

# UC SYSTEMWIDE GRADUATE STUDENTS' BASIC NEEDS DURING COVID-19 SURVEY

INFOGRAPHIC REPORT: COVID-19 EFFECTS ON STUDENTS' BASIC NEEDS



## SURVEY METHODS

During the summer of 2020, an online survey was administered to graduate students who had received Basic Needs services at seven University of California campuses. Respondents reported COVID-19 exposures and infections, COVID-19 impacts on work, basic needs (food and housing) and academics, and campus Basic Needs service utilization. The following infographics pertain to COVID-19 impacts on graduate students' basic needs.

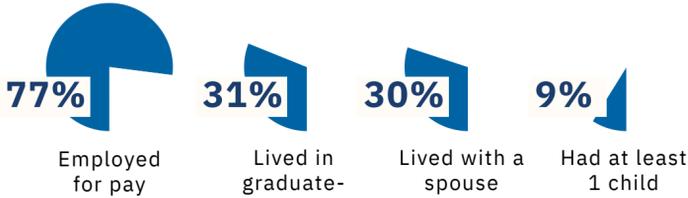


## RESPONSES PER CAMPUS

UC San Diego	219	28%
UC Los Angeles	136	17%
UC Riverside	130	16%
UC Irvine	105	13%
UC Berkeley	101	13%
UC San Francisco	51	6%
UC Davis	49	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>100%</b>



## SAMPLE

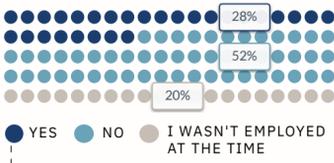


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## RESULTS

### EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON EMPLOYMENT/PAY

HAVE YOU HAD A CHANGE IN PAID WORK DUE TO COVID-19?



**133** students had hours decreased or lost a job  
**29** students had hours increased or got a 2nd job  
**21** students had no paid work

HAS YOUR WORK INCOME CHANGED DUE TO COVID-19?



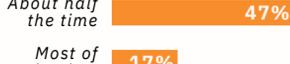
**\$2,809** students' monthly (pre-taxed) household income prior to COVID-19  
**-\$1,069** average decrease in students' income (n=121)

With the nature of your job, are you able to **work remotely**?  
**50%** Yes, 100% of the time  
**35%** Yes, less than 100% of the time  
**16%** No, not at all

### EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON FINANCES & FINANCIAL AID

**49%** OF STUDENTS REPORTED THAT THEIR EXPENSES HAD **INCREASED** SINCE COVID-19 (n=384)

DURING COVID-19, HOW OFTEN DID YOU SHARE YOUR MONEY WITH LOVED ONES?



**42%** of students reported having a **financial aid package** in AY 2019-20 (n=329)

HOW DID COVID-19 IMPACT YOUR USE OF YOUR FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE?

- 46% MY USAGE DIDN'T CHANGE
- 33% RECEIVED ADDITIONAL COVID-19 FINANCIAL AID
- 16% ACCEPTED MORE OF MY PACKAGE THAN OTHERWISE

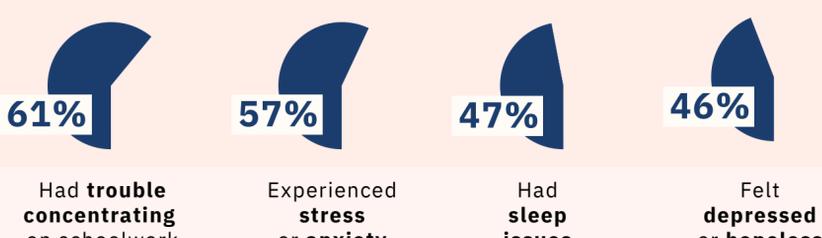
**28%** Have had difficulty covering costs like credit cards during COVID-19

**23%** Applied for housing subsidies or allowances due to COVID-19

**22%** Have had difficulty paying for basic needs like food & housing during COVID-19

### EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON HEALTH & WELLNESS

STUDENTS EXPERIENCED THE FOLLOWING **NEARLY EVERY DAY** DURING COVID-19...



