

2025 Survey Results

The University of California (UC) Essential Needs Research & Evaluation team administered a UC-wide online survey (February-May 2025) to students who accessed Basic Needs services during the Fall 2024 term. Through the survey, students provided feedback on the Basic Needs services offered on their campuses, as well as information about their housing, food, and financial security, and mental health. The following is an infographic report of the overall results.



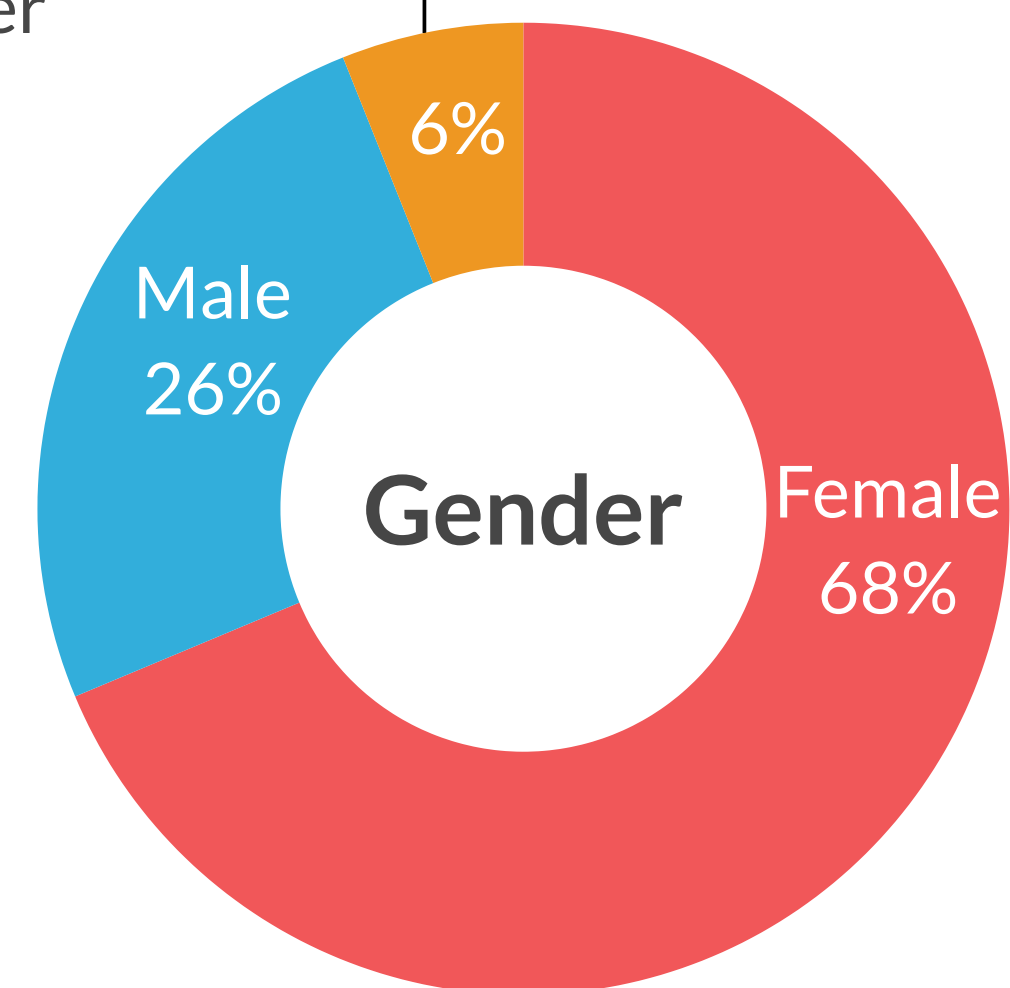
Responses per Campus

UC Davis	586	21%
UC Santa Barbara	437	16%
UC Irvine	340	12%
UC Berkeley	293	10%
UC Riverside	285	10%
UC Merced	281	10%
UC San Diego	210	8%
UC Los Angeles	167	6%
UC Santa Cruz	125	4%
UC San Francisco	87	3%

