

Student Basic Needs Survey Spring 2018

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The Food, Housing, and Transportation Security Survey



Based on the model established by the
Wisconsin HOPE Lab
at the University of Wisconsin-Madison



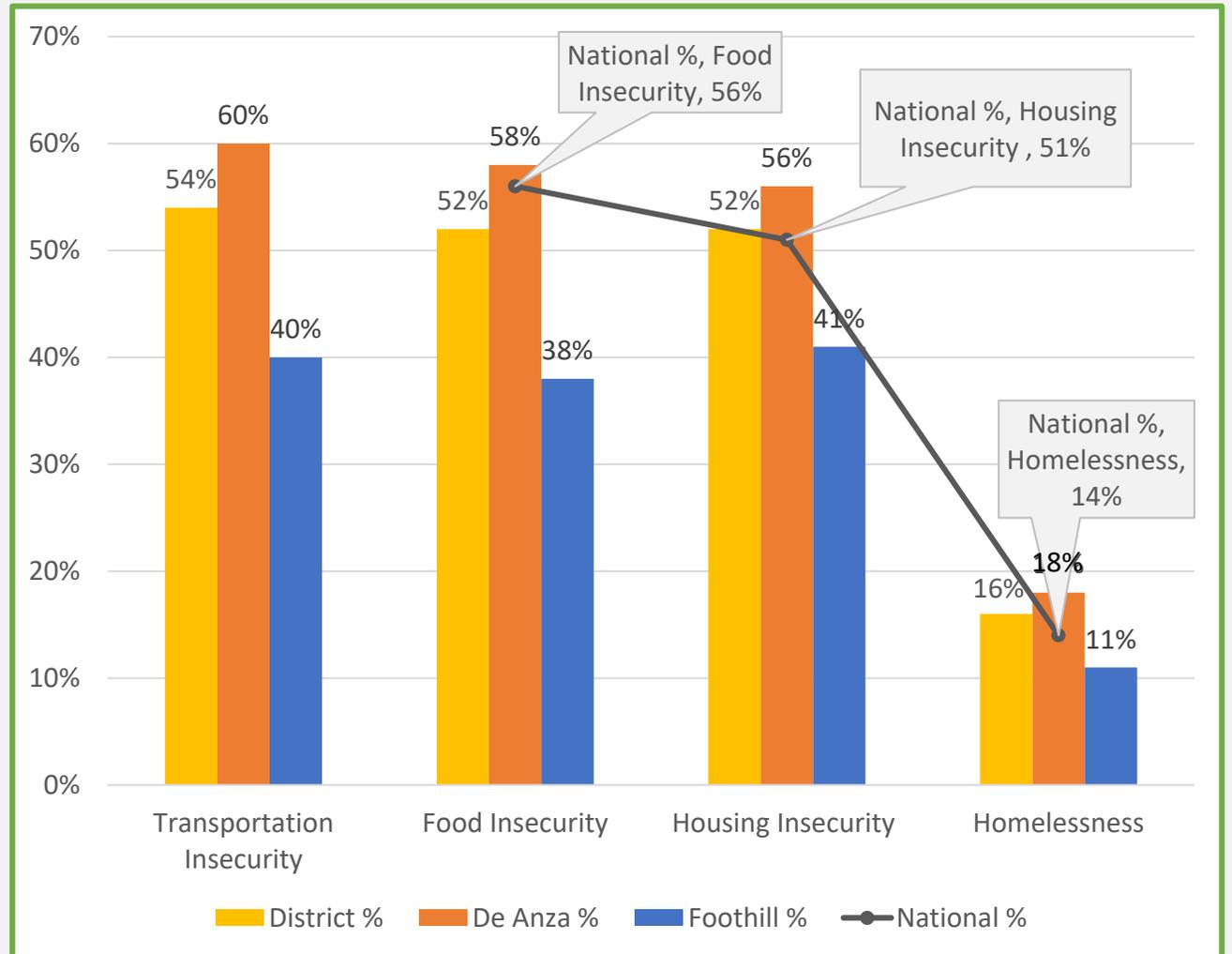
2,021 (11%)
De Anza students participated in the survey



