



Fall 2019 - Spring 2022

2019-2020 Annual Report &
2020-2022 COVID 19 Report

What is Food Security?

The US Department of Agriculture defines food security as



“Access by all people at all times to enough food for an active healthy life.”

Food insecurity occurs when people have limited or uncertain access to adequate food.



What We Know About Our Students

- ❖ 2006: 45% of 408 UHM students who completed a food insecurity survey indicated experiencing food insecurity.
- ❖ 2017: 44% of 593 UHM students who completed a food insecurity survey indicated experiencing food insecurity.
- ❖ 2021: 35% of 68 UHM students who completed a Hope Center basic needs survey experienced food insecurity in the 30 days prior to the survey.

Dobbs, J. and Wallace, S. (2017). Summary Report- Food Insecurity Survey at UH Mānoa 2017.

Hope Center (2021). #RealCollege 2021: Basic Needs Insecurity During the Ongoing Pandemic. Report for The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

Food Vault Hawai'i

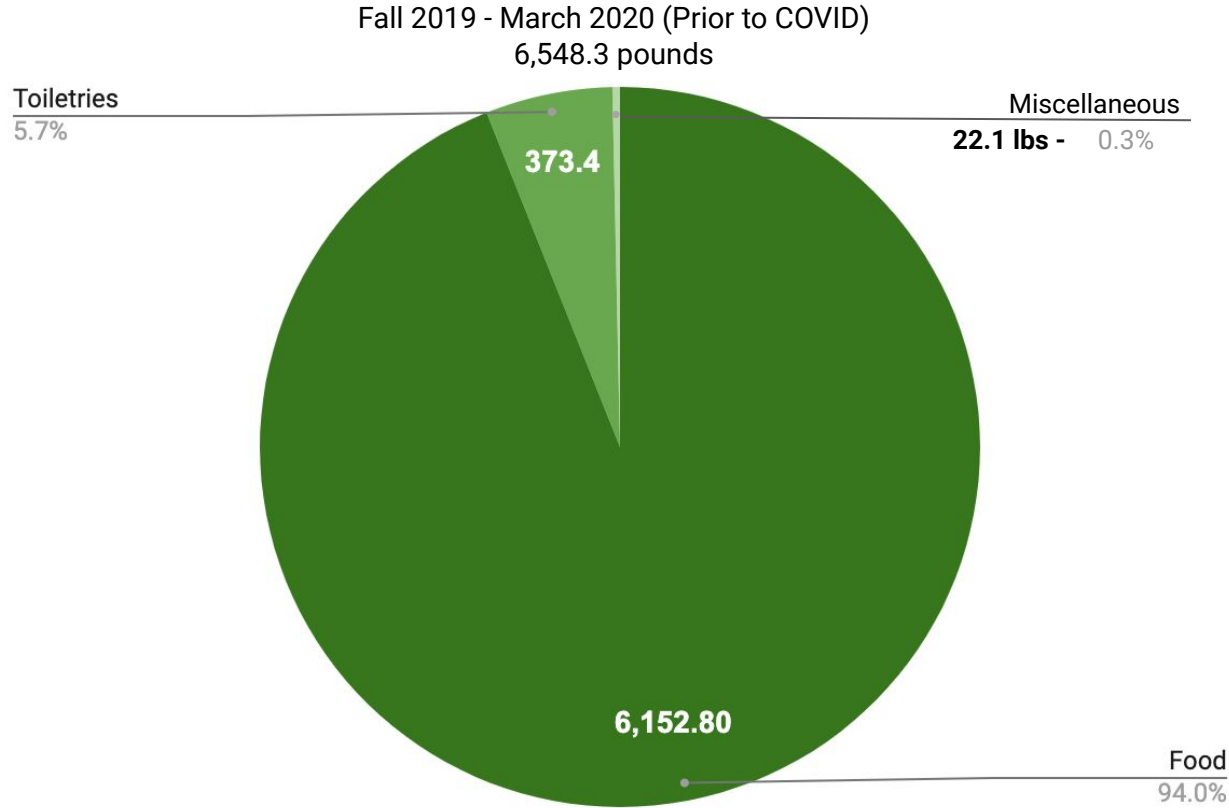


In late August 2019, FVH opened Year 2 of its storefront location in Hemenway 111. Demand increased from Year 1 so SLD introduced Food Drop @ the Campus Center Complex to supplement pantry offerings.

In late March 2020, UHM went to virtual learning in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. FVH adjusted operations by closing the storefront and switching to a Google Form request/bag/distribute method of operation. This continued through May 2022.

In September 2020, a garden was added to incorporate food production and to have produce grown on-site to support the pantry.