Total Responses 2,811

Gender & Identity Breakdown

Nonbinary & Genderqueer



28% identify as lesbian, gay, queer, bisexual, or asexual

41%

Approved for work study

45%

First Generation

3%

DACA (AB540) or Dreamer



Sources of Financial Aid

35%

Cal Grant A or B

34%

Pell Grant

18%

Teaching or Research Stipend



Dependents

4%

at least one **child** under the age of 22 living with them

1.6

average number of **child** dependents

6%

at least one **adult** dependent under their care

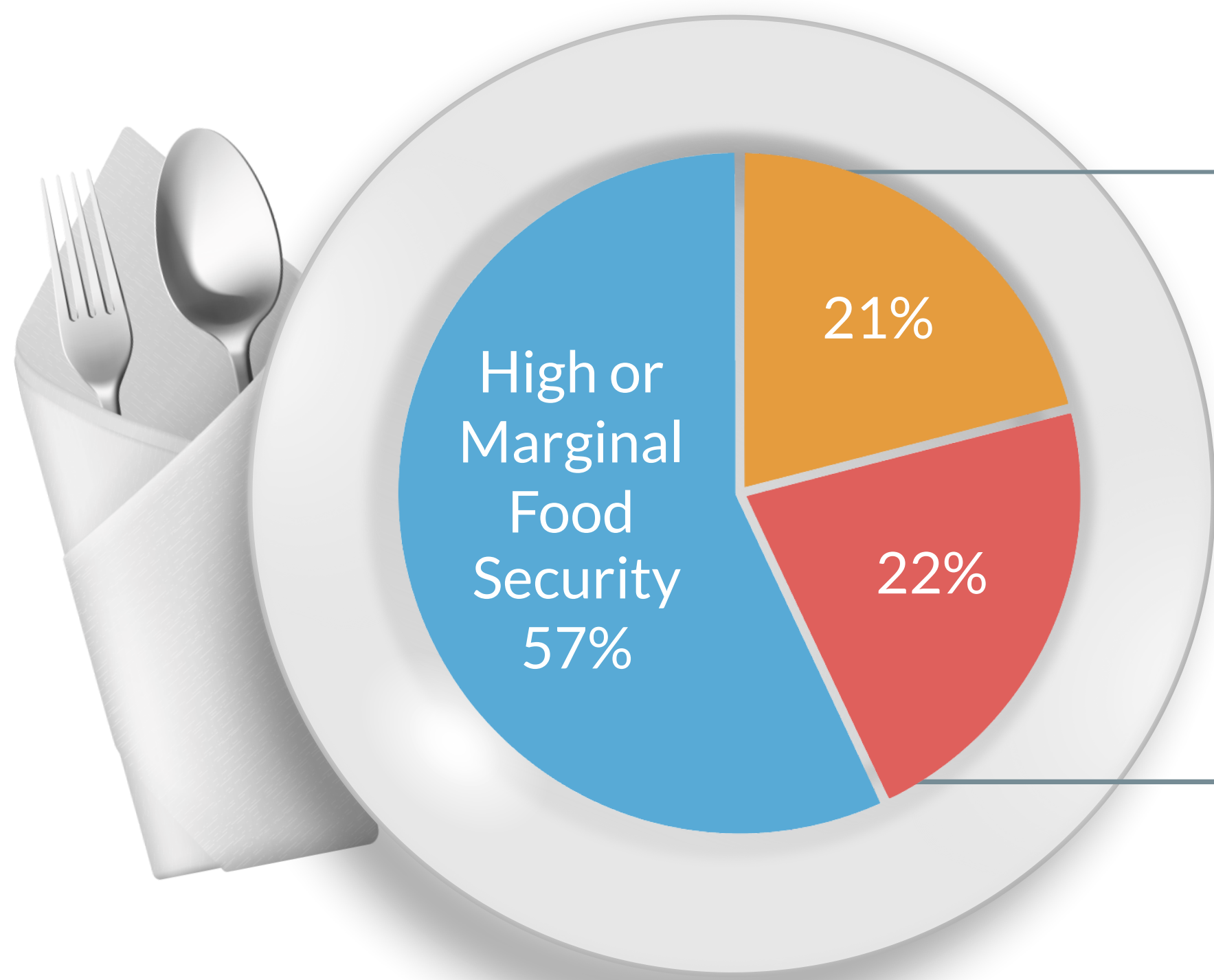
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average number of **adult** dependents

