Student Basic Needs at University of California: Data Collection and Results

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Presentation outline

• Data collection, reporting, and sharing with campuses
• Food insecurity results
• Homelessness/Housing insecurity results
# UC basic needs surveys administered since 2015

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<td>Student Food Access and Security Study (SFASS)</td>
<td>Undergraduates &amp; Graduates sample</td>
<td>April-May, 2015</td>
<td>8,932</td>
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<td>Undergraduate Experience Survey (UCUES)</td>
<td>Undergraduates population</td>
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<td>65,000 per administration</td>
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<td>Graduate Student Well-Being Survey (GSWBS)</td>
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## UC basic needs surveys administered in the future

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<td>Every two years (2022)</td>
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Assessing food security/insecurity

- Defining food security/insecurity (*adopted in 2016 UCUES and 2015 GWBS*)

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<th>Two-item module</th>
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<td>1. I was worried whether my food would run out before I got money to buy more.</td>
<td>- Often True</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- Sometimes True</td>
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<td>- Never True</td>
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<td>2. The food that I bought just didn’t last, and I didn’t have money to get more.</td>
<td>- Often True</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td></td>
<td>- Sometimes True</td>
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0 : food security
1 – 2: food insecurity
Assessing food security/insecurity

- **Six item module** *(adopted in 2018/2020 UCUES and all future surveys)*

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<th>Response categories</th>
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<td>1. The food that I bought just didn’t last, and I didn’t have money to get more.</td>
<td>often true/sometimes true/never true</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>2. I couldn’t afford to eat balanced meals.</td>
<td>often true/sometimes true/never true</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>3. Did you ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn’t enough money for food?</td>
<td>yes vs. no</td>
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<td>4. [If ‘Yes’ is selected to c] How often did this happen?</td>
<td>almost every month/some months but not every month/only 1 or 2 months</td>
<td>2/1</td>
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<td>5. Did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasn’t enough money for food?</td>
<td>yes vs. no</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Were you ever hungry but didn't eat because there wasn't enough money for food?</td>
<td>yes vs. no</td>
<td>1</td>
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0 – 1: high or marginal food security  
2 – 4: low food security  
5 – 6: very low food security  

More detailed information is available at: [https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/sites/default/files/measuring-food-insecurity.pdf](https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/sites/default/files/measuring-food-insecurity.pdf)
Homlessness/housing insecurity questions

One homelessness question in 2016 and 2018 UCUES, and 2015 GSWBS

[UC-Only] Q73. Since attending UC, have you ever been homeless for any of the following lengths of time (check all that apply)?

- No (1)
- Yes, during Fall-Spring academic year (2)
- Yes, during Summer when taking classes (3)
- Yes, during Summer when not taking classes (4)
- Yes, during Winter break (5)

Homeless means not having stable or reliable housing, e.g., living on the street, in vehicles, motels, camp grounds, single-occupancy facilities, or couch surfing in other people’s homes for temporary sleeping arrangements.
Homelessness/housing insecurity questions

Housing insecurity questions in 2020 UCUES

1. Where are you living this term?
2. How far do you live from campus this term?
3. With whom do you live?
4. In the last 12 months, have you slept overnight in any of the following places because you didn’t have a permanent home to return to?
5. How many times have you moved from one residence to another in the last 12 months?
6. In the last 12 months, which of the following were reasons why you moved?
7. In the last 12 months, have you ever lacked a safe, regular, and adequate nighttime place to stay and sleep for any of the following lengths of time?
8. In the last 12 months, were you ever at risk of not having a safe, regular, and adequate nighttime place to stay and sleep while you were on a UC housing waiting list?
9. In the last 12 months, how often did each of these things happen to you because you were worried about paying for housing?

The UCUES instrument is available at: https://www.ucop.edu/institutional-research-academic-planning/services/survey-services/UCUES.html
Major changes of basic needs questions in UC surveys

**Food insecurity**
- 2 questions
  - food security vs. food insecurity
- 6 questions
  - food security vs. low food security and very low food security

**Housing insecurity**
- one question
  - homelessness
- 9 questions
  - homelessness and housing insecurity
**UC basic needs survey data reporting**

- Dashboards in UC Information Center

[University of California Undergraduate Experience Survey (UCUES) Data Tables, 2018](https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/infocenter/ucues-data-tables-main)

[Student Basic Needs](https://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/infocenter/student-basic-needs)
UC basic needs survey data reporting

- Data analysis and comprehensive reports

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[Image of Global Food Initiative]

Student Food Access and Security Study

2016


Global Food Initiative: Food and Housing Security at the University of California

December 2017

UC basic needs survey data sharing with campuses

UCOP provides raw data to all campuses.

