



MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION
Office of Grants and Strategic Initiatives

**HUNGER-FREE CAMPUS GRANT PROGRAM
ANNUAL STUDENT HUNGER SURVEY
FY 2027**

Aggregate Results Reporting Tool

Revised October 2, 2026 (Amendment 1)

SUBMIT AGGREGATE COUNTS ONLY. Do not submit individual student responses, response-level data files, the completed survey instruments, free-text entries from any "Other" field or from Question 3, or any Section Four contact information. Section Four is never transmitted to MHEC. Retain the underlying survey responses in accordance with the RECORDS section of the FY 2027 Request for Proposals, and store Section Four contact information separately from survey responses with access limited to the staff conducting follow-up.

SUBMISSION TYPE

- ☐ Grant recipient. Submitted with the FY 2027 Final Report.
- ☐ Designation only. Submitted as part of the HFC Designation-Only Portfolio (Appendix H).

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Institution	
Grant number (grant recipients only; enter N/A if designation only)	
Academic year surveyed	
Primary contact name and title	
Primary contact email and phone	
Date submitted	

PART 1. SURVEY ADMINISTRATION

Survey open date	
Survey close date	
Delivery method	☐ Online only ☐ Paper only ☐ Both online and paper
Distribution scope	☐ Census. Distributed to all enrolled students age 18 or older. ☐ Sample. Distributed to a subset of students.
Sampling method (required if Sample)	<i>Describe how the sample was drawn, for example a stratified random sample by class standing or a random selection of course sections.</i>
Supplemental questions added	☐ No ☐ Yes. Number added: _____
Single survey administration	☐ Yes. All MHEC questions, or campus questions used in their place, were asked in one survey to the same respondents.
MHEC questions omitted (Sections One and Three only)	☐ None ☐ Yes. MHEC question numbers: _____ (the campus survey asked the same question; keep the crosswalk on file)
Items omitted for IRB review	☐ None ☐ Question 3 ☐ Section Four name and contact fields
Exclusion of students under 18	☐ Standalone survey; excluded from the distribution list ☐ Embedded survey; MHEC questions limited to a roster of students 18 or older ☐ Embedded survey; age screen with skip logic before the MHEC questions ☐ Other (describe): _____

Question wording and response options in the MHEC-issued instrument are fixed, except as permitted by Section IX of the FY 2027 Request for Proposals. Report only the MHEC questions in this tool, including counts from campus questions used in their place. Results from any supplemental questions your institution added remain with the institution.

PART 2. HEADCOUNT AND RESPONSE COUNTS

Metric	Count	Guidance
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Metric	Count	Guidance
1. Fall census headcount		Unduplicated enrolled headcount as of the institution's fall census date for the academic year surveyed. Reported for context.
2. Fall census headcount, age 18 or older		Line 1 limited to students age 18 or older on the first day of the survey window.
3. Distribution count		Number of students to whom the survey was distributed. For a census, equals Line 2. For a sample, the number of students in the sample. This is the denominator.
4. Surveys started		Total records initiated.
5. Surveys completed		Total valid completed responses. This is the numerator and the reconciliation figure for every single-select question below.
6. Response rate	%	Line 5 divided by Line 3, expressed as a percentage.

Report every count as collected. Do not suppress small counts. MHEC suppresses any published figure representing fewer than ten respondents.

PART 3. FOOD SECURITY SCORING

Questions 10 through 15 are the USDA six-item short form. Score each completed response before submitting. Count one point for each affirmative answer, where affirmative means "often true," "sometimes true," "almost every month," "some months but not every month," and "yes." All other answers, including blanks, count zero. The resulting raw score runs from 0 to 6.

3A. Raw score distribution

Raw score	Number of respondents
0	
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	

Raw score	Number of respondents
Total (must equal Surveys Completed, Part 2 Line 5)	

3B. Food security category distribution

Food security status	Raw score	Respondents	Percent
High or marginal food security	0 to 1		%
Low food security	2 to 4		%
Very low food security	5 to 6		%

PART 4. QUESTION-LEVEL COUNTS

Report the number of respondents selecting each option. Each table includes a row for respondents who left the question blank. Single-select and multi-select items are labeled; only single-select items reconcile to Surveys Completed. If an MHEC question in Section One or Three was omitted because the campus survey asks the same question, report the campus question's counts under the MHEC response options.

Section One. Personal Information**Question 1. Student enrollment type**

Single select. Counts plus the no-answer row must equal Total Surveys Completed.

Response Option	Count
Full-time student (12+ credits per semester)	
Part-time student (under 12 credits per semester)	
Student enrolled in non-credit program or courses	
No answer / left blank	

Question 2. Age range

Single select. Counts plus the no-answer row must equal Total Surveys Completed.

Response Option	Count
18 to 24	
25 to 34	
35 to 44	
45 to 54	
55 to 64	
65 or older	
No answer / left blank	

Question 3. Program or major of study. *Not reported. Do not submit free-text entries.*

Question 4. Federal Pell Grant status

Single select. Counts plus the no-answer row must equal Total Surveys Completed.

Response Option	Count
Yes	
No	
I am not sure / I do not know	
I have not applied for federal financial aid (FAFSA)	
No answer / left blank	

Question 5. Employment status

Single select. Counts plus the no-answer row must equal Total Surveys Completed.

Response Option	Count
Yes, full-time paid employment (30+ hours per week)	
Yes, part-time paid employment (under 30 hours per week)	
Yes, work-study employment	
Yes, unpaid internship or volunteer position	
No, currently unemployed	
No answer / left blank	

Question 6. Average weekly work hours

Conditional single select. Only respondents who selected a Yes option in Question 5 answer this item.

