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Justice and Equity Approaches to College and University Student Food (In)Security

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Food insecurity rates among students at public and private colleges and universities typically range from 22% to 50%.¹ Students who experience food insecurity are more likely to have anxiety and depression, poorer physical health,² lower GPAs,³ higher drop-out rates,⁴ and housing insecurity and homelessness⁵ than their food-secure peers.

Both research- and practice-based approaches have explored these student outcomes and the prevalence of student food insecurity within and across colleges and universities. Colleges and universities are also implementing strategies to reduce student food insecurity, including food pantries, meal swipe sharing, growing food on campus, alerts for recovering good food from events and dining centers, and subsidized or at-cost grocery stores.

¹ Elder, A. (2018). *Food access and dignity among University of Wyoming students* [Undergraduate honors thesis, University of Wyoming]. http://repository.uwyo.edu/honors_theses_17-18/47

² Payne-Sturges, D. C., Tjaden, A., Caldeira, K. M., Vincent, K. B., & Arria, A. M. (2018). Student hunger on campus: Food insecurity among college students and implications for academic institutions. *American Journal of Health Promotion, 32*(2), 349–354. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0890117117719620>

³ Maroto, M. E., Snelling, A., & Linck, H. (2015). Food insecurity among community college students: Prevalence and association with grade point average. *Community College Journal of Research and Practice, 39*(6), 515–526. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10668926.2013.850758>

⁴ Dubick, J., Matthews, B., & Cady, C. (2016). *Hunger on campus: The challenge of student food insecurity for college students*. College and University Food Bank Alliance, National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness, Student Government Resource Center, & Student Public Interest Research Groups. http://studentsagainsthunger.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Hunger_On_Campus.pdf

⁵ Silva, M. R., Kleinert, W. L., Sheppard, A. V., Cantrell, K. A., Freeman-Coppadge, D. J., Tsoy, E., Roberts, T., & Pearrow, M. (2017). The relationship between food security, housing stability, and school performance among college students in an urban university. *Journal of College Student Retention: Research, Theory and Practice, 19*(3), 284–299. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1521025115621918>

As the cost of attending college continues to increase, postgraduation employment becomes more uncertain and insecure, and the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated these challenges, student food insecurity may become a far less temporary condition associated with the college experience. Moreover, members of historically marginalized and under-represented student populations may be at greater risk for experiencing food insecurity.

The wide-ranging, ongoing, and severe challenge of student food insecurity requires systemic solutions and exploration. Scholarship on student food security has largely lacked the systemic and justice-based lenses that have long been applied to broader understandings of food (in)security. Accordingly, we seek empirical and practical contributions that explore topics including but not limited to:

- Underlying factors contributing to student food insecurity
- What groups within student populations tend to have higher rates of food insecurity
- Equity-based approaches to supporting food security for and with historically marginalized and underrepresented student populations
- Student-led approaches to addressing food insecurity
- Novel, radical, and systemic approaches for addressing student food insecurity that seek to move beyond emergency support strategies, such as pantries
- Dignity-based, sharing, and stigma-reducing strategies for student food security
- Community-university/town-gown partnerships for addressing student food insecurity

This section draws inspiration from both [JAFSCD's Equity Agenda](#) and the [INFAS Statement on Equity in the Food System](#).

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