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Q1. How would you rate the quality of food in your school's dining halls?

		Financial Aid			Gender		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Excellent	10%	10%	9%	19%	6%	14%	13%
Good	50%	49%	50%	40%	53%	47%	39%
Fair	34%	33%	34%	27%	35%	31%	43%
Poor	6%	7%	5%	14%	6%	6%	4%
Refused	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%
Total	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1498)	(464)	(1015)	(14)	(645)	(771)	(76)

		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Excellent	10%	8%	8%	11%	16%	0%	16%	0%
Good	50%	54%	44%	39%	50%	38%	38%	15%
Fair	34%	31%	37%	45%	29%	55%	35%	76%
Poor	6%	7%	8%	4%	3%	0%	8%	8%
Refused	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	6%	3%	0%
Total	101%	101%	99%	101%	99%	99%	100%	99%
(Unweighted N)	(1498)	(1040)	(172)	(69)	(115)	(11)	(77)	(13)

Q2. Do you currently participate in a school meal plan?

		Financial Aid			Gender		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Yes	35%	34%	35%	37%	33%	37%	38%
No	64%	65%	64%	63%	67%	61%	62%
Refused	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1498)	(464)	(1015)	(14)	(645)	(771)	(76)

		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Yes	35%	35%	27%	42%	30%	37%	33%	18%
No	64%	64%	70%	56%	69%	63%	67%	82%
Refused	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Total	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1498)	(1040)	(172)	(69)	(115)	(11)	(77)	(13)

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Q3. Do you feel the meal plan at your school generally offers a good value, or is it too expensive for what you get?

		Financial Aid			Gender		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Offers good value	31%	30%	31%	21%	25%	37%	32%
Too expensive for what you get	68%	67%	68%	79%	74%	60%	66%
Refused	2%	3%	1%	0%	1%	3%	1%
Total	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
(Unweighted N)	(1498)	(464)	(1015)	(14)	(645)	(771)	(76)

		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Offers good value	31%	29%	26%	42%	29%	22%	34%	27%
Too expensive for what you get	68%	70%	72%	56%	69%	72%	63%	73%
Refused	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	6%	3%	0%
Total	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1498)	(1040)	(172)	(69)	(115)	(11)	(77)	(13)

Q4. Outside of a meal plan, how much money do you spend on food each week?

		Financial Aid			Gender		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
\$25 or less	39%	38%	39%	36%	41%	35%	42%
\$26-50	34%	29%	36%	35%	37%	30%	36%
\$51-75	14%	17%	13%	7%	12%	17%	14%
\$76-100	7%	7%	6%	15%	5%	9%	5%
More than \$100	5%	7%	5%	7%	5%	6%	3%
Refused	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%
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		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
\$25 or less	39%	39%	44%	37%	37%	55%	36%	34%
\$26-50	34%	34%	27%	34%	38%	7%	27%	57%
\$51-75	14%	13%	11%	18%	13%	25%	21%	8%
\$76-100	7%	7%	5%	5%	7%	7%	6%	0%
More than \$100	5%	6%	8%	4%	4%	6%	8%	0%
Refused	1%	1%	4%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Total	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%
(Unweighted N)	(1498)	(1040)	(172)	(69)	(115)	(11)	(77)	(13)

Q5. Where do you primarily get money for food during the school year?

		Financial Aid			Gender		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Part-time job or work study	35%	23%	40%	46%	37%	34%	32%
My parents or family	35%	52%	28%	37%	38%	30%	36%
My savings	16%	16%	16%	11%	15%	19%	7%
Student loans	5%	0%	6%	0%	4%	6%	10%
Credit cards	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
Other [SPECIFY]	7%	6%	7%	7%	5%	8%	15%
Refused	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%
Total	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%
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		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Part-time job or work study	35%	34%	22%	41%	38%	50%	30%	16%
My parents or family	35%	36%	57%	29%	28%	7%	39%	33%
My savings	16%	16%	9%	19%	15%	28%	17%	24%
Student loans	5%	4%	4%	7%	6%	5%	5%	8%
Credit cards	1%	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%
Other [SPECIFY]	7%	7%	5%	3%	11%	10%	8%	8%
Refused	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Total	100%	99%	101%	101%	99%	100%	100%	99%
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Q6. Have access to fresh fruits and vegetables on campus

