

FOOD PANTRY AT IOWA

MARCH 2021 REPORT

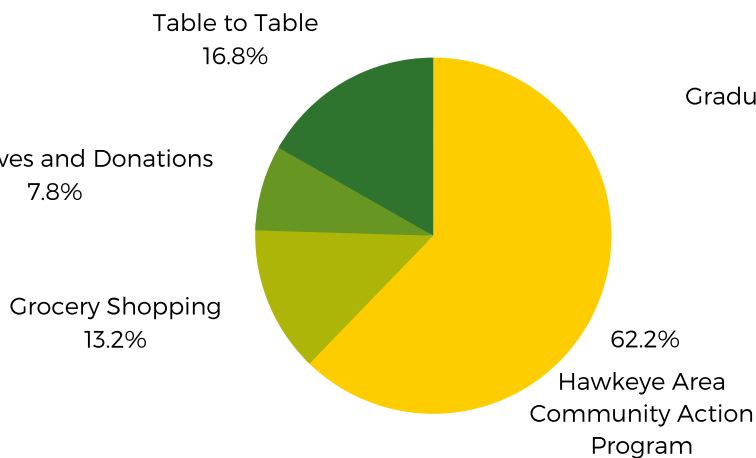
HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE WE SERVED?

	March	Academic Year
Clients served	185	513
Total client visits	502	2,806

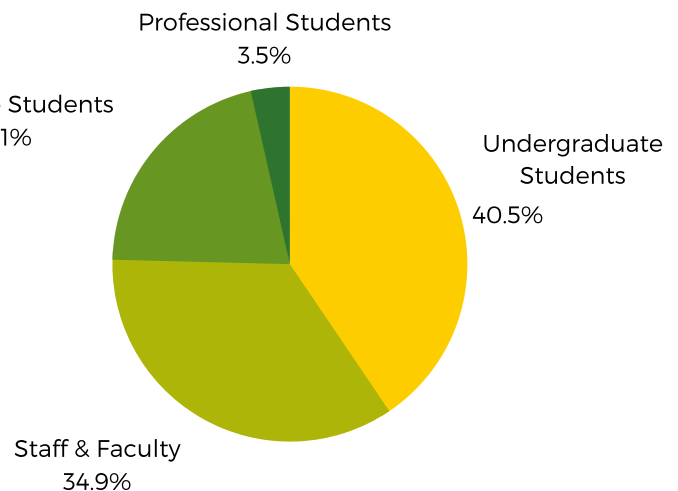
HOW MUCH FOOD HAVE WE DISTRIBUTED?

	March	Academic Year
Total pounds of food distributed	10,031	55,718
Average pounds of food taken per visit	23.9	21.4

WHERE DOES OUR FOOD COME FROM?

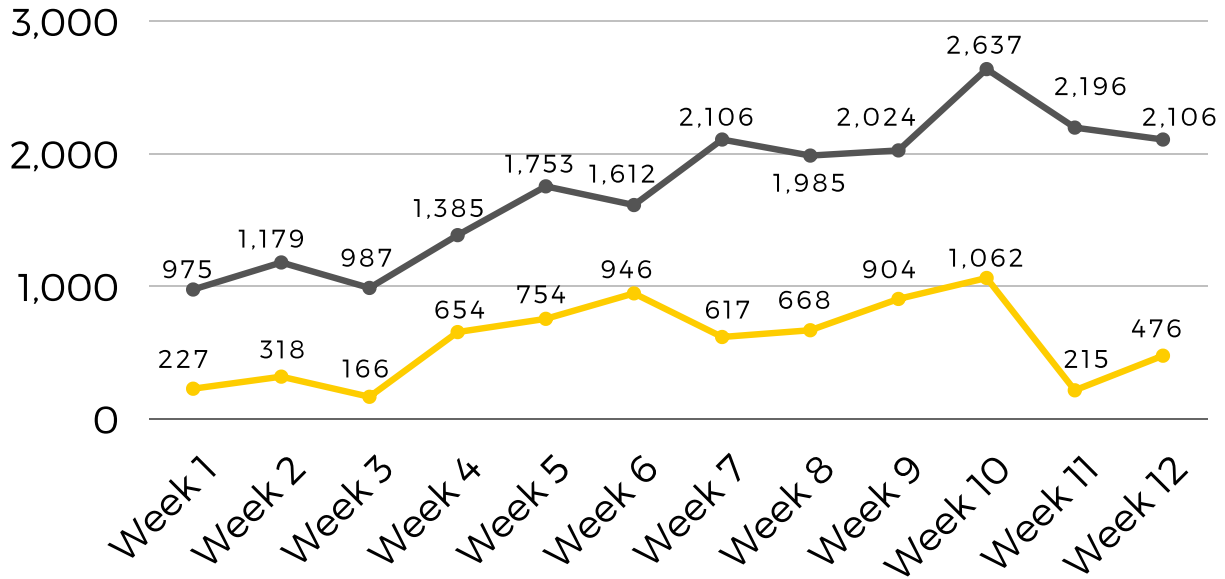


WHO IS USING THE PANTRY?