781 (7%)
Foothill students participated in the survey

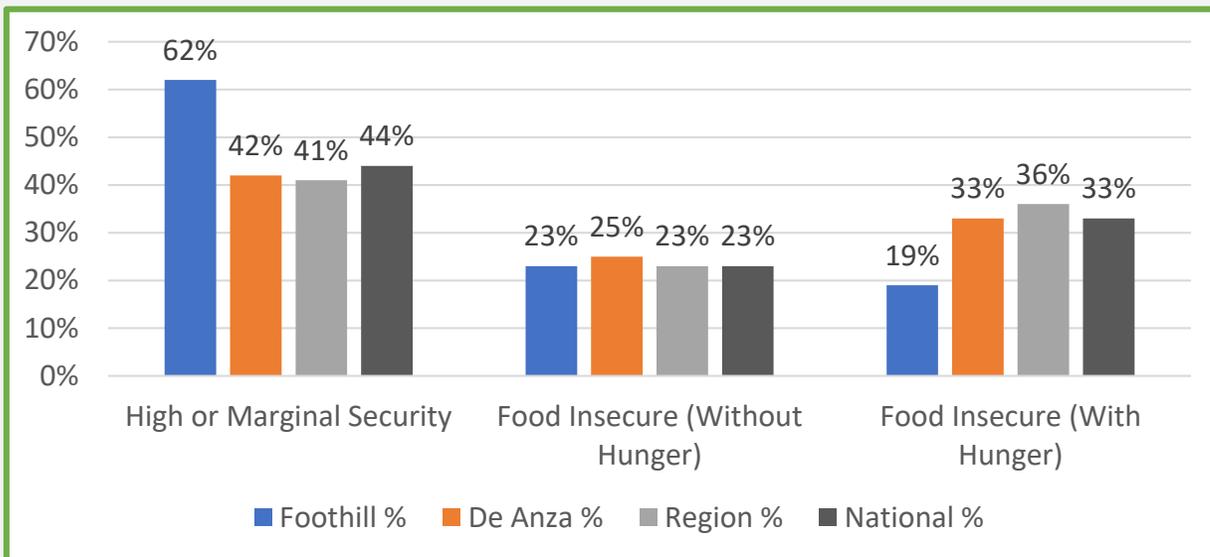
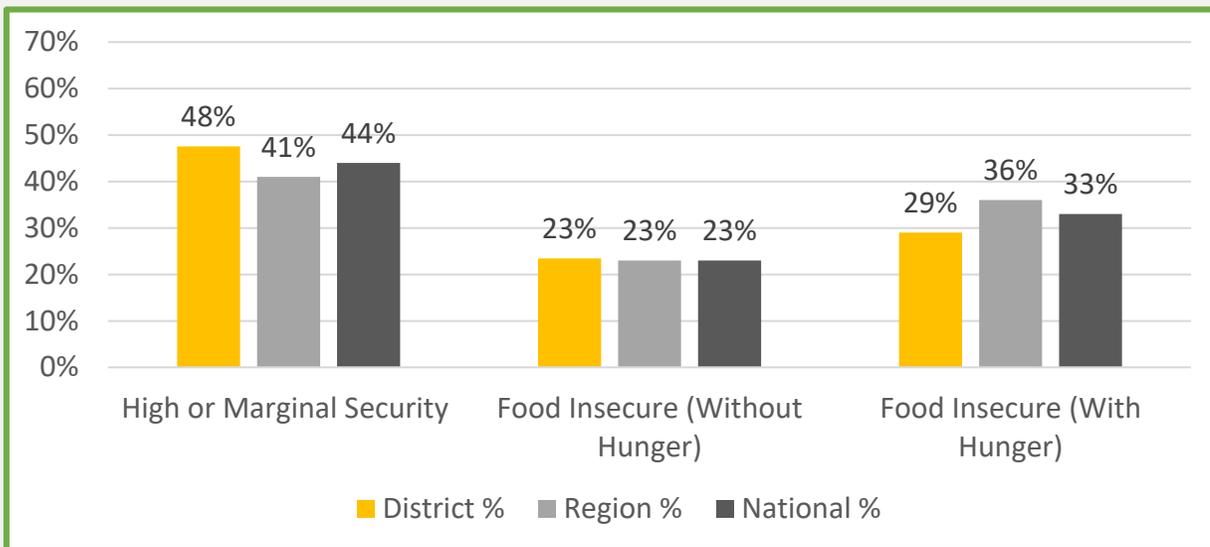
Basic Needs Insecurity Among Respondents

