



# Statewide Student BASIC NEEDS Workshop

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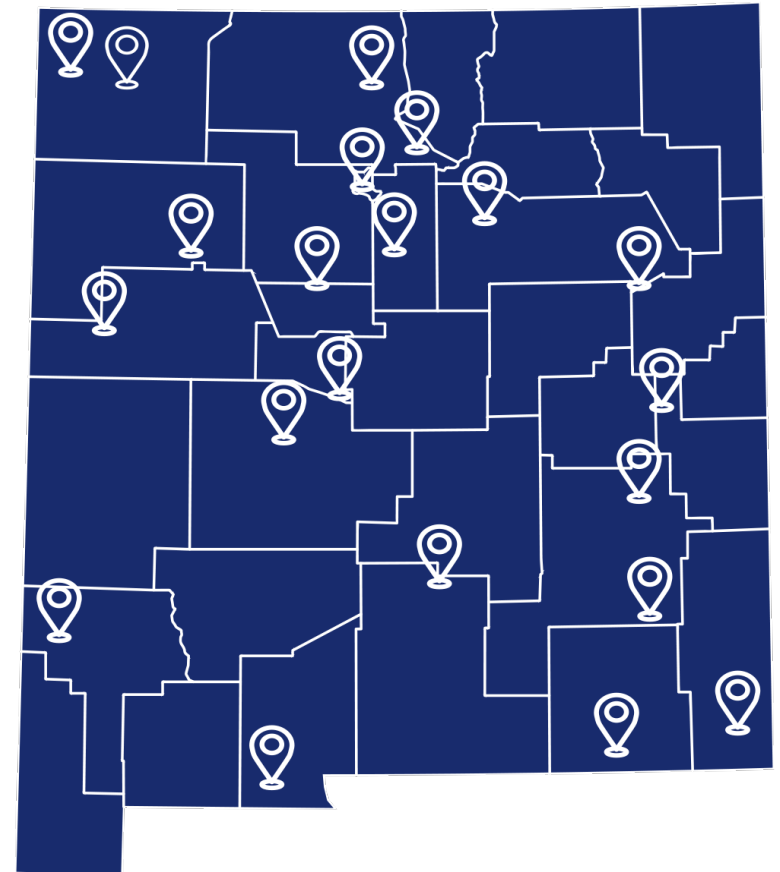
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# PARTICIPATING NEW MEXICO COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

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Central New Mexico Community College  
Clovis Community College  
Diné College  
Doña Ana Community College  
Eastern New Mexico University, Portales  
Eastern New Mexico University, Roswell  
Eastern New Mexico University, Ruidoso  
Institute of American Indian Arts  
Luna Community College  
Mesalands Community College  
Navajo Technical University, Crownpoint  
New Mexico Highlands University  
New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology  
New Mexico Junior College  
Northern New Mexico College  
New Mexico State University, Alamogordo  
New Mexico State University, Grants  
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces  
San Juan College  
Santa Fe Community College  
Southeast New Mexico College  
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque  
University of New Mexico, Gallup  
University of New Mexico, Los Alamos  
University of New Mexico, Taos  
University of New Mexico, Valencia  
Western New Mexico University