Response Option	Count
Under 10 hours per week	
10 to 19 hours per week	
20 to 29 hours per week	
30 to 39 hours per week	
40 or more hours per week	
No answer / left blank	

Question 7. Living arrangements

Select all that apply. Counts will exceed Total Surveys Completed. The no-answer row counts respondents who selected nothing.

Response Option	Count
On-campus housing or apartment	
Off-campus housing or apartment	

Response Option	Count
Living with parents or family	
Living with roommates	
Temporary or informal housing	
Homeless or shelter	
Prefer not to answer	
Other (count only; do not submit text)	
No answer / left blank	

Question 8. Household size

Single select. Counts plus the no-answer row must equal Total Surveys Completed.

Response Option	Count
1 person	
2 persons	
3 persons	
4 persons	
5 or more persons	
No answer / left blank	

Question 9. Household dependents

Single select. Counts plus the no-answer row must equal Total Surveys Completed.

Response Option	Count
Yes	
No	
Prefer not to answer	
No answer / left blank	

Section Two. Food Security Assessment**Question 10. Food bought did not last and there was no money to get more**

Single select. Counts plus the no-answer row must equal Total Surveys Completed.

Response Option	Count
Often true (affirmative)	
Sometimes true (affirmative)	
Never true	
No answer / left blank	

Question 11. Could not afford to eat balanced meals

Single select. Counts plus the no-answer row must equal Total Surveys Completed.

Response Option	Count
Often true (affirmative)	
Sometimes true (affirmative)	
Never true	
No answer / left blank	

Question 12. Cut the size of meals or skipped meals because there was not enough money for food

Single select. Counts plus the no-answer row must equal Total Surveys Completed.

Response Option	Count
Yes (affirmative)	
No	
No answer / left blank	

Question 13. How often did this happen

Conditional single select. Only respondents who answered Yes to Question 12 answer this item.

Response Option	Count
Almost every month (affirmative)	
Some months but not every month (affirmative)	
Only 1 or 2 months	
No answer / left blank	

Question 14. Ate less than felt they should because there was not enough money for food

Single select. Counts plus the no-answer row must equal Total Surveys Completed.

Response Option	Count
Yes (affirmative)	
No	
No answer / left blank	

Question 15. Was hungry but did not eat because they could not afford enough food

Single select. Counts plus the no-answer row must equal Total Surveys Completed.

Response Option	Count
Yes (affirmative)	
No	
No answer / left blank	

Section Three. Food Assistance and Resource Utilization

Question 16. Assistance programs previously received or applied for

Select all that apply. Counts will exceed Total Surveys Completed. The no-answer row counts respondents who selected nothing.

Response Option	Count
SNAP	
WIC	
Medicaid	
Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)	
Federal work study	
No, I have not received or applied for any of these	
Prefer not to answer	
Other (count only; do not submit text)	
No answer / left blank	

Question 17. Barriers that prevented applying

Conditional, select all that apply. Only respondents who selected "No, I have not received or applied for any of these" in Question 16 answer this item.

Response Option	Count
Lack of knowledge or understanding about programs or eligibility requirements	
Embarrassment or stigma	
Complicated application process	
Not eligible (income restrictions, work study requirement, and so on)	
Other (count only; do not submit text)	
No answer / left blank	

Question 18. Local services accessed

Select all that apply. Counts will exceed Total Surveys Completed. The no-answer row counts respondents who selected nothing.

Response Option	Count
Food pantry, on or off campus	
Campus contact for connections to food resources	
Campus contact for SNAP application assistance	
Meal-sharing program	
None of the above	
No answer / left blank	

Question 19. Whether on-campus resources met the student's needs

Conditional, select all that apply. Only respondents who accessed a resource in Question 18 answer this item.

Response Option	Count
Yes, on-campus resources were sufficient	
Yes, on-campus resources offered dietary and culturally relevant foods	
No, but nearby community resources were available	
No, there were not enough resources on campus or in the surrounding community	
No answer / left blank	

Question 20. Where the student learned about available resources

Select all that apply. Counts will exceed Total Surveys Completed. The no-answer row counts respondents who selected nothing.

Response Option	Count
Professor or other campus faculty or staff	
Social media	
Word of mouth	
Campus website or newsletter	
Sign, banner, or poster on campus	
I am not aware of any of these resources on my campus	
Other (count only; do not submit text)	
No answer / left blank	

Section Four. *Not reported. Question 21 and the Consent for Follow-Up block contain personally identifiable information and are never submitted to MHEC. Contact information remains with the institution for student outreach and support.*

PART 5. THEMATIC SUMMARY (OPTIONAL)

Do not paste student comments. Summarize the major themes from the optional open-ended comment box in 300 words or fewer. Example: students frequently requested expanded evening pantry hours, more options for specialized dietary restrictions, and clearer signage about where to get SNAP application assistance.

SUBMISSION AND CERTIFICATION

Submit to: ogsi.mhec@maryland.gov

Subject line: FY 2027 HFC Survey Results — [Institution Name]

Due date: GRANT RECIPIENTS: WITH THE FINAL REPORT. DESIGNATION ONLY: OCTOBER 15, 2027, WITH THE HFC DESIGNATION-ONLY PORTFOLIO

The signature below certifies that the figures reported are accurate aggregate counts drawn from the MHEC-issued Standardized Student Hunger Survey, and that this submission contains no personally identifiable information, no individual student responses, and no Section Four contact information.

Signature of Authorized Official (V.P. level or above):

Name and Title, Printed: _____

Date: _____