

2018 #REALCOLLEGE SURVEY SCHOOL REPORT FOR FOOTHILL COLLEGE

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Justice at Temple University

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OVERVIEW

* Invitations to complete the questionnaire were sent by email to approximately 15,700 students from Foothill College and 789 students participated. Thus, the estimated response rate is 5.0%.

* Overall Basic Needs Insecurity Rates:

- 33% of respondents were food insecure in the prior 30 days
- 49% of respondents were housing insecure in the previous year
- 19% of respondents were homeless in the previous year

* 58% of students at Foothill College experienced at least one of these forms of basic needs insecurity in the past year.

* There is substantial variation in basic needs insecurity across subgroups.

* 10% of food insecure students utilize SNAP benefits and 9% of homeless students utilize housing benefits.

For more information on the research methodology and survey participants, please refer to the appendices of the National 2018 #RealCollege Survey report.

Figure 1. Food Security Among Survey Respondents at Foothill College



Source: 2018 #RealCollege Survey

Housing Insecurity

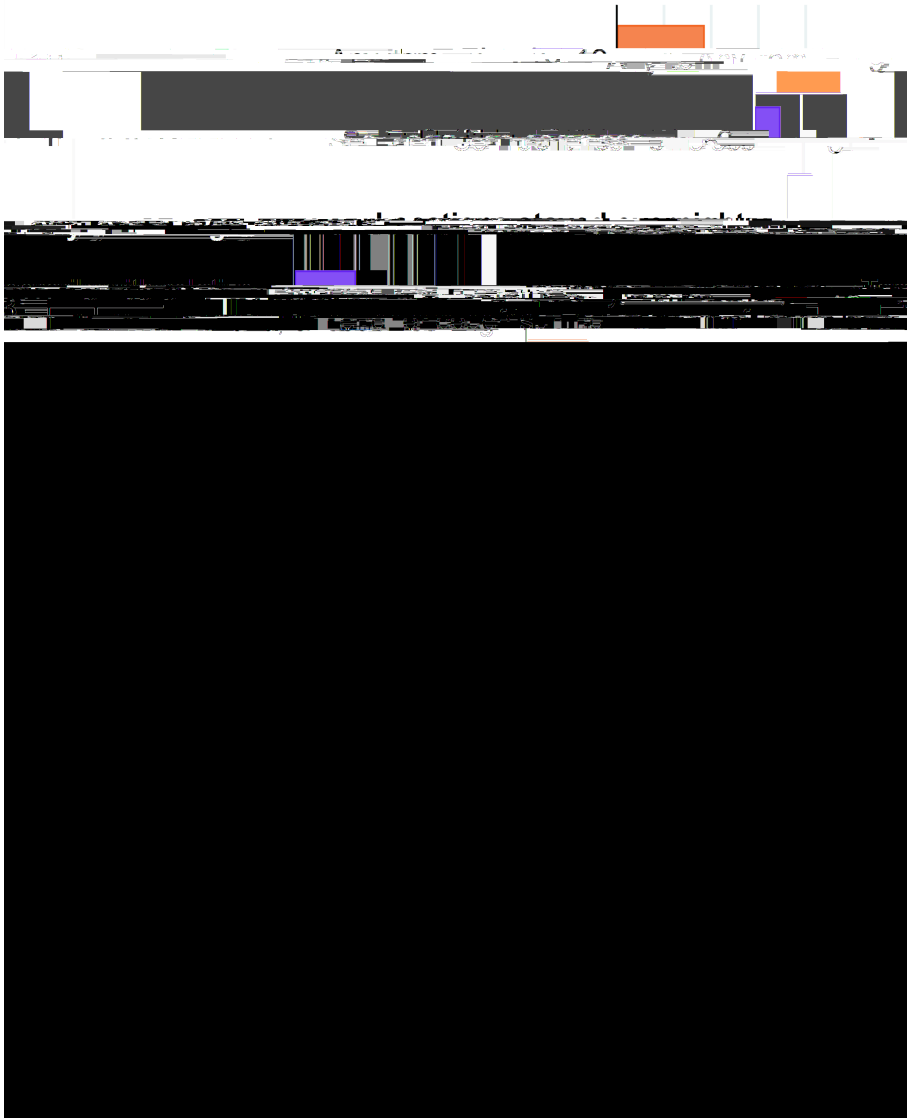
Housing insecurity includes a broad set of challenges such as the inability to pay rent or utilities or the need to move frequently. All of these challenges affect students, and results suggest they are more likely to suffer some form of housing insecurity than to have all their needs met during college. Housing insecurity among students was assessed with a nine-item set of questions developed by the Hope Center. Students are classified as housing insecure if they answered affirmatively to experiencing at least one of those items in the previous year.