FVH Distribution Food vs. Toiletries vs. Miscellaneous (in pounds)*

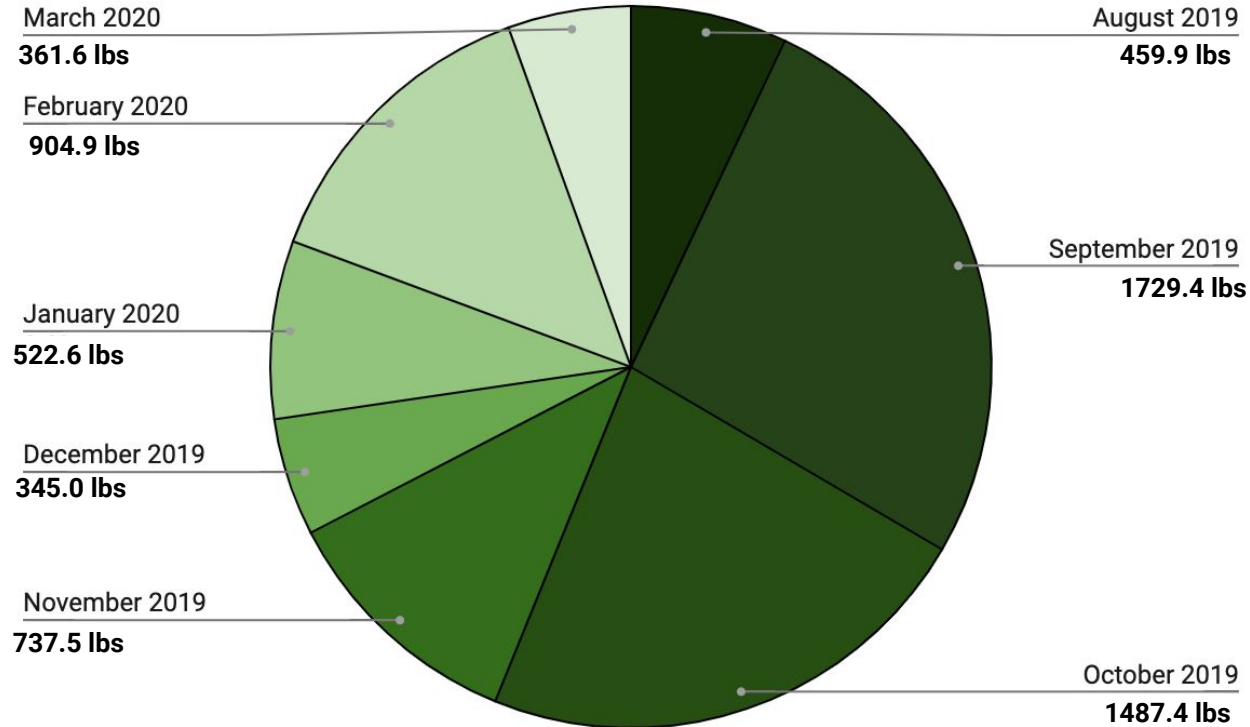


*FVH began condom distribution in September, 53 condoms were distributed. They are not included in weight

FVH Distribution by Month (in pounds)

Fall 2019 - March 2020 (Prior to COVID)

