

BASIC NEEDS ANNUAL REPORT FY 23

The Office of the Dean of Students has a long-standing commitment to supporting the health and well-being of all UI students. This is particularly exemplified through the focus and dedication in addressing students' basic needs so they have the ability to thrive and achieve their academic goals. When students cannot meet their basic needs, it interferes with their ability to concentrate on their studies, build social connections, maintain health, feel they belong, remain enrolled, and eventually graduate.

The term, basic needs, is used to denote equitable access to:

"Nutritious and sufficient food; safe, secure, and adequate housing (to sleep, study, cook, and shower); healthcare to promote sustained mental and physical well-being; affordable transportation; affordable technology; resources for personal hygiene care; and childcare and related needs." (Hope Center, 2020)

PROGRAMS/INITIATIVES

Iowa students, faculty, and staff are supported through a number of resources on campus:

- The Food Pantry at Iowa (students, faculty, staff)
- Clothing Closet (students)
- Hawkeye Meal Share (students)
- Emergency Fund (students)
- Basic Needs Web Page (students, faculty, staff)

BASIC NEEDS STAFF

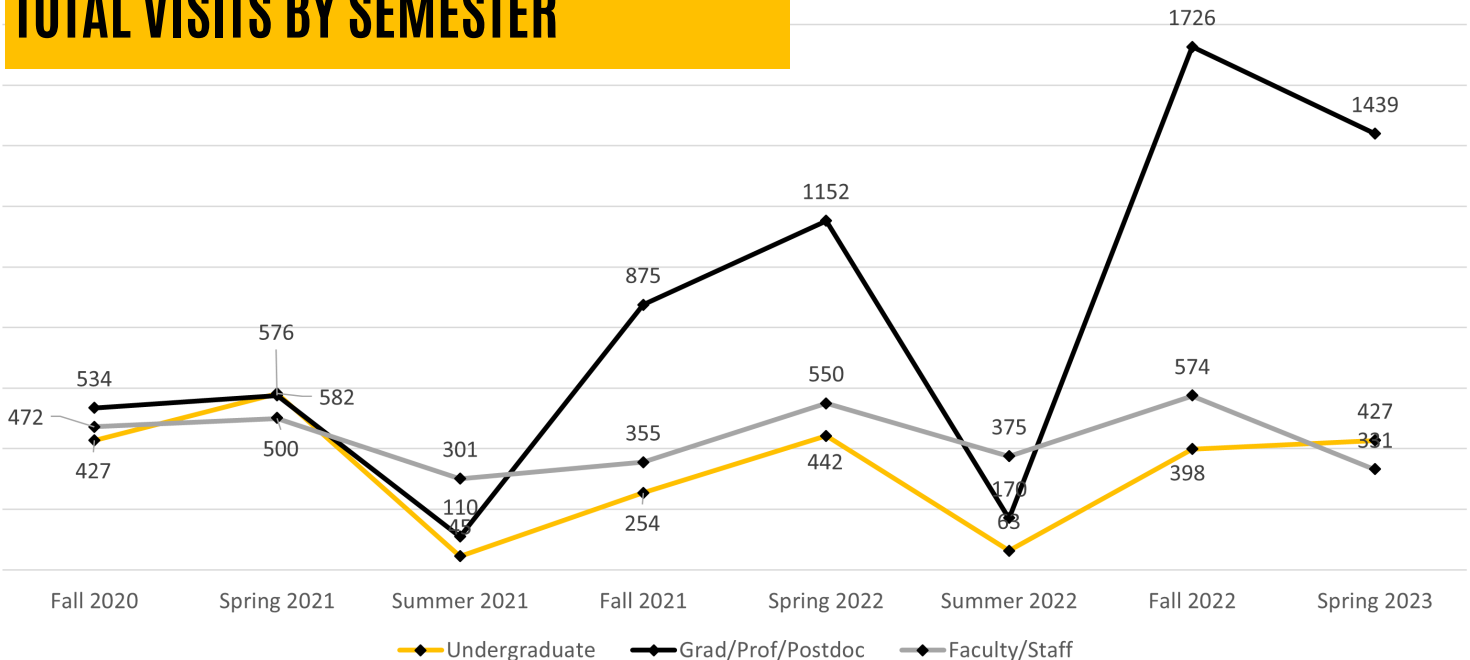
Basic needs initiatives are housed in The Office of the Dean of Students and Well-Being and Basic Needs.