17 two-year institutions

7 four-year institutions

3 tribal institutions

# STATWIDE DATA BREAKDOWN

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27  
institutions

## FOOD INSECURE



## HOUSING INSECURE

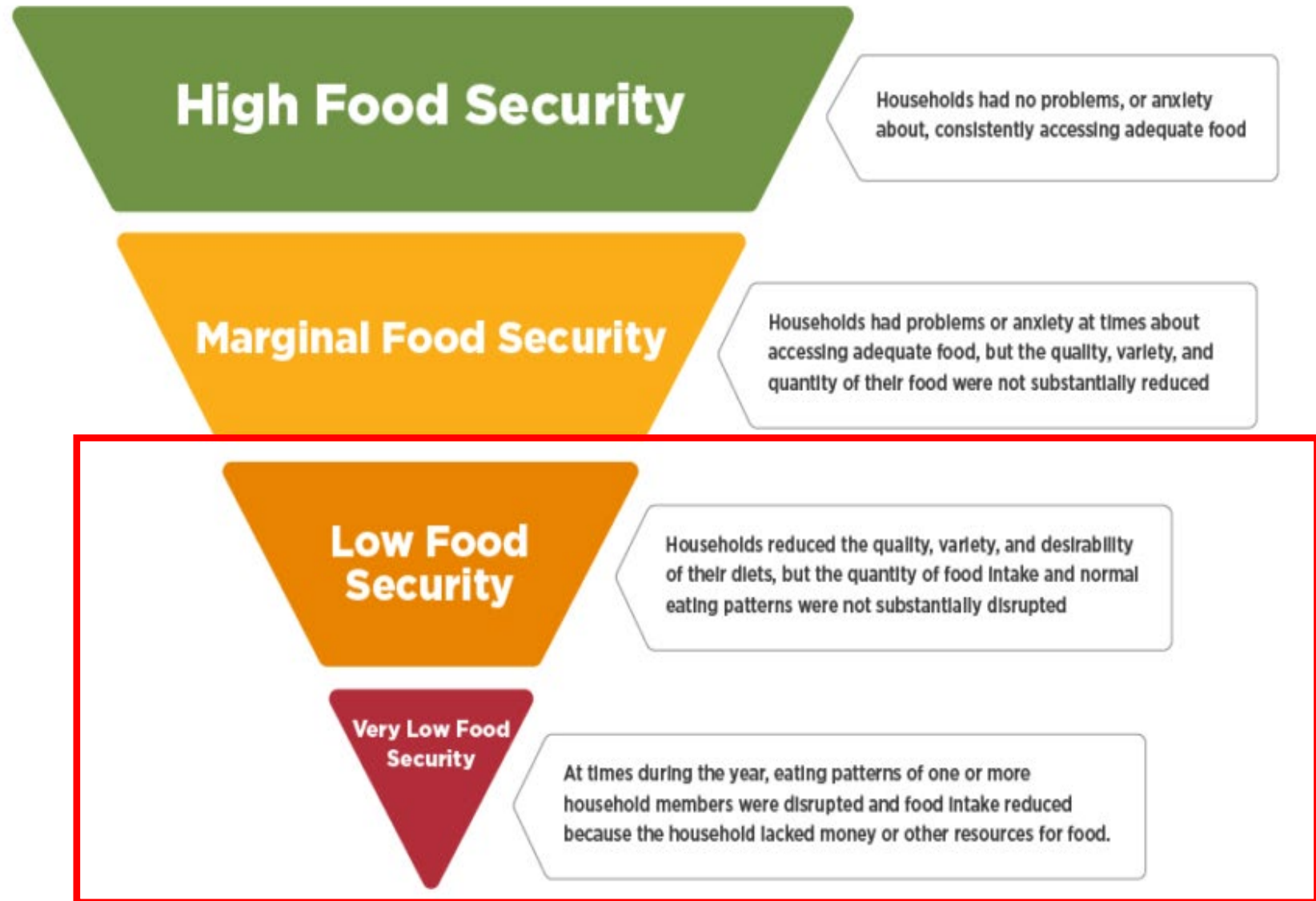


## HOMELESSNESS





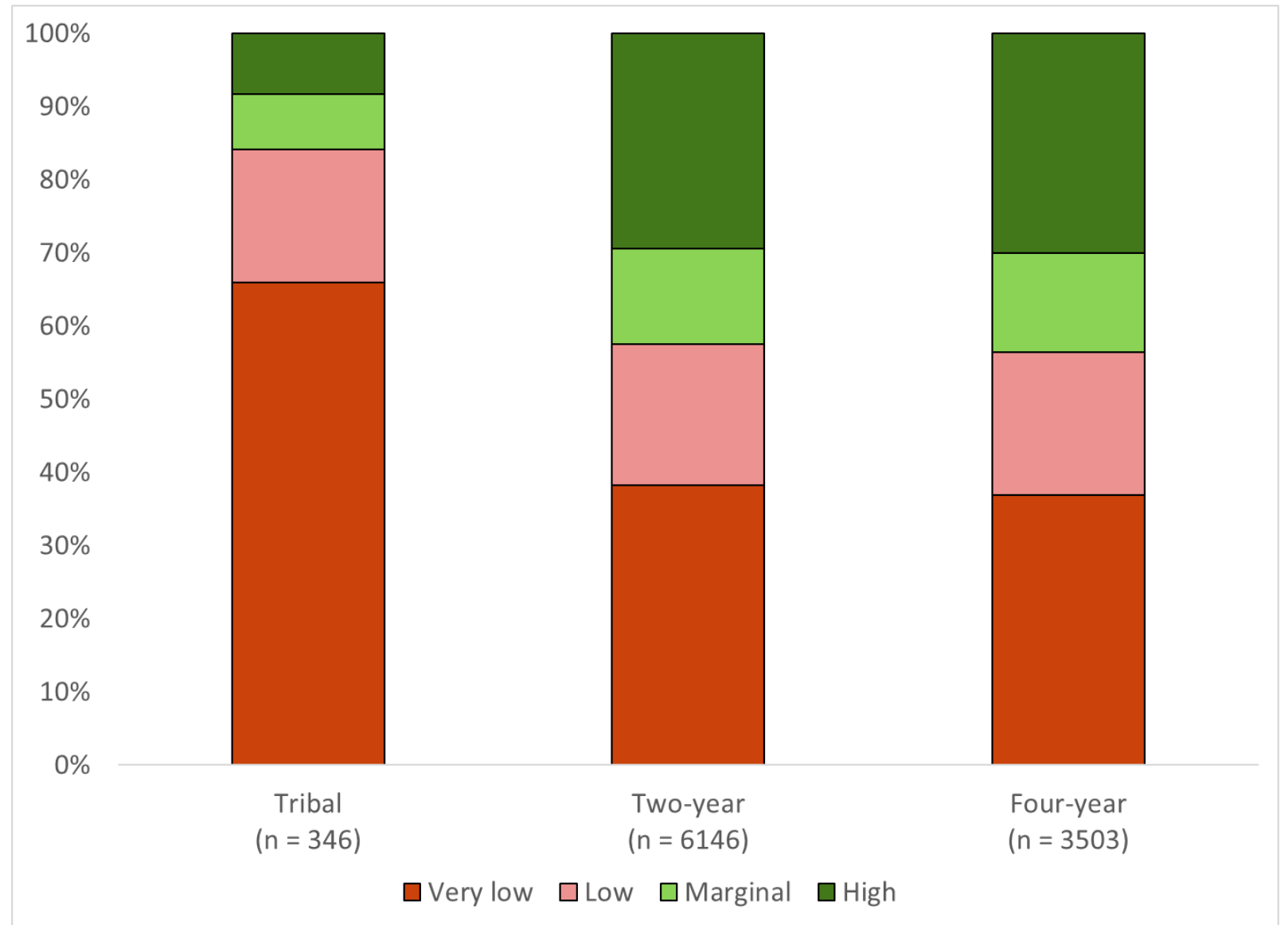
