

NMSU Social Services

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NMSU Social Services connects students to resources on campus, in the greater Las Cruces community, and federally funded programs. These resources could be anything from basic needs, such as food, shelter, or health care, to issues such as finding childcare, financial assistance, counseling, or legal aid.

Students who experience basic needs insecurity are overwhelmingly part of the labor force. For example, the majority of students who experience food insecurity (68%), housing insecurity (69%), and homelessness (67%) are employed (1).

Housing Insecurity at NMSU - Emergency Housing Fund

Food and housing insecurity undermine academic success. Housing insecurity and homelessness have a particularly strong, statistically significant relationship with college completion rates, persistence, and credit attainment. Researchers also associate basic needs insecurity with self-reports of poor physical health, symptoms of depression, and higher perceived stress. (1)

Donations to the Emergency Housing Fund (EHF) are dispersed to NMSU and DACC students experiencing housing insecurity* or homelessness**.

Emergency Housing Fund here: <http://giving.nmsu.edu/EmergencyHousingFund.html>

Payroll deduction for NMSU staff is also available <https://mypayrollgift.nmsu.edu/>

***Housing insecurity** includes a broad set of challenges such as the inability to pay rent or utilities, or the need to move frequently. All of these challenges affect students, and results suggest that they are more likely to suffer some form of housing insecurity than to have all their needs met during college. (1)

****Homelessness** means that a person does not have a stable place to live. (1)

Food Insecurity at NMSU - Aggie Cupboard

Mission

The Mission of the Aggie Cupboard is to provide free supplementary food assistance to the NMSU community, including Las Cruces and DACC students, faculty, and staff. We strive to create an atmosphere of care, concern, and support for those who may be struggling with food insecurity. The Aggie Cupboard works to educate on the prevalence of food insecurity and hunger experienced by the NMSU community.

Food insecurity is the limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe food, or the ability to acquire such food in a socially acceptable manner.

1. Goldrick-Rab, S., Baker-Smith, C., Coca, V., Looker, E., & Williams, T. (April, 2019). College and University Basic Needs Insecurity: A National #RealCollege Survey Report

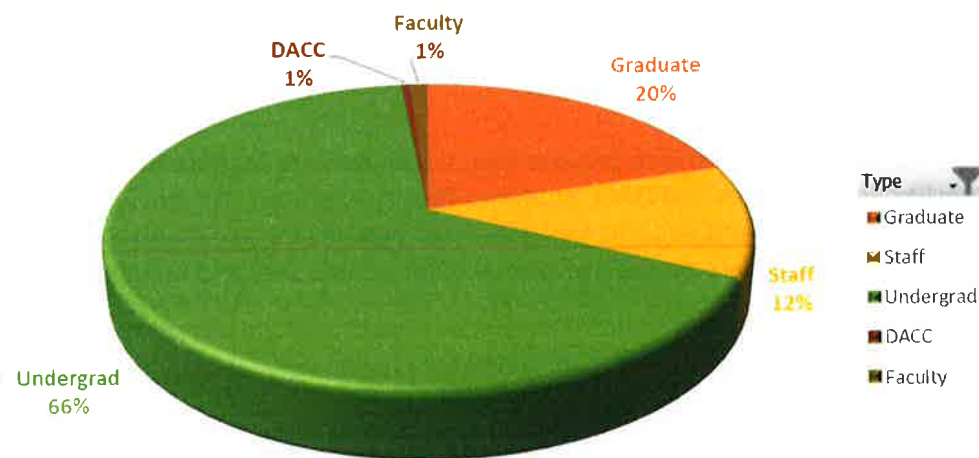
Mobile Food Pantry – 4th Tuesday of the Month

Month - 2019	Number of Clients	LBS of Food Distributed
October	106	3,829
September	148	3,761
August	140	3,863
July	86	3,720
June	80	4,261
May	86	2,508
April	109	3,109
March	100	3,764

Weekly Distributions: Tuesdays 11am -1:30pm and Thursdays 3pm - 6pm

- *Distributions 2x/week*
 - Fall 2019 (as of 11/5/19)
 - 817 client visits
 - 387 unique clients
 - Spring 2019
 - 958 clients visits
 - 313 clients visits
- *Distributions 1x/week*
 - Summer 2019
 - 444 client visits
 - 169 unique clients

DEMOGRAPHIC BREAK-DOWN '19-'20



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