

FOOD PANTRY AT IOWA

JANUARY 2021 REPORT

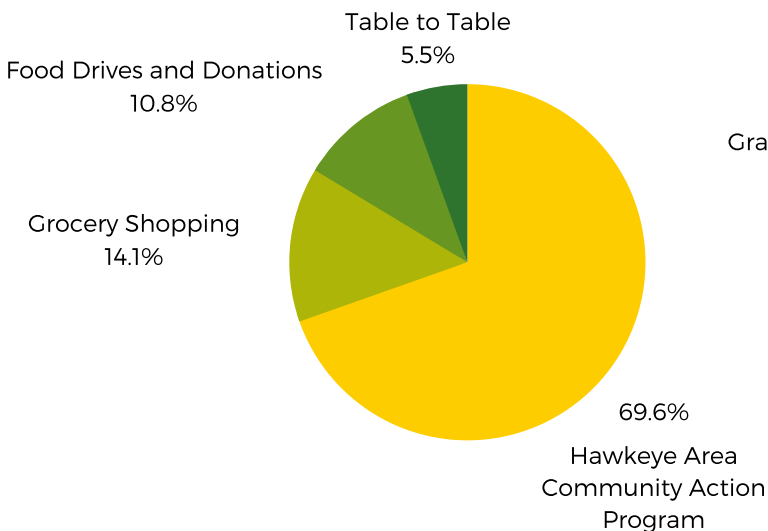
HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE WE SERVED?

	January	Academic Year
Clients served	77	390
Total client visits	151	1,796

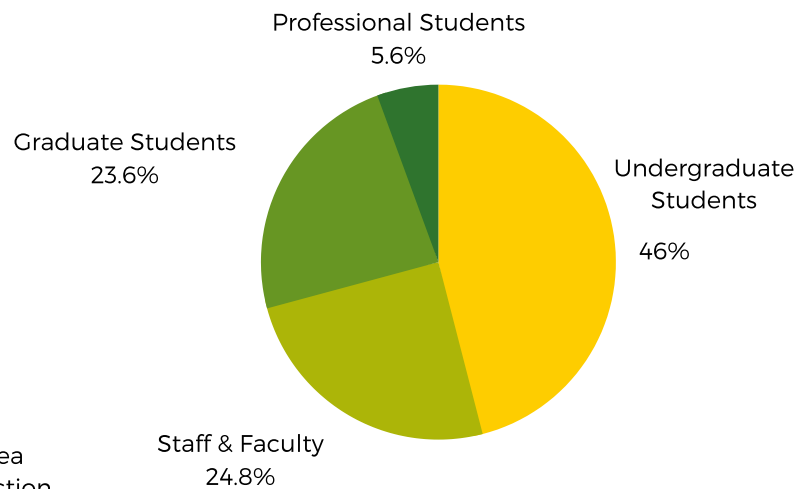
HOW MUCH FOOD HAVE WE DISTRIBUTED?

	January	Academic Year
Total pounds of food distributed	3,141	36,715
Average pounds of food taken per visit	21	21

WHERE DOES OUR FOOD COME FROM?

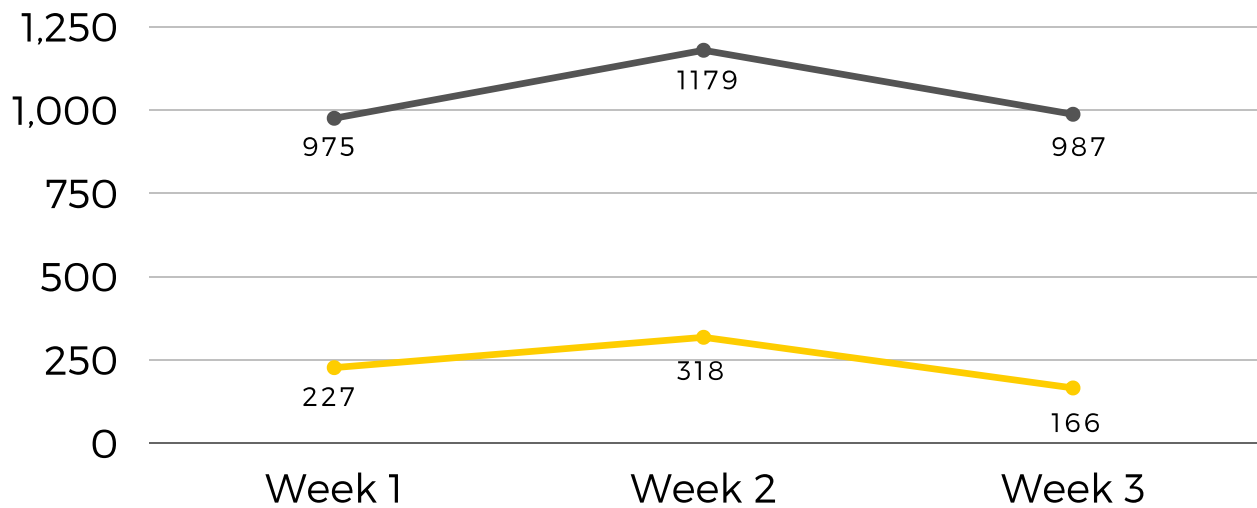


WHO IS USING THE PANTRY?

