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**HUNGER-FREE  
OREGON**

# STUDENT HUNGER IN OREGON A CLOSER LOOK

*Rising tuition and fees tied with a lack of sufficient state investment has resulted in students having to choose between succeeding in the classroom and having food on their plate*

## 43%

**OF COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE  
EXPERIENCING FOOD INSECURITY**

calculated as an average from Hope Center's  
2020 #RealCollege Survey

*College is extremely expensive and things like food go by the wayside. We give up necessities to be able to afford all the costs of college. Our safety and basic needs are ignored.*

*(Oregon State University, survey respondent)*

*There is no ability during a term to shift focus away from classes, so if you lose your housing, you have to keep trying to attend school and classes while homeless. If you don't have money for food, you have to eat something that doesn't adequately nourish or go hungry [instead] and try to keep working on classes...*

*(Portland State University, survey respondent)*

## 20%

**OF FOOD INSECURE COLLEGE  
STUDENTS ALSO EXPERIENCE  
HOUSING INSECURITY**

from Hope Center's 2020 #RealCollege  
Survey

## 54%

**OF BLACK  
STUDENTS  
IDENTIFY AS FOOD  
INSECURE**

## 60%

**OF INDIGENOUS  
STUDENTS  
IDENTIFY AS FOOD  
INSECURE**

**AS COMPARED TO**

## 34%

**OF WHITE  
STUDENTS**

from Hope Center's 2020  
#RealCollege Survey

## 50%

**OF OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
STUDENTS WITH CHILDREN  
EXPERIENCE FOOD INSECURITY**

from Hope Center's 2019 Oregon Community  
College #RealCollege Survey

*I know myself as a parent/student [who] struggles with food insecurity. You are always choosing what's more important, you eating for lunch or dinner. Because you can only pay for one. [...] Even though I have SNAP benefits, we run out of food by the end of the month. So I eat less.*

*(Oregon State University, survey respondent)*

# 61%

OF TRANSGENDER  
STUDENTS ENROLLED  
AT OREGON  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGES  
IDENTIFY AS FOOD  
INSECURE

# 62%

OF NONBINARY  
STUDENTS ENROLLED  
AT OREGON  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGES  
IDENTIFY AS FOOD  
INSECURE

# 49%

OF GAY AND  
LESBIAN STUDENTS  
ENROLLED AT  
OREGON COMMUNITY  
COLLEGES  
IDENTIFY AS FOOD  
INSECURE

# 52%

OF BISEXUAL  
STUDENTS ENROLLED  
AT OREGON  
COMMUNITY  
COLLEGES  
IDENTIFY AS FOOD  
INSECURE

from Hope Center's 2019 Oregon Community College #RealCollege Survey

**STUDENTS NEED MORE SUPPORT.** There are inadequate basic needs programming, outreach and support systems on campuses.

*Even if you do know when or where [to go], all the paperwork and legalities can be really confusing and overwhelming. Every different service has different requirements.*

*(Linn-Benton Community College, listening circle participant)*

*What we want from the administrators and the legislators is that they listen and understand us and take action.*

*(Western Oregon University, Listening Circle participant)*

*To learn more, visit*

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