Contact information for campus basic needs data (undergraduate and graduate)

- Berkley: Sereeta Alexander in Planning & Analysis
- Davis: Erika Jackson in Budget and Institutional Analysis
- Irvine: Angela Miu in Campus Assessment/Institutional Research
- UCLA: Kristen McKinney in Campus Assessment/Academic Planning and Budget
- Merced: Cinnamon Danube in Institutional Research & Decision Support
- Riverside: Hayden Harris in Student Affairs Research & Evaluation/Institutional Research
- San Diego: William Armstrong in Institutional Research
- San Francisco: Ning Wang in Institutional Research
- Santa Barbara: Laurel Wilder in Institutional Research, Planning & Assessment
- Santa Cruz: Anna Sher in Institutional Research, Assessment & Policy Studies

For graduate student data, can also contact

Graduate Divisions at all campuses

UCOP contact: Tongshan Chang  email: Tongshan.Chang@ucop.edu
# UC food insecurity survey results – by Campus (UCUES)

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<th>Campus</th>
<th>2016</th>
<th>2018</th>
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<td>38%</td>
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<td>52%</td>
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<td>UCSC</td>
<td>41%</td>
<td>26%</td>
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**color legend:** food insecurity  low food security  very low food security

- **Overall:**
  - 2016: 44%, 2018: 27%, 2020: 21%
  - UCB: 46%, 2018: 27%, 2020: 19%
  - UCD: 45%, 2018: 27%, 2020: 19%
  - UCI: 45%, 2018: 27%, 2020: 22%
  - UCLA: 20%, 2018: 14%, 2020: 17%
  - UCM: 57%, 2018: 38%, 2020: 31%
  - UCR: 52%, 2018: 32%, 2020: 24%
  - UCSD: 41%, 2018: 26%, 2020: 19%
  - UCSB: 48%, 2018: 22%, 2020: 18%
  - UCSC: 47%, 2018: 29%, 2020: 24%
UC food insecurity survey results – by Race/Ethnicity (UCUES)

color legend: food insecurity low food security very low food security

Overall
2016: 44% 20% 27%
2018: 39% 18% 21%
2020: 34% 20% 18%

African American
2016: 20% 18% 21%
2018: 21% 20% 17%
2020: 23% 22% 17%

American Indian
2016: 48% 30% 34%
2018: 35% 30% 30%
2020: 23% 22% 20%

Hispanic/Latinx
2016: 57% 30% 30%
2018: 37% 30% 21%
2020: 20% 20% 17%

Asian/Pac Isl
2016: 41% 17% 16%
2018: 24% 18% 15%
2020: 21% 15% 15%

White
2016: 35% 16% 14%
2018: 35% 15% 14%
2020: 20% 15% 15%

Unknown
2016: 41% 17% 21%
2018: 35% 15% 21%
2020: 18% 15% 18%

International
2016: 18% 16% 20%
2018: 18% 16% 16%
2020: 17% 15% 16%
UC food insecurity survey results – by Pell (UCUES)

In all three years, over 50% of Pell student respondents were food insecure. In 2018 and 2020, at least 30% of Pell students responded as having very low food security.

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In all three years, over 50% of First Generation students responded as food insecure.
UC food insecurity survey results
Graduate Student Well Being Survey (GSWBS, 2016)

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Graduate Student Well Being Survey (GSWBS, 2016)
UC food insecurity survey results - Completion (UCUES, 2016)

1st Year Persistence Rate: Spring 2016 UCUES respondents who enrolled in fall 2016 – shown as gap from food secure

The persistence rate of freshmen students who responded as food insecure, was 2.1% less than freshmen students who were not food insecure.

The graduation rate of freshmen who responded as food insecure was 10.5% less than that of food secure respondents.