# USDA Food Security Levels



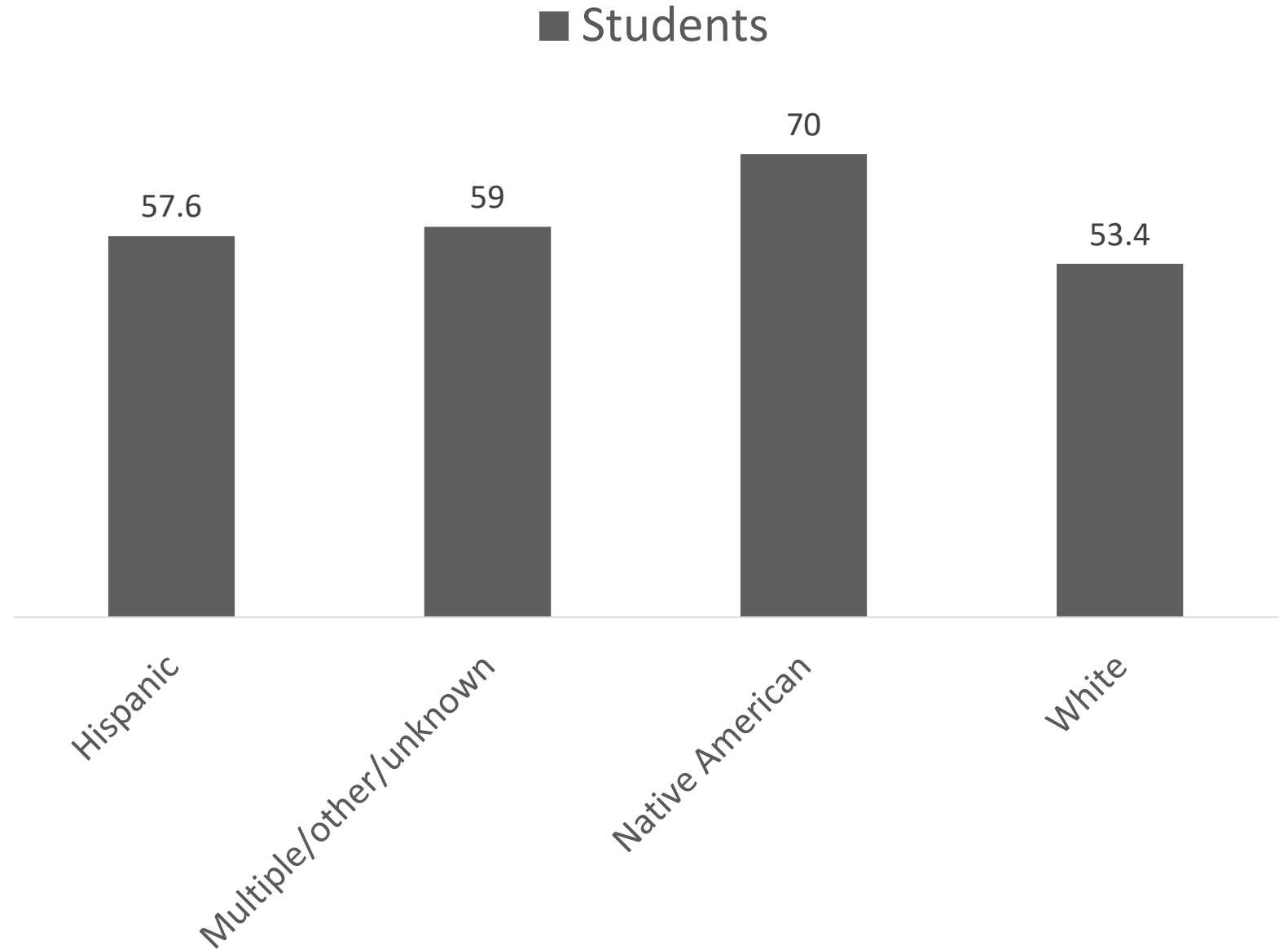
Source: Adapted from the USDA Economic Research Service.

