



Helping SUNY Students Access SNAP

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Agenda

- Food Insecurity and Students
- Understanding SNAP
- SNAP Rules for Students
- Consolidated Appropriations Act-Expiration of Temporary Student Eligibility Exemptions
- Assisting SUNY Students with SNAP
- Ideas for the Future
- Questions/Discussion

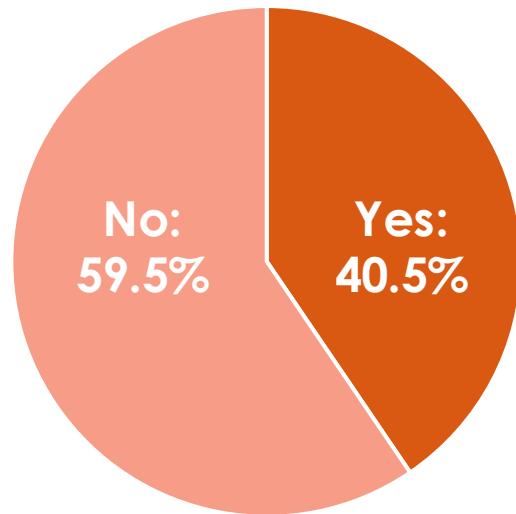
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Food Insecurity and Students

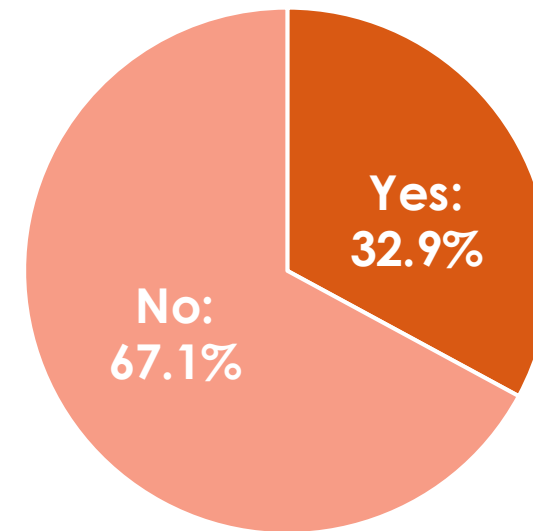


2019 SUNY Food Insecurity Task Force Report – State-Operated Campuses

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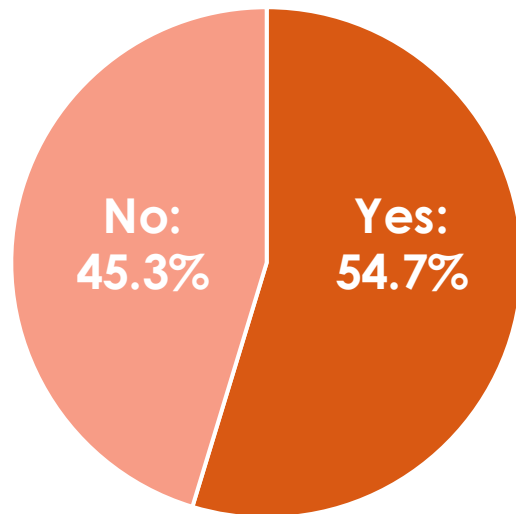
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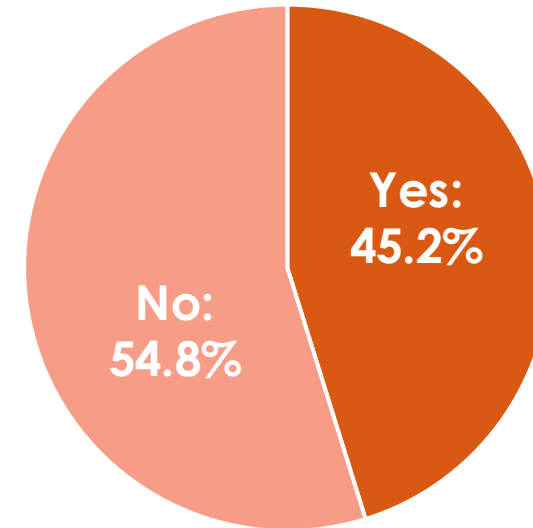
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2019 SUNY Food Insecurity Task Force Report – Community Colleges

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#REALCOLLEGE DURING THE PANDEMIC

In March 2020, the coronavirus pandemic struck American higher education.

Colleges closed campuses, students lost jobs, and emergency resources failed to meet the demands caused by the crisis. This report examines the pandemic's impact on students, from their basic needs security to their well-being, as indicated by employment status, academic engagement, and mental health.