		Financial Aid			Gender		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Often	40%	39%	39%	43%	38%	42%	32%
Sometimes	39%	36%	40%	38%	40%	36%	49%
Rarely	14%	17%	13%	5%	16%	12%	11%
Never	7%	6%	7%	14%	6%	8%	6%
Refused	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%
Total	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
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		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Often	40%	41%	36%	40%	34%	31%	43%	29%
Sometimes	39%	37%	43%	37%	45%	47%	40%	54%
Rarely	14%	14%	12%	17%	11%	15%	11%	8%
Never	7%	7%	6%	4%	8%	6%	4%	8%
Refused	1%	1%	3%	3%	1%	0%	3%	0%
Total	101%	100%	100%	101%	99%	99%	101%	99%
(Unweighted N)	(1498)	(1040)	(172)	(69)	(115)	(11)	(77)	(13)

Q7. Attend campus events primarily for free food

		Financial Aid			Gender		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Often	21%	17%	23%	25%	24%	18%	28%
Sometimes	38%	38%	38%	43%	42%	33%	34%
Rarely	24%	29%	22%	5%	21%	27%	24%
Never	16%	14%	17%	27%	13%	21%	14%
Refused	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%
Total	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%
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		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Often	21%	20%	21%	28%	21%	39%	14%	23%
Sometimes	38%	36%	49%	40%	40%	47%	37%	32%
Rarely	24%	26%	18%	17%	22%	0%	32%	28%
Never	16%	18%	10%	14%	16%	13%	16%	17%
Refused	1%	0%	3%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Total	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1498)	(1040)	(172)	(69)	(115)	(11)	(77)	(13)

Q8. Skip a meal because you don't have enough money for food

		Financial Aid			Gender		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Often	9%	5%	11%	0%	8%	9%	19%
Sometimes	24%	19%	26%	24%	26%	21%	28%
Rarely	33%	28%	35%	25%	34%	31%	34%
Never	33%	45%	28%	51%	30%	37%	20%
Refused	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%
Total	100%	98%	101%	100%	98%	100%	101%
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		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Often	9%	7%	9%	13%	11%	10%	11%	17%
Sometimes	24%	23%	23%	19%	34%	10%	19%	36%
Rarely	33%	31%	32%	44%	29%	60%	34%	33%
Never	33%	38%	33%	22%	25%	20%	33%	15%
Refused	1%	1%	3%	3%	1%	0%	3%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%
(Unweighted N)	(1498)	(1040)	(172)	(69)	(115)	(11)	(77)	(13)

Q9. Go a whole day without eating because you don't have enough money for food

		Financial Aid			Gender		
	Total	No	Yes	Other	Female	Male	Non Binary
Often	4%	3%	4%	0%	3%	4%	3%
Sometimes	8%	5%	9%	0%	8%	7%	13%
Rarely	20%	15%	22%	23%	20%	19%	28%
Never	67%	77%	64%	77%	68%	68%	57%
Refused	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%
Total	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%
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		Race						
	Total	White	Asian	Black Or African American	Hispanic Latino	American Indian	Two Or More Races	Other
Often	4%	3%	4%	3%	6%	0%	5%	0%
Sometimes	8%	7%	12%	10%	8%	10%	4%	16%
Rarely	20%	16%	20%	27%	27%	8%	19%	37%
Never	67%	73%	61%	59%	58%	82%	70%	48%
Refused	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	0%	3%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	101%
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Survey Methodology

This survey was designed and conducted by College Pulse. Interviews were conducted in English among a sample of 1501 undergraduate students who are currently enrolled in the U.S.

The initial sample was drawn from College Pulse's Undergraduate Student Panel that includes over 240,000 verified students representing more than 800 different colleges and universities in all 50 states. Panel members are recruited by a number of methods to help ensure diversity in the panel population, including web advertising, permission-based email campaigns, and partnerships with university organizations.

To reduce the effects of any non-response bias, a post-stratification adjustment was applied based on demographic distributions from the 2017 Current Population Survey (CPS). The post-stratification weight rebalanced the sample based on the following benchmarks: age, race and ethnicity, and gender. The sample weighting was accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting (IPF) process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. Weights were trimmed to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results.

The margin of error for this survey is $\pm 2.9\%$. Margins of error are typically calculated on probability-based samples and are not technically correct for non-probability online samples. We supply them here to provide a general assessment of error ranges that may be associated with the data.

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