# Food insecurity among NM college and university students

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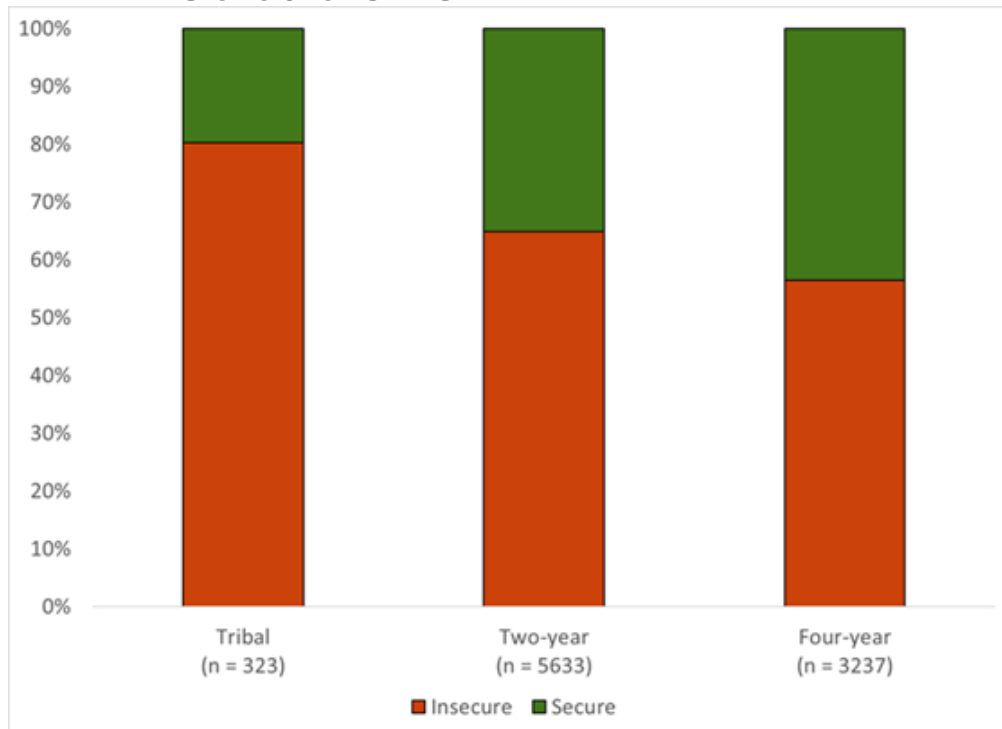


# Food Insecurity Race/Ethnicity (%)



# Housing Insecurity Status for Students

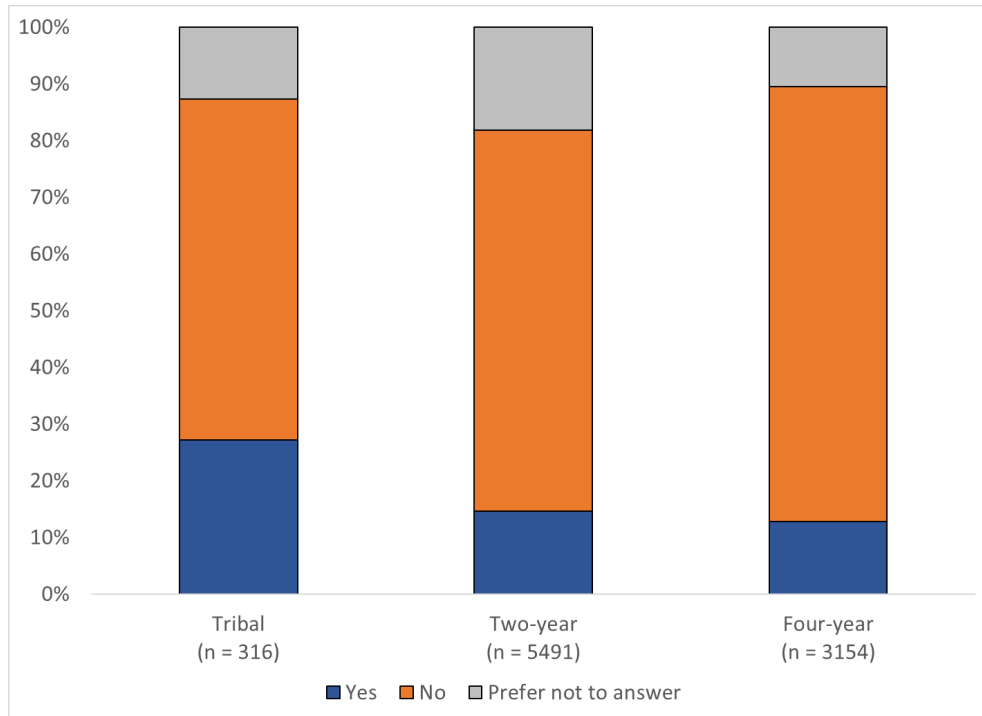
## All institutions



- 80 % HI @ Tribal Institutions
- 65% HI @ 2-yr Institutions
- 57% HI @ 4-yr Institutions