Housing and Food Insecurity During Fall 2024



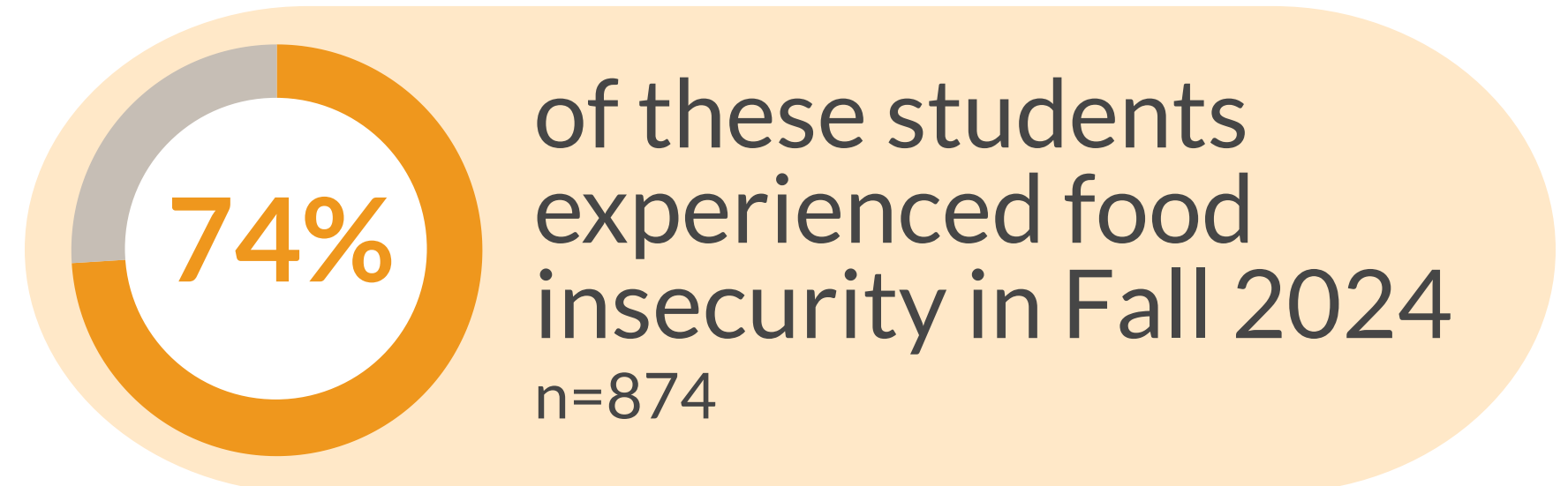
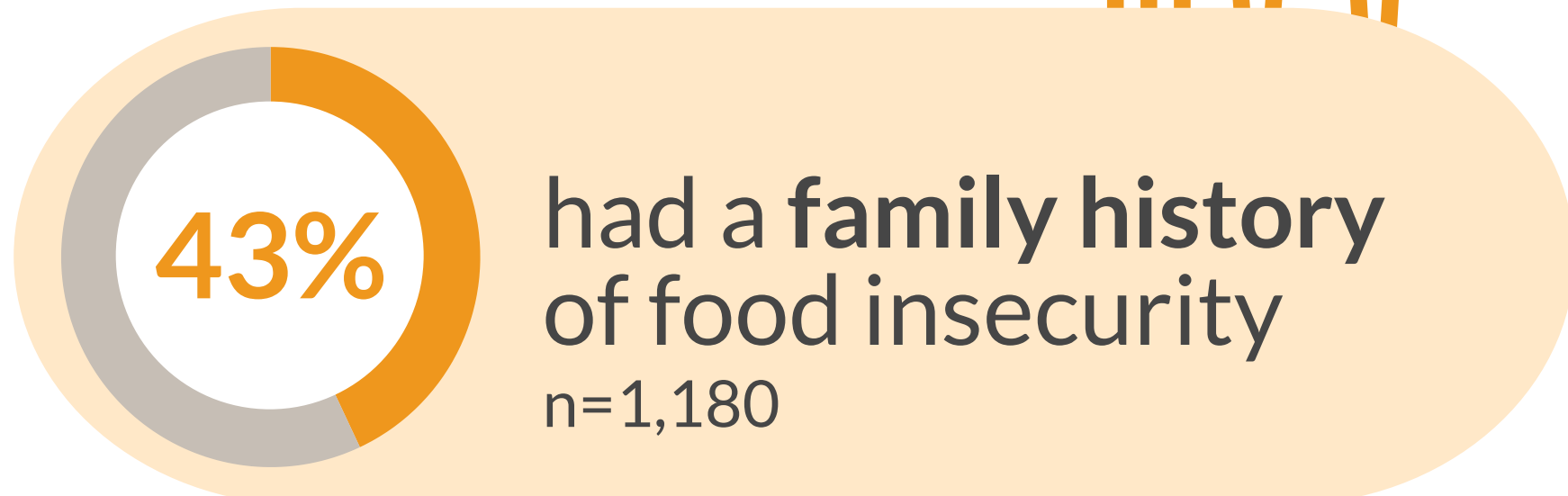
