



DATA SIZZLE

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INSTITUTIONAL EFFECTIVENESS NEWSLETTER



What's inside this issue:

HOUSING INSECURITY AND HOMELESSNESS

Overall Response Counts and Percentages:

HOUSING INSECURE:
590:76%

NOT HOUSING INSECURE:
184:24%

HOMELESS:
469:34%

NOT HOMELESS:
240:66%



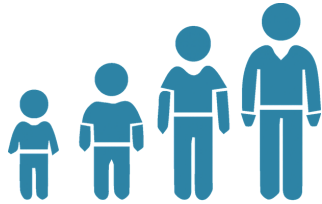
HOUSING SURVEY

Institutional Effectiveness distributed the housing insecurity (HI) and homelessness (HO) survey via Canvas, email, and RAVE on January 31, 2020 and closed it early March. The homelessness inventory was researched and developed for [Cal State Universities](#), and [The Hope Center](#) created the housing insecurity inventory. These surveys were based on definitions and questions established by [Housing and Urban Development](#) (HUD), the [U.S. Department of Education](#), and the [Census Bureau](#). If a student affirmed an item on each in inventory, then the student was considered HI and/or HO.

Seventy-six percent of the students that responded to the survey indicated housing insecurity issues, and 34 percent indicated homelessness in the past 12 months. This percentage is high when compared to the [California Community College Survey](#) conducted by #RealCollege, which put state percentages at 60 and 19 respectively.

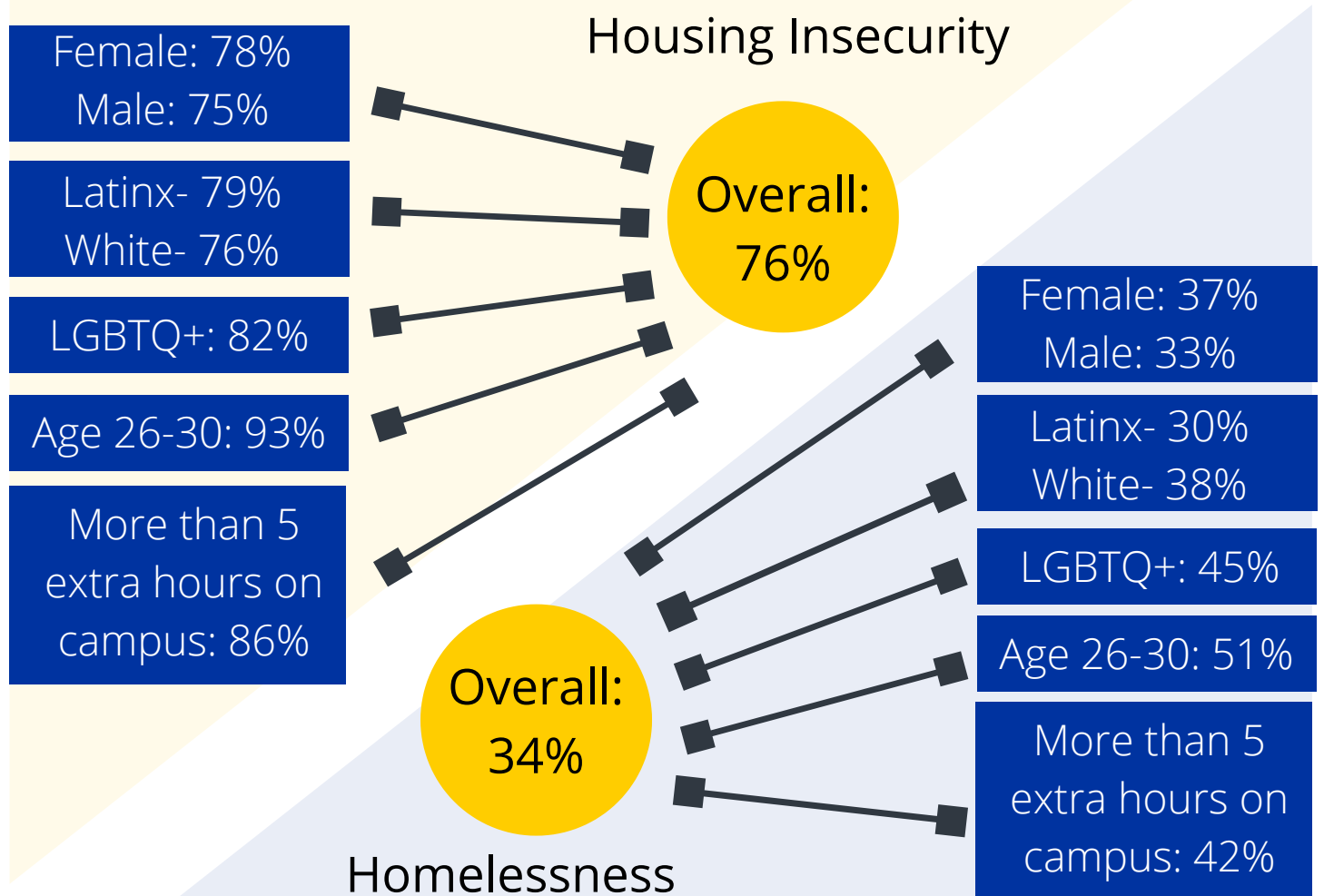
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DIS-AGGREGATED DATA