Homelessness

Homelessness means that a person does not have a stable place to live. Students were identified as homeless if they responded affirmatively to a question asking if they had been homeless or they experienced living conditions that are considered signs of homelessness in the previous year. Homelessness among students was assessed with a tool developed by California State University researchers.

How prevalent is homelessness at Foothill College? As displayed below, 19% of survey respondents experience homelessness (Figure 4).

Figure 4. Homelessness Among Survey Respondents at Foothill College

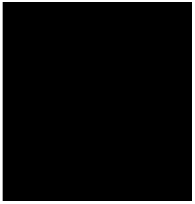


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COMPARISON TO TWO-YEAR COLLEGES

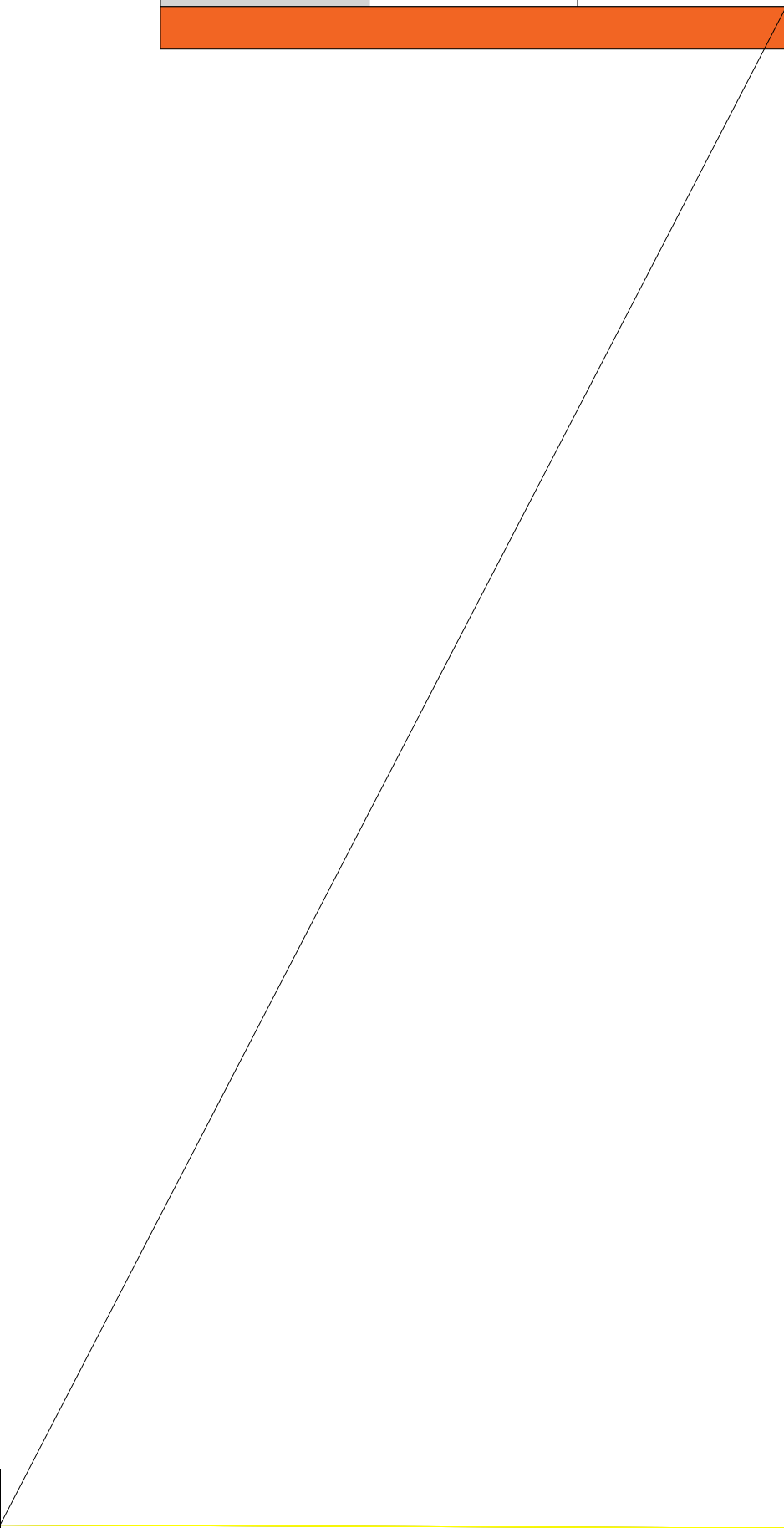
In comparison to the overall rates for students attending a two-year college in 2018, Foothill

