

# FOOD DROP @ the Campus Center Courtyard

February  
8

March  
8

April  
12

Spring  
2023



# Food Vault Hawai'i

## 2022-23 Annual 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.

# Causes of Food Insecurity?

According to *Feeding America*, a non-profit organization focused on hunger-relief across the United States, the causes of food insecurity are complex and include:



*Poverty, unemployment, or low income*



*Lack of affordable housing*



*Chronic health conditions or lack of access to healthcare*



*Systemic racism and racial discrimination*

# 5 Reasons Students on College Campuses are Struggling to Afford Food



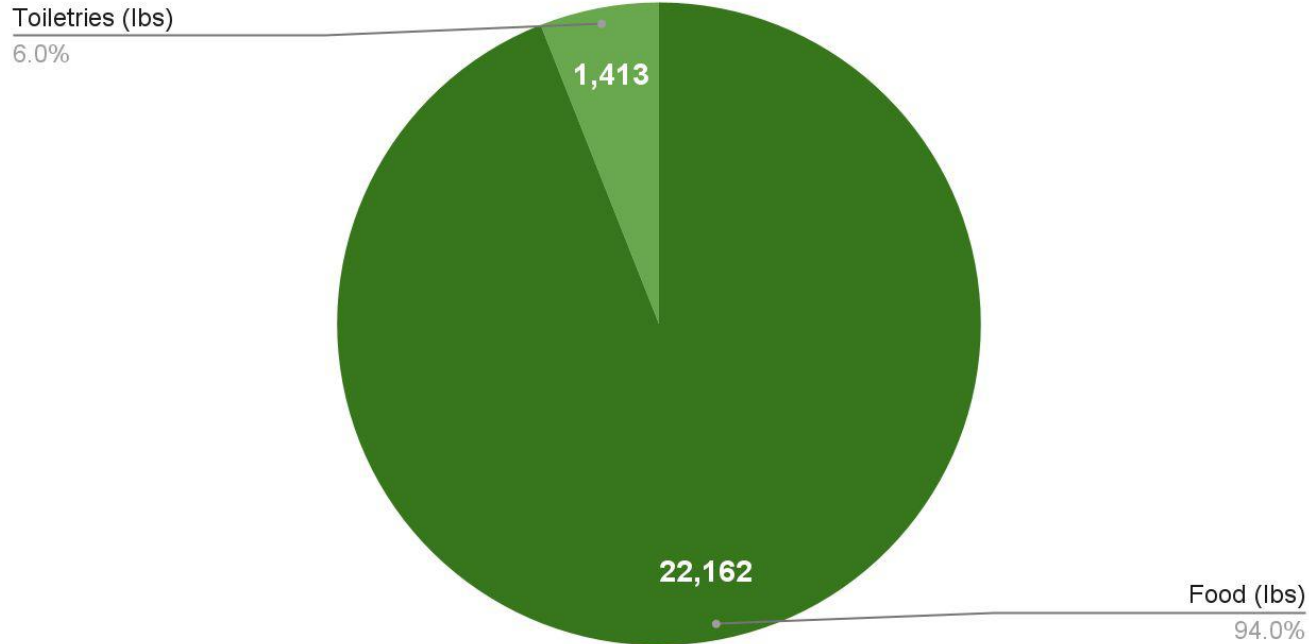
- *Cost of tuition continues to rise* (25% in last decade)
- *Cost of college meal plans* (\*average plan costs \$4,500 per year, \$18.75 a day)
- *Even with a meal plan, food isn't always available* (limited dining hall hours, lack of affordable meal options near campus when dining halls are closed)
- *Changing student demographics* (average age now 26, 1 in 5 students are now caring for a child, many as single parents)
- *Colleges don't know the extent to which students are going hungry*

\*At UHM a 7 meal a week plan costs \$4,042 for fall 23 and spring 24. This does not include summer. In summer 23, the most affordable meal plan was \$1,345 for a 10 meal a week plan during the SS1/SS2. The most affordable plans therefore total \$5,387 per year.