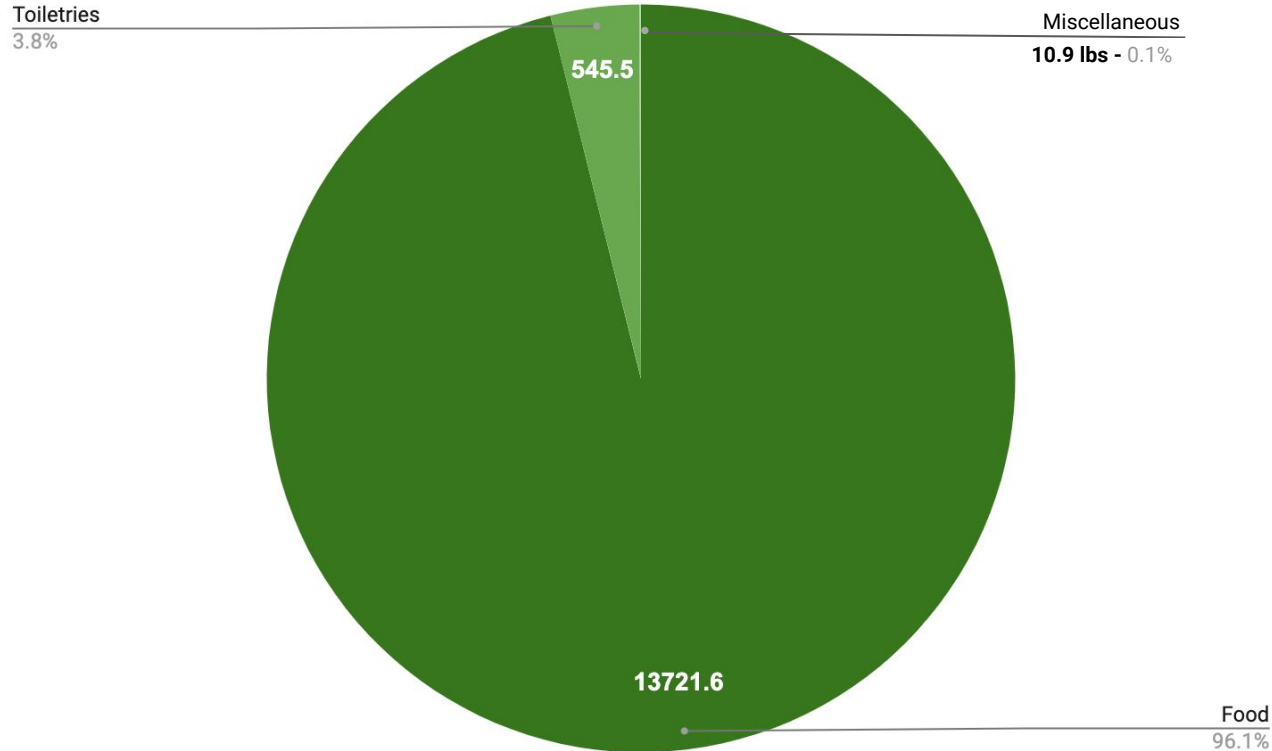
6,548.3 pounds



FVH Distribution Food vs. Toiletries vs. Miscellaneous (in pounds)*

April 1, 2020 - May 2022 (During COVID)

