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Senate Study Committee on
Improving Access to Healthy
Foods and Ending Food Deserts
September 15th, 2021



Combating Food Insecurity at Valdosta State University

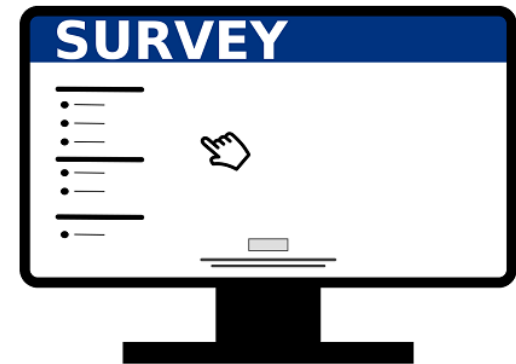
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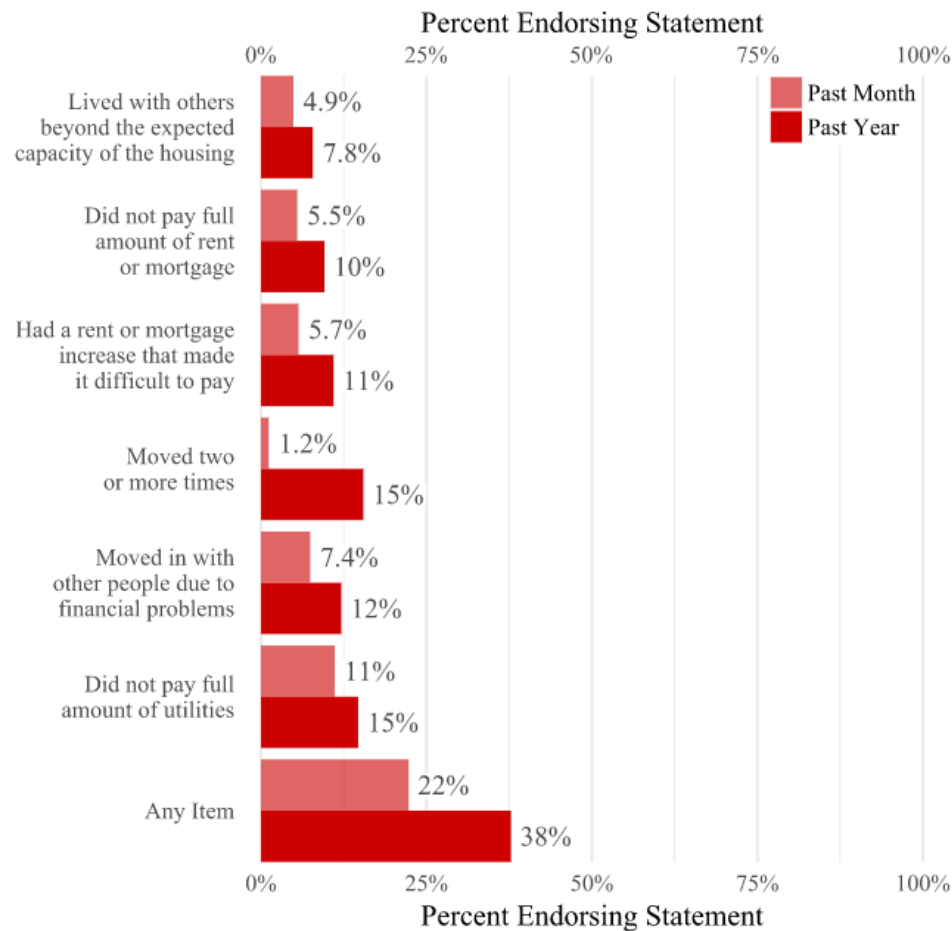
Understanding the Need

- UW-Madison HOPE Labs
(now Temple University HOPE Center)
- Survey of Basic Needs Security
 - Housing Insecurity
 - Homelessness
 - Food Insecurity





