



# 2021 Student Campus Climate Survey

## Basic Needs and Student Support Section

### SURVEY BACKGROUND

Source: El Camino College 2021 Student Campus Climate Survey

- **Administration:** Online, Spring 2021
- **Number of Respondents:** 860 students (**4.6% response rate, 3.3% margin of error**)
- **Respondents' distribution:** 61% intend to transfer to a four-year institution; 28% seek a degree or certificate.
- ECC racial diversity reflected in sample: 45%, Hispanic/Latino, 18% Asian & 14% African American.
- Females are over-sampled, as 71% of respondents indicate this gender identity.
- **Full report:** Will be released in Fall 2021 on the [ECC Institutional Research and Planning webpage](#).

### Students Are Struggling with Food Insecurity

**32%** experienced situations where the **food** they bought **ran out** and they didn't have the money to get more. **56%** of **Black or African Americans** said they **could not** always **get more food** when it ran out.



**33%** indicated they **could not afford** to eat **balanced meals** all of the time.

**16%** stated they **went hungry** or **did not eat** because there was not enough money for food at times during the last year. For **Black or African American** students, this rate was **33%**.

**21%** have **used** the **Warrior Pantry** or other food security resources provided by ECC during the last year. **22%** of these students **use** the **Warrior Pantry** at least **once per week**.

### Financial Concerns Threaten Housing Security

**40%** of **Black or African American** and **37%** of **Hispanics** had their **rent or mortgage increased** during the past year. By comparison, **20%** of **Asian** and **White** respondents had housing costs increase.



**19%** did not pay or **underpaid their rent or mortgage** sometime during the past year.

**25%** **underpaid utility bills** during the past year.

**8%** did not know **where** they were going to **spend the night** at least once during the past year. For **Black or African American** students, this rate was **16%**.

### Most Students Feel Supported by ECC Employees

**87%** feel ECC emphasizes providing the support students need to succeed.

**80%** feel counselors and advisors are available when students need them.

**90%** feel comfortable approaching and asking questions to ECC employees.

**84%** feel supported in finding financial and other resources to pay for college and living expenses.



#### Selected Quotes:

- *"I have been pretty impressed with the help and support I have received when needed."*
- *"Often I find that emailing a staff/faculty member or student worker and asking a question results in them telling me to email someone else or giving me the link to a website that I already saw. It is frustrating to go on a wild goose chase when I need the answer to a question."*