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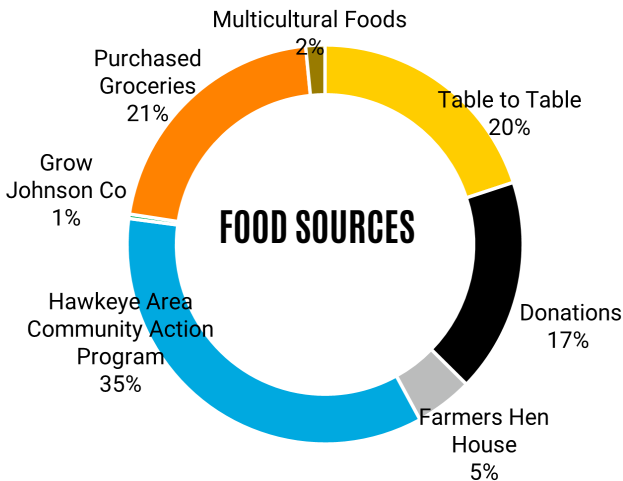
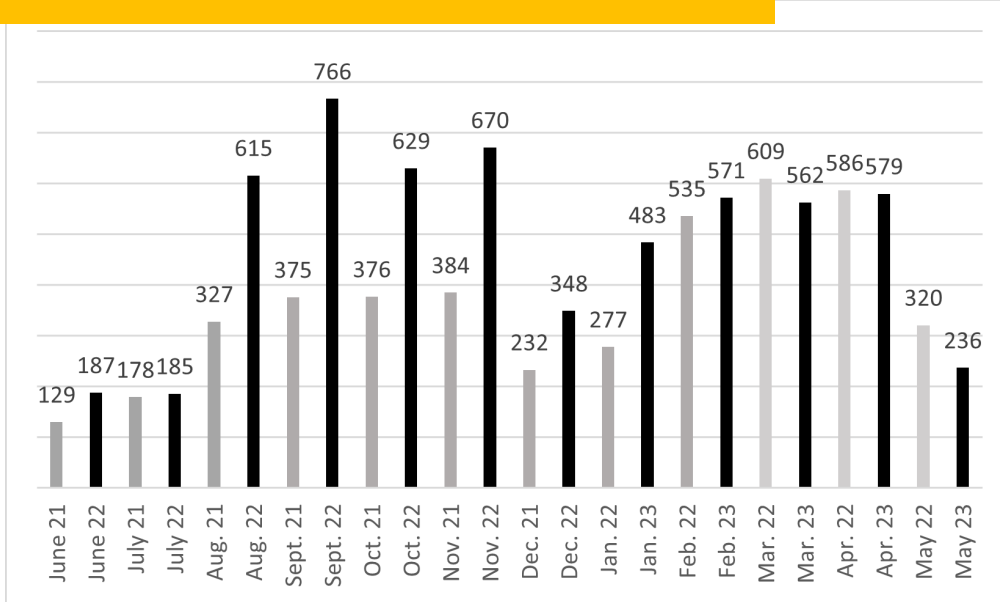
THE FOOD PANTRY AT IOWA

The Food Pantry at Iowa was established in 2016 by a student organization and serves undergraduate students, graduate and professional students, postdocs as well as faculty and staff.

TOTAL VISITS BY SEMESTER



TOTAL VISITS BY MONTH



"I'm so thankful for the Food Pantry at Iowa! I was in a tough financial spot and not having to buy groceries for a few days helped a lot with the stress. They had great healthy food options and a lot of variety too. The volunteers were all very kind and helpful! Thank you for all that you do for the University of Iowa community!"

