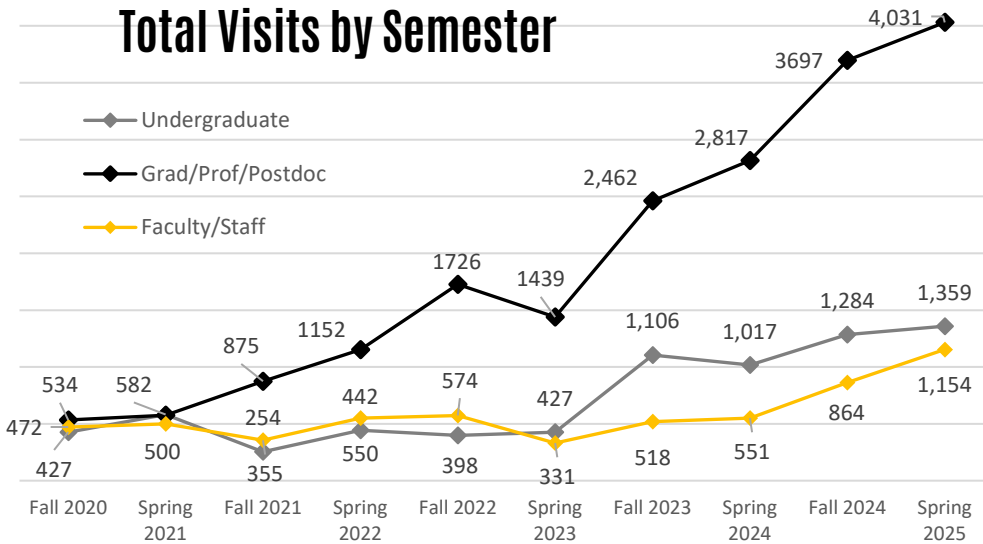


THE FOOD PANTRY AT IOWA

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IOWA

Total Visits by Semester



61 %
GRADUATE

21 %
UNDERGRADUATE

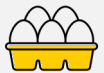
18 %
FAC/STAFF

TOTAL VISITS

FY 2025 **13,607**

FY 2024 10,179

FY 2023 6,649



UNIQUE VISITORS

FY 2025 **1,708**

FY 2024 1,624

FY 2023 831



RATES OF FOOD INSECURITY

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

2023 **39%**

2025 **38%**

GRADUATE STUDENTS

2023 **29%**

2025 **32%**

FOOD INSECURITY INDEX - CRITERIA

- Eating less
- Unable to eat a balanced meal
- Going hungry
- Skipped meals/cut meal size

Results from University of Iowa National College Health Assessment

LBS DISTRIBUTED

FY 2025 **172,596**

FY 2024 91,141

FY 2023 99,343



AVG. LBS/PERSON

FY 2025 **14**

FY 2024 13

FY 2023 16

FOOD BREAKDOWN (BY WEIGHT)