- Rates of insecurity among Foothill-De Anza respondents were high in all four categories
- Basic needs insecurity rates among De Anza respondents often approached or exceeded national and regional rates
- Foothill respondents' insecurity rates often approached or were lower than national and regional rates





Food Insecurity



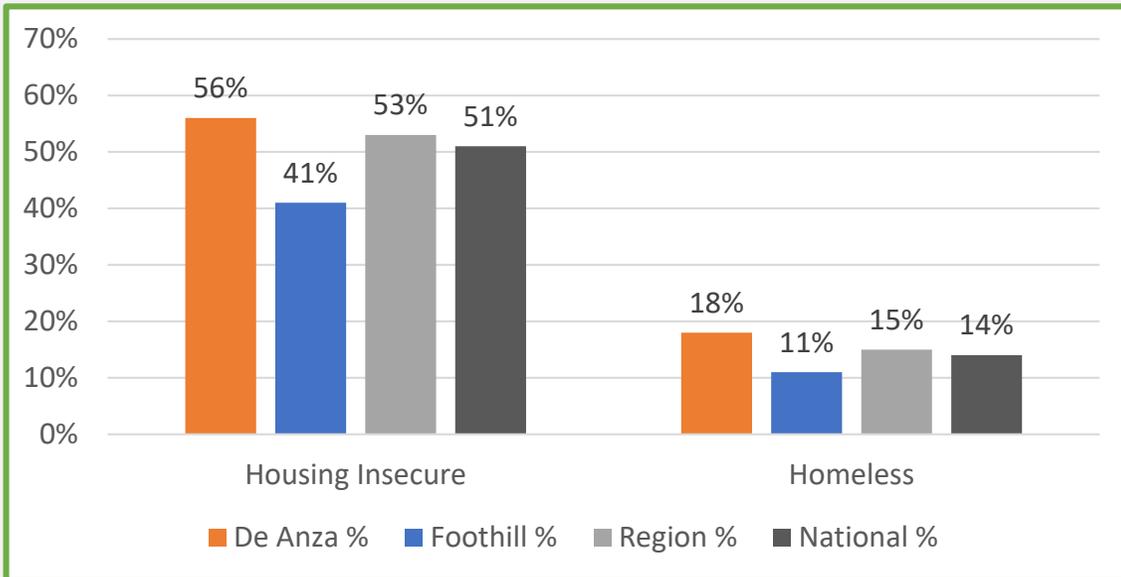
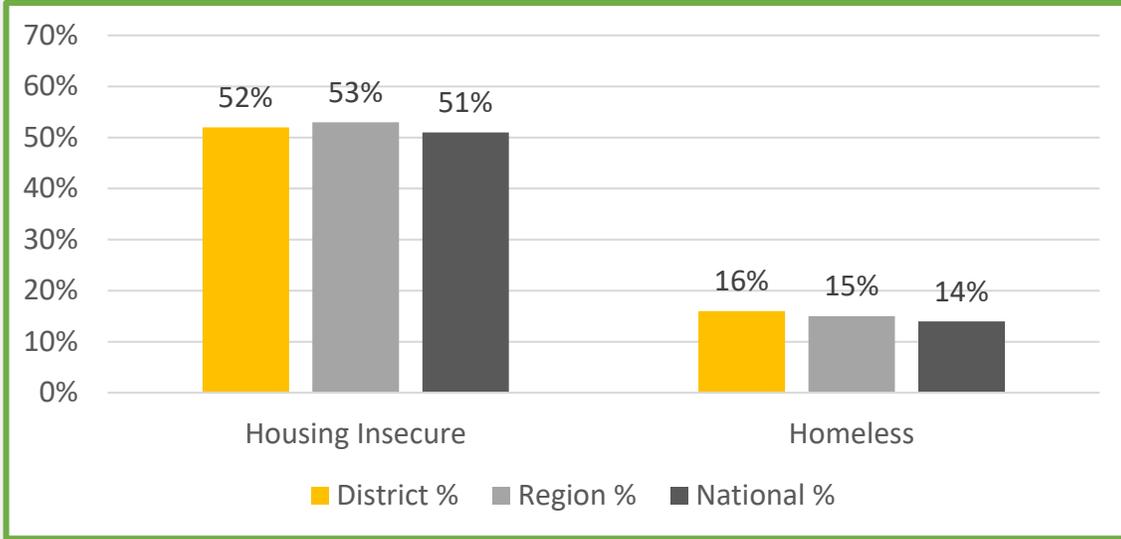
Highest Rates of Affirmative Responses (past 12 months):