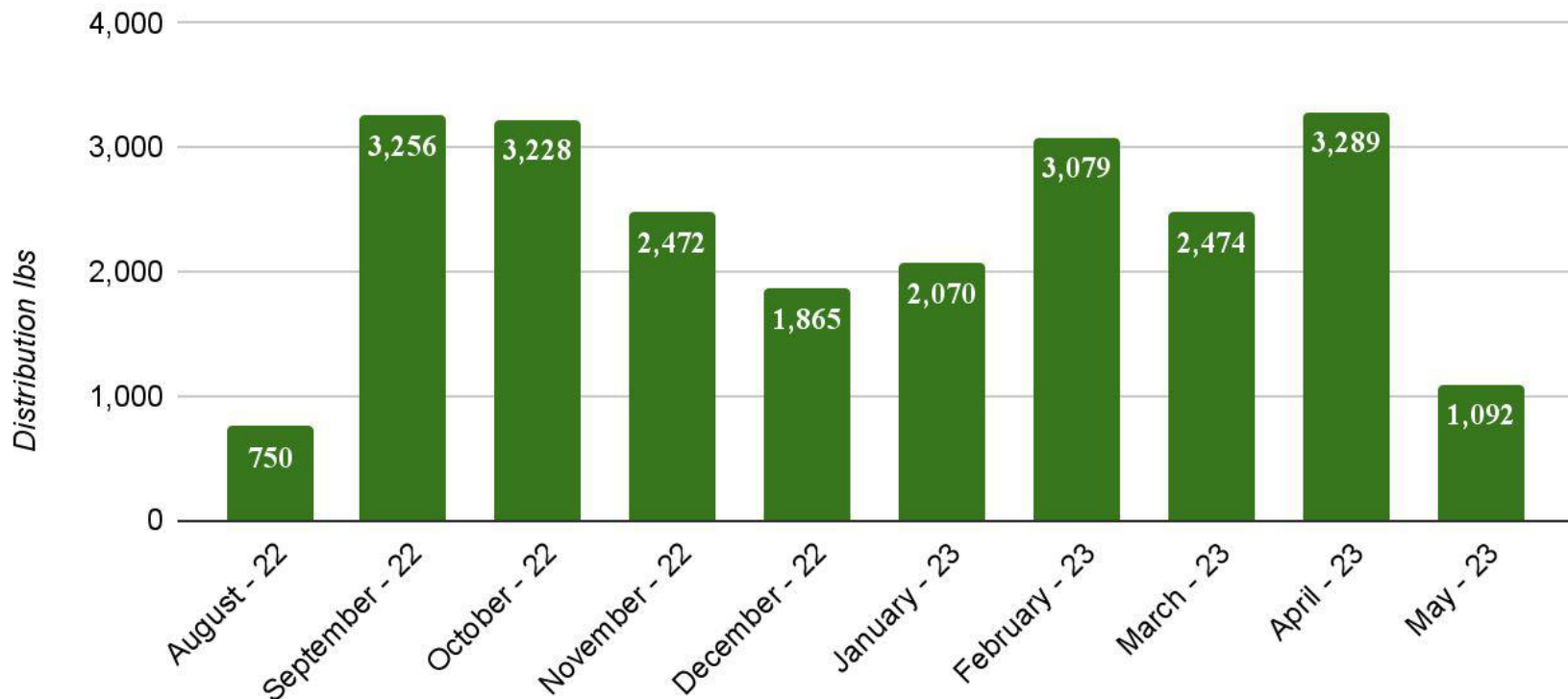
# Pantry

# Pantry Distribution - Food VS Toiletries

Total of 23,575 lbs distributed through FVH pantry (Fall 22 - Spring 23)