15%
PURCHASED

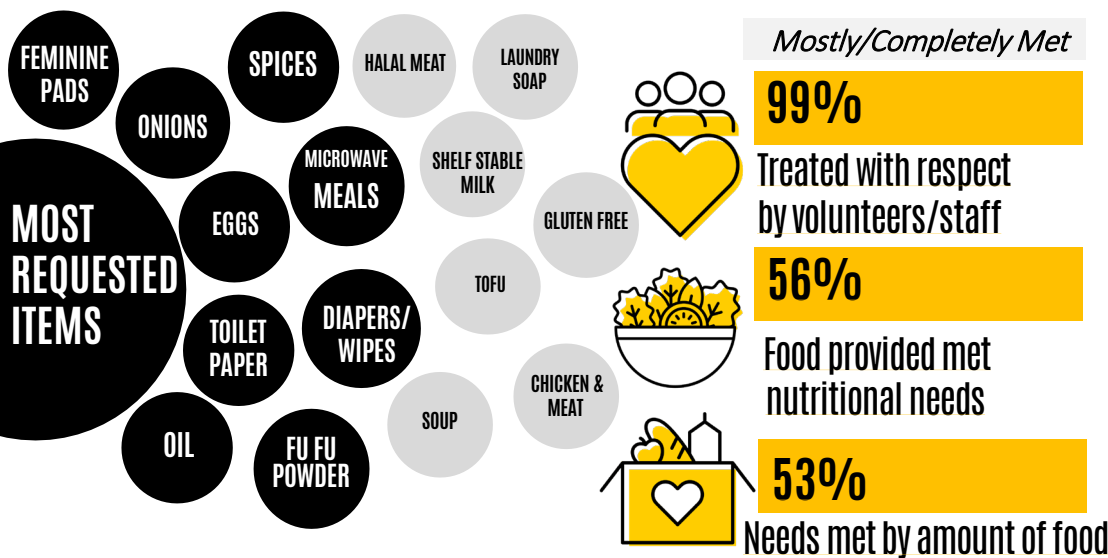
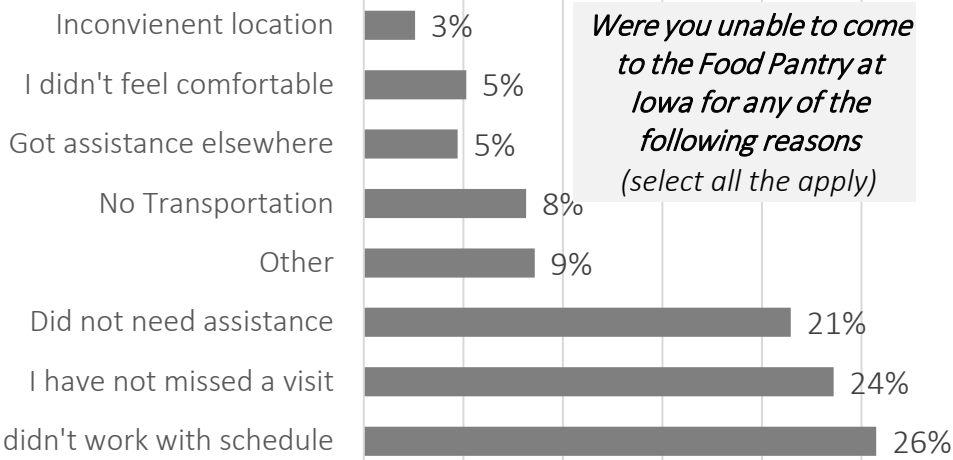
85%
NO COST

NO COST FOOD PROVIDED BY:

- Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP)
- Farmer's Hen House
- Table to Table
- Grow Johnson County
- Individual and Group Donation Drives

THE FOOD PANTRY AT IOWA

CLIENT FEEDBACK SURVEY



OUR (AMAZING) VOLUNTEERS

55 STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

31 STAFF VOLUNTEERS

5 UNDERGRAD EMPLOYEES

2 GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

1 FULL TIME STAFF

14 LEAD VOLUNTEERS



RATE OVERALL VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

EXCELLENT 75%
GOOD 21%
AVERAGE 4%



95% COMMITTED TO RETURN

"I joined the Food Pantry because I found that, before I joined, everything in my life revolved around me. I felt disconnected from the Iowa City Community and wanted to make an positive impact on it"



SUGGESTIONS & CHANGES

Client input is vital to running a meaningful pantry. Below are opportunities based on client feedback.

Line & Limits

"I am overwhelmed by long lines and people cutting in line despite buzzers and taking more food than limits allow"

ACTION TAKEN FOR FALL 2025

- Provide more consistent reminders in person and monthly newsletter
- Provide training and script in the pantry on how to handle limits
- Random draw for line position
- Added a two-hour slot on Mondays

Weekly Food Distribution

"It would be good to redistribute more during the week and not only overload it Tuesday mornings where it becomes a race. out of luck for the rest of the week. I've tried going at different times on different days, but it's been a little frustrating trying to find the best day to go! I know the pantry relied on donations, so I don't blame y'all either."