Pounds of Food Distributed & Average Pounds Per Person

36,418 lbs
21 lbs/person
Fall 2020

34,483 lbs
24 lbs/person
Spring 2021

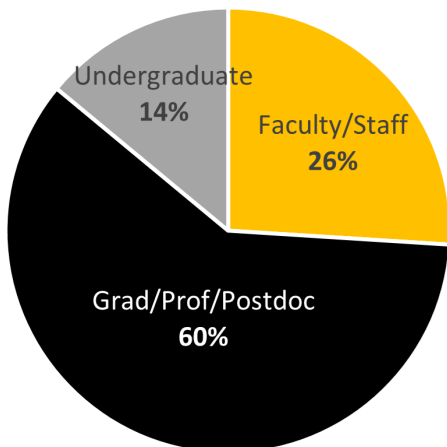
39,141 lbs
24 lbs/person
Fall 2021

41,335 lbs
20 lbs/person
Spring 2022

37,777 lbs
17 lbs/person
Spring 2023

#1 way students learn about the food pantry is through friends!
(#2—Mass Email)

USAGE DEMOGRAPHICS—FY 23



32% FIRST GENERATION STUDENTS

48% INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

7 VISITS

AVERAGE VISITS
3 | Undergraduate
9 | Grad/Prof/Postdoc
8 | Faculty/Staff

2.6 PEOPLE

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE
2.3 | Undergraduate
2.3 | Grad/Prof/Postdoc
3.5 | Faculty/Staff

ETHNICITY

69.3% | White
9.3% | Multi-Racial
7.8% | Hispanic/Latino(a)
5.6% | Unknown
5.0% | Asian
3.0% | Black

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2023, in order to meet the increasing demand, to provide sustained support of the Food Pantry and to establish equitable pay, a new working structure was created and implemented. This consists of employing four students—two managers to oversee day-to-day operations, volunteers and outreach efforts, and two coordinators to oversee operations of services, such as ordering, delivery and stocking shelves. Volunteers continue to play a critical role in ensuring the Food Pantry is able to provide essential support to those in need. In addition, 11 lead volunteers were added to the Basic Needs Team. The Food Pantry, in collaboration with DSL partners, is preparing to expand services as well as move into a new location in the lower level of the IMU, with an opening date in August.

OUTREACH/PRESENTATIONS

A total of 82 presentations and outreach events reached 1045 people. Presentations include information about food insecurity, best practices and utilization data. Outreach events involved tabling to share information about food insecurity on campus. Outreach partners and events include:

- On Iowa! Information Fair
- Engagement Fair
- Family Issues Presidential Charter Committee
- LiveWell Ambassadors meetings
- Library Services
- Gray Hawks—Retired Alumni
- Corridor Pantry Round Table
- Burge RA staff
- Community Food Pantry & Coralville Food Pantry
- Food Pantry Corridor Partner meeting
- Iowa State—Off Campus Support Roundtable
- Leash on Life
- International Student Support & Engagement
- Table to Table Partner meeting
- DITV
- Hancher
- From the Front Row—Public Health Podcast
- Advising & Financial Aid
- College of Pharmacy
- Student Life Food Insecurity Support Fund video
- Associate Deans and Directors Meeting
- Homecoming Parade
- President’s Leadership Class
- Hawkeye Service Breaks
- Employee Health Fair
- Athletics
- First Year Seminar
- Faculty Garden Tour
- Office of Sustainability Fair
- Resident Resource Fair
- On Common Ground
- USG/GPSG
- Alpha Chi Omega

DONATION DRIVES

A total of **11983 LBS** of food was collected through food drives, including items shipped from our Amazon Wish List. Campus partners holding food drives include:

- Iowa State food drive competition
- College of Public Health
- West Branch Middle School
- Hawkeye Service Breaks
- Hancher
- Admissions
- The IMU Welcome Center
- Catering
- Hy-Vee
- Circle K
- UI Center for Advancement
- Staff Council
- Gloria Dei
- Cancer Center
- Biology Club
- Market Grille
- Grand Avenue Market



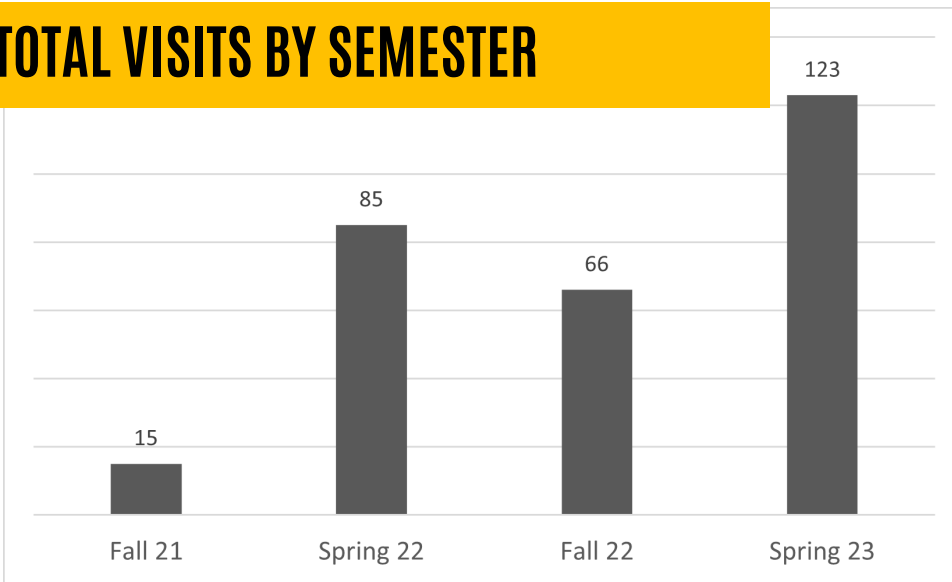
Renderings of the new Food Pantry located in the basement of the IMU, opening August 16th!

IOWA

CLOTHING CLOSET

In spring 2018, a group of student leaders advocated to help students access professional clothing as a part of student government elections. In May 2018, the Clothing Closet became an organization and began operating in fall 2018 in the Iowa Memorial Union. The Clothing Closet's mission is to provide undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Iowa with access to quality, new or used, professional clothing at no cost. This access supports academic and professional success for students as they participate in class projects and presentations, events for student organizations, conferences, job fairs, interviews, and more. In addition to supporting students, donations to the Clothing Closet help address sustainability through the diversion of textile waste from landfills. The Clothing Closet will be relocated alongside the Food Pantry in the lower level of the IMU, opening in August.