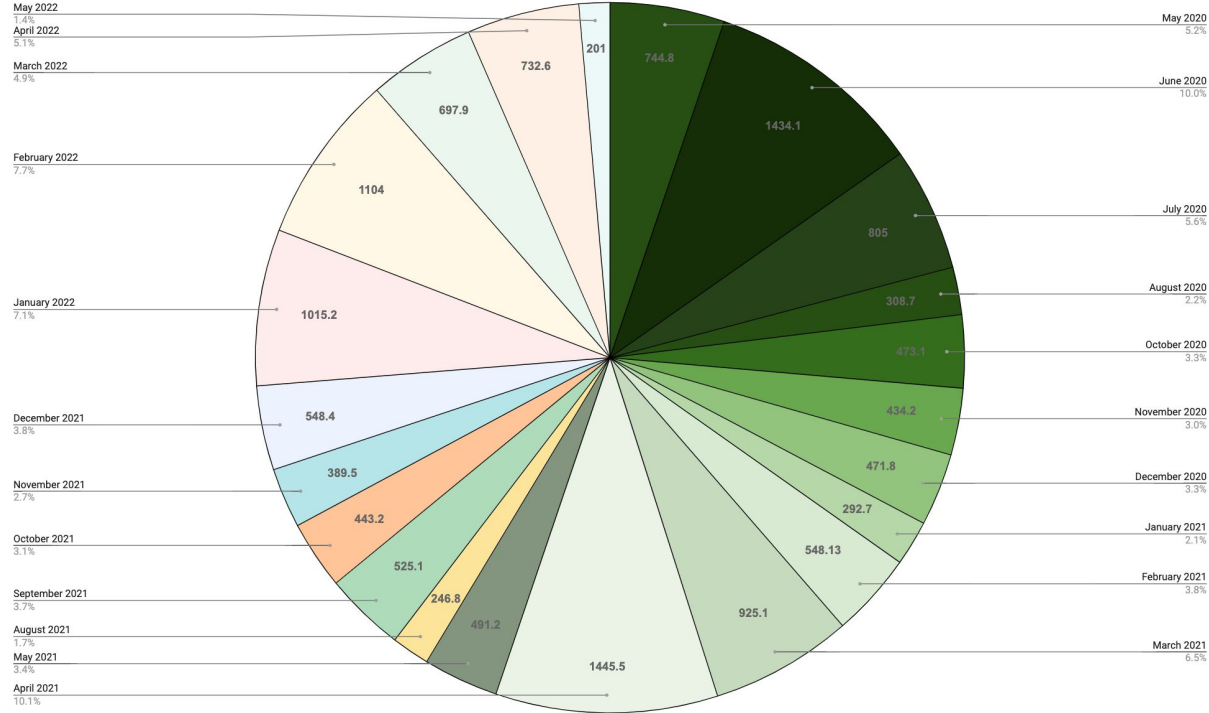
14,278 pounds



*48 condoms were distributed. They are not included in weight

FVH Distribution by Month (in pounds)*

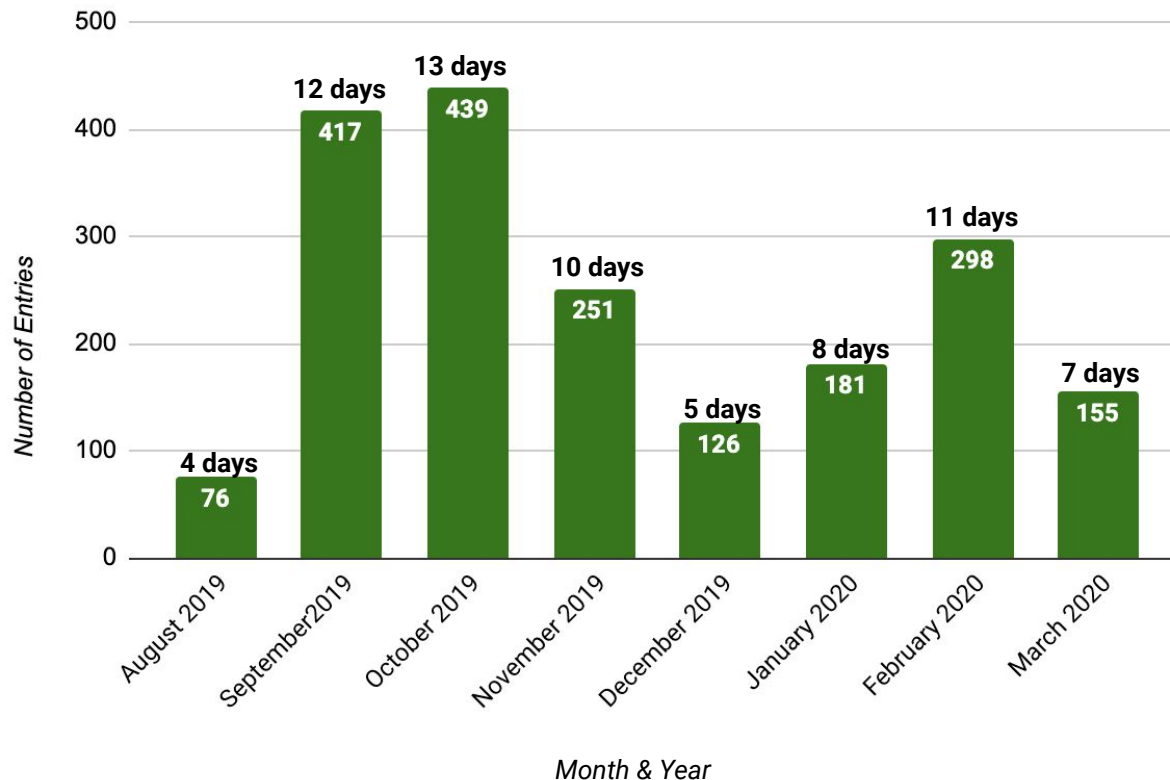
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*Sep. 2020 - closed due to stay at home order

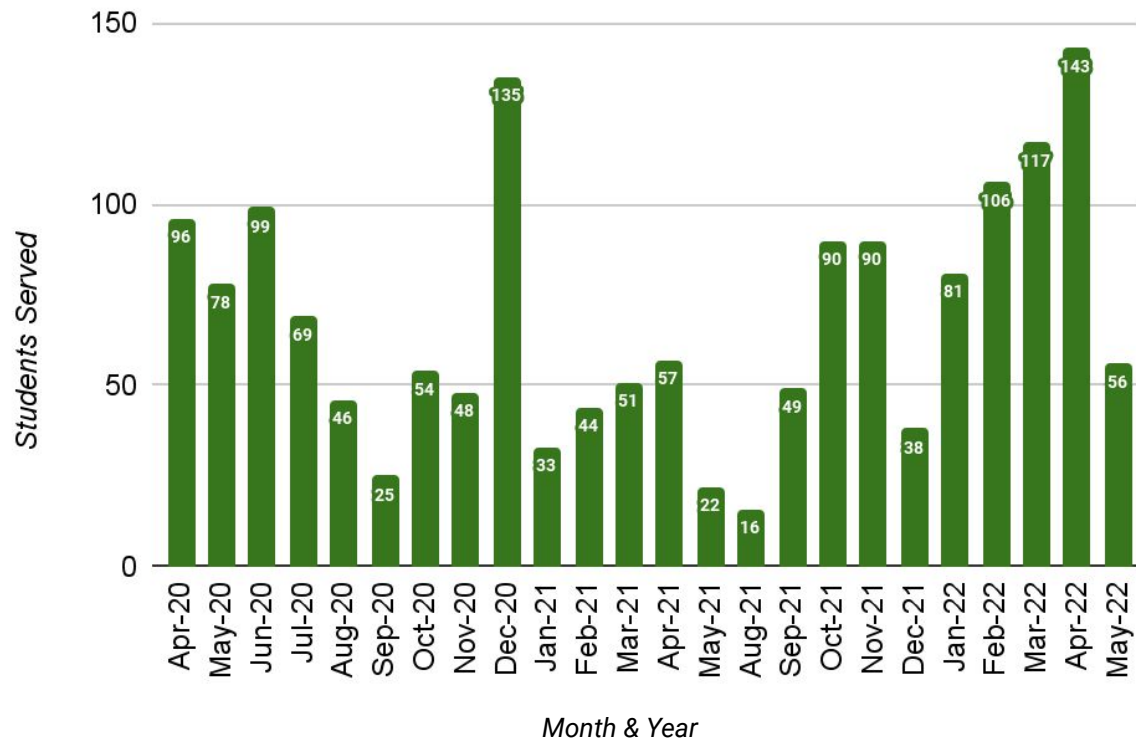
Student Entries to FVH by Month (1,943 Total Entries)

