



Trellis Student Financial Wellness Survey

April 25, 2023

Overview

Trellis Research Group

- Trellis Company (Trellis) is a nonprofit organization that supports students, families, institutions, and communities through research, outreach, student loan administration, and philanthropy programs.

Student Financial Wellness Survey (SFWS)

- The SFWS is a self-reported, online survey that seeks to document the financial well-being and student success indicators of post-secondary students across the nation.



Student Characteristics

Population (n=5,316)

- Ethnicity
 - African-American: 15%
 - Hispanic: 36%
 - White: 43%
- Gender:
 - Female: 71%
- Enrollment:
 - Full-Time: 51%
- Average Age: 26

Respondents (n=573)

- Ethnicity
 - African-American: 14%
 - Hispanic: 39%
 - White: 40%
- Gender:
 - Female: 87%
- Enrollment:
 - Full-Time: 54%
- Average Age: 27

Student Financial Security

In the past 12 months, how many times did you run out of money?

One time: 35

Two times: 50

Three times: 55

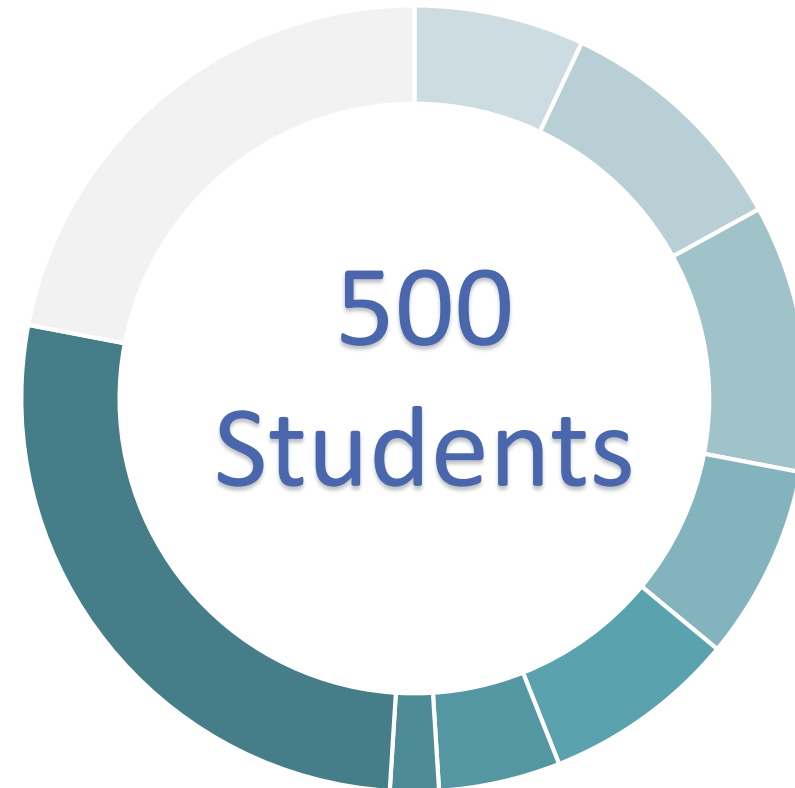
Four times: 40

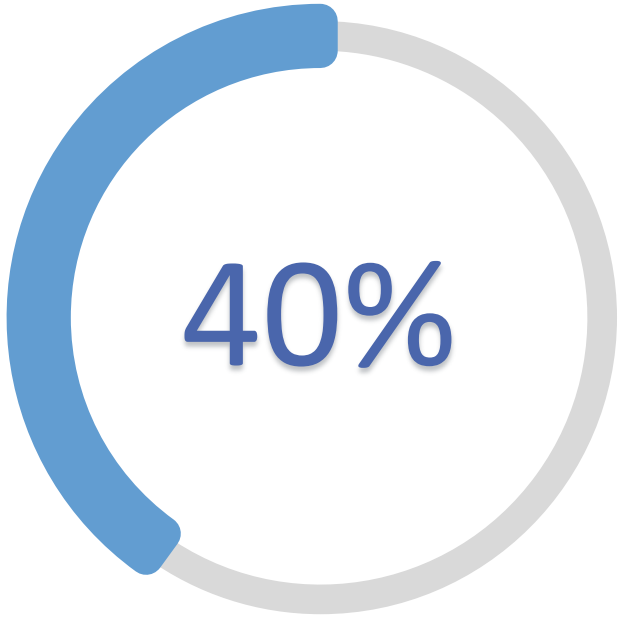
Five: 40

Six: 25

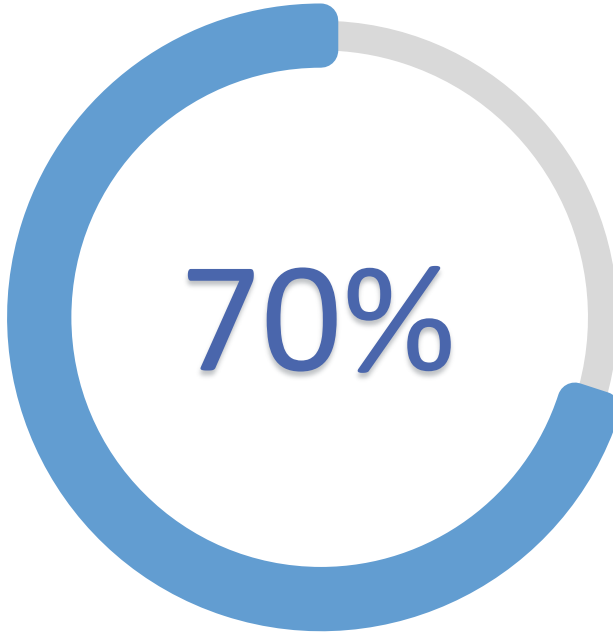
Seven: 10

Eight or More: 135

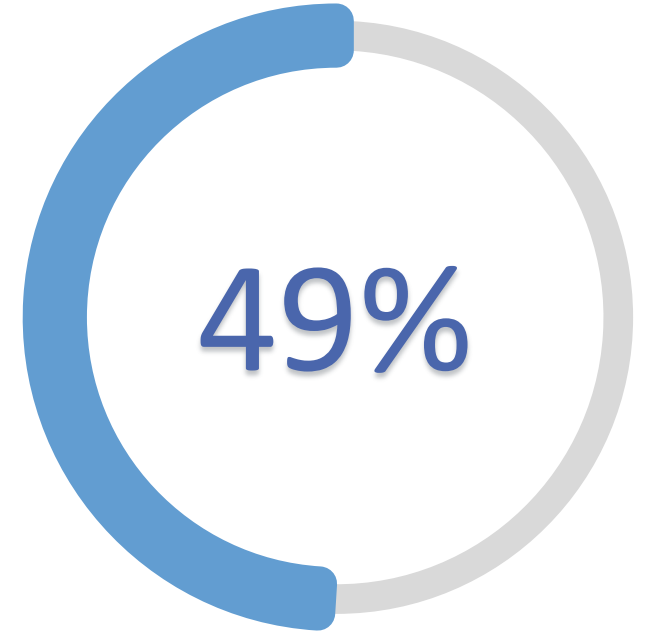




I worry about being able to pay my current monthly expenses.



I worry about having enough money to pay for school.