- *I couldn't afford to eat balanced meals* (58% De Anza; 40% Foothill)
- *The food that I bought just didn't last and I didn't have enough money to get more* (52% De Anza; 32% Foothill)
- *Did you ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?* (50% De Anza; 33% Foothill)

* Food Insecurity status was measured using the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Six-Item Short Form of the Food Security Survey Module.



Housing Insecurity & Homelessness



Highest Rates of Affirmative Responses to Housing Insecurity Items (past 12 months):

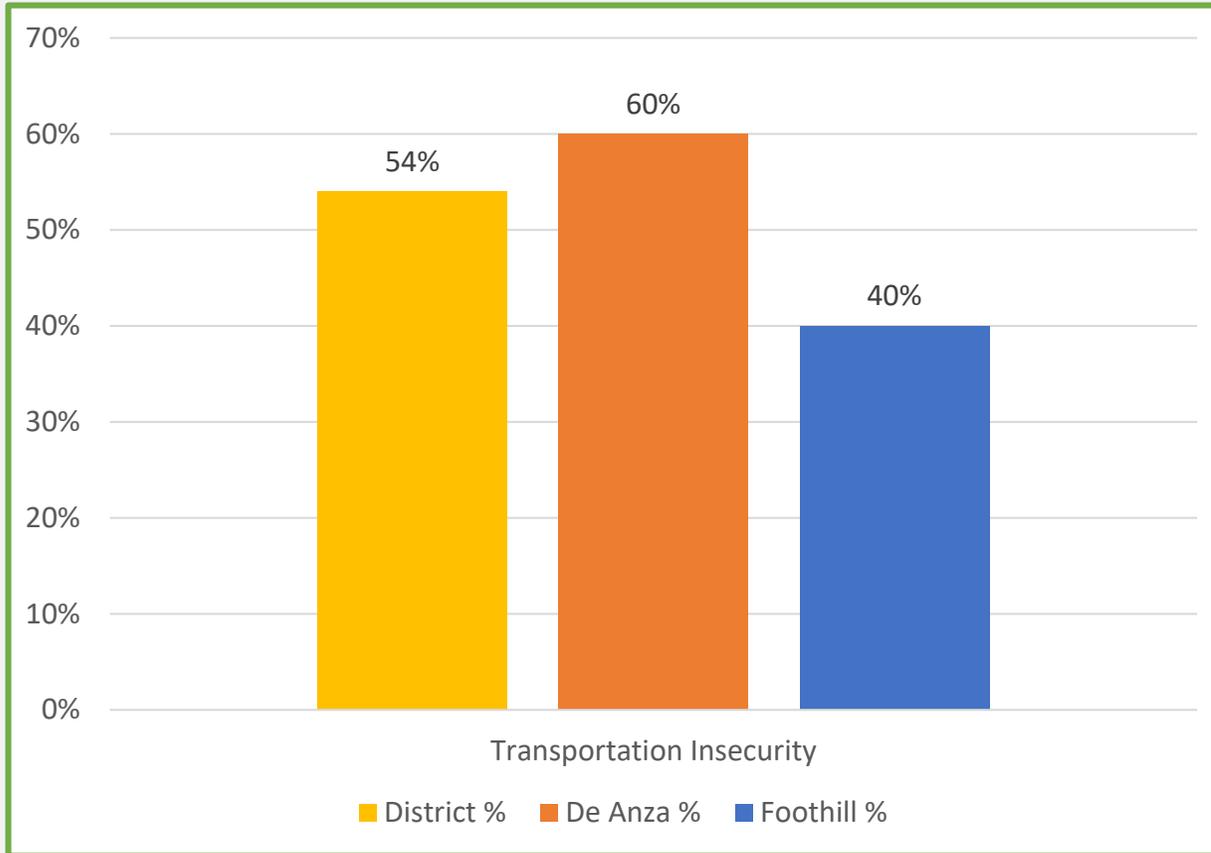
- *Doubled up or shared a room* (38% De Anza; 26% Foothill)
- *Moved in with other people due to financial problems* (31% De Anza; 20% Foothill)

Highest Rates of Affirmative Responses to Homelessness Items (past 12 months):

- *Did not know where you were going to sleep, even for one night* (11% De Anza; 9% Foothill)
- *Didn't have a home* (10% De Anza; 5% Foothill)



Transportation Insecurity



Highest Rates of Affirmative Responses (past 12 months):

- *Spend two or more hours per day commuting to and from Foothill/De Anza (33% De Anza; 23% Foothill)*
- *Missed class because of an issue with public transportation (e.g. running late, missed a connection) (32% De Anza; 19% Foothill)*
