



# **The** Kentucky Student Success **Collaborative**

**Student Basic Needs and How Non-Academic Barriers  
Impact Completion and Success**

Trusteeship Conference | September 20, 2022

# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- National and Kentucky Context
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The Kentucky Student Success Collaborative strives to facilitate innovative and collaborative approaches to student success in order to strengthen the economic mobility of all students in Kentucky.

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# Introduction of Panelists



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# National & Kentucky Context

Nonacademic Barriers Impact on Student Success



# What are Student Basic Needs?

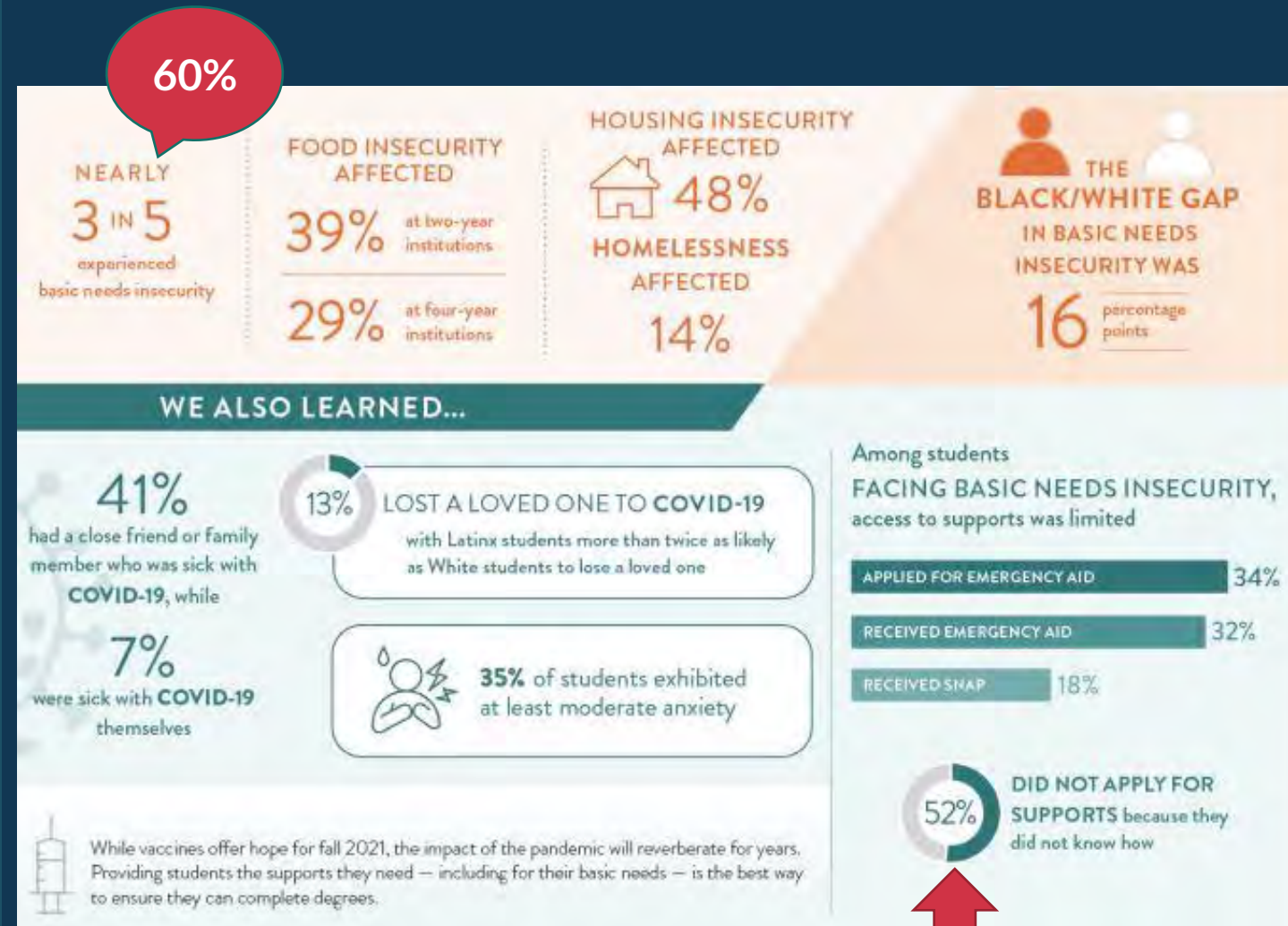
- 1 Housing
- 2 Clothing (i.e. career-ready)
- 3 Food
- 4 Transportation
- 5 Financial stability
- 6 Childcare
- 7 Health care/mental health
- 8 Technology/internet



# #REALCOLLEGE 2021: BASIC NEEDS INSECURITY DURING THE ONGOING PANDEMIC

In total, over 195,000 students from 130 two-year colleges and 72 four-year colleges and universities responded to the 2020 #RealCollege Survey.