FALL CHANGES

- Adding open hours on Monday from 3-5 pm
- Pause the line to restock hourly on Tuesdays. Every hour on the hour, we'll pause the line for 5-10 minutes so our team can top off the shelves
- Distribute the amount of food availability to reflect busier days vs. slower days.

VARIETY OF FOOD AVAILABLE

Several clients mentioned challenges with canned goods and requested culturally specific food items

FALL CHANGES

- Increasing healthy produce offerings and nutrient dense foods
- Increase the variety of fresh fruits and produce
- Increase culturally relevant foods like African yam and fufu flour.

FOOD PANTRY MISSION

Provide nutritious food and necessities for University of Iowa students, post docs, faculty, and staff in need and to fight food insecurity through education and advocacy.

OUR VALUES

Integrity

Conducting ourselves in a manner that maintains the highest ethical standards and conveys mutual respect for ourselves and others

Sustainability

Ensuring that no initiative is undertaken without a plan to ensure its ability to thrive

Client Choice

Allowing clients to choose their own food promotes dignity, respect, and self-efficiency

Flexibility

Building a strong operation that can leverage the greatest results and can accommodate change and growth

Teamwork

Valuing the development of the individual and enabling them to work together towards a common goal

HUNGRY TO HELP?

DONATE

MONETARY



Mail checks to:
University of Iowa
Center for Advancement
P.O. Box 4550
Iowa City, IA 52244-4550
Make checks payable to the Food Pantry at Iowa

AMAZON WISHLIST



If you purchase something on this list, it is shipped directly to us! So, no hassle at all for you!

DROP OFF

If you are interested in **donating food**, you can drop off closed, non-perishable food and hygiene products at the cart near the Food Pantry on the IMU ground floor.
If you are interested in donating perishable goods such as fresh produce, eggs, and milk, please email us at studorg-foodpantry@uiowa.edu to make arrangements.

HISTORY

Thank you to the 2016 students for paving the way and establishing the Food Pantry. We are standing on the shoulders of giants.



2016

Food Pantry Opens

A group of passionate and motivated Iowa students noticed many of their friends were struggling to afford food and opened the UI Food Pantry. The operation began in an Iowa House Hotel room.

Clothing Closet Opens

The Clothing Closet, a student-led initiative, aimed to give students greater access to professional clothing at no cost.



2018



2019

Food Pantry Expands

With increasing demand, the Food Pantry moved to a larger space on the second floor of the IMU.

COVID

The Food Pantry partnered with University Housing and Dining, to pre-package meals for UI students in isolation or quarantine housing.

2020



2023

CURRENT FOOD PANTRY OPENS

Since the re-opening, there has been a large increase in utilization due to the increase in visibility, university support, accessibility, etc.