2018 Findings

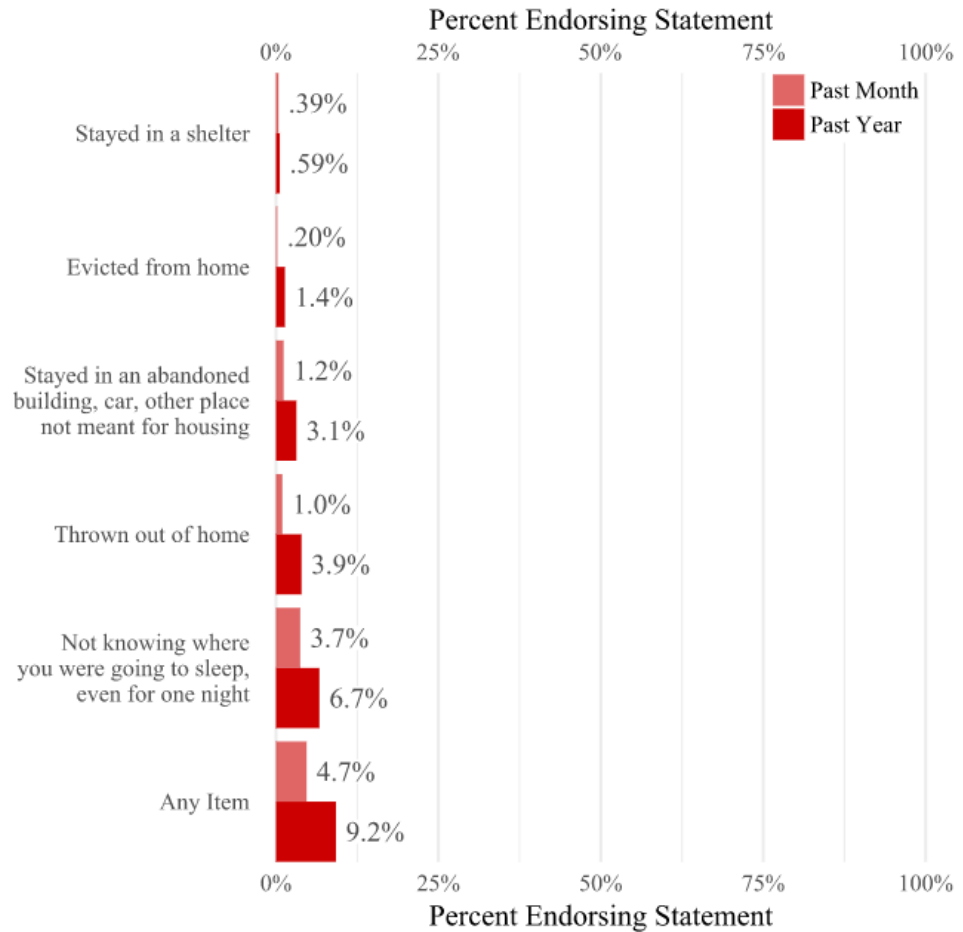


Housing
Insecurity



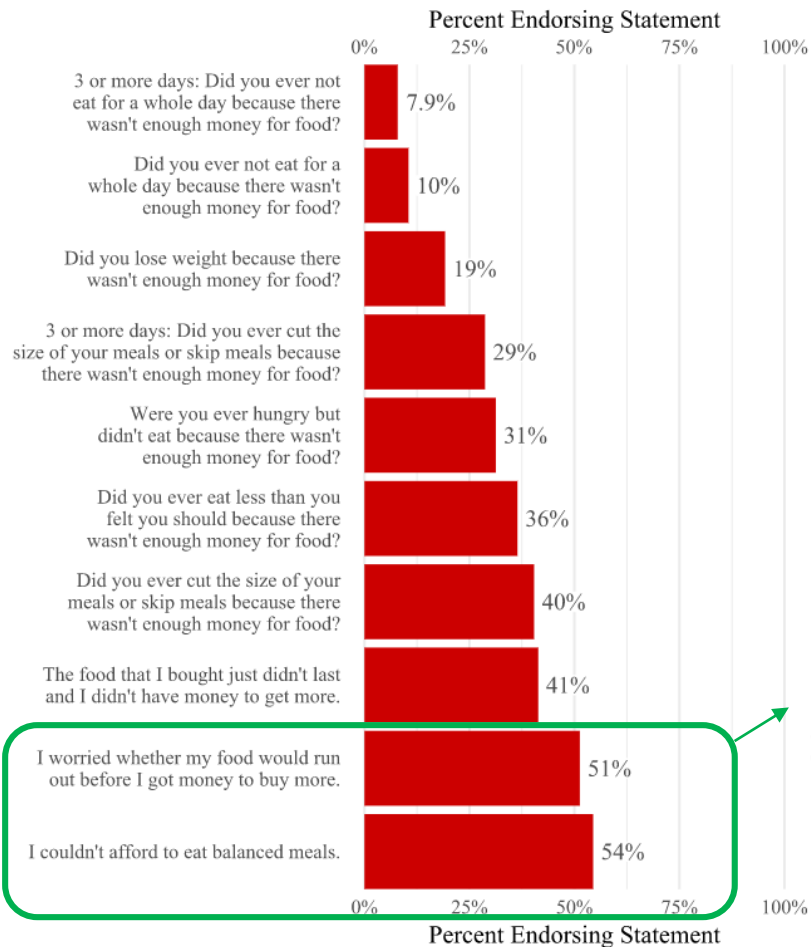
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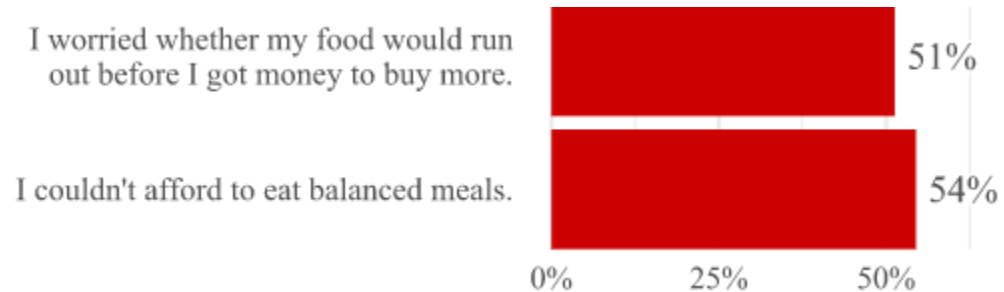