[Read full report.](#)

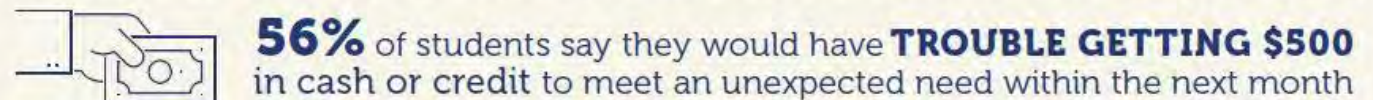
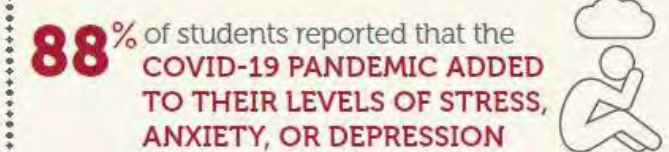
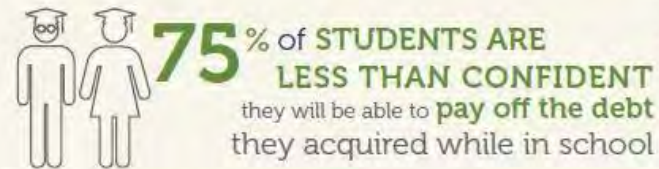
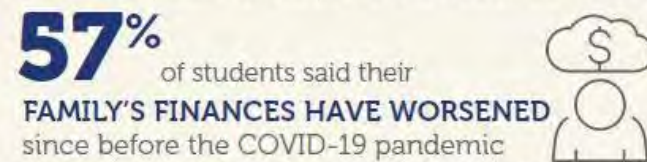
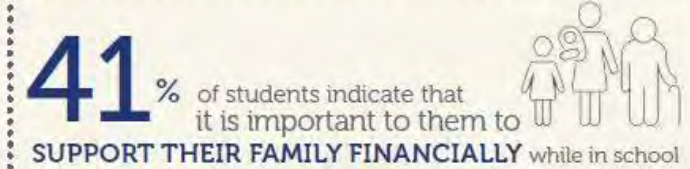
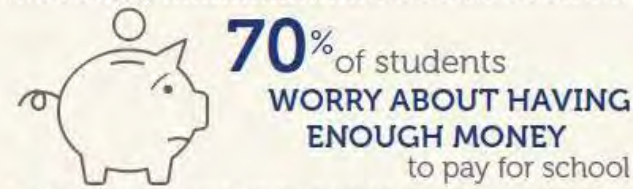




# Trellis Student Financial Wellness Survey Fall 2020

Student Financial Wellness Survey  
Results | All 4-yr institutions | Fall 2020

Basic needs insecurity is prevalent at both two- and four-year campuses, impacting students' persistence and graduation outcomes.



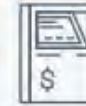
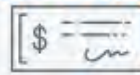


# University of Louisville Student Financial Wellness Survey Results Fall 2021

- All KCTCS colleges will participate in the Trellis student financial wellness survey in fall 2022
- All public and private 4-yr institutions in KY have been invited to participate at no cost to the institution in fall 2022 or fall 2023

While **63%** of students **USED PERSONAL SAVINGS** and **63%** **USED CURRENT WAGES TO PAY FOR SCHOOL,**

**ONLY 2%** **ARE ABLE TO SOLELY RELY ON THIS SELF-HELP.**



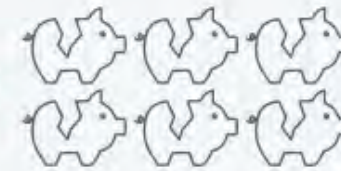
**59%** of students would have **TROUBLE GETTING \$500 IN CASH OR CREDIT** in an emergency.