# Homelessness for Students

## All institutions



27% @ Tribal Institutions

15% @ 2-yr Institutions

13% @ 4 – yr Institutions



# Outcomes of BNI

	Food security category			
	Very low			High
Inability to pay full rent or mortgage	46%			4%
Never or only sometimes having reliable transportation to campus	46%			12%
Often prevented from accessing health services due to lack of money	30%			3%
No health insurance	20%			10%
Presence of anxiety	57%			30%
Presence of depression	50%			20%
Don't have social supports (someone who cares about you and you can count on)	14%			4%
Living with one or more disabilities	64%			36%
GPA below 2.0	11%			4%
Supporting children under the age of 18	32%			18%
Providing financial contribution to others (e.g., siblings, parents, spouse)	60%			39%
Employed part-time or full-time	63%			63%

# Causes of BNI

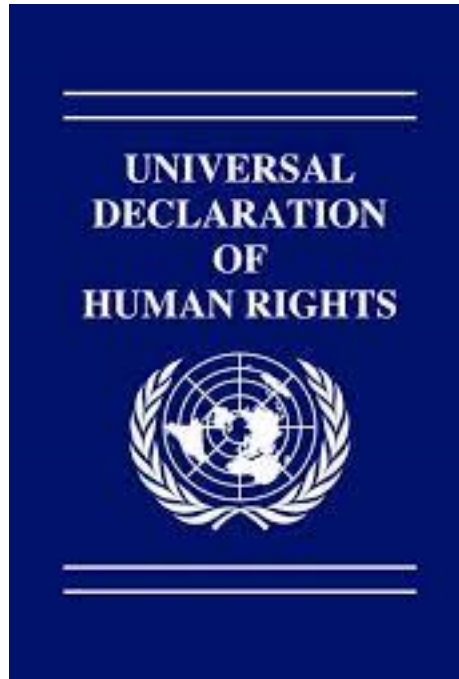
## Proximate (immediate)

- Pell Grant covered 80% of attendance costs in 1972, less than 1/3 today.
- Poverty: lack of money
- Health emergencies
- Car breakdowns
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## Ultimate (systemic)

- Housing costs
- Systemic racism
- Low wages

# Who Is Responsible?



Article 25: Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including **food**, clothing, **housing** and medical care and necessary social services...

Preamble: "... every individual and every organ of society, keeping this Declaration constantly in mind, shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights"

**Human  
Rights  
Instruments  
Enshrining Rt  
to Food &  
Shelter in  
Law**

- Convention on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights
- Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
- Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination  
against Women
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

# Rights & Responsibilities Framework

(Kathryn Sikkink)

- Not who is to blame but what can we do?
- Who is connected to the problem?
- What can we do together?



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# Solutions

## Staff & Faculty

- One website for all student basic needs resources.
- Use FAFSA to identify BNI.
- Practice trauma informed care.
- Have syllabi statements about BNI resources.
- Collect data on interventions.

## Students

- Take advantage of campus resources.
- Find out about SNAP eligibility.
- Support basic needs with student government resources.
- Help destigmatize BNI.