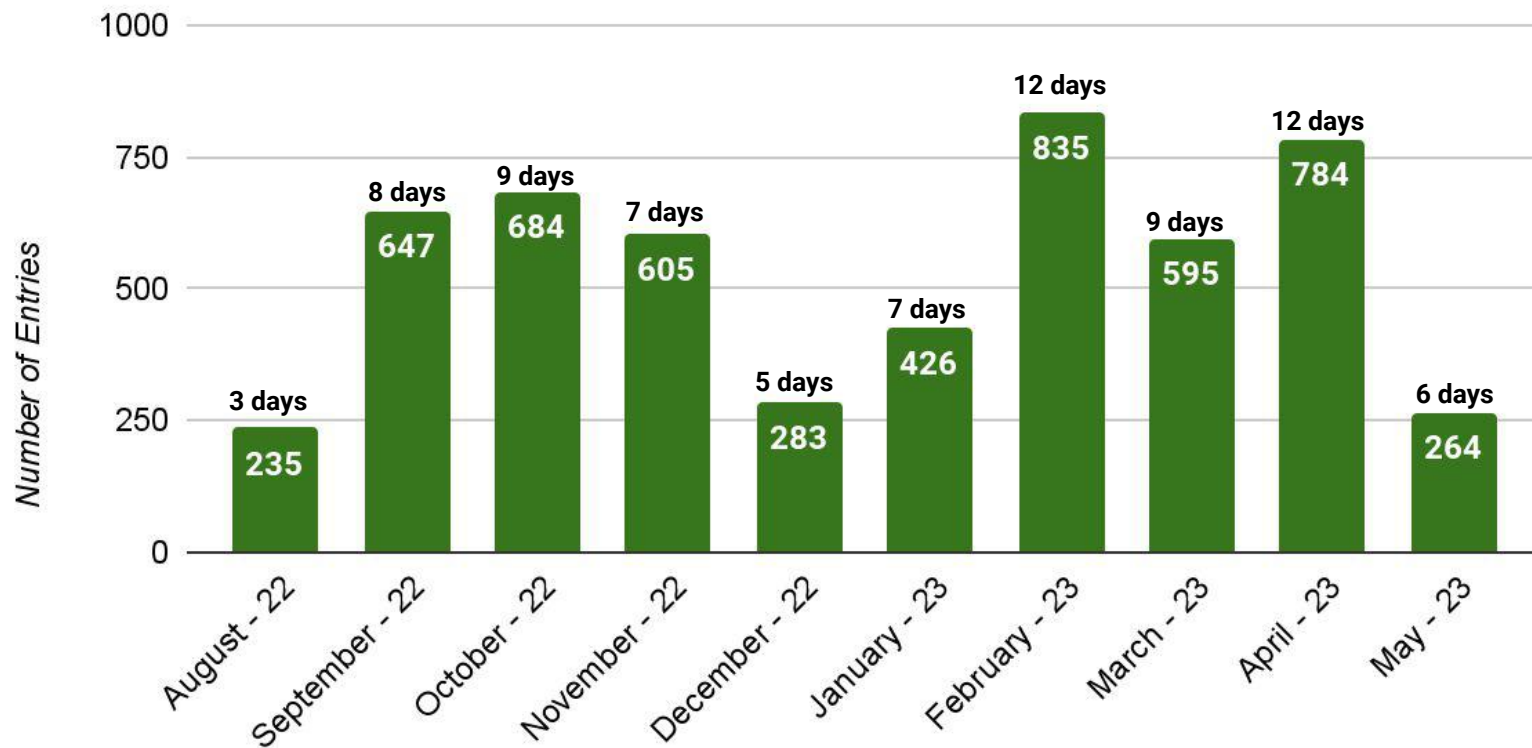
## Pantry Distributions by Month, Total 23,575 pounds



The months of August, December, January, and May are semester opening and closing (partial) months. In March we were closed during Spring Recess but implemented higher limits the week before Spring Recess to allow students to stock up for the extra week.