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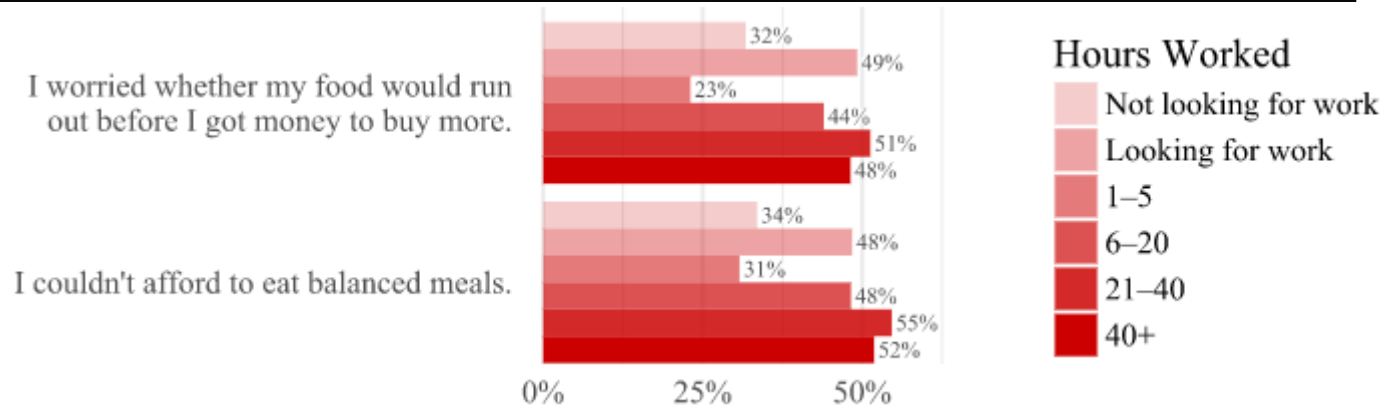
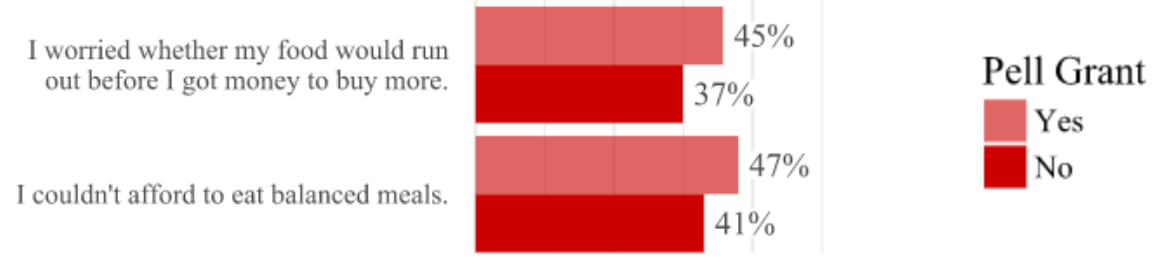
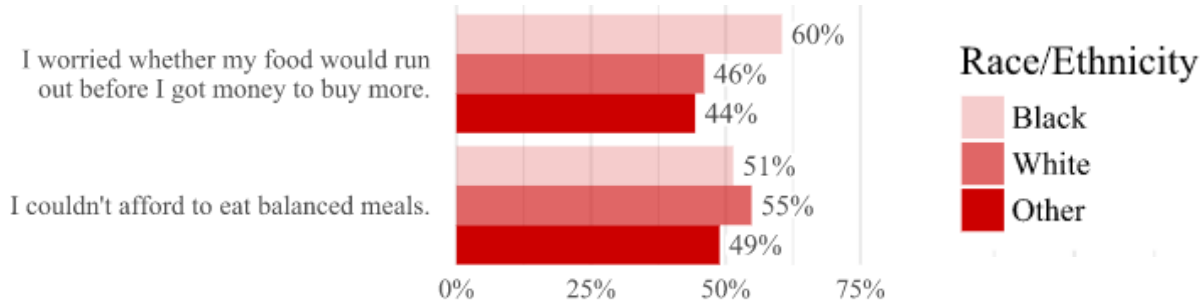
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Taking Action

