2020 FOOD, HOUSING & SECURITY: OBSTACLES TO ACADEMIC ADVANCEMENT FOR UTEP STUDENTS*

Where enrolled participants come from:

93.5% of participants are from the Paso del Norte region

- El Paso County, TX: 92.4%
- Las Cruces, NM: 1.09%
- Ciudad Juárez, MX: 0.04%

Employment Status

- Full-Time Student: 83.4%
- Part-Time Student: 16.6%
- No Job: 42.6%

Enrollment

- 68.1% Female
- 30.9% Male
- 0.2% Transgender
- 0.8% Other

Ethnicity

- 77.7% Hispanic/Latino
- 14.0% White/Caucasian
- 2.7% Asian
- 2.7% Black/African-American
- 1.1% American Indian/Alaska Native
- 0.4% Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- 1.4% Other

Student Demographics*

- Pronouns: 66.9% She/Her
- 30.0% He/Him
- 1.4% Them/They
- 1.7% Other

Total Household Income, 2019

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Mode of Transportation to and from college:

- Car (alone) 64.9%
- Car (someone drives to campus and picks you up) 11.4%
- Bus/Public transportation 7.7%
- Carpool (with people from campus) 4.1%
- Walk 2.2%
- Bike 0.6%
- Trolley 0.1%
- Other 2.4%
- Not applicable (live on-campus, don’t commute) 0.0%

Reliability of mode of transportation to and from college:

- Almost always on time and/or able to attend: 65.99%
- Frequently on time or able to attend: 33.2%
- Late or unable to attend class sometimes: 8.7%
- My mode of transportation means I regularly do not attend class: 2.2%

Household Characteristics

- 81.5% Live Alone
- 18.5% Head of Household
- 18.0% Dependents

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COVID-19 Impacts

Since COVID-19 in March 2020, have you or another household member:

- Had work hours cut: 24.1%
- Lost a job: 15.6%
- Visited a food bank/pantry to get food: 14.8%
- Had difficulties getting health care: 9.4%
- Did not have enough money to pay rent: 8.1%
- Asked family or friends for food: 5.6%
- Increased consumption of alcohol or drugs: 4.5%
- Asked family or friends to stay at their home: 4.2%
- Had difficulties getting vaccines: 2.8%
- None of the above: 10.7%

Personal or household expenditures change since COVID-19 in March 2020

- Decreased: 26.6%
- About the same: 44.6%
- Increased: 28.6%

Personal or household financial income change since COVID-19 in March 2020

- Decreased: 54.7%
- About the same: 41.5%
- Increased: 3.8%

Public Assistance

Receiving Benefits in the Past Six Months:

- Unemployment Benefits: 11.3%
- Medicaid: 8.6%
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): 8.0%
- Military/ Veteran Services: 5.0%
- Women Infant and Children (WIC): 2.3%
- Social Security Income (SSI): 0.8%
- Social Security- Disability Benefits: 0.7%
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF): 0.4%
- Other: 0.6%
- None of the above: 62.3%

COVID-19 Effects on Financial Assistance

Since COVID-19 in March 2020, have you or any other household member:

- Lost a job: 30.0%
- Lost a job: 15.3%
- Visited a food bank/pantry to get food: 14.8%
- Unable to afford food: 8.1%
- Did not have enough money to pay rent: 5.6%
- Increased consumption of alcohol or drugs: 4.5%
- Unable to work due to illness: 4.4%
- None of the above: 10.7%

Personal or Household Financial Aid Change Since COVID-19 in March 2020

- Decreased: 23.8%
- About the same: 68.6%
- Increased: 7.6%

Food Security

In the last 12 months, did you ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there was not enough money for food?

- Almost every day: 33.6%
- About once a week: 57.5%
- About once a month: 51.4%
- Never: 21.4%
- Only 1 or 2 months: 27.1%
- Some months but not every month: 50.1%
- Almost every month: 22.8%

Food, Housing & Security: A Vulnerable Student Population

Frequently spent the night elsewhere in the past six months without permanent housing options:

- Rarely: 19.1%
- Sometimes: 32.7%
- Often: 32.7%

Almost every month: 22.8%

Since COVID-19 in March 2020, how often have you found it difficult to concentrate on your schoolwork because you are worried about paying for food, rent, or other basic necessities?

- Never: 28.5%
- About once a month: 21.4%
- About once a week: 23.6%
- Almost every day: 26.5%