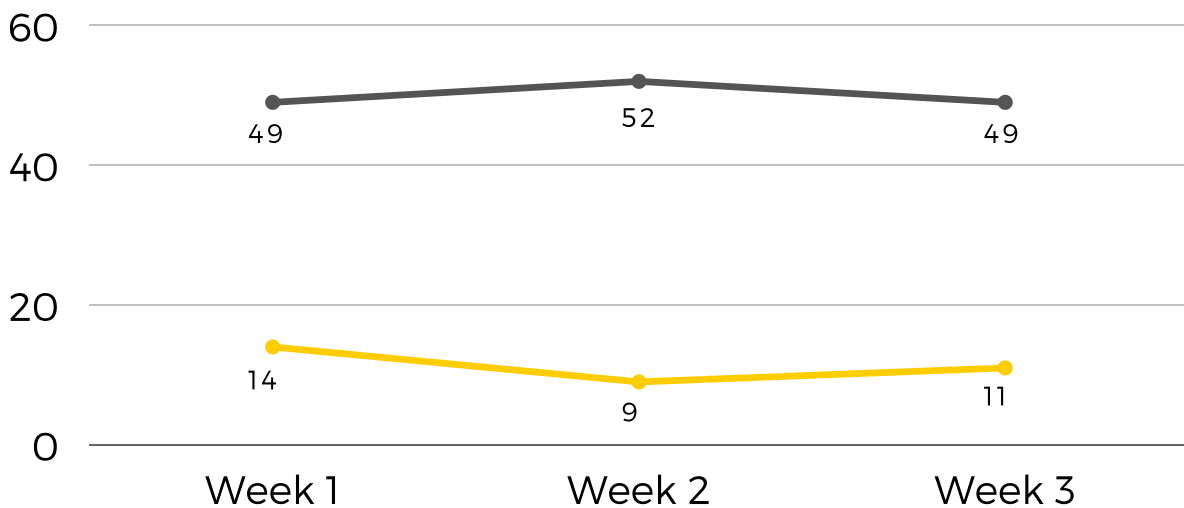


COMPARISON TO SPRING 2020

POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED



CLIENTS SERVED



■ **SPRING 2021**
■ **SPRING 2020**

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

The month of January has been spent transitioning the 2021 Executive Board into their new roles and preparing for a new year of serving our community.

The team's current projects include:

- Creating community with other Big10 campus pantries and food insecurity organizations
- Refreshing our social media, website, and other digital outreach
- Planning for the spring 2021 Student Involvement Fair
- Learning about SNAP and other food resources in order to connect students with these programs
- Coordinating with the Honors Program to offer experiential learning credit for volunteers
- Creating a video to show how clients can access our services and what to expect when they arrive
- Researching grants to apply for to expand the pantry's services and outreach
- Working with IMU staff and Student Life Communications to make our East Pantry more welcoming and beautiful for our clients
- Collaborating with faculty members to share our services and mission with their classes
- Refining expectations for our Executive Board members so their experiences on the team are beneficial and educational and do not contribute to burnout

COMMUNITY AND BELONGING

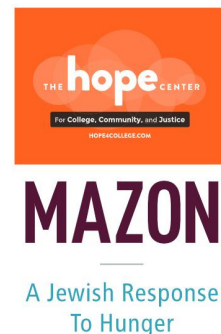
Food Pantry at Iowa has served **384 students** this academic year, as opposed to **190 students** at this time last academic year.

In an effort to provide the best services for our community, we will be implementing a client feedback survey this semester. It will be used to assess how we can adjust various aspects of our operations to better serve our clients' needs.

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION

One of our team's priorities for 2021 is expanding our campus's efforts to alleviate food insecurity from a holistic perspective. We invite campus and community partners to explore the ways in which we can provide food and basic needs resources to our communities, aside from just expanding the pantry's services.

"Beyond the Food Pantry: Supporting Students with Access to SNAP" from The Hope Center and MAZON talks about the importance of SNAP outreach and awareness in combatting college food insecurity. The report details the impact that raising awareness, increasing applications, and clarifying eligibility, among other things, can have.



"How One Organization Can Shorten Food Bank Lines

Across the United States" by Andrew Fisher discusses the political action that should be taken to effectively combat food insecurity across the nation. He says, "For the past 40 years, since the explosion of food banks in the early 1980s, we have been handling hunger as if we were doctors, with doses of medicine in the form of food giveaways. We have been treating the symptoms and ignoring the disease.



"Food Pantry at Iowa faces unprecedented demand, volunteers seek additional aid" by Ailis McCardle for the Daily Iowan paints a picture of where we're at with the pantry's current services and capabilities. Former Executive Director Charlotte Lenkaitis and Current Executive Director Manisha Modukuri provided quotes telling our story.



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