2026 Student Needs Survey Summary

567 Total Survey Respondents

In spring 2026, College Housing Northwest (CHNW) conducted its third annual Student Needs Survey, with about 58%* of residents participating.

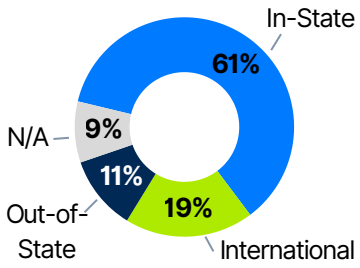
Responses were de-identified and respondents received a $15 rent credit for their input.

54%	42%	54%	35%	9%	8%
First-Gen.	LGBTQ+	BIPOC	w/ Disabilities	Parenting	Family Support

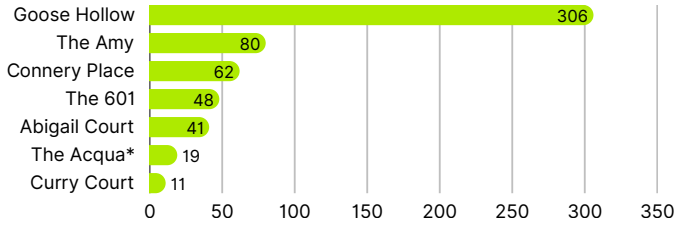
Basic Needs Security

- **68%** Food Insecure
- **53%** Utilized a CHNW Food Pantry
- **56%** Laundry Cost Burdened
- **57%** Housing Insecure

Student Type



Respondents by Property



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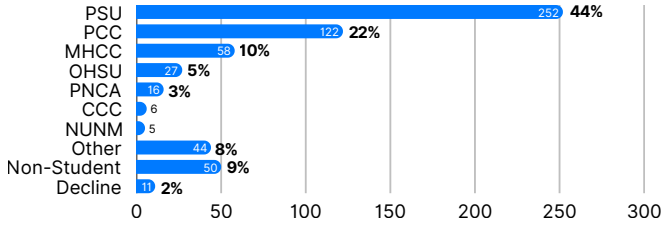

Social Safety Net

- **46%** OHP/Medicaid
- **31%** SNAP/Food Stamps
- **14%** School Health Insurance
- **79%** Employed/Searching
- **29%** No Health Insurance

Since Last Year

+ 17%
Food Pantry Use

+ 7%
OHP Enrollment

+ 5%
SNAP Enrollment

Resident Feedback

Respondents report having an overall positive experience living at CHNW, with the most common areas students identify for improvement being related to affordability.

Recommendations

- Sustain outreach and enrollment efforts for benefits programs (i.e. SNAP, OHP, etc.)
- Collaborate with community and campus-based partners to provide culturally-responsive support for international students
- Continue to offer community events

**The Acqua had a disproportionately low response rate in the portfolio due to being a new acquisition and findings from that property should be interpreted cautiously until we are able to poll a representative sample of its residents.*