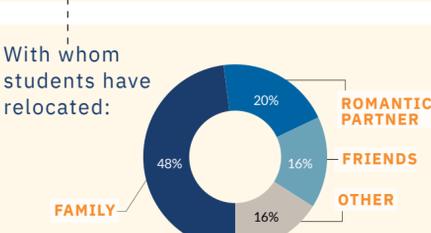
MOST COMMON CHALLENGES **DISRUPTING** STUDENTS' ACADEMIC, TEACHING, AND/OR RESEARCH RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 54% Spending more time on errands, like groceries
- 36% Caring for family more than usual

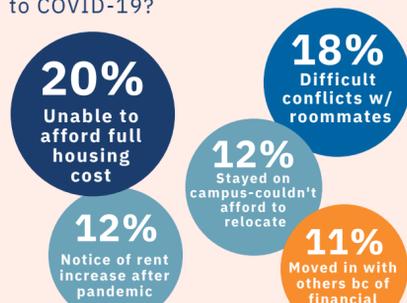
### EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON HOUSING SECURITY

**1 in 10** students reported being **housing insecure** or at risk of being housing insecure during COVID-19

**21%** of students **relocated** as a result of COVID-19 (n=162)



[TOP 5] Have you experienced any of the following **housing issues** due to COVID-19?



### EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON FOOD SECURITY

**45%** OF STUDENTS REPORTED BEING **FOOD INSECURE** SINCE COVID-19 (n=345)

**TOP FACTORS PREVENTING STUDENTS FROM GETTING THE FOOD THEY NEEDED**

44% AFRAID TO GO TO GROCERY STORE  
 38% DIDN'T FEEL SAFE GOING TO PANTRY/GROCERY STORE DUE TO RISK OF EXPOSURE  
 33% LONG LINES AT GROCERY STORE

### BASIC NEEDS RESOURCES DURING COVID-19

**52%** reported that **basic needs resources** have **often** or **always** been accessible for students at their campuses

**33%** noted **hours of operation** as a **barrier** to accessing basic needs resources at their campuses

**CALFRESH** **86%** are not currently enrolled in CalFresh

**56%** of students who are not currently enrolled **do not know** if they are CalFresh eligible

**50%** ACCESSED FOOD ASSISTANCE

- 34% accessed the **food pantry & pop ups** (87% rated as helpful)
- 13% accessed the **grocery vouchers** (95% rated as helpful)
- 12% accessed the **pantry boxes/bundles** (91% rated as helpful)

**25%** ACCESSED FINANCIAL RELIEF

- 34% accessed **emerg. grants/loans** (81% rated as helpful)
- 6% accessed **emerg. gift cards** (78% rated as helpful)
- <2% accessed grants for student parents or former foster youth, and/or emergency medical relief

**6%** ACCESSED HOUSING ASSISTANCE

- 4% accessed **emerg. rental assistance, housing grants, or vouchers** (74% rated as helpful)
- <2% accessed emergency housing, security deposit funds, and/or housing case management

**68%** OF STUDENTS REPORTED THAT **AT LEAST 1 SERVICE REDUCED** STRESS OR ANXIETY RELATED TO MEETING THEIR BASIC NEEDS (N=515)

NEARLY **50%** OF STUDENTS INDICATED THIS SERVICE AS **FOOD ASSISTANCE**

### EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON GRADUATE STUDENT LIFE

**STUDENT TEACHERS (n=224)** **44%** concerned about their students' abilities to meet basic needs during campus shut-downs  
**93%** connected students to basic needs resources at their campuses

**PARENTING STUDENTS (n=71)** **82%** have difficulty focusing on work w/ their children around  
**76%** concerned with children's social/mental well-being while confined  
**58%** concerned about children's future academic performance

**STUDENTS' SPOUSES OR PARTNERS (n=233)** **21%** are full-time students  
 Employed - no change **28%**  
 Employed- hours decreased **16%**  
 Recently laid off **13%**

**STUDENTS W/ DEPENDENTS (n=46)** **76%** have 1 or 2 adult depts. (n=35)  
**67%** concerned w/ well-being of dependents  
**59%** have difficulty focusing on work w/ dependent around

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