CLOTHING CLOSET

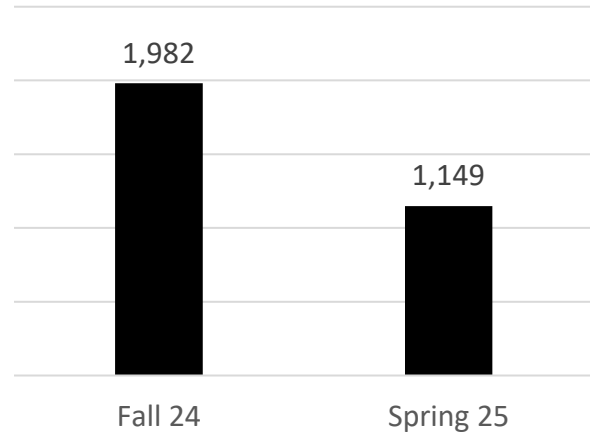
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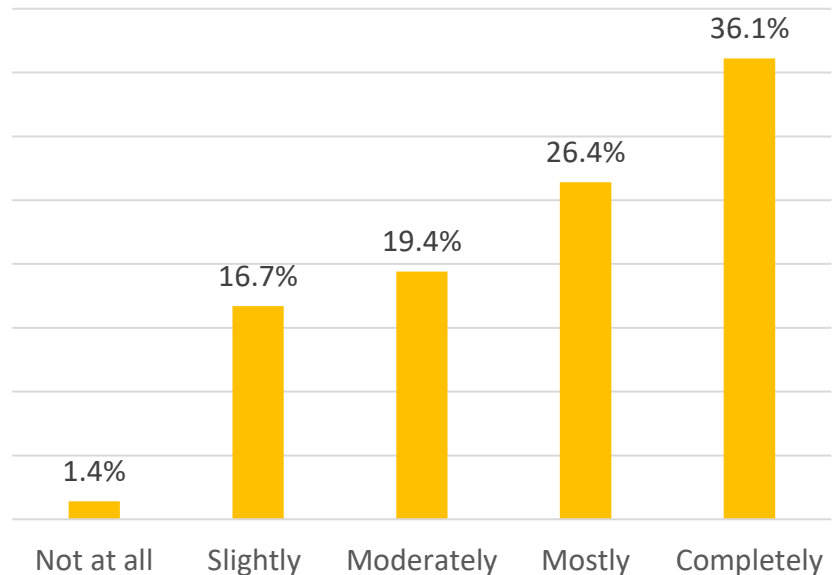
To provide University of Iowa students, postdocs, faculty, and staff with access to quality, new or used, professional clothing at no cost.



TOTAL CLOTHING ITEMS DISTRIBUTED



SIZES MET CLIENT'S NEEDS



MOST DISTRIBUTED ITEMS

- Shirts and Blouses
- Pants
- Dresses
- Shoes



WINTER COAT DRIVE



NEW COATS DISTRIBUTED
GRADUATE STUDENTS 225 81%
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS 19%



New coats and other gear were purchased to ensure students have access to warm clothing.

"The clothing closet is such an underrated gem on campus. I've found things I actually wear, and it helps save money I would've spent on basics."

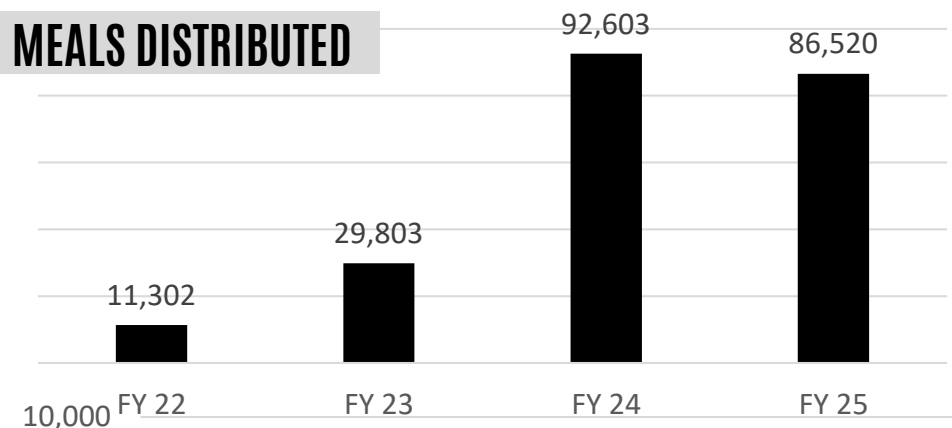
I appreciate how organized the clothing closet is. It feels like shopping at a real store, and the volunteers are always kind."

"The clothing closet is a lifesaver, especially when Iowa weather changes so fast. I got a winter coat there and it made such a difference."