- *Had to decide between using money for gas or public transportation to get to work versus to class (28% De Anza; 16% Foothill)*



What students said

I used to qualify for **free lunch** and breakfast at school. This comprised most of my calories for those years... **Access to healthy food** is a big deal to poor students. -FH

I'm transgender. **LGBT** people like me can have unsupportive families. The three things that kept me going were the Clipper card **VTA eco pass**, cafeteria food, and a friendly community. -DA

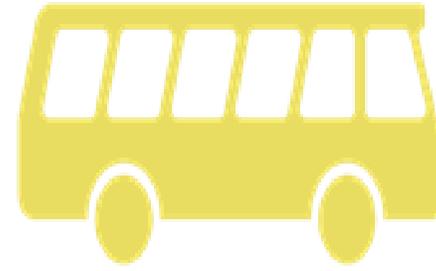
I have been **homeless some months**, living out of my car or couch surfing. -FH

As students, it's **hard for us to survive** on what little we make from our minimum wage jobs and often it's **discouraging**. -DA

I make too much to qualify for resources, yet I don't make enough at the same time to survive. **I live from check to check** and it's very stressful, especially as a **single mother**. -DA

I cannot afford a car so I take **public transport** daily. Currently...sharing an apartment with 4 others. **I survive almost entirely on cup noodles** as it is cheap. -DA

Rent, utilities, bills, food, it adds up and **costs a fortune** and by the end of it all you realize you have nothing left and you **learn how to stretch a dollar**. -FH



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