificate or diploma	545
Associate's degree	769
Bachelor's degree	2110
Graduate degree	1783
I don't know	309
Prefer not to answer	192
<i>Total</i>	9132
Q18 - Are you currently receiving income-based financial aid for your education (for example: Pell Grant, Washington College Grant, need-based scholarships, etc.)?	
Yes	3971
No	4269
Don't know	685
Prefer not to answer	194
<i>Total</i>	9119
Q19 - How many hours do you work weekly outside of classes?	
I am not employed	3825
1-19	2213
20-30	1266
31-40	968
More than 40 hours	539
Prefer not to answer	317
<i>Total</i>	9128
Q19B - Are you currently seeking employment?	
Yes	1778
No	1730
Prefer not to answer	292
<i>Total</i>	3800
Q19C - How many jobs are you currently working?	
1	3845
2	848
3	127
4	23
Prefer not to answer	115
<i>Total</i>	4958
Q20 - Have you ever served, or are you currently serving, in the U.S. Armed Forces, Military Reserves, or National Guard?	
Yes	325
No	8658
Prefer not to answer	100
<i>Total</i>	9083
Q21 - Have you ever been in foster care?	
Yes	327
No	8627
Prefer not to answer	131
<i>Total</i>	9085
Q21B - Were you in foster care after your 1st birthday?	
Yes	135
No	181
Prefer not to answer	8
<i>Total</i>	324
Q21C - Did you "age out" of foster care?	
Yes	61
No	67
Prefer not to answer	7
<i>Total</i>	135
Q22 - When you were in high school, did you ever experience homelessness?	
Yes	802
No	8071
Prefer not to answer	169
<i>Total</i>	9042
Q23 - Do you identify as a member of the LGBTQI+ community?	
Yes	2756
No	5793
Prefer not to answer	490
<i>Total</i>	9039
Q24 - Are you living with a physical, mental/emotional, and/or learning disability?	
Yes	3466
No	4930
Prefer not to answer	647
<i>Total</i>	9043