Fall 2019 - March 2020 (Prior to COVID)



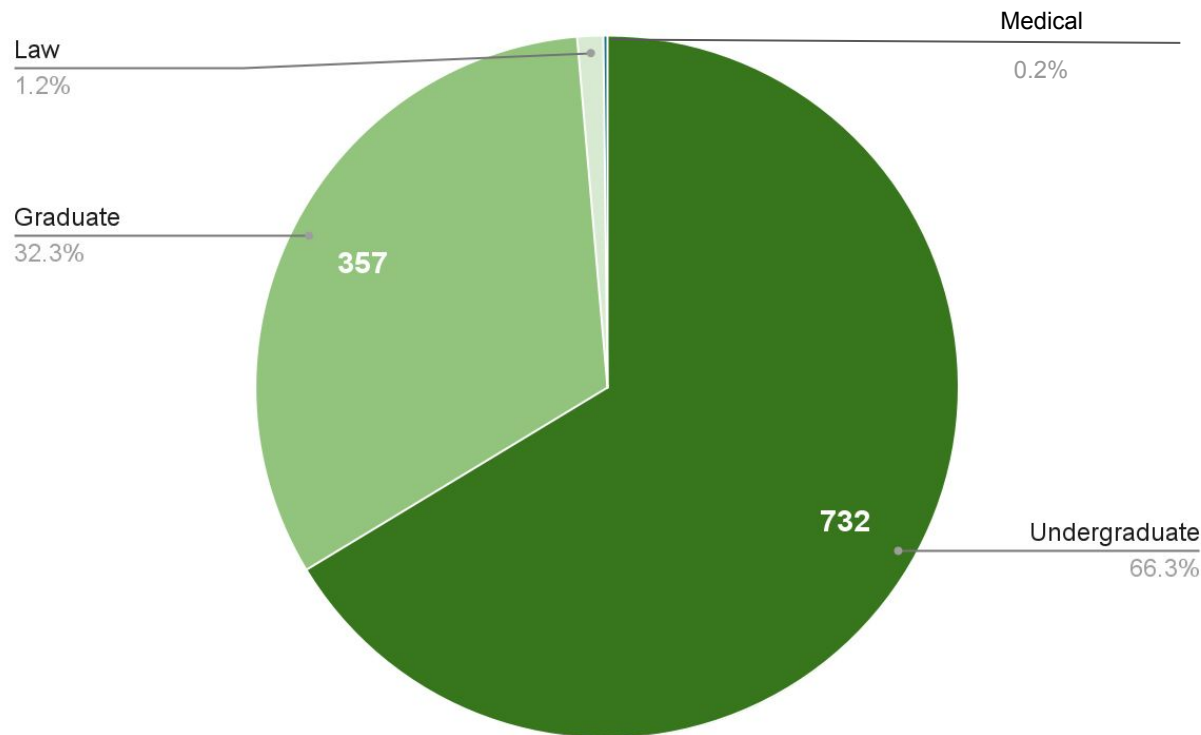
Student Requests during COVID (1,643 Total Served)

April 2020 - May 2022



Unique Student Users of FVH (1,104 Unique Users)