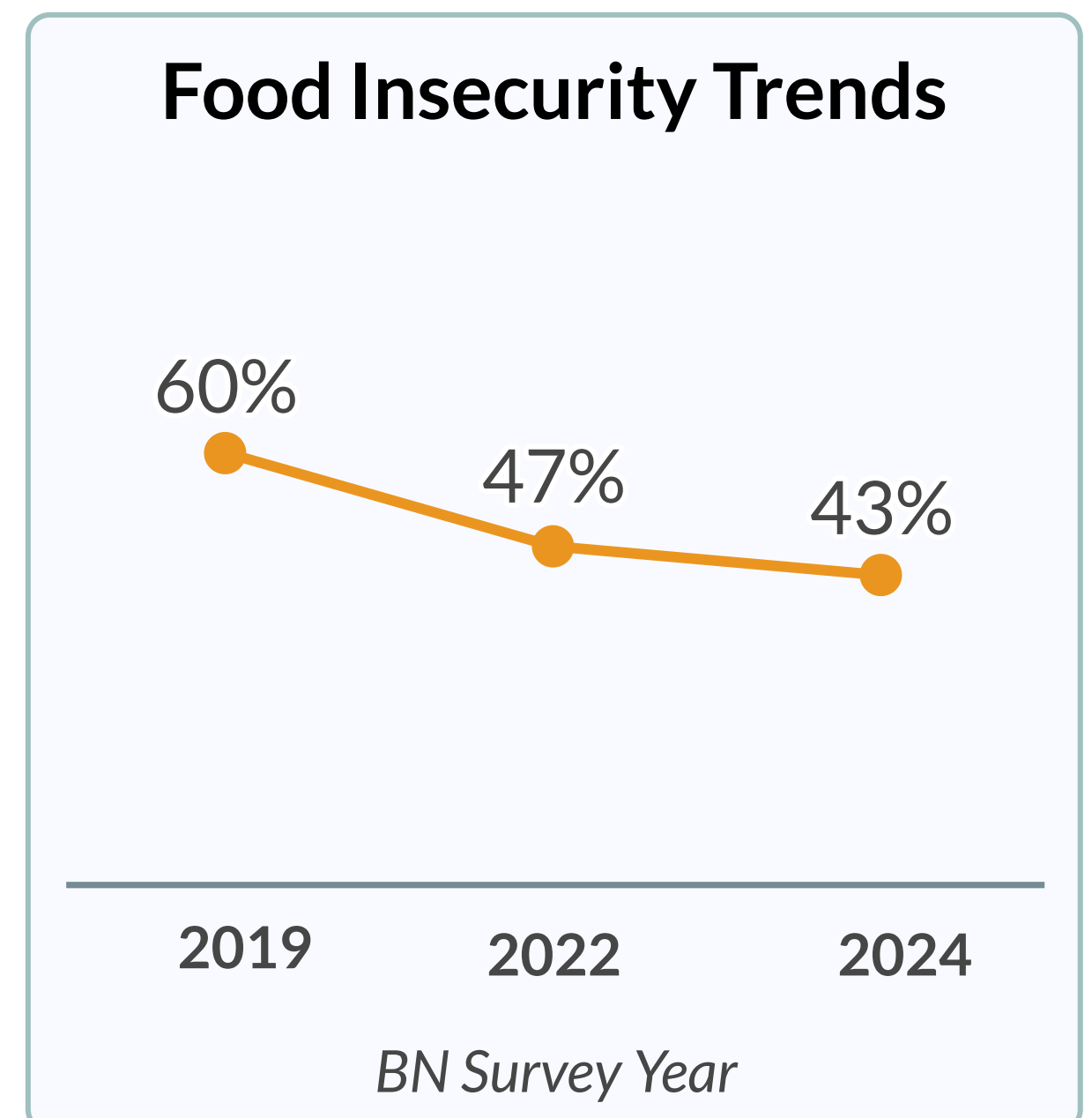
Almost **1 in 10 (8%)** students were **unhoused** (lacked a safe, regular, and adequate nighttime place to stay and sleep)