Graduation Rate: Spring 2016 UCUES respondents who graduated by spring 2019 for freshmen (within 4 years at UC) or by spring 2017 for transfer (within 2 years at UC) – shown as gap from food secure
The University of California food insecurity survey results – Graduation Rate (UCUES, 2016)

African American and Hispanic/Latinx students who responded as food insecure had the lowest completion rates by race/ethnicity.

**Hispanic/Latinx**
- Freshman: 11.4% pts (n=1,545, 47%)
- Transfer: -4.0% pts (n=706, 59%)

**African American**
- Freshman: 11.1% pts (n=214, 49%)
- Transfer: 0.3% pts (n=148, 68%)
UC food insecurity survey results – Graduation Rate (UCUES, 2016)

**Pell + LGBTQ**

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<td>-13.2 % pts</td>
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<td>(n=271, 55%)</td>
<td>(n=200, 69%)</td>
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**African American + Pell**

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<td>(n=139, 53%)</td>
<td>(n=115, 70%)</td>
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**Hispanic/Latinx + LGBTQ + First-Generation**

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<td>(n=157, 61%)</td>
<td>(n=82, 75%)</td>
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UC food insecurity survey results - Completion (GSWBS, 2016)

45% of graduate students who identified as food insecure were upbeat about their post-graduation career prospects compared to 60% of food secure students.

I’m upbeat about my post-graduation career prospects.

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<td>Strongly disagree</td>
<td>14%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Disagree</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>Slightly disagree</td>
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<td>16%</td>
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<td>Neither disagree nor</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<td>agree</td>
<td>19%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Agree</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>14%</td>
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75% of graduate students who identified as food insecure agreed they were on track to complete their degree program compared to 82% of food secure students.

Respondent count:
- Food insecure – 1,535
- Food secure – 3,755
35% of Hispanic/Latinx Masters students who identified as food insecure were upbeat about their post-graduation career prospects compared to 59% of food secure students. Over 80% of both groups agreed they were on track to complete their degree program.
## UC Homelessness and Housing Insecurity

Since attending University of California, have you ever been homeless for any of the following lengths of time (check all that apply)? *

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<th>Homeless</th>
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<td>Homeless: unduplicated*</td>
<td>95%</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>6% Santa Cruz, 5% Santa Barbara, 4% San Diego, 3% Riverside, 5% Merced, 3% Los Angeles, 3% Irvine, 3% Davis, 4% Berkeley</td>
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* This is a multiple selection question. The "homeless" count in the “Homeless: unduplicated” row is unduplicated and shows the number of students who selected any of the four options.

n=56,946

Overall by Campus:
- Santa Cruz: 6%
- Santa Barbara: 5%
- San Diego: 4%
- Riverside: 3%
- Merced: 5%
- Los Angeles: 3%
- Irvine: 3%
- Davis: 3%
- Berkeley: 4%

n=2,260

First Generation by Campus:
- Santa Cruz: 7%
- Santa Barbara: 5%
- San Diego: 5%
- Riverside: 3%
- Merced: 5%
- Los Angeles: 5%
- Irvine: 3%
- Davis: 4%
- Berkeley: 7%

n=1,150

First Generation by Campus:
- Santa Cruz: 8%
- Santa Barbara: 5%
- San Diego: 5%
- Riverside: 4%
- Merced: 5%
- Los Angeles: 5%
- Irvine: 3%
- Davis: 4%
- Berkeley: 8%

n=1,304
**UC Undergraduate Basic Needs and Completion – Housing Insecurity**

Undergraduate Student Basic Needs and Completion--Spring 2016 UCUES*

**1st Year Persistence Rate:** Spring 2016 UCUES respondents who enrolled in fall 2016
Shown as gap from: Not homeless

- **Freshman:** Homeless: -4.8% pts (n=703, 3%)
- **Transfer:** Homeless: -3.7% pts (n=322, 5%)

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**Graduation rate:** Spring 2016 UCUES respondents who graduated by spring 2019 for freshmen (within 4 years at UC) or by spring 2017 for transfers (within 2 years at UC)
Shown as gap from: Not homeless

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Freshman who reported as being homeless during any academic term were 4.8% pts less likely to persist.

