

**California Student Aid Commission  
Food and Housing Survey 2023**

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Q1a Were you enrolled in college during the current academic year (2022-23)?

Yes

No

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*Display This Question:*

*If Were you enrolled in college during the current academic year (2022-23)? = Yes*

Q1b What college did you attend?

*If you attended more than one college, please select the one where you enrolled for the most units in 2022-23.*

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College

▼ California Community College ... College Outside California ~ College Outside California

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*Display This Question:*

*If Were you enrolled in college during the current academic year (2022-23)? = No*

Q1c We are trying to learn more about why people do not enroll in college after submitting a FAFSA.

What were your main reasons for not enrolling for college for 2022-23? Please choose all that apply.

- Educational costs (tuition, fees, books)
- Housing availability and cost
- Living costs (food, utilities, transportation, child care)
- Family obligations
- Academic reasons
- Schedule conflicts
- Physical or mental health reasons

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*Display This Question:*

*If Were you enrolled in college during the current academic year (2022-23)? = Yes*

Q2 Do you live in California while attending college?

- Yes
- No

End of Block: Header and College

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Start of Block: Housing

*Display This Question:*

*If Were you enrolled in college during the current academic year (2022-23)? != No*

B1 The first questions ask about where you live and how you get to campus while attending school during the current academic year (2022-23).

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*If Were you enrolled in college during the current academic year (2022-23)? != No*

Q3 Where do you live while attending college?

- On campus or in college-owned housing (dormitory, residence hall, apartment, etc.)
  - Off-campus housing that I rent
  - Off-campus housing that I own
  - Off-campus housing with parent(s), guardian(s), or other relative(s)
  - No consistent place to sleep (for example: homeless, couch-surfing, living in car or shelter)
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*Display This Question:*

*If Where do you live while attending college? = On campus or in college-owned housing (dormitory, residence hall, apartment, etc.)*

*Or Where do you live while attending college? = Off-campus housing that I rent*

*Or Where do you live while attending college? = Off-campus housing that I own*

*Or Where do you live while attending college? = Off-campus housing with parent(s), guardian(s), or other relative(s)*

Q4 If you live in an apartment or house, how many housemates do you have who contribute toward rent or mortgage?

- Zero
- One
- Two
- Three
- Four or more
- N/A

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*Display This Question:*

*If If you live in an apartment or house, how many housemates do you have who contribute toward rent... = One*

*Or If you live in an apartment or house, how many housemates do you have who contribute toward rent... = Two*

*Or If you live in an apartment or house, how many housemates do you have who contribute toward rent... = Three*

*Or If you live in an apartment or house, how many housemates do you have who contribute toward rent... = Four or more*

Q5 How many roommates do you have (with whom you share a bedroom - please do not include spouse, children, or other family member)?

- Zero
- One
- Two
- Three
- Four or more

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Q6 On average, how much do **you pay per month** for housing expenses? Include rent or mortgage, and other utility costs such as water, gas electricity, and garbage. *If you share a residence with other people, indicate only the amount you are responsible for paying.*

- Nothing
- Less than \$400
- \$400 to \$799
- \$800 to \$1199
- \$1200 to \$1599
- \$1600 to \$1999
- \$2000 to \$2399
- \$2400 to \$2799
- \$2800 to \$3199
- \$3200 to \$3599
- \$3600 to \$3999
- \$4000 or more
- Don't know

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*If Were you enrolled in college during the current academic year (2022-23)? != No*

Q7 How do you usually commute to and from campus?

*Mark all that apply.*

- Walk
- Bicycle
- Driving alone (e.g., car, truck, or motorcycle)
- Public transportation (e.g., Bus, train, rail, or subway)
- Carpool
- Rideshare (e.g., Uber or Lyft)

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*Display This Question:*

*If Were you enrolled in college during the current academic year (2022-23)? != No*

Q8 How long does it take you to commute to campus from where you live?

- Less than 5 minutes
- 5 to 10 minutes
- 11 to 20 minutes
- 21 to 30 minutes
- 31 to 40 minutes
- 41 to 50 minutes
- 51 to 60 minutes
- More than 1 hour

End of Block: Housing

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Start of Block: Food

*Display This Question:*

*If Were you enrolled in college during the current academic year (2022-23)? != No*

B2 The next set of questions ask about your **weekly costs** for food while attending college during the current academic year (2022-23).

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*If Were you enrolled in college during the current academic year (2022-23)? != No*

Q9 Do you have a campus meal plan?

- Yes
  - No
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Display This Question:

If Do you have a campus meal plan? = Yes



Q10a About how many meals **per week** are covered by your meal plan?

*Enter a number 1-21. If your plan is unlimited, please enter 21.*

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If Do you have a campus meal plan? = Yes

Q10b On average, how much do **you** pay **per week** for food that you buy **in addition to** your meal plan (e.g., restaurant meals, snacks, or groceries)?