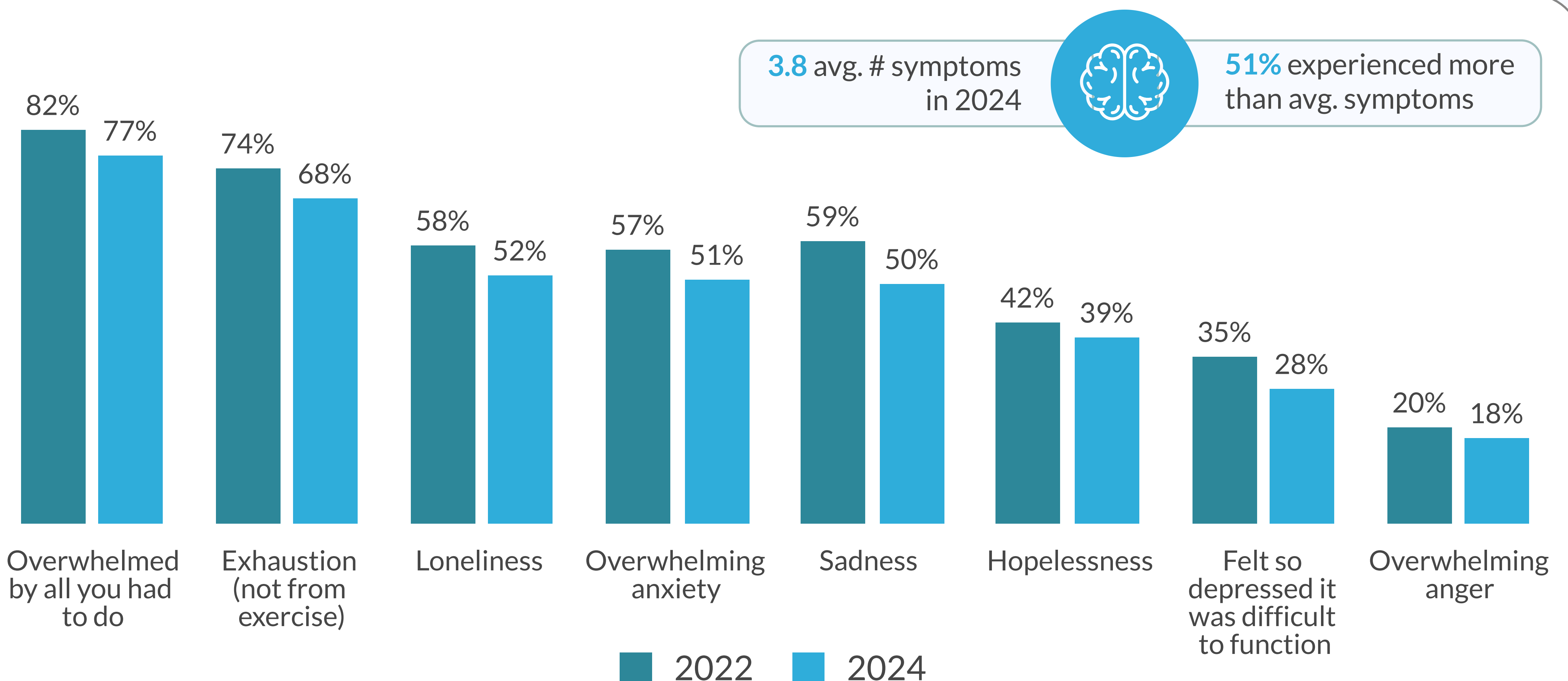
Food Insecurity: 43%

LOW Food Security

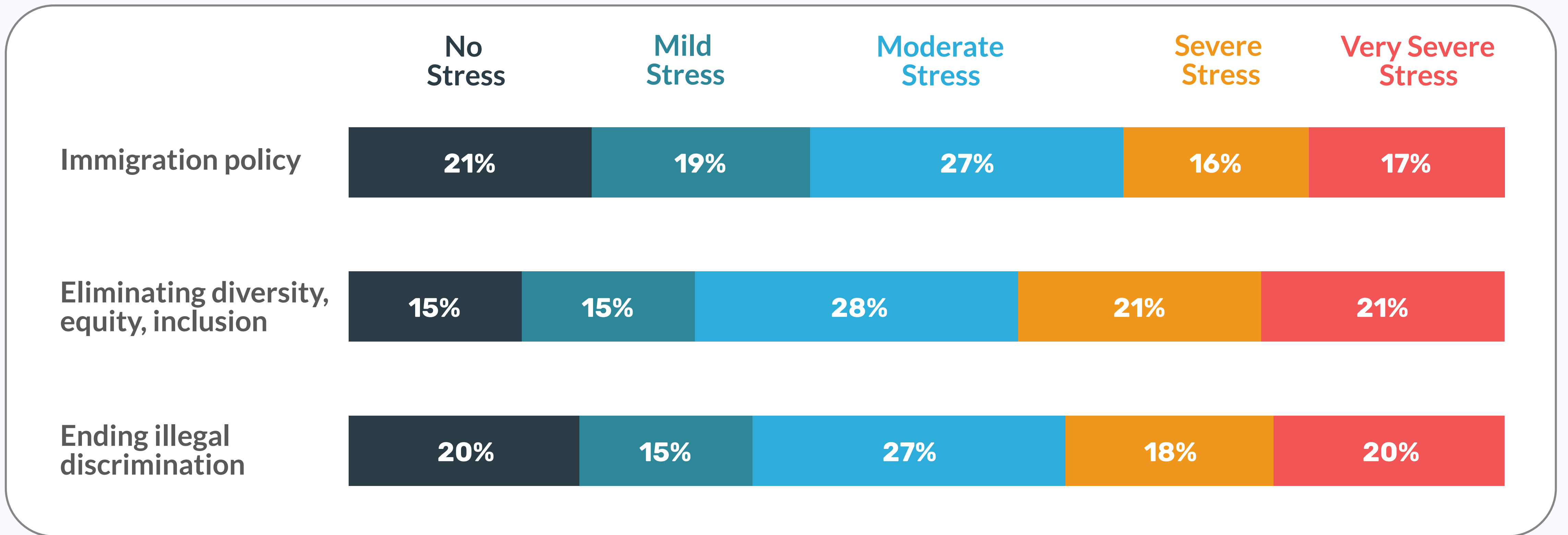
VERY LOW Food Security



