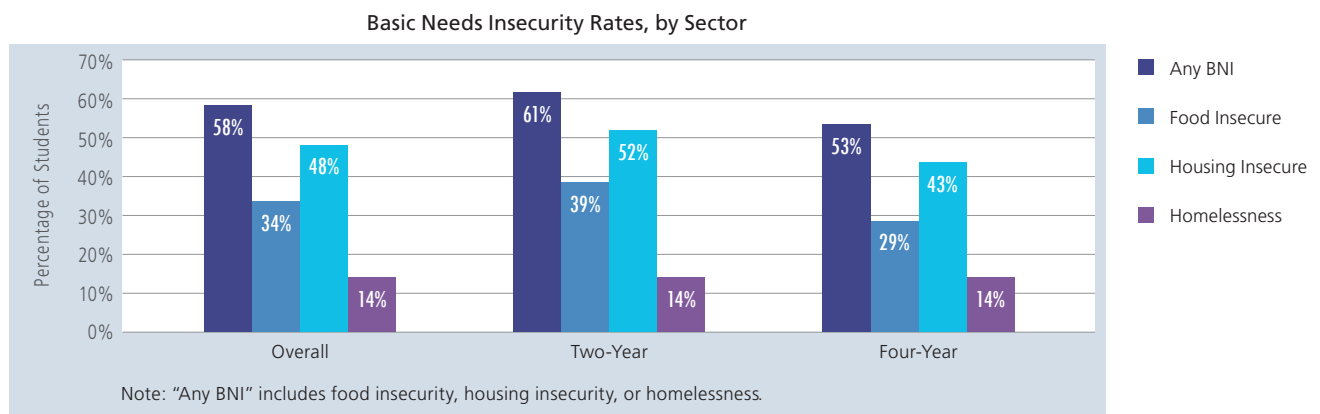


#REALCOLLEGE 2021: BASIC NEEDS INSECURITY DURING THE ONGOING PANDEMIC

In March 2021, The Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice released *#RealCollege 2021: Basic Needs Insecurity During the Ongoing Pandemic*. This report explores how enrolled college students were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Findings are based on data from the 2020 #RealCollege Survey, which was fielded in the fall of 2020. Respondents include more than 195,000 students from 202 two-year and four-year institutions.

Fifty-eight percent of students who responded to the survey reported “experiencing basic needs insecurity.” Rates of basic needs insecurity were higher at two-year colleges in all categories except homelessness, where the rate matched that of four-year colleges. The chart below compares basic needs insecurity rates by sector.



As illustrated in the chart below, students of color were more likely to report experiencing basic needs insecurity, with Indigenous (75 percent), American Indian or Alaska Native (70 percent), and African American or Black (70 percent) students experiencing the highest rates of basic needs insecurity. Students who identified as LGBTQ were more likely to report experiencing basic needs insecurity than students who did not, and students who identified as female were more likely to report such insecurity than students who identified as male.