- Nothing
- Less than \$10
- \$10 to \$24
- \$25 to \$49
- \$50 to \$74
- \$75 to \$99
- \$100 to \$124
- \$125 to \$149
- \$150 or more

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Display This Question:

If Do you have a campus meal plan? != Yes

Q11a On average, how much do **you** pay **per week** for groceries and other food and snacks eaten or prepared at your residence?

- Nothing
- Less than \$10
- \$10 to \$24
- \$25 to \$49
- \$50 to \$74
- \$75 to \$99
- \$100 to \$124
- \$125 to \$149
- \$150 to \$199
- \$200 or more

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Display This Question:

If Do you have a campus meal plan? != Yes

Q11b On average, how much do **you** pay **per week** for food, snacks, and meals away from your residence, such as at restaurants, on-campus dining, or purchased from vending machines?

- Nothing
- Less than \$10
- \$10 to \$24
- \$25 to \$49
- \$50 to \$74
- \$75 to \$99
- \$100 to \$124
- \$125 to \$149
- \$150 to \$199
- \$200 or more

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Display This Question:

If Do you have a campus meal plan? != Yes



Q11c On average, how many meals do you pay for per week?

*Enter a number 1-21.*

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End of Block: Food

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Start of Block: Insecurity

B3a This section asks about how you manage your housing and food expenses.

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*If Where do you live while attending college? = Off-campus housing that I rent  
Or Where do you live while attending college? = Off-campus housing that I own  
Or Where do you live while attending college? = Off-campus housing with parent(s), guardian(s), or other relative(s)*

B3b The next items ask about your living situation in the past 12 months, since May 2022.

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Q12 In the past 12 months, was there a rent or mortgage increase that made it difficult to pay?

- Yes
  - No
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Q13 In the past 12 months, did you not pay or underpay your rent or mortgage?

- Yes
- No

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Q14 In the past 12 months, did you not pay the full amount of a gas, oil, or electricity bill?

Yes

No

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Q15 In the past 12 months, have you moved two times or more?

Yes

No

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Q16 In the past 12 months, did you move in with other people, even for a little while, because of financial problems?

Yes

No

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Q17 In the past 12 months, did you live in a house or apartment with more than were listed on the lease or rental agreement?

Yes

No

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B3c The following are several statements that people have made about their food situation. For these statements, please indicate whether the statement was often true, sometimes true, or never true for you in the last 12 months, since May 2022.

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Q20

“I couldn’t afford to eat balanced meals.”

Was that often, sometimes, or never true for you in the last 12 months?

- Often true
  - Sometimes true
  - Never true
  - Don't know
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Q19 “The food that I bought just didn’t last, and I didn’t have money to get more.”

Was that often, sometimes, or never true for you in the last 12 months?

- Often true
  - Sometimes true
  - Never true
  - Don't know
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*If "The food that I bought just didn't last, and I didn't have money to get more." Was that often, s... = Often true*

*Or "The food that I bought just didn't last, and I didn't have money to get more." Was that often, s... = Sometimes true*

*Or "I couldn't afford to eat balanced meals." Was that often, sometimes, or never true for you in th... = Often true*

*Or "I couldn't afford to eat balanced meals." Was that often, sometimes, or never true for you in th... = Sometimes true*

Q21 In the last 12 months, did you ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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*Display This Question:*

*If In the last 12 months, did you ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't... = Yes*

Q23 How often did this happen—almost every month, some months but not every month, or in only 1 or 2 months?

- Almost every month
- Some months but not every month
- Only 1 or 2 months
- Don't know

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If "The food that I bought just didn't last, and I didn't have money to get more." Was that often, s... = Often true

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Q24 In the last 12 months, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasn't enough money for food?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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Or "I couldn't afford to eat balanced meals." Was that often, sometimes, or never true for you in th... = Sometimes true

Q25 In the last 12 months, were you ever hungry but didn't eat because there wasn't enough money for food?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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Q29 During the 2022-23 academic year, did difficulty covering the cost of housing and/or food cause you to do any of the following:

- Reduced number of classes taken
- Withdrew from college
- No, I did not change my enrollment even though I had difficulty covering the costs of housing and/or food.
- No, I did not have trouble covering the costs of housing or food.

End of Block: Insecurity

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Start of Block: Demographics

B4 Now we are interested in some of your demographic information.

*Display This Question:*

*If Were you enrolled in college during the current academic year (2022-23)? != No*

Q30a Since you enrolled in college, have you been primarily a full-time student (at least 12 credits per semester or quarter) or a part-time student (less than 12 credits per semester or quarter)?

- Always full-time
- Mostly full-time
- Equal mix of full-time and part-time
- Mostly part-time
- Always part-time

*Display This Question:*

*If Were you enrolled in college during the current academic year (2022-23)? != No*

Q30b Is your current school the first college you have attended?