Fall 2019 - May 2022



Food Drop @ the Campus Center Courtyard

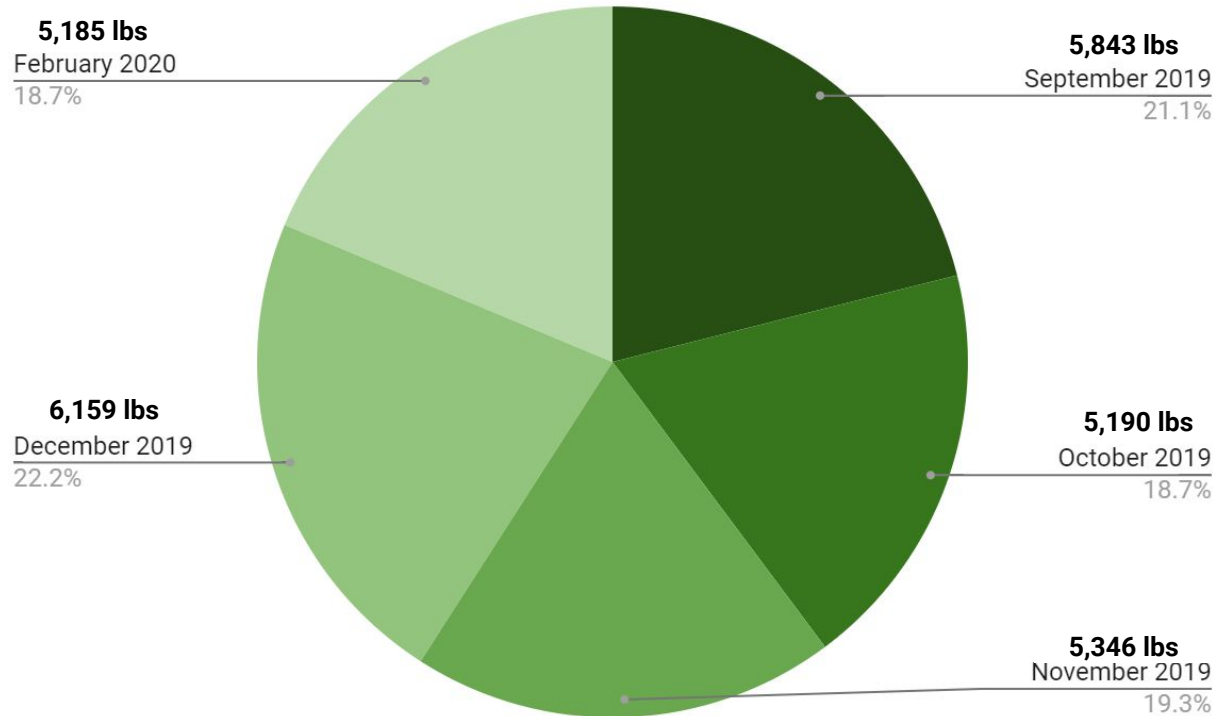
SLD partnered with the Hawai'i Food Bank & Hawai'i Health and Harm Reduction Center to offer Food Drop @ the Campus Center Courtyard.

This program was offered in September, October, November, December 2019, and February 2020. Food Drop was suspended when the campus closed for COVID.



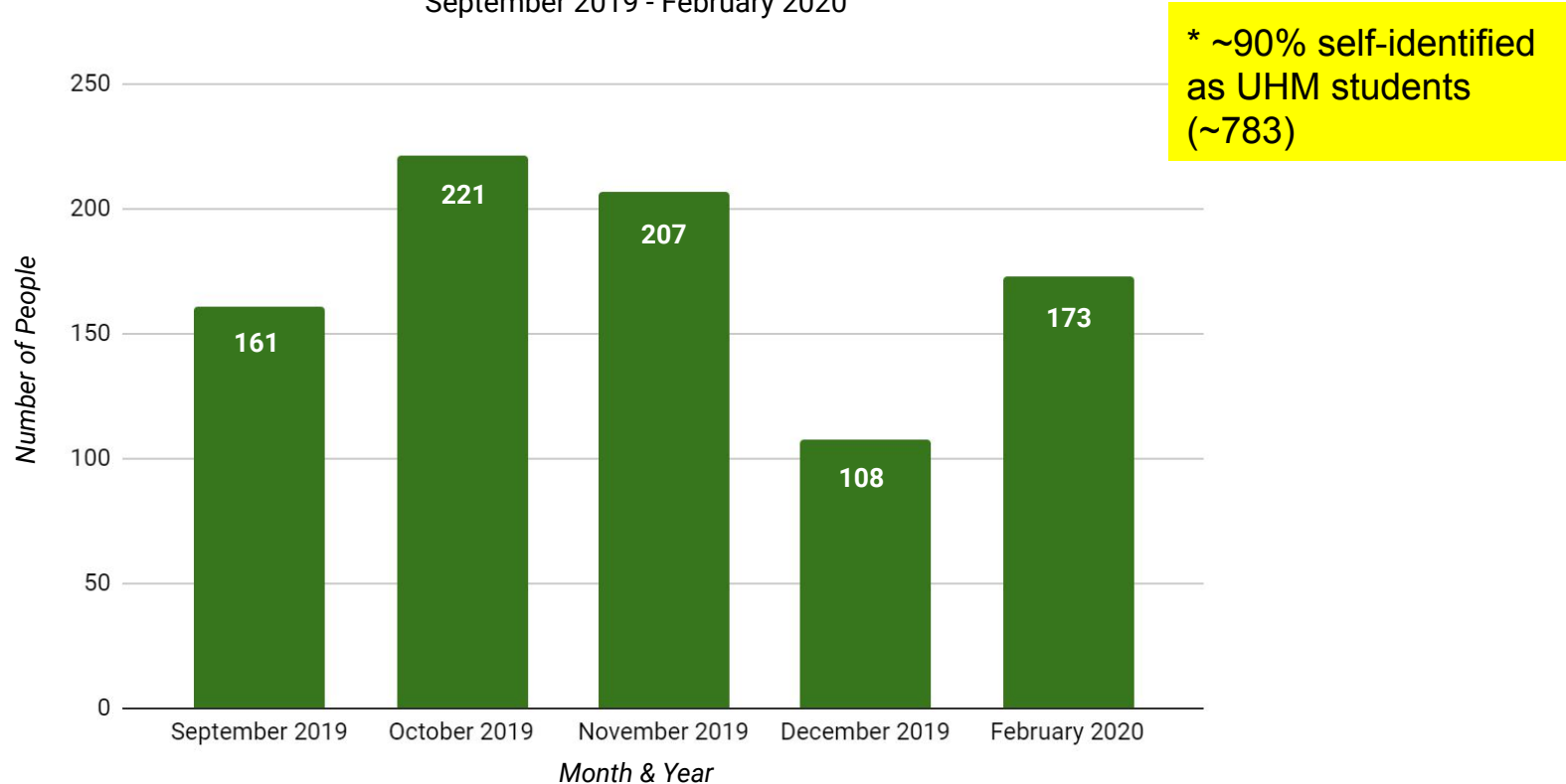
Food Drop @ the Campus Center Courtyard Distribution (in Pounds)