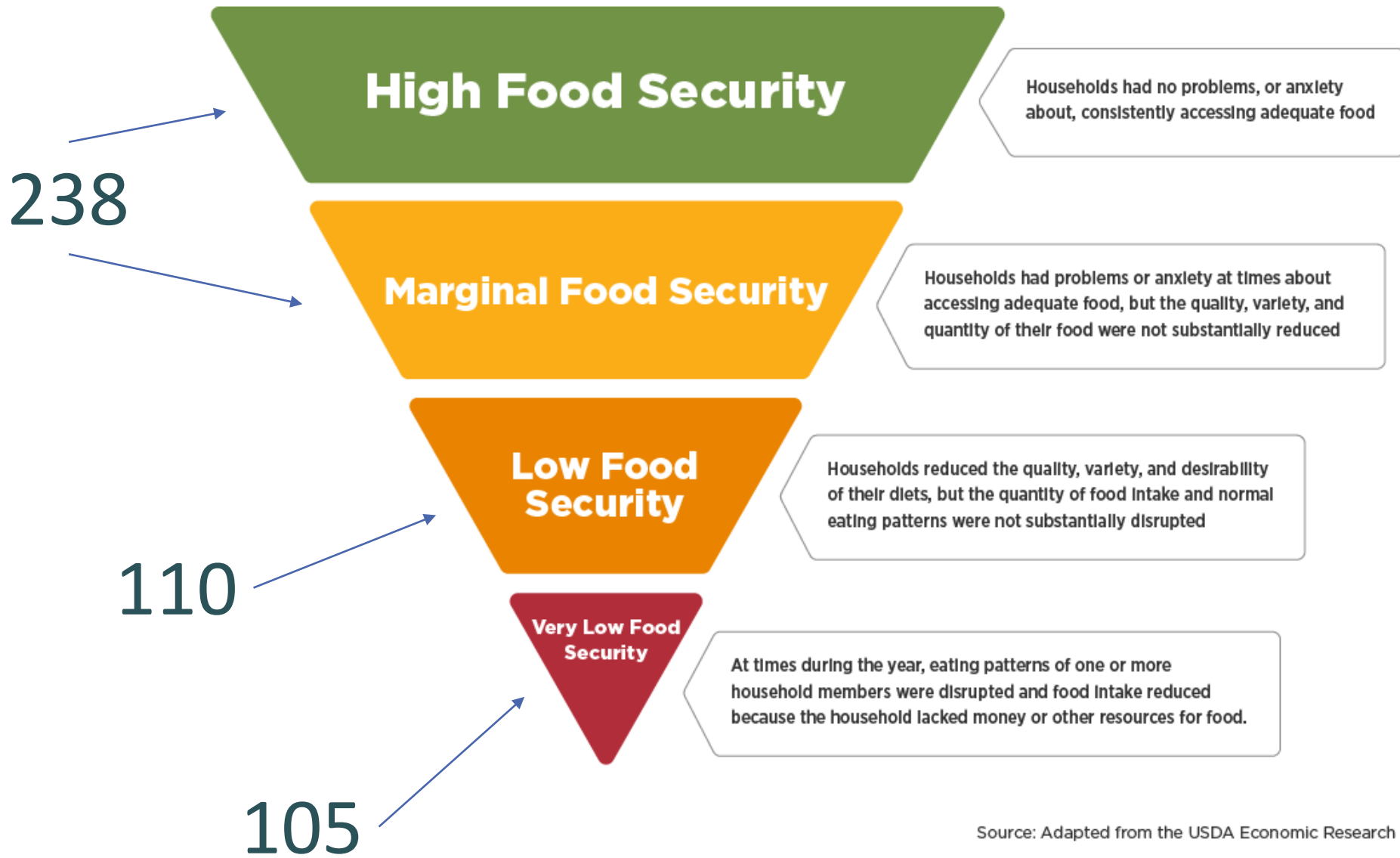
I know how I will pay for college next semester

CREW Referrals

- Referrals September 2022 – April 2023
 - Emergency Grant -- 53
 - Salvation Army -- 98
 - Economic Opportunities Advancement Corporation (EOAC) -- 116
 - Caritas -- 98
 - Faith based organizations – 26
 - [Texasutilityhelp.com](https://www.texasutilityhelp.com)



Student Basic Needs Security



Source: Adapted from the USDA Economic Research Service.

In the last 30 days...



Could not afford to eat
balanced meals



Bought food that
just didn't last



Cut the size of their meals or
skipped meals because there
was not enough money for food

CREW Referrals

- 129 Referrals September 2022 – April 2023
 - Shepherd's Heart Mobile Food Distribution -- 20
 - Paulanne's Pantry -- 55
 - Grab-N-Go Stations -- 30
 - Mac Bucks --24



In the last year...



Housing Insecure



Homeless



One basic need insecurity



Food insecure AND Housing insecure



Food insecure AND Housing insecure AND Homeless

CREW Referrals

FOOD INSECURITY

- Various food pantries in McLennan Co
- Feeding Sites
 - Mission Waco Meyer Center
 - Gospel Café
 - Salvation Army Community Kitchen
 - The Hangar Jesus Table

HOUSING INSECURITY

- Dobey Center -- 19
- Methodist Children's Home Independent Living -- 14
- Mission Waco- My Brother's Keeper -- 1
- Salvation Army Men's Shelter -- 15
- Sally's House Women's Shelter -- 5
- Waco Housing Authority -- 32

Questions?

