

FOOD PANTRY AT IOWA

APRIL 2021 REPORT

HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE WE SERVED?

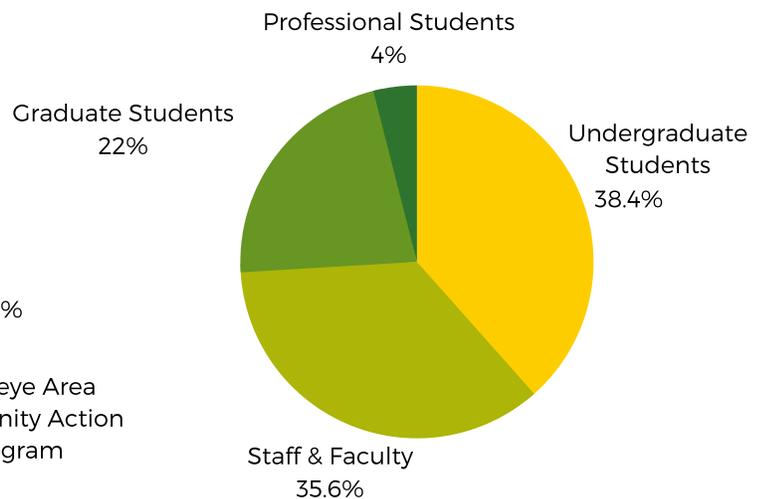
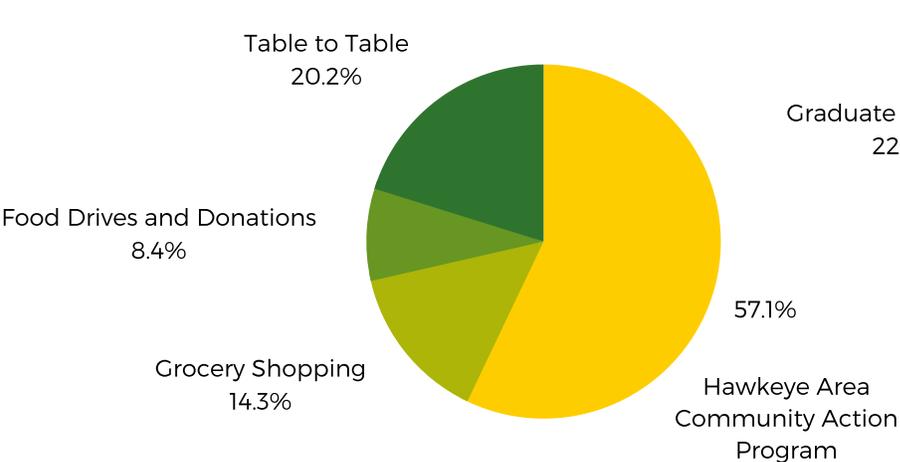
	April	Academic Year
Clients served	168	545
Total client visits	399	3,268

HOW MUCH FOOD HAVE WE DISTRIBUTED?

	April	Academic Year
Total pounds of food distributed	8,016	64,582
Average pounds of food taken per visit	24.1	21.6

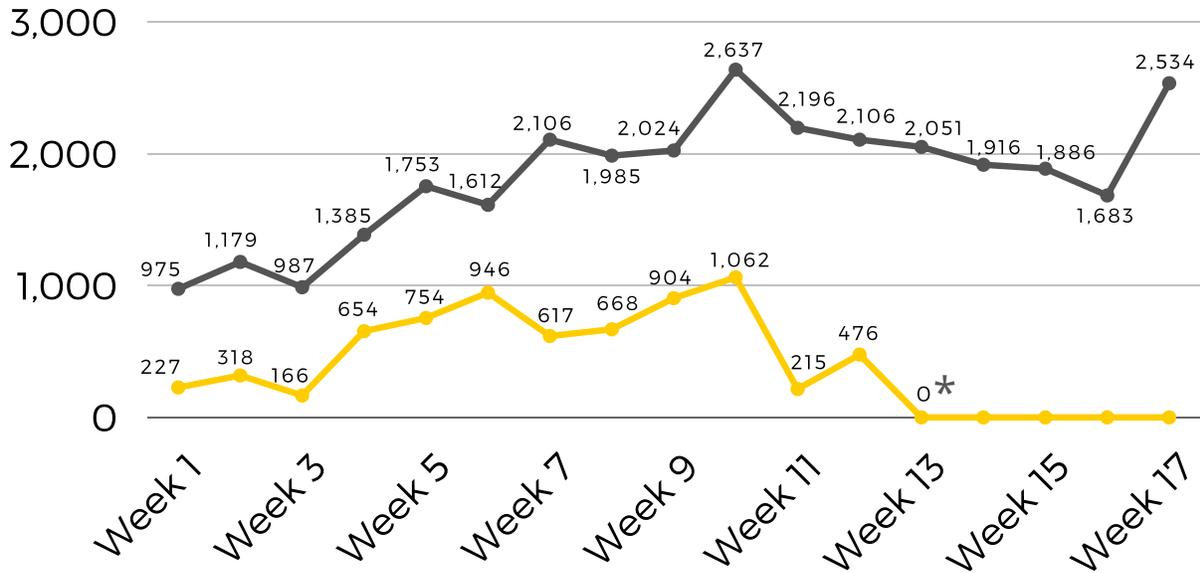
WHERE DOES OUR FOOD COME FROM?