**10%** of students **WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GET THAT AMOUNT FROM ANY RESOURCE.**



**71%** of students **WORRY ABOUT HAVING ENOUGH MONEY** to pay for school.



**22%** of students **RAN OUT OF MONEY 6 OR MORE TIMES** in the past year.

**46%** of students **REPORTED BEING HOUSING INSECURE.**



**24%** of students had **VERY LOW FOOD SECURITY.**



**56%** of students indicated **EXPERIENCING GENERALIZED ANXIETY DISORDER.**



**81%** of students **PAY THEIR CREDIT CARD ON TIME EACH MONTH,**



but **ONLY 43%** **PAY THE FULL BALANCE.**



**56%** of students **WOULD USE FINANCIAL SUPPORT SERVICES IF OFFERED BY THEIR SCHOOL.**



**26%** of students **DON'T KNOW WHERE TO FIND FINANCIAL ADVICE.**



# Panel Discussion: How Non-Academic Barriers Impact Completion and Success

Feel free to ask questions at any point during the panel discussion



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Last year, out of every 20 Jefferson students, on average...

**1** experienced housing insecurity

**3** experienced hunger due to not having enough money for food

**7** report they are “barely making it” financially

**8** are primary caregivers for a child and/or elderly family member

**13** Identified stress or mental health as a barrier to college success

**16** balance working for pay with college responsibilities



- Food Pantry
- Hygiene Supplies
- Emergency Fund
- Computer Distribution
- Safe Stay



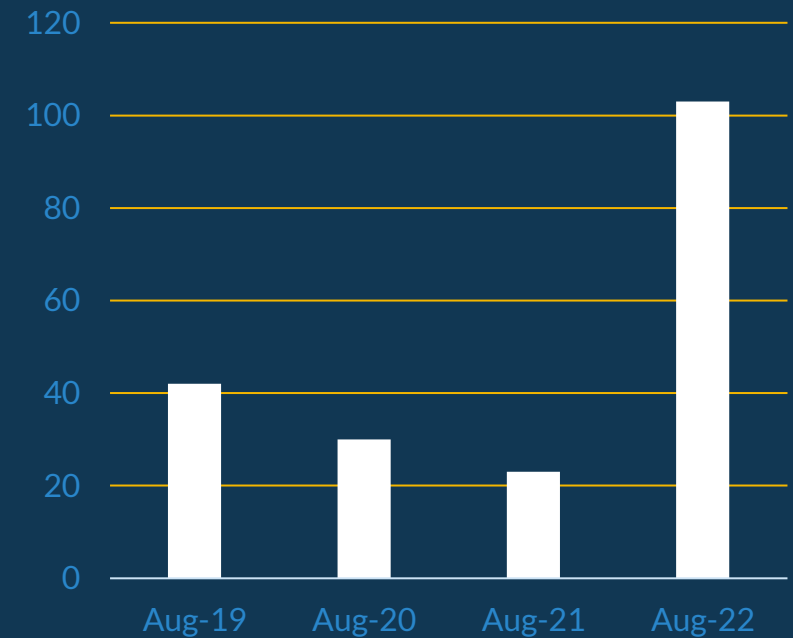


# Food Security



- Collect data to identify food in/security
- Provide resources to enhance food security as primary or secondary need
  - Colonel’s Cupboard
  - Emergency SAFE funds
  - Closet Transform
- Maintain process of program assessment and growth

August visits to Colonel’s Cupboard 2019 - 2022





## BASIC NEEDS SUPPORTS AT UOFL

- Emergency and Persistence Grants
- Keys to Success laptop ownership program
- Cardinal Cupboard and meal vouchers
- Emergency housing (residence halls or reduced rates at hotels)
- Student Recreation Center showers and personal supplies
- Mental health counseling
- Crisis response

# Key Takeaways

- Invest in emergency aid by creating new or expanding existing emergency aid programs
- Discuss basic needs during enrollment to increase student awareness of available supports
- Gather data on basic needs of students at your campus
- Streamline student supports through a centralized hub
- Prioritize postsecondary education in public benefit programs



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# What's Next

Campus Voice Research Project

State Policy Scan

Trellis Student Financial Wellness Survey

Statewide Action Network



Thank You



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