Student Affairs

Student Government

Housing & Residence Life

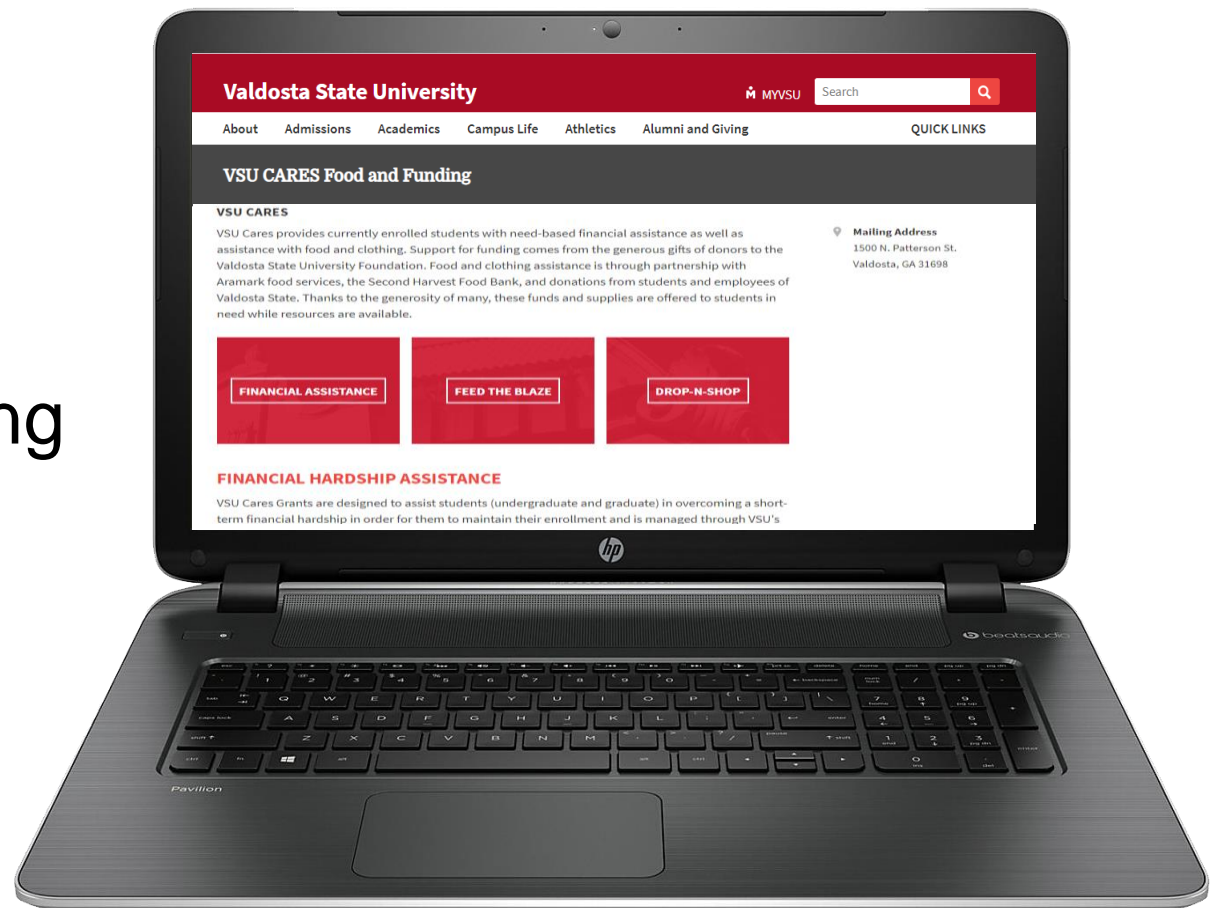
Dining Services (Aramark)

Career Opportunities



Taking Action

Launched
VSU CARES
Food and Funding
Webpage





Taking Action

Rebranded Blazer Food Pantry & Closet





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Blazer Pantry & Closet Usage Data

Fall 2020 – Spring 2021





Taking Action

SGA & Dining Services
Swipe it Forward Campaign

- Students Donate Unused Guest Meal Swipes
- Year 1 = 1,013 meal swipes donated
- Year 2 = 370 meal swipes donate (pandemic)

SWIPE OUT

~~HUNGER~~

STUDENT HUNGER IS REAL. WE CAN HELP END IT.



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Future Idea

Food for Fines

- Help restock the Blazer Pantry & Closet
- Students can donate 7 canned food items to eliminate one parking ticket.





Questions