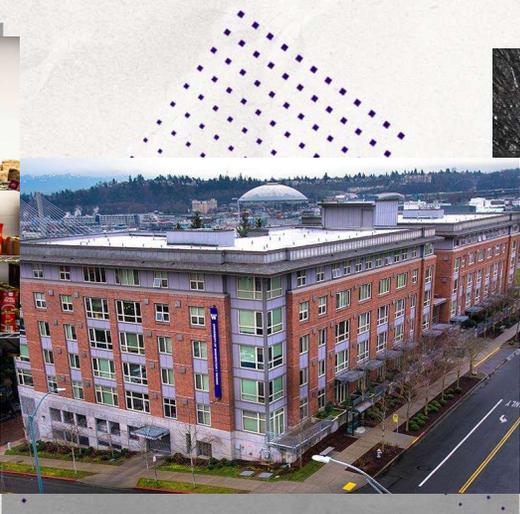


# BRIDGING CAMPUS AND CITY: STUDENT PERSPECTIVES ON TACOMA

*FOOD, HOUSING, AND TRANSPORTATION SURVEY FINDINGS (2024–2025)*

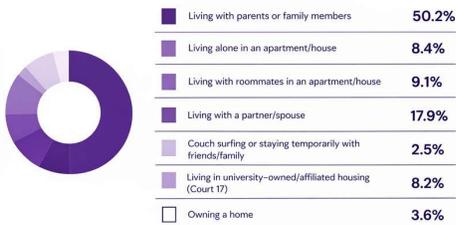


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## STUDENT HOUSING SITUATIONS AT UW TACOMA

Which of the following best describes your current housing situation?



• 42% of students are in unstable or unaffordable housing situations

How would you describe your current housing situation?



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# HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

How much of your monthly income goes toward rent or housing costs?



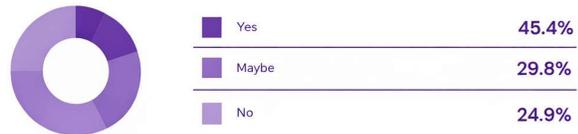
- Nearly 50% of students are paying a third of their income to rent or more

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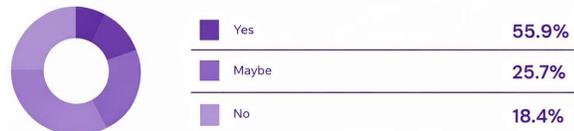
# INTEREST IN HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAMS

- 56% of students would directly utilize new rental assistance programming

Would you utilize a university program that connects students with local affordable housing providers or landlords offering discounted rates for students in the City of Tacoma?



Would you utilize a university-sponsored rent subsidy program to help cover a portion of your rent while enrolled as a student?



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# TRANSPORTATION ACCESS TO CAMPUS

- over 64% of students are affected by transportation cost
- 71% of students use personal vehicles

What is your primary mode of transportation to campus?



How often do transportation costs (e.g. gas, public transit fares) impact your ability to attend class or participate in campus activities?

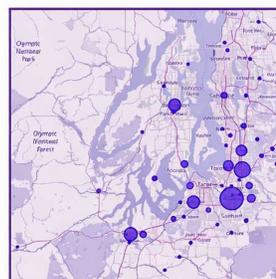


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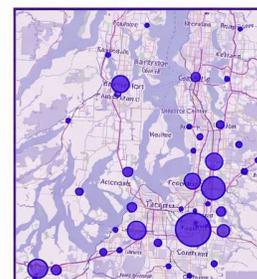
# COMMUTE LOCATION AND TRAVEL TIME

- about 40% of students reside in Tacoma

What is your average one-way commute time to campus (Students who selected "No")



Where students commute from (wide)

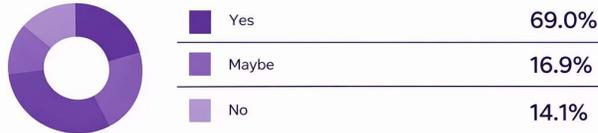


Where students commute from (close)

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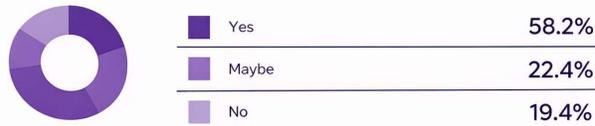
# INTEREST IN TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT

If the university offered gas vouchers to students in need, would you use them?



- 69% of students would use gas vouchers

If the university offered discounted parking permits for students facing financial hardship, would you apply for one?



- 58% would use discounted parking permits

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# FOOD INSECURITY AMONG STUDENTS

- 39% of students couldn't afford to eat balanced meals

In the last 30 days, the food that I bought just didn't last, and I didn't have money to get more.



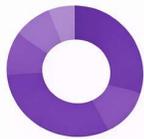
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## FOOD ACCESS AND SUPPORT NEEDS

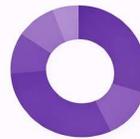
Are you aware of on-campus resources that help with basic needs (e.g., emergency grants, food pantry, office of advocacy and support)?



Yes	46.2%
No	12.0%
I've heard of them, but I don't know the details	41.8%

- Pantry
- Food truck

Would you utilize a campus-based food voucher program that provides you with funds to purchase groceries or meals off-campus?



Yes	56.3%
Maybe	24.7%
No	19.0%

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## CONCLUSION & KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Student needs are city issues
- Students would actively use available solutions and resources
- need for more student-city collaboration

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