# Solutions

## State Level

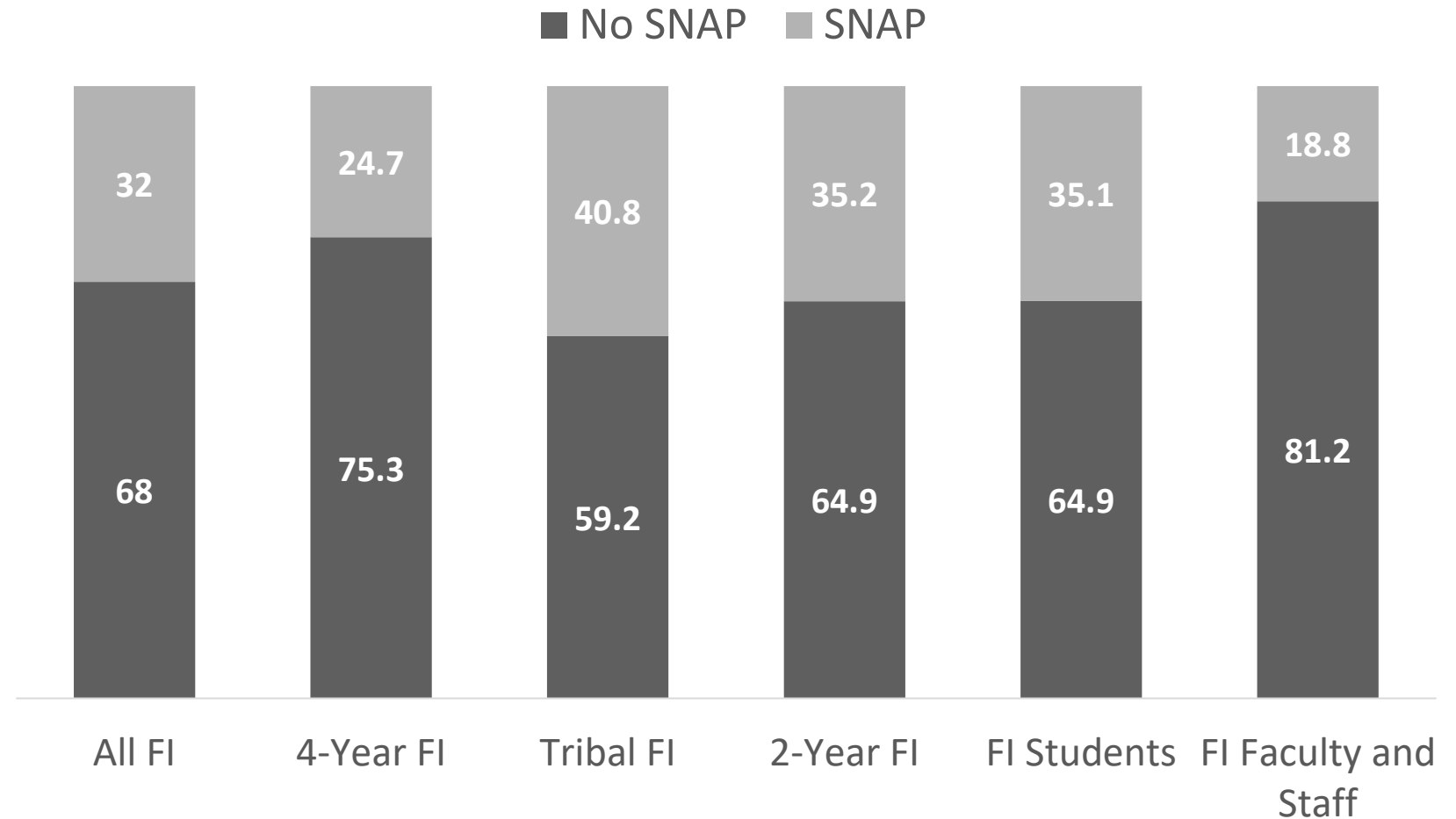
- Introduce legislation which funds and requires campus wide-task forces to creating strategic plans.
- Create a statewide “Hunger-free Campus” designation for higher education institutions.
- Fund recurring appropriation to support higher education institutions’ ability to address basic needs directly.
- Allow attendance to count as work requirement for SNAP.

## Colleges & Universities

- Create housing task force.
- More SNAP outreach and application assistance.
- Create meal scholarships or vouchers.
- Est emergency grants.
- Screen for federal housing benefits.
- Provide safe parking for students & staff living in their cars.
- Create basic needs task force.