- Yes, this is the first college I have attended
- No, I previously attended a different college

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Q31a Are you currently working?

- Yes
- No

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*Display This Question:*

*If Are you currently working? = No*

Q31b During the last month, have you been looking for work?

- Yes
- No

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*Display This Question:*

*If Are you currently working? = Yes*

Q31c During the current academic year, on average, how many hours **per week** do you work?

*If you have more than one job, report the total number of hours across all jobs.*

- Less than 10 hours
- 11 to 15 hours
- 16 to 20 hours
- 21 to 25 hours
- 26 to 30 hours
- 31 to 35 hours
- 36 to 40 hours
- More than 40 hours

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Q32a Do you have children who receive **more than half of their financial support** from you?

- Yes
- No

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*Display This Question:*

*If Do you have children who receive more than half of their financial support from you? = Yes*

Q32b How many children are dependent on you for **more than half of their financial support**?

- Zero
  - One
  - Two
  - Three
  - Four or more
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Q33a Do you have dependents (other than children or your spouse) who receive **more than half of their financial support** from you?

- Yes
  - No
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*Display This Question:*

*If Do you have dependents (other than children or your spouse) who receive more than half of their f... = Yes*

Q33b How many people (other than children or your spouse) are dependent on you for **more than half of their financial support**?

- Zero
  - One
  - Two
  - Three
  - Four or more
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Q34 What is the highest level of education completed by your parent(s)/guardian(s)?

Please select one for each column.

	Less than high school	High school diploma/GED	Some college, but no degree	Vocational/technical degree or certificate	Associate's degree	Bachelor's degree	Degree beyond a bachelor's degree (e.g. MA, PhD, JD, or MD)	Do not know
Parent or Guardian 1	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parent or Guardian 2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Q35a Do you consider yourself Hispanic or Latino?

*Includes persons of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin.*

- Yes
- No
- I choose not to identify.

Q35b Which of the following groups best describes your racial background?

*Check as many categories as may apply.*

- African American or Black
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian
- White
- I choose not to identify.

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Q36 How do you describe yourself?

- Female
- Male
- Trans Female/Trans Woman
- Trans Male/Trans Man
- Genderqueer, Gender Non-conforming, or Nonbinary Gender
- Different Identity (please specify)  
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- I choose not to identify.

**End of Block: Demographics**

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**Start of Block: Assistance**

B5 Now we have some questions about how you covered your expenses during the current academic year (2022-23).

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Q37a Are you using any of the following sources to cover your education and living expenses during the current academic year?

*Mark all that apply*

- Scholarships or grants (including the GI Bill, Pell Grant, Cal Grant, or fee waiver)
- Student loans
- Money from parent(s)/ guardian(s) or other relatives
- Your own income or savings (including your spouse's)
- Credit cards
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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*Display This Question:*

*If Are you using any of the following sources to cover your education and living expenses during the... = Scholarships or grants (including the GI Bill, Pell Grant, Cal Grant, or fee waiver)*

*Or Are you using any of the following sources to cover your education and living expenses during the... = Other*

Q37b Which of the following are you using to cover your education and living expenses during the current academic year?

*Mark all that apply*

- Veterans education benefits (for example, GI Bill)
- Pell Grant or Cal Grant
- California College Promise Grant or BOG Fee Waiver
- Emergency grant from college
- Other grants or scholarships from the government or your school
- Scholarship from a private organization (for example, National Merit Scholarship, or civic and religious organizations)
- Work-Study
- Financial assistance from your employer or your parents'/guardians' employer
- None of the above

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*Display This Question:*

*If Are you using any of the following sources to cover your education and living expenses during the... = Credit cards*

Q37c Do you use your credit card to pay for education or living expenses because it was the only way you could afford to pay for those expenses?

Yes

No

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Q38 Have you received money from any of the following sources during the current academic year?

*Mark all that apply*

CalWORKS, or Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)

Social Security Disability Insurance

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

California Veterans Cash Benefit

Refugee Cash Assistance Program

Other assistance program

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None, I do not receive cash assistance

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Q39 Do you receive food assistance through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the CalFresh program, or any other food aid programs?

*Mark all that apply.*

- CalFresh, or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
  - Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC)
  - Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP)
  - On-campus food pantry
  - Community food pantry or meal provider
  - Other assistance program
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- Other students' meal plans
  - None, I do not receive food assistance

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Q40a Did you receive support other than financial aid to cover the cost of housing?

Yes

No

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*Display This Question:*

*If Did you receive support other than financial aid to cover the cost of housing? = Yes*

Q40b Did you receive housing assistance from any of the following sources?

*Mark all that apply.*

City or County housing programs

Community based housing support programs

Campus housing support program

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**End of Block: Assistance**

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**Start of Block: End**

Q41 Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about your experience paying for food and housing?

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**End of Block: End**