

FOOD PANTRY AT IOWA

FEBRUARY 2021 REPORT

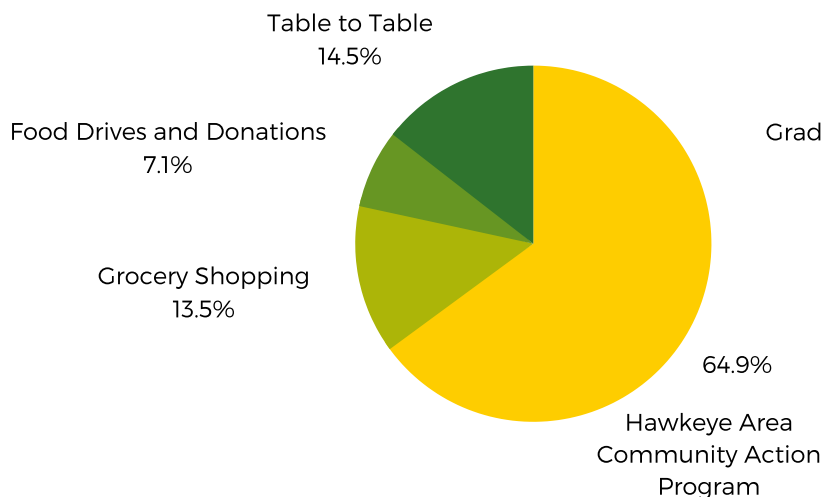
HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE WE SERVED?

	February	Academic Year
Clients served	197	477
Total client visits	420	2,304

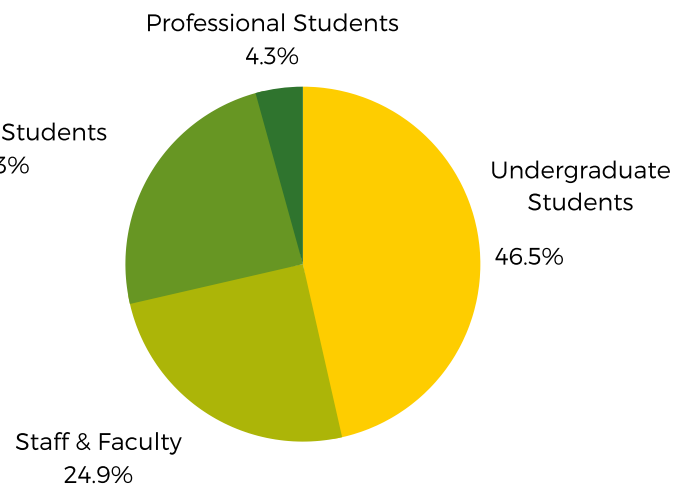
HOW MUCH FOOD HAVE WE DISTRIBUTED?

	February	Academic Year
Total pounds of food distributed	7,443	45,687
Average pounds of food taken per visit	21.3	20.9

WHERE DOES OUR FOOD COME FROM?

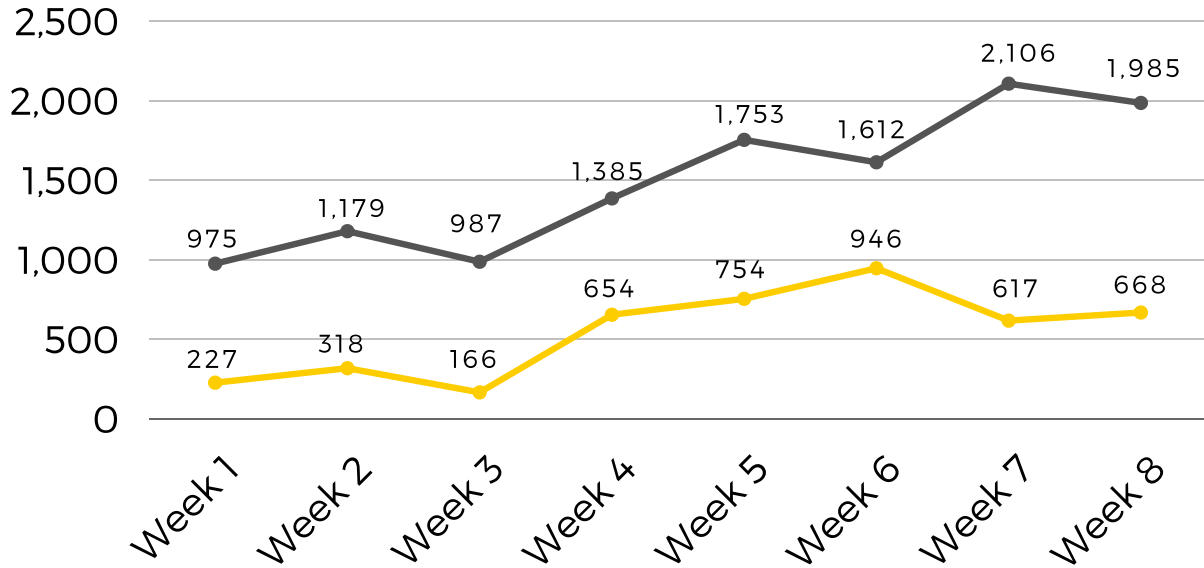


WHO IS USING THE PANTRY?

