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% **"O**

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



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



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

49%

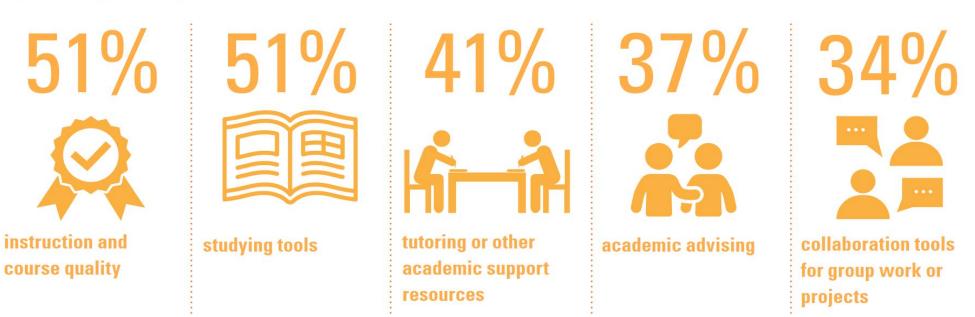
of students think they will be able to afford basic expenses like food, housing, and tuition if the crisis persists for two more months 1,010 students, 2 and 4 year colleges

https://west.edtrust.org/ed-equity-in-crisis-centering-higher-ed-student-experiences/

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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...



What do CA statewide student surveys tell us? They need us to be present, mindful, and empathetic – aka human