Two surveys were administered to understand and measure student’s food security at UMB.

1. In Spring 2018, the Educational Advisory Board (EAB) campus climate survey was administered from February 7 - 27, 2018: 1,485 students responded to the survey, which included questions concerning student food security.

2. In Fall 2018, the food security survey was administered from November 16 - December 21, 2018: 405 students answered one or more questions.

1. EAB Campus Climate Survey Findings

Number of respondents who experienced the following since the beginning of the academic year (Fall 2017).

- **10.3%** (n = 133) of students indicated they ate less than they should because there wasn’t enough money for food.
- **1.8%** (n = 23) of students indicated they utilized food banks or pantries.
- **3.6%** (n = 46) students indicated they applied for SNAP or other Food Assistance programs.

2. Food Security Survey Demographic Information

**School Enrolled**

- 9% (n = 27) SOP
- 9% (n = 38) SOL
- 12% (n = 47) SON
- 12% (n = 48) GS
- 24% (n = 98) SSW
- 12% (n = 50) SOM
- 4% (n = 17) Did not respond

**Student Status**

- 90% Full Time
- 9% Part-time
- 9% Online

**Living Situation During the Academic Year**

- 49% live in an off-campus apartment or house, alone or with people who are not family members
- 40% live at home with family (partner, spouse, parents, kids, etc.)
- 11% live in on-campus housing
Food Security Survey Findings

All results are based on the past 30 days at the time of the survey.

Out of 405 students, 107 (26%) responded that there had been a time when they did not have enough food for themselves or their household. 90 students also responded that they experienced hunger:

- 1 or 2 days a week (70 students; 78%)
- More than 3 days a week (10 students; 11%)
- Almost every day of the week (2 students; 2%)
- Other (8 students; 9%)

Out of 332 students, 78 (23%) know of UMB student(s) who skipped meals due to finances. 128 students (39%) were unsure if they know of someone who missed or skipped meals due to finances.

For students who experienced hunger, it affected their ability to:

- Attend class (11%)
- Complete assignments (20%)
- Complete other academic tasks/obligations (21%)
- Maintain school/life balance (10%)
- Study (12%)
- Did not respond (26%)

Food Pantry

Results are from a total of 332 students out of 405.

- 16 students used a local food pantry, soup kitchen or other food access agency.
- 204 students believe there is a need for a food pantry on campus.
- 278 students would use a food pantry at UMB if they did not have the finances to pay for food.

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Recommendations

- Speak to food vendors on campus about offering low-cost items.
- Communicate the need for a grocery store to individuals involved with master planning for the campus.
- Consult with Parking and Transportation Services about adding a map that outlines grocery store options on the shuttle route.
- Discuss with USGA the possibility of sponsoring a grocery shuttle.
- Explore creating a foundation account to support students who are food insecure or other emergency needs.
- Explore offering a pop-up food pantry.
- Explore interest among student organizations in managing a pop-up food pantry.
- Work with local food vendors and grocery delivery services to learn if students can receive reduced prices.
- Continue to update the website with food security resources.

For more information about UMB food security, visit www.umaryland.edu/campuslife/student-support/umb-campus-food-security/