WHO IS USING THE PANTRY?

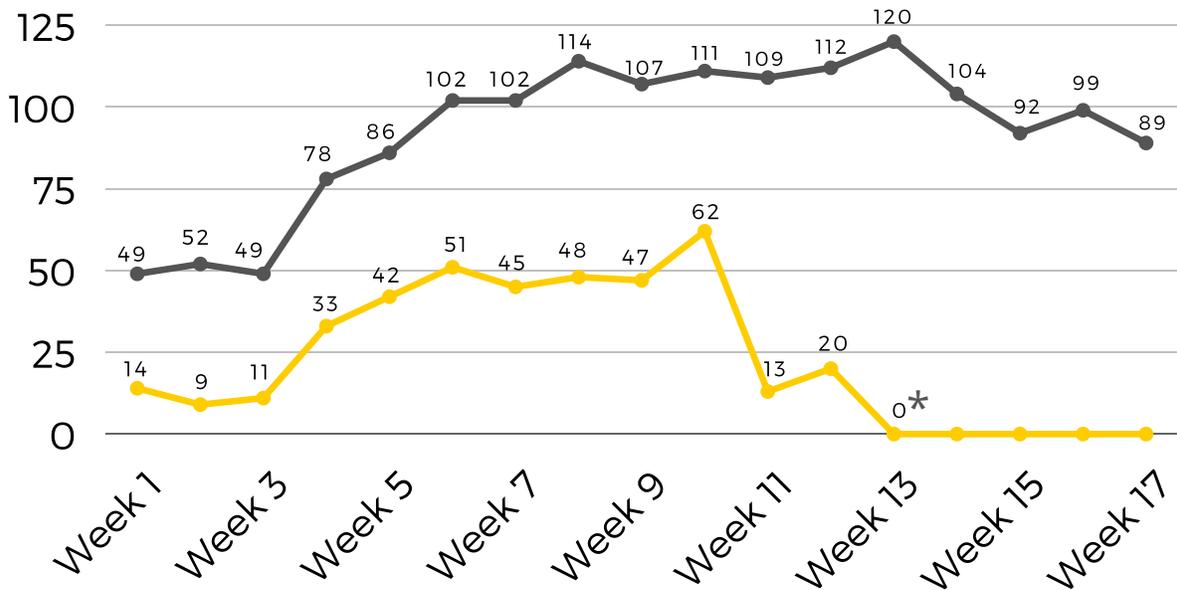


COMPARISON TO SPRING 2020

POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED



CLIENTS SERVED



SPRING 2021
 SPRING 2020

*In spring 2020, the pantry closed after spring break due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Student projects this month include:

- Creating and distributing thank you gifts for volunteers
- Finalizing and planning for summer operations, including open hours, grocery shopping, and deliveries
- Participating in a multi-state workgroup to learn about outreach programs for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Creating ideas for potential new layouts for the east pantry
- Partnering with Grow: Johnson County to have fresh produce available to clients over the summer
- Coordinating tote bag sales
- Wrapping up spring semester operations and preparing to serve students during finals week

...all while preparing for final exams and in some cases, graduation!
Congratulations to Margorie Gutierrez and Juliann Sanasinh for graduating this spring!

There's still time to buy a tote bag in support of the Food Pantry at Iowa's fundraiser!
Visit our [website](#) for more information and the order form.



Design by Joanna Moody.

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION



"Hungry Seniors Need More Than Just Access to Food"

by Lela Nargi presents the argument that just increasing access to food is not enough to solve seniors' food insecurity. Though we do not serve many seniors at the Food Pantry at Iowa, this article presents a helpful analysis of the complex systemic changes that need to be made in order to tackle the root cause of food insecurity, rather than just handing out food.

The Hope Center's "Beyond the Food Pantry: Recommendations for Higher Education Institutions to Implement Federal Guidance on SNAP Expansion for College Students during COVID-19" is a valuable resource to help students gain access to SNAP now that requirements have temporarily changed to allow for more students to benefit during the pandemic.



BEYOND THE FOOD PANTRY:



The Food Pantry at Iowa was recently featured in a story by KCRG for receiving the Social Justice and Racial Equity grant from Iowa City's Human Rights Commission. Over the next year, we will use the grant to purchase more culturally diverse food and better provide for our clients. The initiative was started when members of the 2020 pantry team recognized that the pantry not effectively serving a community with a diverse range of diets and cultures.

CONTACT

If you have questions or feedback regarding this report, please reach out to Food Pantry at Iowa advisor, Sarah Henry, at sarah-henry@uiowa.edu. This report and past reports will be available on the Food Pantry website under "Research."