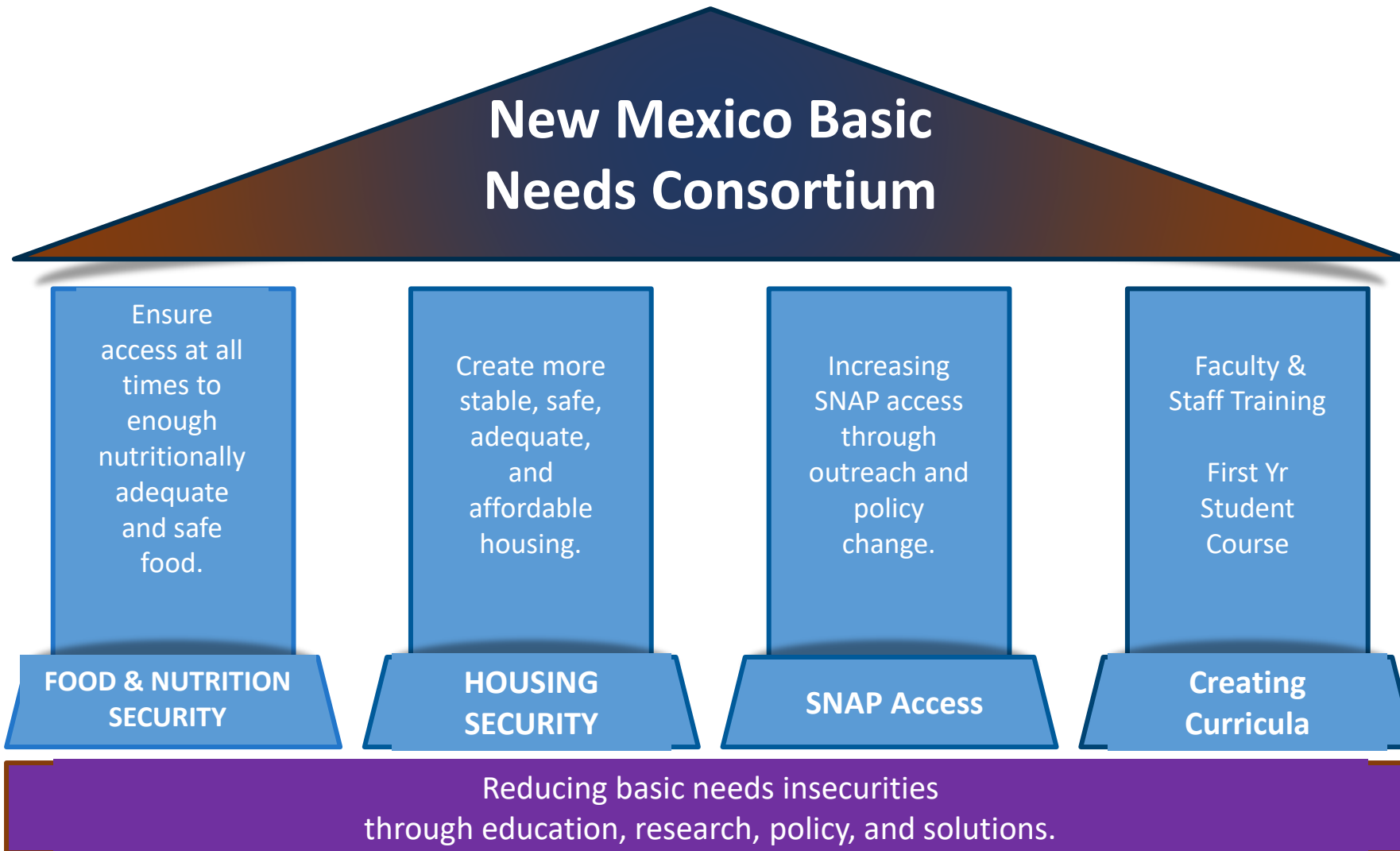
# The SNAP Gap Among Food Insecure Respondents (%)

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*Among all respondents, 23.4% received SNAP in the last 12 months and nearly 1 in 4 (23.2%) **had very low food security and did not receive SNAP.***

# Next Steps



# White House Challenge to End Hunger

