

A survey was conducted about food security on Ohio campuses in May 2021, resulting in 67 school administrators from 53 institutions responding. On a scale of 1-10, institutions rated how critical food security is to student retention/success at a 6.8 on average, public institutions ranked food security at a 7.9.

78%

of respondents indicated that their institution has committed to helping their students with food security in at least one way.

Including establishing a food pantry on campus, helping students apply for SNAP, and conducting an assessment of basic needs or food security on campus.

90%

of respondents indicated that they had helped their students enroll in SNAP in at least one way

Including providing training to relevant staff about expanded SNAP eligibility, including possible SNAP eligibility in financial aid letters, and emailing entire student body with general information about SNAP.

Are College Students Eligible for SNAP?

According to USDA, students attending an institution of higher education, like a college, university, trade school or technical school more than half time are eligible for SNAP <u>ONLY</u> IF they meet an exemption AND meet all other SNAP eligibility requirements. Traditional college is NOT considered a work or training program when it comes to SNAP.

Learn more here: <u>What resources are available</u> <u>History of food assistance relief + today's help</u> <u>The facts and what assistance is out there</u>

SWIPE OUT www.swipeouthunger.org HUNGER STUDENT HUNGER IS REAL. WE CAN HELP END IT.

Swipe Out Hunger is the leading nonprofit addressing hunger among college students and the original architect of the Hunger Free Campus Bill, which allocates funding to institutions committed to addressing student hunger on campus.

So, how does Ohio rank?



Ohio's food insecurity rate is higher than the U.S. average at 11.5%



The student population in Ohio is 652,792 individuals

Ohio currently has 24 participating campuses serving as Swipe Out Hunger Partners - ranging from private, public, technical, and 2-year institutions

Ohio has the 7th highest student loan debt total in the country

In Ohio, 62% of students graduate with an average debt of \$30,629





39.7% of Ohio college students are first generation students

Ohio is 16th in the country

First generation is defined as students who parents do not have a four-year college degree.

Ohio currently has the 9th largest number of Pell Grant recipients in the country = 205,560 students

Federal Pell Grants usually are awarded only to undergraduate students who display exceptional financial need and have not earned a bachelor's, graduate, or professional degree





Ohio is home to the 6th highest number of higher education campuses in the United States

The state of Ohio has 178 higher education campuses