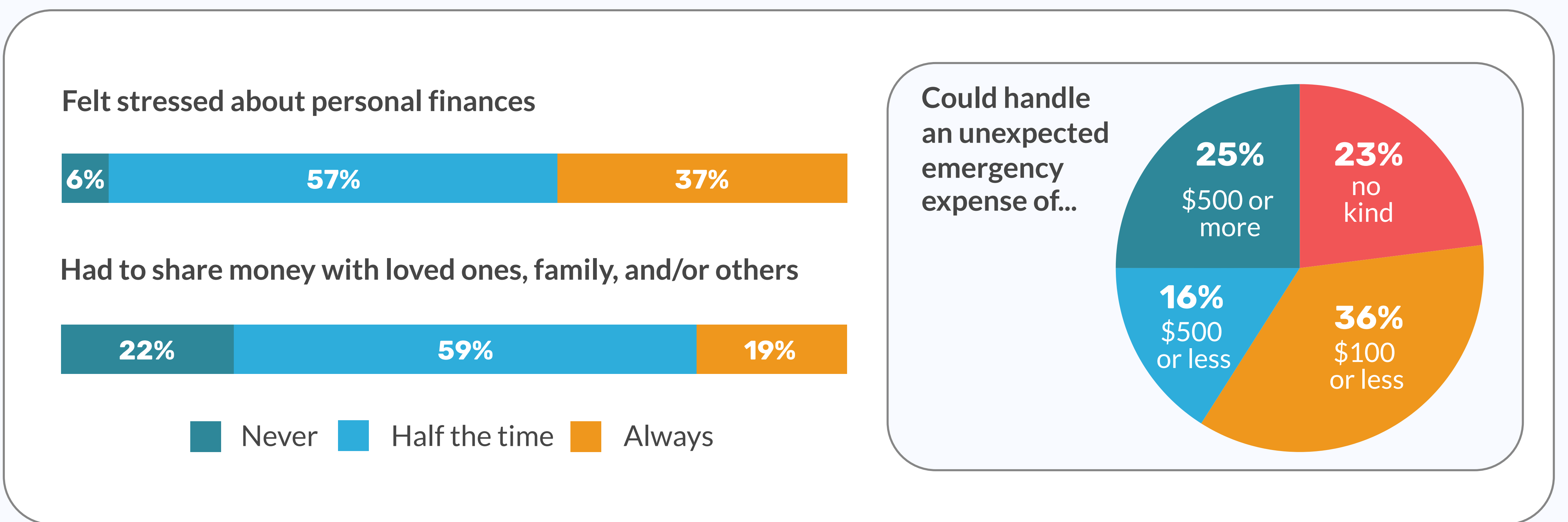
Trends in Depressive Symptoms



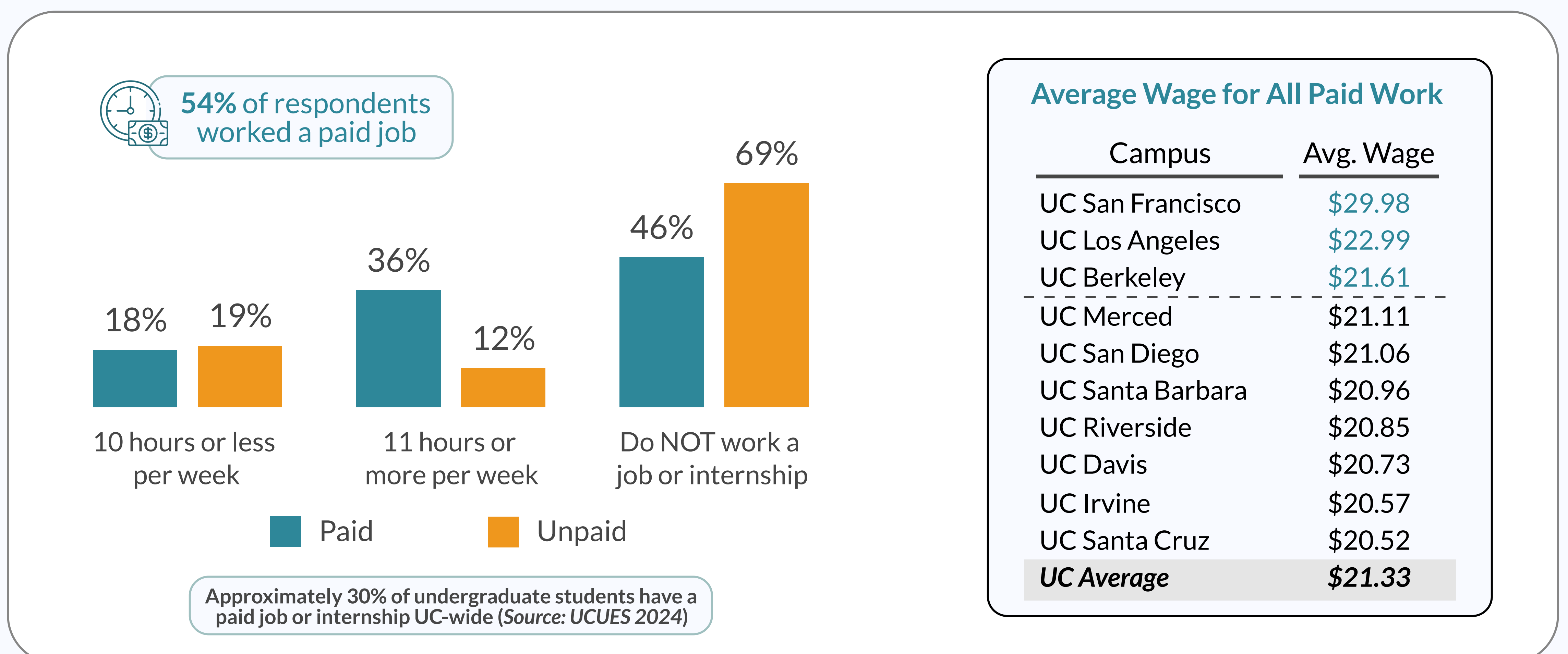
Overall Stress Related to 2025 Federal Executive Orders