September 2019 - February 2020
TOTAL: 27,723 pounds



Food Drop - Number of Participants by Month (870* Users)

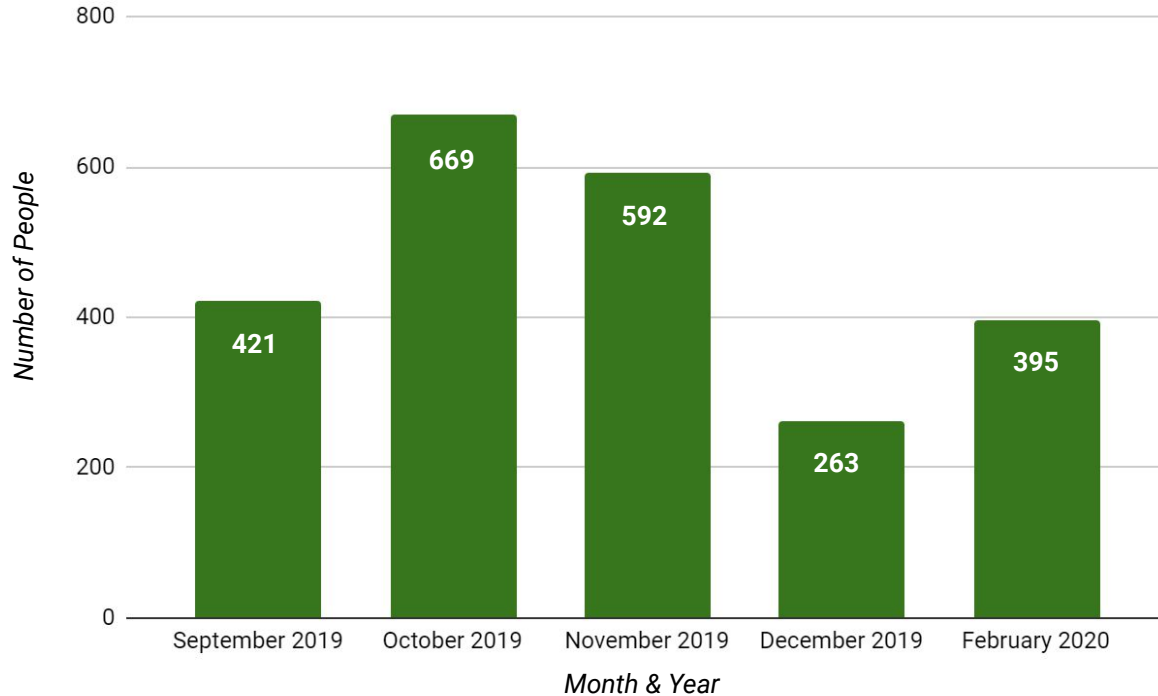
September 2019 - February 2020



Food Drop - Our Impact (2,340 People Total)

Total Number of People Receiving Food per Month*

September 2019 - February 2020



*Total number calculated by adding adults and children reported in household on registration form

FVH Garden

In September 2020, a garden was started to supplement the non-perishable offerings at the pantry. The garden is led by a student fellow with support of the Campus Center Complex landscaping team.