While the survey response rate was 6.7%, it nevertheless represents an uncommonly large multi-institutional student sample; perhaps the largest thus far during the pandemic. The timing of the survey—fielded from April 20 to May 15, during the uncertain early days of the pandemic—likely contributed to the response rate. Participating in the survey also required internet access and provided limited incentives to students.

The survey assessed food insecurity over the prior 30 days, and housing insecurity and homelessness at the time the survey was completed.

THE DATA COME FROM
AN ELECTRONIC SURVEY
COMPLETED BY



38,602
STUDENTS ATTENDING



54
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN



26
STATES
39 two-year colleges
15 four-year colleges and universities

38K+ STUDENTS TOLD US THAT...

NEARLY
3 IN 5
were experiencing
basic needs insecurity

FOOD INSECURITY
AFFECTED
44% at two-year
institutions
38% at four-year
institutions

15% & 11%
AT FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS AT TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS
were experiencing
HOMELESSNESS
due to the pandemic

THE
BLACK/WHITE GAP
IN BASIC NEEDS
INSECURITY WAS
19 percentage
points

HOPE Center Report



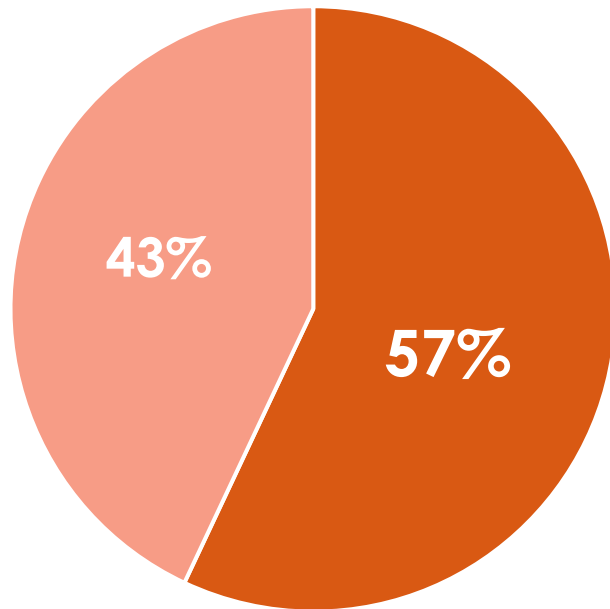
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Most Students with Low Incomes Didn't Get SNAP Before the Pandemic



57 percent of potentially eligible students (those who have low incomes, and at least one additional risk factor for food insecurity) are not enrolled in SNAP.

Source: Kathryn Larin, Food Insecurity: Better Information Could Help Eligible College Students Access Federal Food Assistance Benefits, U.S. Government Accountability Office, December 2018.