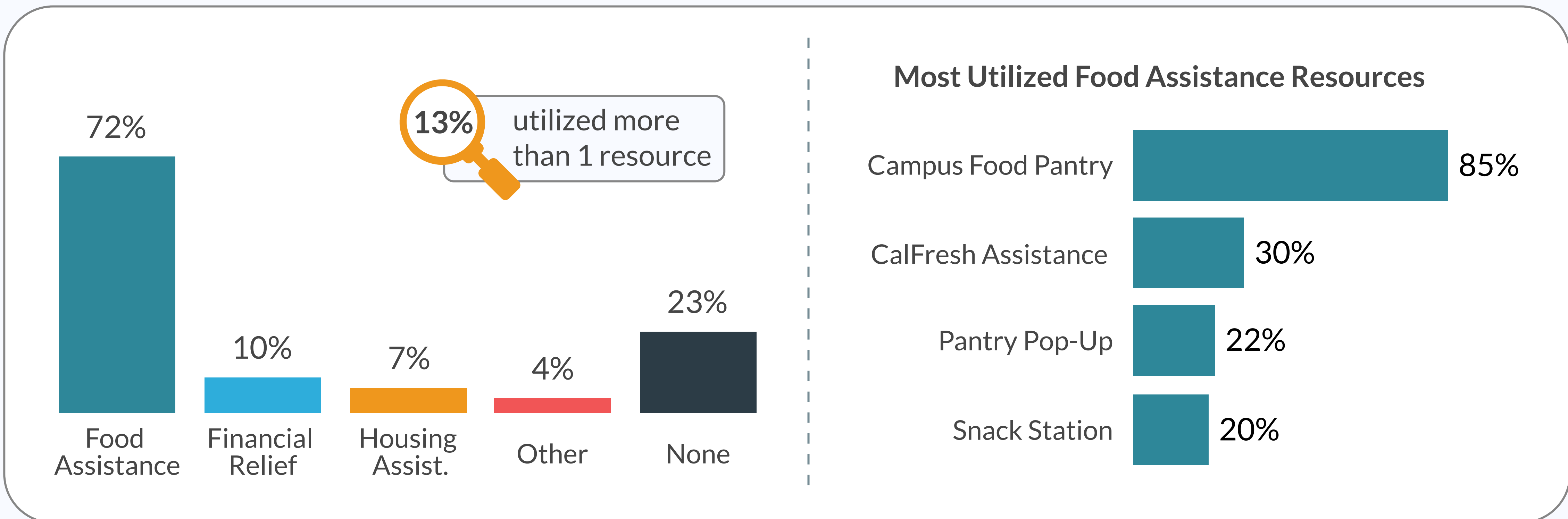
Financial Stress during Fall 2024



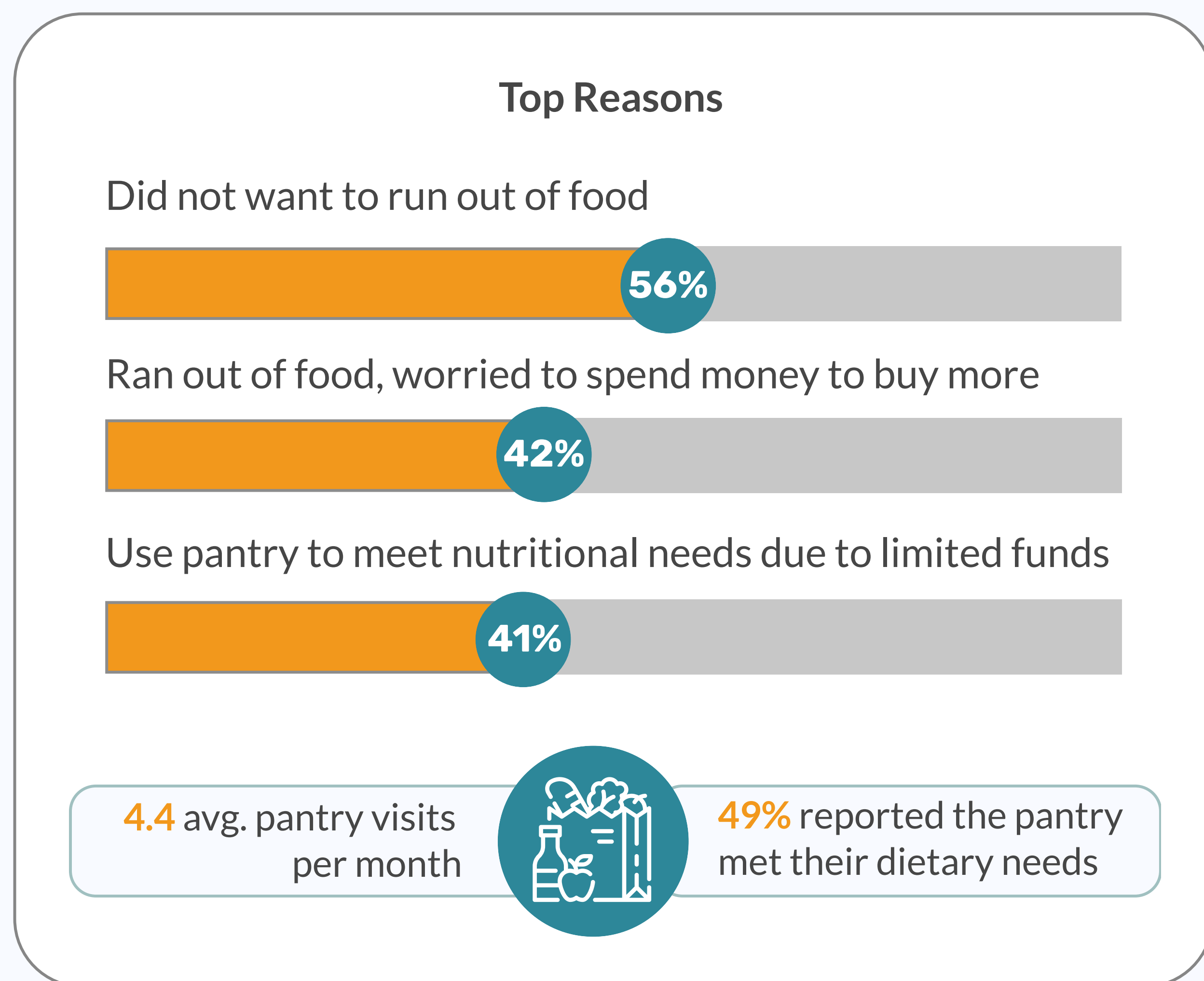
Hours Worked at a Job or Internship & Wages