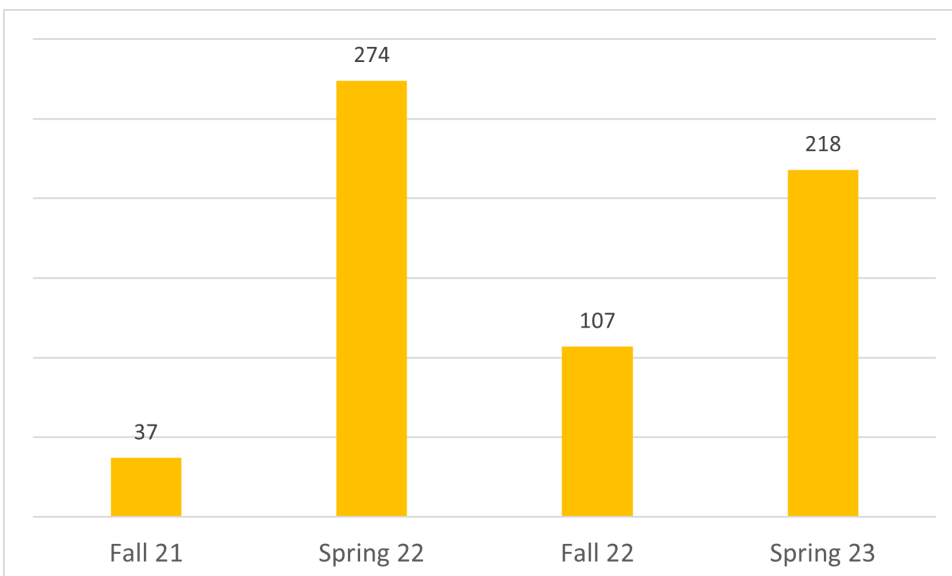
TOTAL VISITS BY SEMESTER



MOST DISTRIBUTED ITEMS

1. Blouses/Button-up shirts (24%)
2. Pants (23%)
3. Suits (20%)
4. Shoes (13%)
5. Dresses (8%)
6. Ties, Belts, Purses (6.5%)
7. Coats and Sweaters (5.5%)

TOTAL ITEMS DISTRIBUTED BY SEMESTER



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Iowa College of Law has begun a "community court closet" and consulted The Clothing Closet about operations and ways to partner.

Inclusive Attire – The Clothing Closet strives to meet the needs of all students regardless of their size. Clothing drives aimed to increase size inclusive clothing.

Winter Coat Drive – Partnered with Hawkeye Service Break, Division of Student Life and the International Advisory Committee to expand the Clothing Closet beyond business attire.

Hours of Operation – Increased hours of operation by 25% to accommodate student's schedules.

HAWKEYE MEAL SHARE

Hawkeye Meal Share is an initiative that provides unused guest meal swipes to undergraduate, graduate, professional and postdocs experiencing food insecurity. The program allows students to request up to 14 meals at a time and can apply multiple times throughout the semester. Meals can be used in any of the Market Places on campus. Prior to 2023, the program was dependent on students donating their unused guest swipes. Thanks to Housing and Dining, unused guest meals are now automatically rolled over every semester.

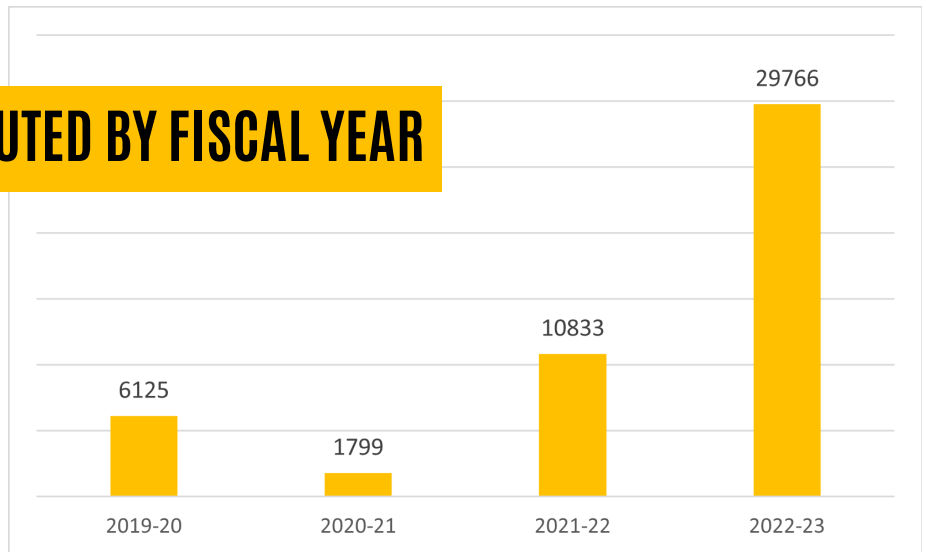
TOP IMPACTS OF HUNGER

1. Underperform academically
2. Miss class
3. Opt out of social activities
4. Miss a study session
5. Miss a student org meeting
6. Not pay, underpay, or delay paying utilities
7. Not pay, underpay, or delay paying rent
8. Drop a class