The results were broken down by several populations and tested with a [Chi-square test](#), which tested the relationship between student categories and homelessness and housing insecurity. The results indicated that LGBTQ status, age, and extra time spent on campus had strong relationships with housing insecurity and homelessness.

After further disaggregating the data, there were several subcategories that stood out with relation to the overall percentages and/or the other demographics in the sub-category: Latinx and white, female and male, LGBTQ+ status, and ages 26 to 30. These categories stood out as having higher percentages than the overall and, in the case of age, higher than the other age categories. Also, HO or HI students spent more time on campus (not including classes). The percentages are the number of responses that indicated homelessness and/or housing insecurity in the past 12 months.



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TOP 3 QUESTIONS

Question

Yes

Housing Insecurity

- In the past 12 months, was there a rent or mortgage increase that made it difficult to pay?
- In the past 12 months, did you not pay the full amount of a utility bill (gas, oil, or electricity)?
- In the past 12 months, did you not pay or underpay your rent or mortgage?

57%

42%

30%

Homelessness

- Temporarily staying with a relative, friend, or couch/floor surfing until I find other housing
- Since starting college, have you ever been homeless?
- Temporarily at a hotel or motel without a permanent home to return to (not on vacation or business travel)
- In a closed area/space with a roof not meant for human habitation such as abandoned building, car or truck, van, RV, or camper, encampment or tent, or unconverted garage, attic, or basement

25%

17%

9%

9%



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WHAT IS AND CAN BE DONE?

California passed an assembly bill that would require community colleges to allow students to sleep overnight in parking lots safely.



Tacoma College has a voucher program that provides assistance to students in need of housing.

The [Jovenes program](#) in Los Angeles Community colleges collaborates with local apartment complexes and other housing options to provide temporary shelter for students that are in need. The program also reaches out to local homeowners in search for hosts for students.



At Allan Hancock

Allan Hancock has a [Basic Needs Initiative](#) that has many resources available for students to access. Students can request emergency funds that can be used for housing. Moreover, the Basic Needs websites provides links to state and local resources for students seeking housing, including [211 Santa Barbara county](#), [The Good Samaritan Shelter](#), [Section 8](#) from the Housing Authority in Santa Barbara, and [People's Self-Help Housing](#).

Allan Hancock also has a designated Basic Needs Specialist, Andrea Figueroa, who can be contacted for more information about resources available to students. Email basicneeds@hancockcollege.edu if you have questions.

This upcoming year IE will be conducting food insecurity research. If you are interested in being involved, you can email Steven Butler at steven.butler1@hancockcollege.edu.



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