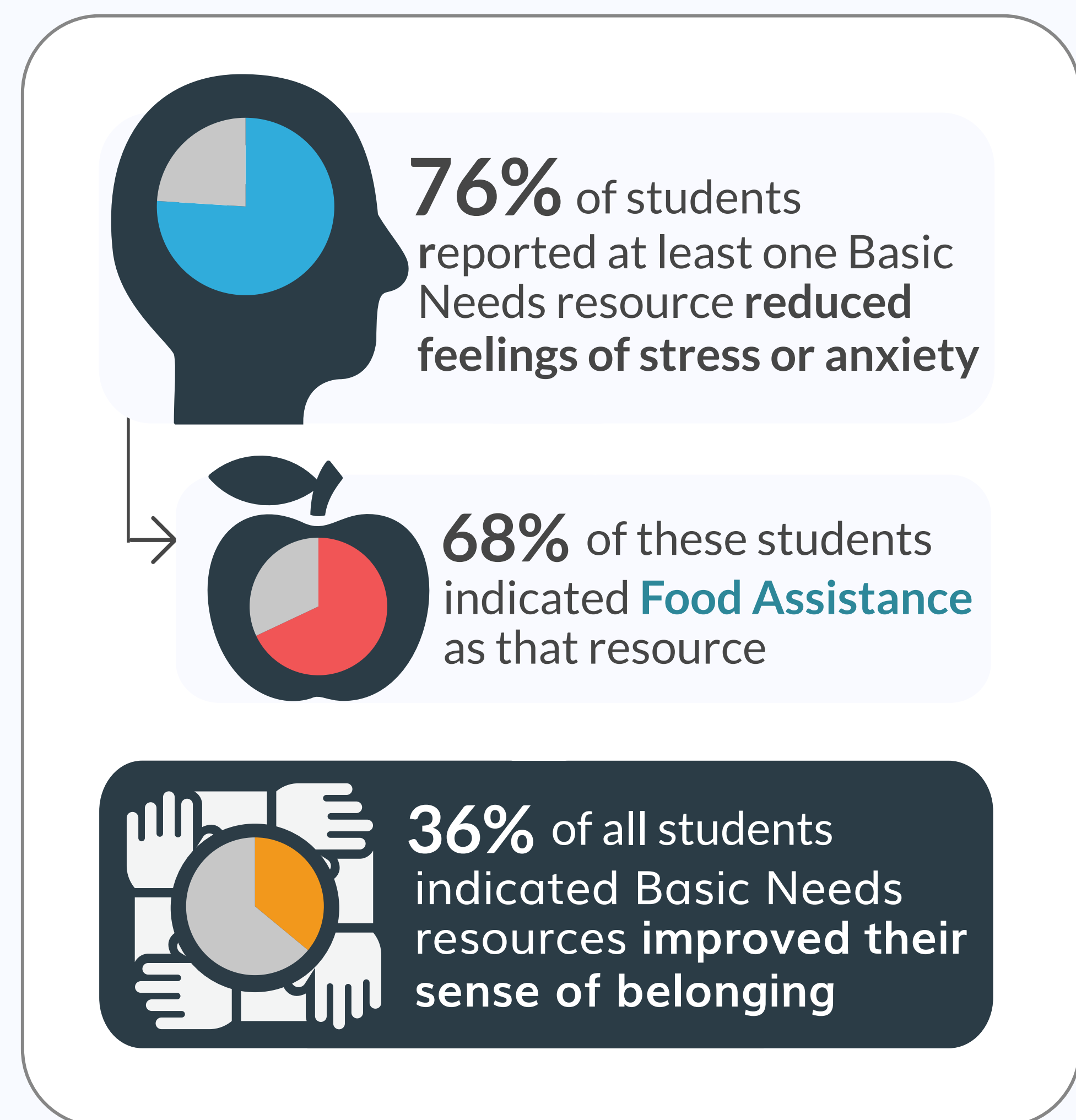
Campus Resource Utilization during Fall 2024



Campus Food Pantry Use



Wellbeing & Connection



Top Basic Needs Barriers & Sources of Information