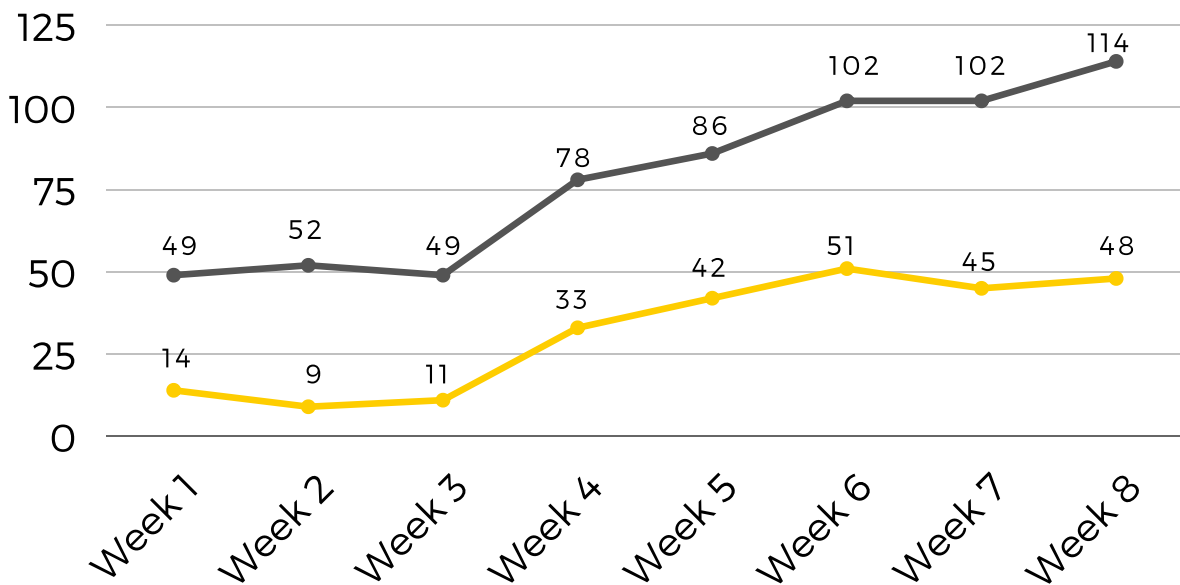


COMPARISON TO SPRING 2020

POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED



CLIENTS SERVED



■ **SPRING 2021**
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ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Student projects this month include:

- Partnering with Hawkeye Service Breaks' Food Insecurity team, who collected 745 pounds of food in one weekend
- Creating and submitting for IRB review a client feedback survey to identify how we can better serve our community
- Creating partnerships with community members and organizations to find new, creative ways to improve the pantry's stock and appearance
- Collaborating with multicultural student organizations to spread awareness about the organizations and host food drives
- Spreading awareness through social media and mass emails about changes in SNAP eligibility requirements that will make more students eligible for assistance

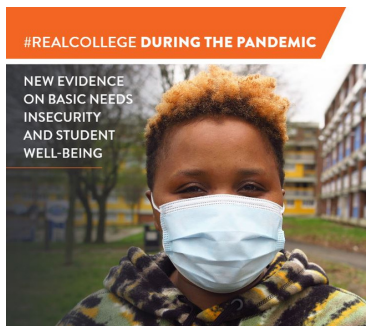
COMMUNITY AND BELONGING

The Food Pantry at Iowa has served **470 students** this academic year, as opposed to **212 students** at this time last academic year.

The Food Pantry at Iowa team has begun to explore ways in which we can implement **Iowa GROW®** conversations into our work in order to provide more high-impact practices for student leaders. These conversations will focus on discovering which skills and knowledge students are learning through their pantry work that can be applied to their academics, as well as how the pantry team can better provide opportunities to improve these skills.

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

We invite you to read the following resources in order to better understand how the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated college food and basic needs insecurity, as well as to explore the ways in which food pantries can often uphold the stigma of food insecurity and contribute to the marginalization of their clients.



#RealCollege During the Pandemic is the Hope Center's most recent #RealCollege report, examining COVID-19's impact on "the security of students' basic needs, as well as multiple indicators of their well-being, including employment, academic engagement, and mental health."

Feeding the Other: Whiteness, Privilege, and Neoliberal Stigma in Food Pantries by Rebecca de Souza details "how food pantries stigmatize their clients through a discourse that emphasizes hard work, self help, and economic productivity rather than food justice and equity," as well as shows "how food pantries can be transformed from places of stigma to centers for transformation, equity, and social justice."



CONTACT

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