

At a Glance:

Food Insecurity

Food insecurity is defined as "a household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food" by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Missouri College Students



22% of Missouri college students answered "Sometimes", "Very often" or "Always" to both of the following questions in the survey and are coded as "facing food insecurity":

Facing food insecurity Not facing food insecurity

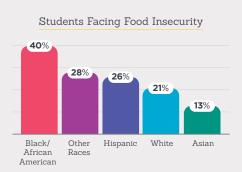
IN THE LAST 30 DAYS ...

THE FOOD THAT I BOUGHT JUST DID NOT LAST

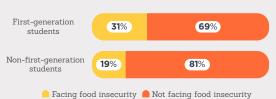
AND I DID NOT HAVE MONEY TO GET MORE. I COULDN'T AFFORD TO EAT BALANCED MEALS.

Students Facing Food Insecurity

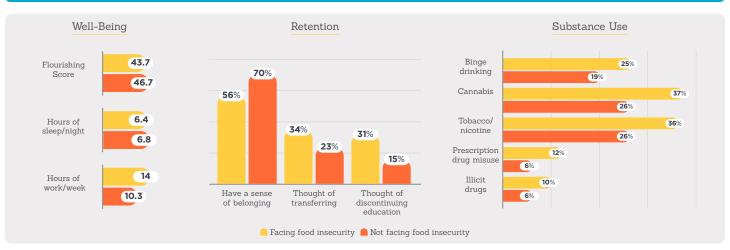
Forty percent
(40%) of Black/
African American
students are facing
food insecurity,
which is the highest
rate among all racial/
ethnic groups.



First generation students also have a higher rate of food insecurity than other students.



Food Insecurity vs. Well-being, Retention, and Substance Use



1. US Department of Agriculture, (2019). Definitions of Food Security. Available online at: https://www.ers.usda.gov/topics/food-nutrition-assistance/food-security-in-the-us/definitions-of-food-security.aspx