TOP IMPEDIMENTS TO ACCESSING FOOD

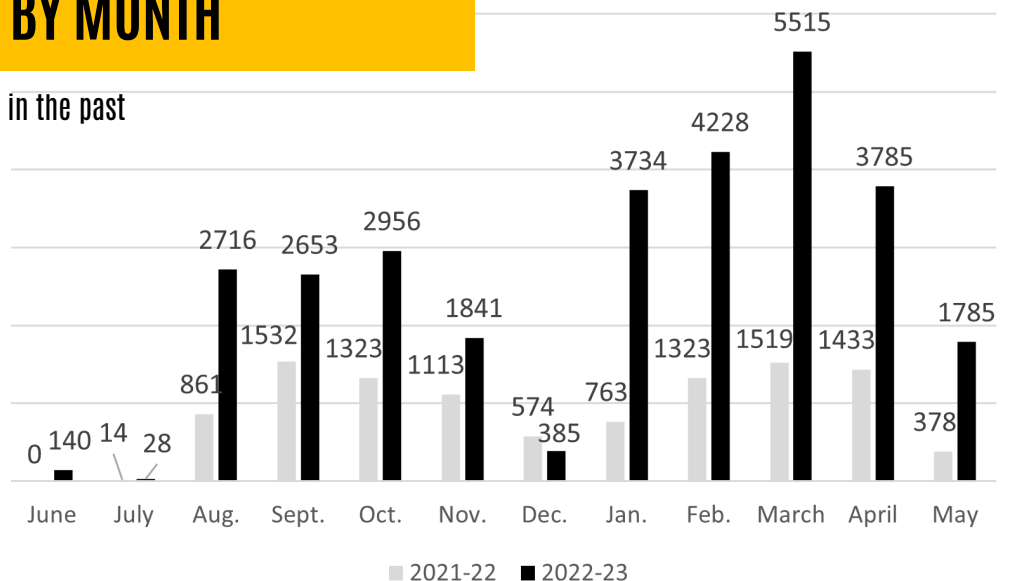
1. Healthy food is too expensive
2. Insufficient funds
3. Not enough time to prepare food
4. Transportation
5. Lack knowledge about how to prepare food
6. Lack equipment to prepare food

MEALS DISTRIBUTED BY FISCAL YEAR



MEALS DISTRIBUTED BY MONTH

48% of students have received meals in the past



EMERGENCY FUND

The student emergency fund supports University of Iowa students who encounter an unforeseen financial emergency or catastrophic event which would otherwise prevent them from continuing their education at the University of Iowa. These funds are not intended to be used for routine expenses or as a supplement to a student's education funding sources. Instead, these funds are for those students who experience an event or unforeseen circumstance that negatively and severely impacts their academic success. The Office of Student Financial Aid provides assistance in determining if the granting of the emergency fund request would have a negative impact on current and future aid received. Priority is given to students whose tenure at the University of Iowa may be at risk because of unexpected expenses. This fund is supported by the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) and the Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG) and significant donations, primarily through the University of Iowa Center for Advancement.

FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FY 22

\$161,618 AWARDED

- 399 | Total Requests
- 321 | Unique Requests
- 314 | Approved Requests
- 85 | Denied Requests

FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FY 23

\$221,491 AWARDED

- 414 | Total Requests
- 320 | Unique Requests
- 321 | Approved Requests
- 93 | Denied Requests

TOP REASONS FOR REQUESTS

1. Financial Hardships
2. Health Related Challenges
3. Educational Expenses
4. Unexpected Events
5. Family Emergencies
6. Housing Related Issues
7. Lack of support or coverage

REASONS FUNDING DENIED

1. Eligible for a grant through the Office of Financial Aid
2. Reached maximum award
3. Eligible for other loans
4. Duplicate requests

* Anyone denied for funding is connected to other campus resources such as the Food Pantry or governmental assistance programs like food stamps.