

In Fall 2022, TCC solicited participation from all students enrolled in credit-bearing courses for the statewide Washington Student Experience Survey.

The survey primarily focused on three main basic needs insecurities:

- food
- housing
- homelessness

Over 5,800 TCC students received an invitation to participate. 323 TCC students participated in the survey and this special edition highlights the findings from the survey along with data for the over 9,700 students in 39 participating colleges and universities across Washington state.

RESPONDENTS PROFILE

Among TCC and Washington State College Students

	TCC	Washington State
Total Colleges	1	39
Students invited to participate	5,846	246,409
Total respondents	323	9,771
Response rate	6%	4%

RESPONDENT PROFILES

Students of color	53%	45%
Low-income students	45%	40%
First-generation students	62%	52%

BASIC NEEDS INSECURITY by institution type

Tacoma Community College	59%	49%
2-year colleges	---	50%
4-year colleges	---	49%

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Tacoma Community College

Washington State

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RACE/ETHNICITY

More TCC students experienced higher rates of basic needs insecurity than their Washington state peers

	TCC	Washington State
White	64%	47%
Two or more races/ethnicities	69%	56%
Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	67%	56%
Hispanic/Latinx	62%	59%
Black/African-American	70%	67%
Asian/Asian-American	47%	41%
American Indian/Alaska Native	67%	68%

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BASIC NEEDS INSECURITY

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TCC Washington State

Overall, TCC students struggled with basic needs insecurity at higher rates than their Washington state peers

Food insecurity in the last 30 days	44%	38%
Housing insecurity in the last 12 months	47%	34%
Homelessness in the last 12 months	14%	11%

In the last 6 months, TCC students experiencing insecurity accessed public resources more than campus resources for their basic needs.

Accessed public resources	56%	49%
Accessed campus resources	31%	34%

Former foster youth experiencing basic needs insecurity

Food insecurity	50%	68%
Housing insecurity	57%	59%
Homelessness	29%	24%

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