SNAP

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program



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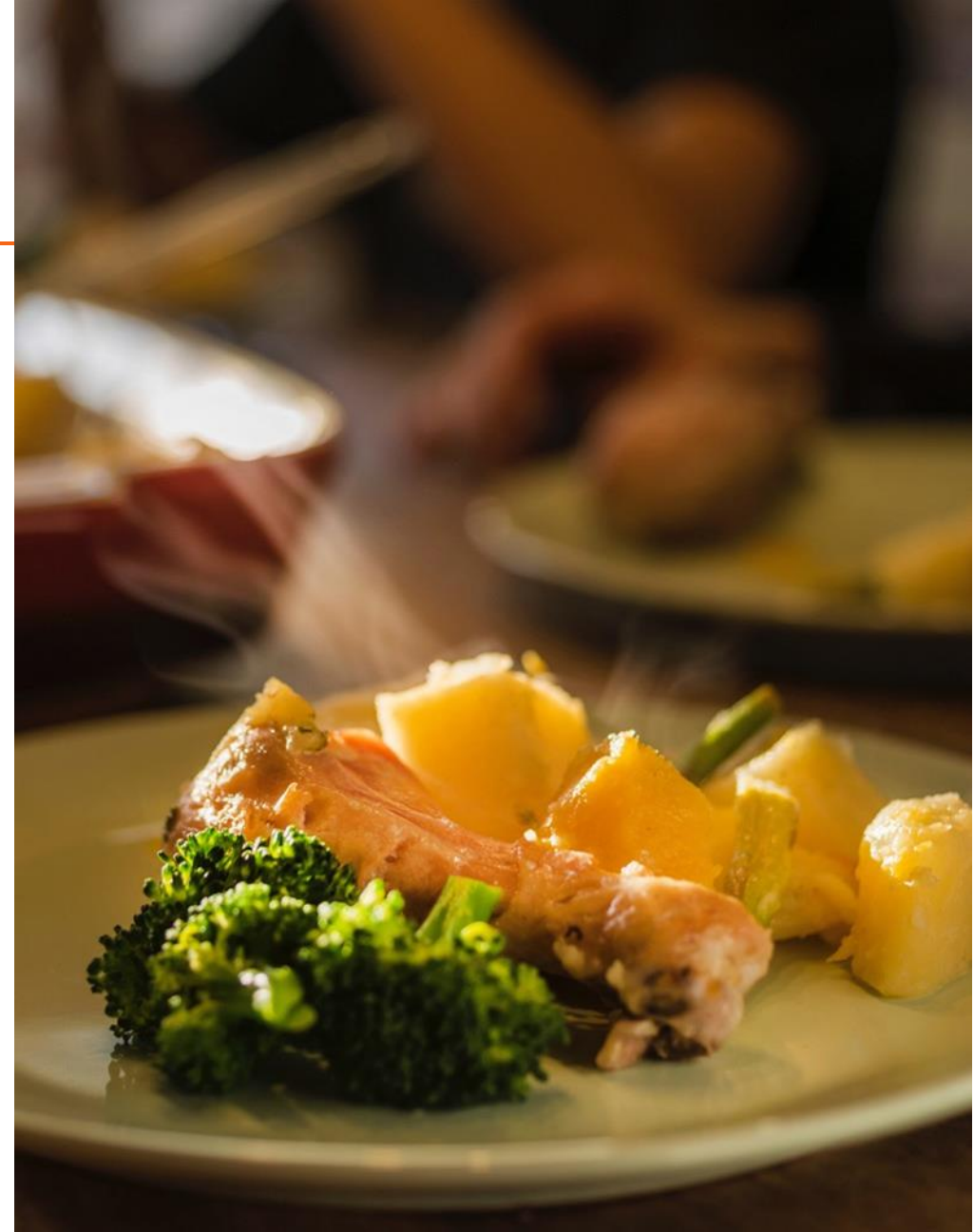
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What is SNAP?

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Our nation's primary nutrition assistance program, providing monthly benefits to purchase food for **all** who meet program guidelines.





Where Can SNAP Be Used?

- SNAP can be used to buy groceries at authorized retailers
- SNAP cannot be used to buy **HOT prepared foods**
- SNAP cannot be used to pay for meal plans at an institution of higher learning

Documenting the CTE Exemption

Students must provide proof to the SNAP office that they meet an exemption in order to be determined a SNAP eligible student.

[SUNY/CUNY/EOC Student Verification of Enrollment](#)

Verification of SNAP Allowable Student Exceptions

Student Name:

Date of Birth:

Today's date:

College in which the student is currently enrolled:

Is the student named above currently enrolled at least half-time? Yes No

Student's current program of study or major:

Allowable Student Exemptions	Yes	No
Is the student named above currently enrolled in a program of study or major that, for SNAP purposes only, meets the definition of a Career and Technical Education program under the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 (HEGIS codes 5000 through 5599)?		
Is the student named above currently eligible to participate in state or federal work-study, regardless if the student is actively employed or participating in work-study?		
Does the student named above currently have an Expected Family Contribution of \$0, pursuant to Part F of Title IV of the Higher Education Act?		

By signing below, I certify that all the information provided above is true and accurate to the best of my professional knowledge.

Signature

University Executive Registrar

Phone: 646.664.2234

For CUNY purposes only, CUNYfirst ID:

<https://www.cuny.edu/SNAP/>

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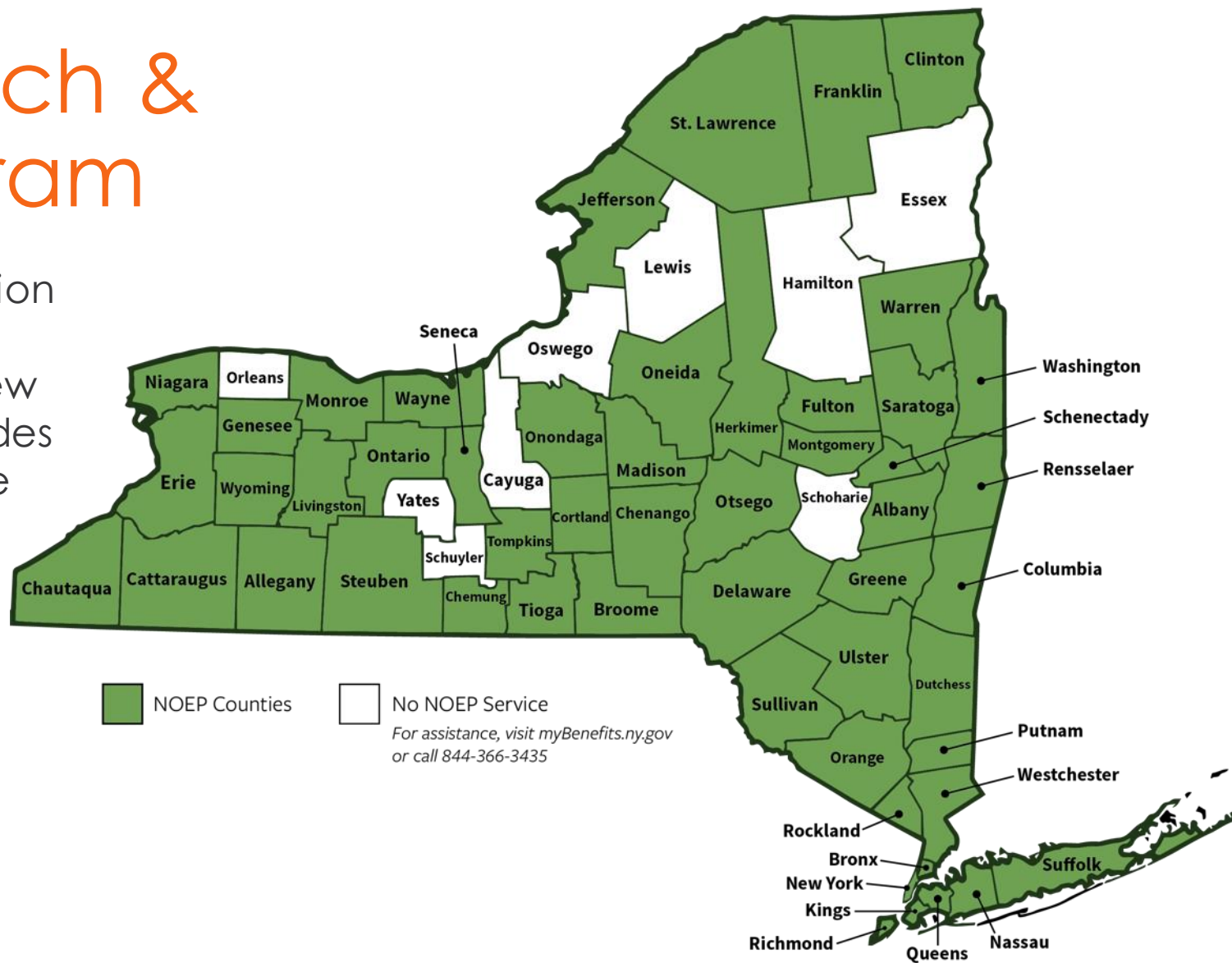
We increase **awareness** of, **support** for, and **participation** in federal nutrition assistance programs.

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- School Breakfast Program (SBP)
- Community Eligibility Program (CEP)
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Nutrition Outreach & Education Program

The Nutrition Outreach and Education Program (NOEP) offers free and confidential services to connect New Yorkers with SNAP. NOEP also provides referrals to other nutrition assistance programs.

To find a local NOEP Coordinator, visit FoodHelpNY.org



NOEP Coordinators

- Community outreach campaigns, presentations and events
- Pre-screen for eligibility and provide estimated SNAP benefit
- Help gather documents, fill out, and submit a SNAP application
- Offer translation services, home visits, and in-person, e-mail, or over-the-phone assistance
- Work with local government offices (DSS) to ensure each application is processed correctly
- Help resolve barriers to SNAP participation (how to use EBT, incorrect benefit amt, etc.)
- Assist with recertifications
- Education and referrals about other nutrition assistance programs (summer meals, school meals)

ALL NOEP Services are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL.



Hunger Solutions New York Can Help

Links to tools and resources for working with students:

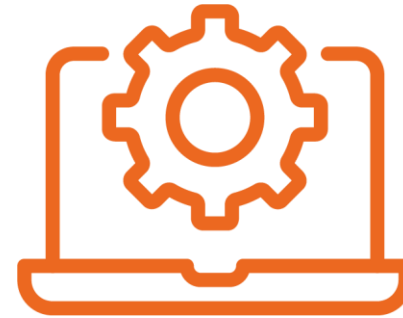
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[Our SNAP and Students Page](#)

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[Student Story Collection – Food Research and Action Center \(FRAC\)](#)

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Questions

Use Q&A function on your webinar panel.

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