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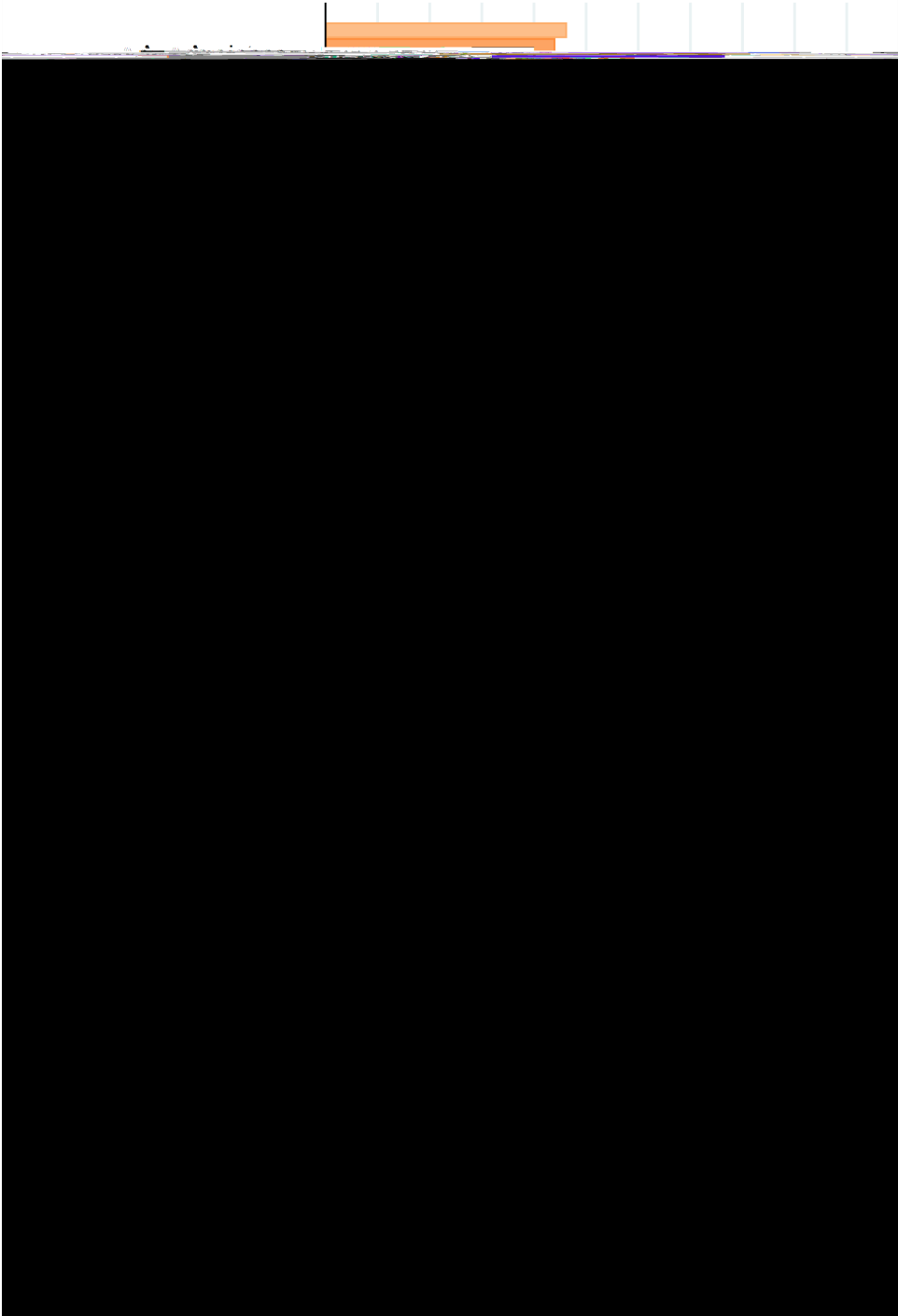
Bachelors degree	35218	23	35	16
Does not know	19	26	47	



Single	329	34	46	22
In a relationship	169	38	56	18
Married or domestic partnership	83	22	46	8
Divorced	.	.	.	.
Widowed	.	.	.	.
STUDENT HAS BEEN IN FOSTER CARE				
Yes	.	.	.	.
No	578	33	49	18

autoimmune disorder, cancer, etc.)				
Psychological disorder (depression, anxiety, etc.)	164	51	63	

Figure 7. Use of Assistance Among Survey Respondents at Foothill College According to Basic Needs Security



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CONCLUSION

The #RealCollege survey affirms what has been evident to many college administrators, faculty, staff, and students for years: basic needs insecurity is a condition challenging many undergraduates pursuing credentials. The scope of the problem described here is substantial and should be cause for a systemic response.

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The Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice at Temple University is home to an action research team using rigorous research to drive innovative practice, evidence-based policymaking, and effective communications to support #RealCollege students. For more information, visit <https://www.hope4college.com>.

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