Freshman who reported as being homeless during any academic term were 6.0% pts less likely to graduate within 4 years.
Freshman who reported as homeless during any academic term, along with Pell recipient and first generation, were 7.7% points less likely to persist, when students were Pell recipients and first generation.

Graduation rate: Spring 2016 UCUES respondents who graduated by spring 2019 for freshmen (within 4 years at UC) or by spring 2017 for transfers (within 2 years at UC). Shown as gap from: Not homeless

Freshman who reported as homeless during any academic term, along with Pell recipient and first generation, were 13.1% points less likely to graduate within 4 years,
Freshman who were food insecure and homeless were 7.1% pts less likely to persist in their first year than students who were food secure and not homeless.

Food Insecurity + Homelessness:
(n=222, 2%)  

Freshman: -7.1 % pts  
Transfer: -5.0 % pts

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Food Insecurity + Homelessness:
(n=190, 4%)

Freshman who were food insecure and homeless were 10.7% pts less likely to graduate within 4 years, when compared to students who were food secure and not homeless.

Food Insecurity + Homelessness:
(n=222, 2%)

Freshman: -10.7 % pts  
Transfer: -13.9 % pts

(n=190, 4%)

Freshman: -10.7 % pts  
Transfer: -5.8 % pts
Students who identified as food insecure and homeless consistently reported working longer hours than their counterparts.

Students who identified as food insecure and homeless reported having more communication with instructors.

Paid employment--weekly hours

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<td>10 Hours/Less</td>
<td>48%</td>
<td>62%</td>
<td>60%</td>
<td>74%</td>
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<td>11-20 Hours</td>
<td>28%</td>
<td>26%</td>
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<td>More Than 20</td>
<td>24%</td>
<td>12%</td>
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<td>Overall</td>
<td>68%</td>
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58% of students who identified as homeless were satisfied with life, compared to 74% of Not Homeless students.

*Respondents are weighted to reflect the population (see background tab). Food security and/or homelessness categories with group size fewer than 20 are hidden.*
Based on preliminary data, nontraditional students (age) exhibit higher levels of unstable housing.

### Where are you living this term?

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<tr>
<th>Age Group</th>
<th>No stable residence/Homeless</th>
<th>Off-campus in a house</th>
<th>Co-op student housing</th>
<th>Sorority or fraternity</th>
<th>Campus owned apartment or house</th>
<th>Campus residence hall</th>
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<td>Grand Total</td>
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<td>35%</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>20 years or younger</td>
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<td>23%</td>
<td>34%</td>
<td>8%</td>
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<td>21 to 25 years old</td>
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<td>43%</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>26 to 30 years old</td>
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In the last 12 months, have you ever lacked a safe, regular, and adequate nighttime place to stay and sleep for any of the following lengths of time? (Check all that apply)

- During other academic holidays: 5%
- During Summer when not taking classes: 10%
- During Summer when taking classes: 8%
- During Spring break: 9%
- During Spring academic term: 17%
- During Winter break: 10%
- During Winter academic term: 16%
- During Fall academic term: 25%

Most students who lacked a safe, regular, and adequate nighttime place to sleep, did so during the Fall academic term.

In the last 12 months, how often did each of these things happen to you because you were worried about paying for housing?

- Ate less nutritious and/or balanced meals: 19%
- Skipped meals: 23%
- Experienced depression: 23%
- Experienced anxiety: 19%
- Difficulty focusing on studies: 17%

Most UC students who were worried about paying for housing, either skipped meals or experienced depression.
Based on residency and being placed on UC housing waiting list, Non-Resident students (6%) report the highest risk of not having a place to stay and sleep.

Based on Pell Status and being placed on UC housing waiting list, 5% of Pell recipients reported a risk of not having a place to stay and sleep.
First Generation students tend to live further away from their UC campus.

First Generation students tend to live with more than 1 family member, as oppose to non-first generation students.
Summary & Takeaway Points

• The question modules have been improved over time, which leads to more accurate data and more actionable results

• Food and housing insecurity is a critical issue across UC campuses that needs continued attention

• Basic needs issues have impacts on student completion, particularly among international, economically disadvantaged, underrepresented groups, and when considering intersectional characteristics

• Future plans include looking at:
  - additional graduate student data
  - other student characteristics (e.g., parenting students)
Thanks! Questions?

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