FOOD INSECURITY
AT RUTGERS-NEW BRUNSWICK

USING RESEARCH TO UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM*

- 36.9% of Undergraduates are Food Insecure
- 32.1% of Graduate Students are Food Insecure

Food Insecurity is Associated with GPA

19.8% Choose between food & educational expenses
23% Attend campus events solely for food
2.2% have SNAP benefits

RUTGERS RESPONSE

- 804 visitors to the Rutgers Student Food Pantry since 2015
- A total of 3,118 visits to the Rutgers Student Food Pantry since 2016
- Over 700 meals served to food insecure students at the Rutgers Community Cafe during a 2-week pilot period
- RU Student Farm donated $11,789 in fresh produce to food insecure students in 2016
- New Brunswick Community Farmers Market donated $5,266 in fresh produce to food insecure students in 2016
- Many courses offered across multiple schools at Rutgers address food insecurity

FUTURE DIRECTIONS FOR RESEARCH & PRACTICE

CONTINUE RESEARCH
EXPAND PROGRAMMATIC EFFORTS
OUTREACH & COLLABORATION
INCREASE AWARENESS
IMPLEMENT & IMPROVE POLICIES