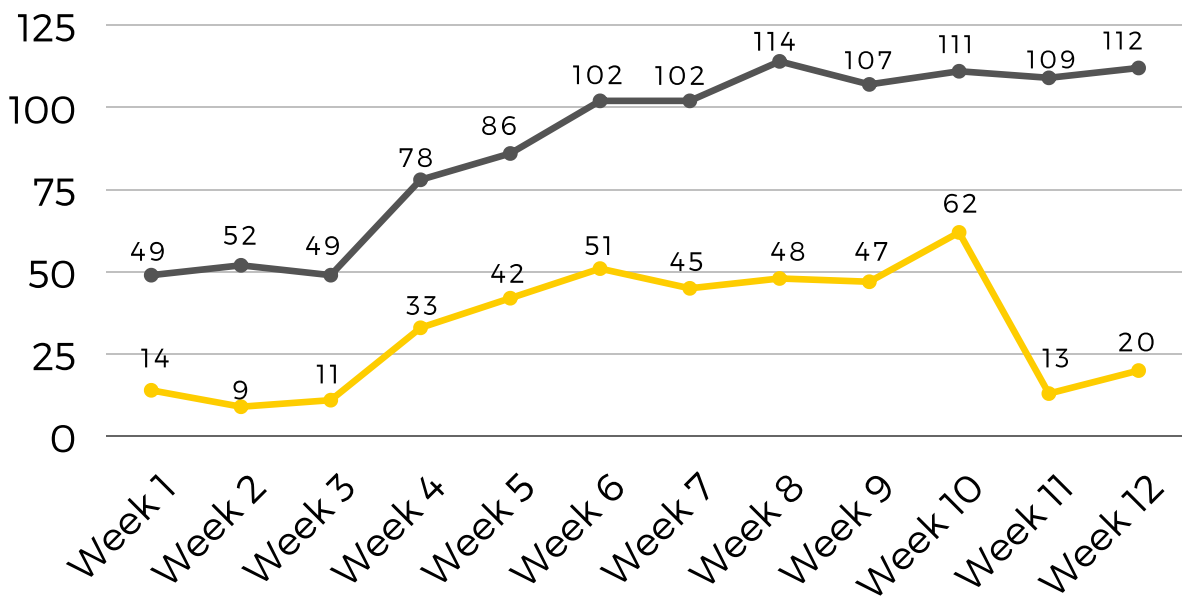


COMPARISON TO SPRING 2020

POUNDS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED



CLIENTS SERVED



SPRING 2021
 SPRING 2020

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Student projects this month include:

- Developing a plan for volunteer appreciation
- Planning for summer pantry operations
- Organizing a menstrual and personal care products drive
- Sharing a newly created virtual tour of the East Pantry
- Collaborating with multicultural student organizations to host food drives and share about the organizations
- Creating and compiling affordable recipes with ingredients commonly found in the pantry

The Food Pantry at Iowa is selling tote bags to raise funds for our operations, including purchasing food, improving our pantry spaces, and community outreach. Visit our [website](#) for more information and the order form.

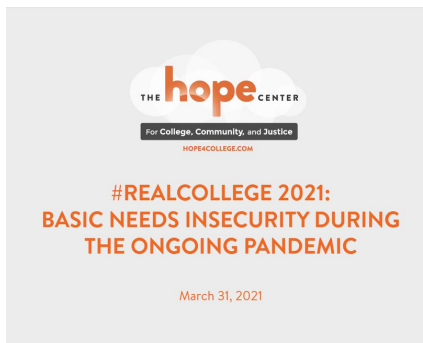


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COMMUNITY AND BELONGING

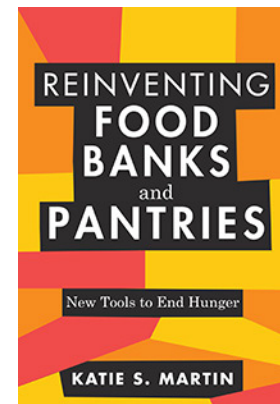
The Food Pantry at Iowa has served **506 students** this academic year, as opposed to **233 students** at this time last academic year.

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION



[#RealCollege 2021: Basic Needs Insecurity During the Ongoing Pandemic](#) from The Hope Center examines the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on college students. It looks at students' basic needs security and well-being by looking at their employment status, academic engagement, and mental health.

In [Reinventing Food Banks and Pantries](#), Katie S. Martin "argues that if handing out more and more food was the answer, we would have solved the problem of hunger decades ago." Martin presents a new model for food banks and food pantries, encouraging readers to focus on the root causes of hunger. "When we shift our attention to strategies that build empathy, equity, and political will, we can implement real solutions."



CONTACT

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