TODAY’S STUDENT

- **25 or older**: 37%
- **First gen**: 46%
- **Work**: 64%
- **Work full time**: 40%
- **Have children or other dependents**: 24%

Source: Lumina Foundation
ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

Poverty and Food Insecurity

31% of college students come from families at or below the Federal Poverty Guideline.

36% of college students reported not knowing where their next meal was coming from.

Source: Lumina Foundation
ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

Food Insecurity: West Virginia Study

Food Insecurity During First-Year

- Often True: 76%
- Sometimes True: 16%
- Never True: 7%
- No Response: 2%

23%

Source: WV GEAR UP Postsecondary Survey
ECONOMIC BACKGROUND

Food Insecurity: West Virginia Study

Effects of Food Insecurity

- Miss a class: 52%
- Miss a study session: 48%
- Opt to not join an extracurricular activity: 24%
- Drop a class: 20%
- Not buy a required textbook: 16%

Source: WV GEAR UP Postsecondary Survey
CAMPUS STUDENT LEADERS

Food Insecurity

Textbook Affordability

Mental Health
STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH

1 IN 5
1 in 5 college students say their mental health has significantly worsened under COVID-19.

80%
80% of college students report that COVID-19 has negatively impacted their mental health.

Source: Active Minds Spring 2020 Campus Survey
COVID-19 IMPACT

High School Seniors

1 in 4 decided high school seniors say their college choice has been affected by COVID-19.

Source: Simpson Scarborough Higher Ed and COVID-19 National Student Survey

College Students

97% of college students have switched to online instruction as the result of COVID-19.
I'm not sure what I am actually going to do now this fall.
40,000+ CHILDREN RAISED BY OTHER FAMILY

AGES 15-34

SUICIDE IS SECOND CAUSE OF DEATH IN WV

6,900+ WV CHILDREN PLACED IN FOSTER CARE

8.8 BILLION

THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC COST THE STATE EACH YEAR

Sources: CDC, KVC WV, AARP

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