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Survey Results: How are College Students Affected by Coronavirus?

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Background: On March 18th, Rise launched [an online survey](#) to assess how current college students are being affected by COVID-19. In addition to these research efforts, Rise partnered with [Believe in Students](#) and [Edquity](#) to provide resource navigation support (e.g., applying for emergency financial aid) to hundreds of students through [StudentReliefFund.org](#), and donated tens of thousands of dollars to college students through existing [FAST Fund sites](#). ***Please note that Rise's research is separate from these direct relief efforts, and we have not asked Student Relief Fund users to complete our survey.***

Methodology: Rise circulated the online survey via our email distribution list, social media, and campus organizers. The survey has been completed by 521 students and viewed 1,881 times (completion rate 28%).

As a result of a COVID-19 related closure, are you currently experiencing any of the following:	
Lacking reliable & safe housing	17%
Lacking reliable access to healthy meals	28%
Lacking reliable access to a mobile device / WiFi	20%
Have been unexpectedly laid off from a job or had hours significantly cut back	52%
Have higher levels of anxiety, depression or stress than before the Coronavirus	75%
Forced to drop courses or no longer be enrolled as a student for financial or other reasons	6%
Aside from shifting courses online, I am doing fine and nothing has significantly changed for me	21%

Surveying College Students Affected by Coronavirus



Rise surveyed 521 community college and university students attending 120+ institutions in 30 states nationwide between March 18th - 24th, 2020. This is what they told us.

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Student Testimonials:

"I am stranded without family and lost my job due to COVID-19" - Student at Spelman College

"Wayne state is at the heart of the coronavirus outbreak in Michigan. We've had students get it on campus. They are quarantined in the dorms because many cannot afford to go home, or their homes are very far away. It is a nightmare. My place of work has closed down, for the time being, and I have no income." - Student at Wayne State University

"School online is horrible. I don't understand it and have a difficult time keeping up." - Student at Temple University

"Money is a huge struggle right now." - Student at Stephen F. Austin University

"I was unable to remain in my college off-campus apartment and had to return to my hometown to live with my parents because I was unable to afford to continue to buy groceries and transportation." - Student at Indiana University

"I really, really need money because I can't go to work or pay my rent." - Student at Michigan State University

"I am lacking access to health services due to hours being shortened." - Student at California State University Fullerton

"I am an Art Studio major, and my studio classes are almost impossible to do online. I am extremely stressed about not being able to take my course required classes. I'm already taking a 5th year, and I don't want to have to tack on another. We have home wifi, but it has slowed and so finals have been tough. I work 2 jobs (one on campus in events and the other in town at a teashop) and now I cannot be at either. And even though I receive EBT, all the panic leaves all grocery stores in our area almost void of any food." - Student at the University of California, Davis

"As a first year in my program, I am considered about the long term effects of this pandemic and the impact this will have on my future semesters. I am strongly advocating to give students the option to defer due to this steadily evolving situation." - Student at Yale University

Complete List of Institutions Represented:

#	Institution	State
1	American University	DC
2	Arizona State University	AZ
3	Barnard College	NY
4	Berkeley City College / Peralta Colleges	CA
5	Bowdoin College	ME
6	Bryn Mawr College	PA
7	Cal Poly Pomona	CA
8	Cal State Dominguez Hills	CA
9	Cal State East Bay	CA
10	Cal State University Fullerton	CA
11	Cal State University San Bernardino	CA
12	California Institute of the Arts	CA
13	California State University San Marcos	CA
14	Cedar Crest College	PA
15	Central Michigan University	MI
16	Chapman University	CA
17	Clemson	SC
18	Coe College	IA
21	Dartmouth College	NH
22	East Los Angeles College	CA
23	Eastern Michigan University	MI
24	Elon University	NC
25	Fisk University	TN
26	Frostburg State University	MD

27	George Washington University	DC
28	Georgetown University	DC
29	Georgia State University	GA
30	Golden West College	CA
31	Grinnell College	IA
32	Haverford College	PA
33	Hollins University	VA
34	Howard University	DC
35	Illinois institute of Technology	IL
36	Indiana University	IN
37	Ivy Tech Community College	IN
38	Johns Hopkins University	MD
39	Kalamazoo College	MI
40	Kirtland Community College	MI
41	Lake Michigan College	MI
42	Lorain County Community College	OH
43	Los Angeles City College	CA
44	Los Angeles Trade Tech	CA
45	Loyola Marymount university	CA
46	Maccomb community college	MI
47	Marquette University	WI
48	Michigan State University	MI
49	Middle Georgia State	GA
50	Middlebury College	VT
51	Montana State University	MT
52	Montgomery college	MD
53	Moorpark College	CA

54	Morehouse College	GA
55	North Carolina A&T	NC
56	New York University	NY
57	North Central Michigan College	MI
58	Northeastern University	MA
59	Orange Coast College	CA
60	Pasadena City College	CA
61	Pennsylvania State University.	PA
62	Pomona College	CA
63	Portland State University	OR
64	Queens University of Charlotte	NC
65	Rice University	TX
66	Riverside City College	CA
67	Sacramento City College	CA
68	Sacramento State University	CA
69	Salem College	NC
70	San Diego State University	CA
71	San Joaquin Delta College	CA
72	San Jose State University	CA
73	Santa Monica College	CA
74	Santiago Canyon College	CA
75	Skyline College	CA
76	Sonoma State University	CA
77	Southern University	LA
78	Southwest Minnesota State University	MN
79	Spelman College	GA
80	St. Edward's University	TX

81	St. Mary's College of Maryland	MD
82	Stanford University	CA
83	Stephen F. Austin State University	TX
84	SUNY Geneseo	NY
85	Teachers College, Columbia University	NY
86	Temple University	PA
87	Texas Southern University	TX
88	Texas Tech University	TX
89	The Evergreen State College	WA
90	The Ohio State University	OH
91	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	NC
92	Towson University	MD
93	UC Berkeley	CA
94	UC Davis	CA
95	UC Irvine	CA
96	UC Merced	CA
97	UC Riverside	CA
98	UC Santa Barbara	CA
99	UC Santa Cruz	CA
100	UCLA	CA
101	University of Indianapolis	IN
102	University of Iowa	IA
103	University of Maryland	MD
104	University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth	MA
105	University of Michigan	MI
106	University of Minnesota	MN
107	University of Missouri - Columbia	MO

108	University of New Orleans	LA
109	University of Oklahoma	OK
110	University of Pennsylvania	PA
111	University of Pittsburgh	PA
112	University of San Diego	CA
113	University of South Carolina	SC
114	University of Southern California	CA
115	University of St. Augustine Health Sciences	CA
116	University of Texas at San Antonio	TX
117	University of West Georgia	GA
118	Utah Valley University	UT
119	University of Wisconsin Eu Claire	WI
120	Vanderbilt University	TN
121	Washtenaw Community College	MI
122	Wayne State University	MI
123	West Los Angeles College	CA
124	Western Michigan University	MI
125	Westminster college	UT
126	Whittier College	CA
127	Winthrop University	SC
128	Xavier University of LA	LA
129	Yale University	CT