

What do CA statewide  
student surveys tell us?

Spoiler: It Ain't Pretty

# Student Senate for California Community Colleges



“What challenges are you currently facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic?”

- Higher level of anxiety, stress, depression, and/or any other mental distress: 67%
- Besides from having to adapt to online learning, I am doing well overall: 41%
- Experienced loss of income: 40%
- Have to homeschool children: 22%
- Unable to pay rent, mortgage, or utilities: 22%

1,690 students from 64 colleges (55.6% of 115 CCCs)

<https://www.studentsenateccc.org/communication/covid-19-survey-report.html>

# California Student Aid Commission

## KEY FINDINGS: CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS

- As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic:
  - Over **70%** of current students lost some or all of their sources of income as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - **Almost half** of all students had their living arrangements change.
  - **A quarter** of students dropped one or more courses in their spring 2020 college term.

60,000 students (CCC, CSU, UC, private non-profit)  
<https://www.csac.ca.gov/survey2020>

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## CA COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE FACING SEVERE FINANCIAL INSECURITY AS A RESULT OF THE PANDEMIC

33%



of students report skipping a meal or reducing how much they are eating as a result of the pandemic

34%



of students report their colleges have provided food support, like access to food pantries.

54%



of students are uneasy about their personal finances over the coming few months

49%



of students think they will be able to afford basic expenses like food, housing, and tuition if the crisis persists for two more months

1,010 students, 2 and 4 year colleges

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## CA STUDENTS CALL FOR IMPROVEMENTS IF REMOTE LEARNING CONTINUES INTO THE FALL

If your college or university only offered online classes this fall, which of the following aspects of the experience will faculty and administrators need to improve upon? Top 5 responses...

51%



instruction and course quality

51%



studying tools

41%



tutoring or other academic support resources

37%



academic advising

34%



collaboration tools for group work or projects

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They need us to be  
present, mindful, and empathetic  
– aka human