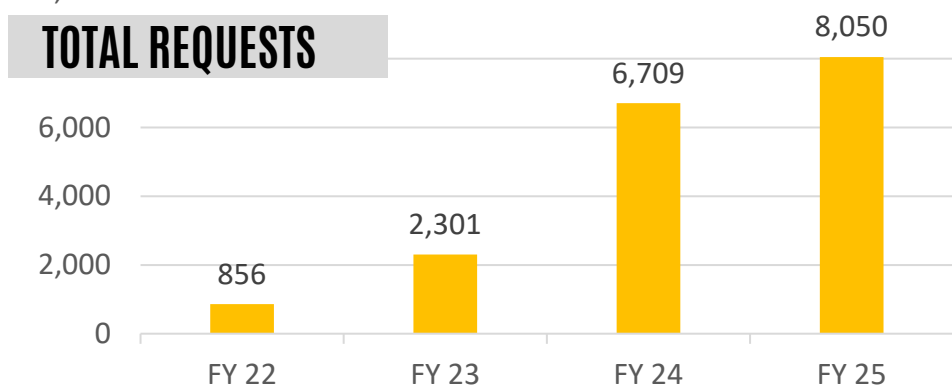
HAWKEYE MEAL SHARE

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MEALS DISTRIBUTED



TOTAL REQUESTS



75%
UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS

17%
GRADUATE
STUDENTS

9%
PROFESSIONAL
STUDENTS

PROGRAM COLLEGE

GRADUATE/PROFESSIONAL

Graduate College	66%
Law	10.7%
Pharmacy	9.7%
Dentistry	9.1%
College of Medicine	4.5%

UNDERGRADUATES

52.6%	Liberal Arts & Science
26.2%	Tippie College of Business
10.4%	Engineering
6.2%	Nursing
2.3%	Education
2%	Public Health

24.4%
FIRST GEN
UNDERGRADUATES

Hawkeye Meal Share is available to undergraduate and graduate students. Students can request up to 7* **meal swipes** and capped at two per semester.

**Due to high demand, in the spring semester meal requests were limited to 7 meals per request vs. 14 meals.*

TOP REASONS FOR REQUESTS

- Healthy food is too expensive
- Insufficient funds (mostly due to increased cost of living)
- Lack of employment/low paying job (graduate students)
- Physical/mental health issues
- Lack equipment/knowledge to prepare food

88%

**APPLICATIONS
APPROVED**

12%

**APPLICATIONS
DENIED**

Reasons for denial: multiple requests, did not demonstrate food insecurity

**SHOUT OUT TO
HOUSING AND DINING!**

We're incredibly grateful to University Housing & Dining for stepping up as true Food Security Champions. Thanks to their leadership, we've streamlined the way Hawkeye Meal Share acquires extra meals: instead of asking students to manually opt in to donate unused guest passes, any unused passes now automatically flow into our semester-end meal pool.



taking a swipe at student
food insecurity

THE EMERGENCY FUND

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The Emergency Fund provides one-time awards to University of Iowa undergraduates, graduates, and professional students facing unexpected financial crises or catastrophic events that threaten their ability to continue their studies. Supported by USG, GPSG, the Center for Advancement, and campus partners, it is not meant for routine expenses. Rigorous research by UI Faculty demonstrates a positive impact of emergency grants on overall academic success for undergraduate students.

Year	Total Requests	Awarded	Not Awarded	Avg. Award	Total Amount Distributed
2024-25	396	222	174	\$308*	\$68,470*
2023-24	432	201	123	\$520	\$104,591
2022-23	414	321	93	\$690	\$221,491

*Total Amount and Average Award decreased due to reduced private donations and other funding

REASONS FOR AWARDING

- Health related challenges
- Housing related issues
- Family emergency
- Safety issues



50.2%
UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS

44%
GRADUATE
STUDENTS

5.8%
PROFESSIONAL
STUDENTS

UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL OF STUDY

1st Year	7.40%
2nd Year	14.1 0%
3rd Year	31.30%
4th Year	47.20%

REASONS FOR NOT AWARDING

- Did not meet criteria52%
- Qualified for another grant19%
- Other (duplicate, loans, etc.)14%
- Reached maximum award9%
- Not currently enrolled6%

42% FIRST GENERATION STUDENTS

“This grant will go a long way in assisting me with my out-of-pocket medical expenses and insurance payments. I am eternally grateful for your generosity and for providing resources such as this. It is quite beneficial to students. I hope one day I can be in a position after I graduate and pay off all my loans, to donate for the betterment of future students.” – University of Iowa Student