Bok Choy, Cucumber, Eggplant, and Tomatoes are just some of what the students produce on-site for the pantry. This is a recent, fall 2022 harvest.



FVH Dining Dollars



In February 2022 FVH was allocated \$20,000 of institutional COVID relief funds to offer prepared meals to UHM students facing food insecurity.

FVH applied the \$20,000 toward a Dining Dollars Program awarding the funds to 100 unique UHM students in need.

Dining Dollars were redeemable at Mānoa Dining Services food establishments.



How Did FVH Help You?

- ❖ *"FVH has provided me with food and given me peace of mind that I have a source of food support at school."*
- ❖ *"I've made the food from FVH go a long way, with enough food for almost a week. This has been a huge help while I was looking for work and was on a tight budget."*
- ❖ *"In months when I struggle to make my income cover all my needs, FVH services has provided peace of mind to know that I will be able to eat. It's lifted that burden and made it easier to focus on my studies."*
- ❖ *"FVH is very helpful since meals are the most expensive cost after housing. FVH has helped me a lot for the past semesters and especially now with the inflation, I would not be able to survive without FVH. The fresh produce and bread also gives us the option to a healthier diet."*

How Did FVH Help You? (continued)

- ❖ *"FVH has covered meals that make for great leftovers! I made pasta that lasted for three days. It's been a huge relief not worrying about that food."*
- ❖ *"FVH has helped me ensure I am still able to have food even when I have outside/financial struggles"*
- ❖ *"Before using this program, I often skipped meals, but the program allowed me to have basic food every day."*
- ❖ *"After paying for school and living expenses, I sometimes don't have enough money to buy food. FVH has helped me as a student by supplementing my food supply."*
- ❖ *"I wouldn't have been able to eat some days if it wasn't for FVH services, I am incredibly grateful and hope the program continues..."*

What Would You Do to Improve FVH?

“A summer option would be great especially for locals and Native Hawaiians still on the island.”

What Other Items or Products Would You Like FVH to Offer?

laundry detergent, milk alternatives, fresh fruits, milk, yogurt, some fruits, larger bags of rice, more vegetables, milk, fresh product, fresh produce, corn beef, The products already suit my needs. Thank you! healthier snacks (for example: oatmeal bars), more boxed foods, natural toiletry items, bread, vegetables, chocolate, almonds, cashews, dried fruits, cereals, vegetable milks

Food, Toiletries, and Financial Support

August 2019 - May 2022

Food and toiletry donations are accepted Monday through Friday, 8am-4:30pm at the SLD Office in CC208.

Distribution of Food, Toiletries, Misc @ FVH (in pounds)	20,826.3
Distribution of Food @ Food Drop (in pounds)	27,723
Total Distribution	48,549.3
Remaining Allocation from ASUH and SAPFB (for 3 Year Pilot)	\$6,660.57
Total Expended from ASUH and SAPFB	\$6,098.89
End Balance (as of May 2022)	\$561.68
Total Expended from SLD on Equipment & Supplies	\$1,000.00
Tuition Waiver Allocation for FVH Student Fellows F19-S22	\$45,000.00

Summary & Discussion

Fall 2019 to May 2022

- 3,586 pantry entries and/or requests for food by UHM students
- 1,104 unique UHM student pantry users, 66.3% undergraduates, 33.7% graduate students
- 16.7% increase in graduate student use from Year 1
- 20,233.8 pounds of food and toiletries were received from drives
- 47,597.4 pounds of food distributed through the pantry and Food Drops
- 918.9 pounds of toiletries distributed through the pantry
- The demand for food and toiletries outweigh the supply that is donated through drives.

Summary & Discussion

Fall 2019 to May 2022

- Food Drop @ the Campus Center Courtyard and the FVH Garden were added to supplement pantry offerings. A one-time Dining Dollars program supported with COVID funds was also offered. A total of \$20,000 was awarded to 100 UHM students to provide them with prepared food and beverages from campus dining.
- In anticipation of a return to mostly in-person classes, plans were made to run food and toiletries drives in 2022-2023 and to seek additional funding from SAPFB in order to stock the pantry.
- Since COVID interrupted Year 2 and Year 3 of the pilot program, the pilot was extended to spring 2024 in order to collect 3 full years of storefront data.



FVH Sustainability

Volunteer

- Volunteer with Aloha Harvest, a food recovery non-profit organization that provides FVH with produce and bread from nearby farmers markets.

Donate Food and Toiletries

- Donate unexpired, manufacturer packaged, non-perishable food and toiletries to SLD at CC208

Donate \$

- Donate \$ via FVH's UHF Account: <https://giving.uhfoundation.org/funds/12909704>

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