# Number of Total Pantry Entries by Month (5,358 Total Visits)

Fall 2022 - Spring 2023

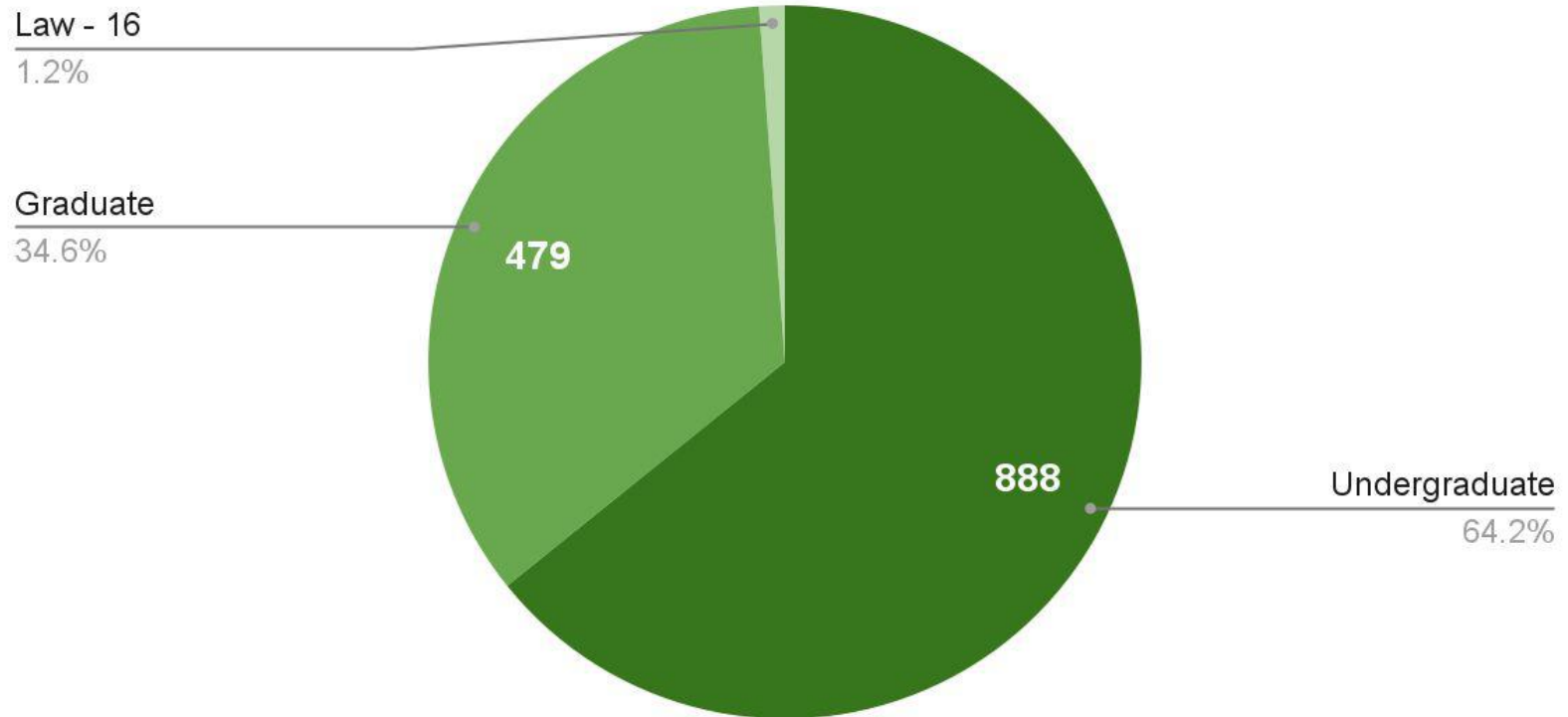


The days in the bar chart indicate the number of days the pantry was open by month.



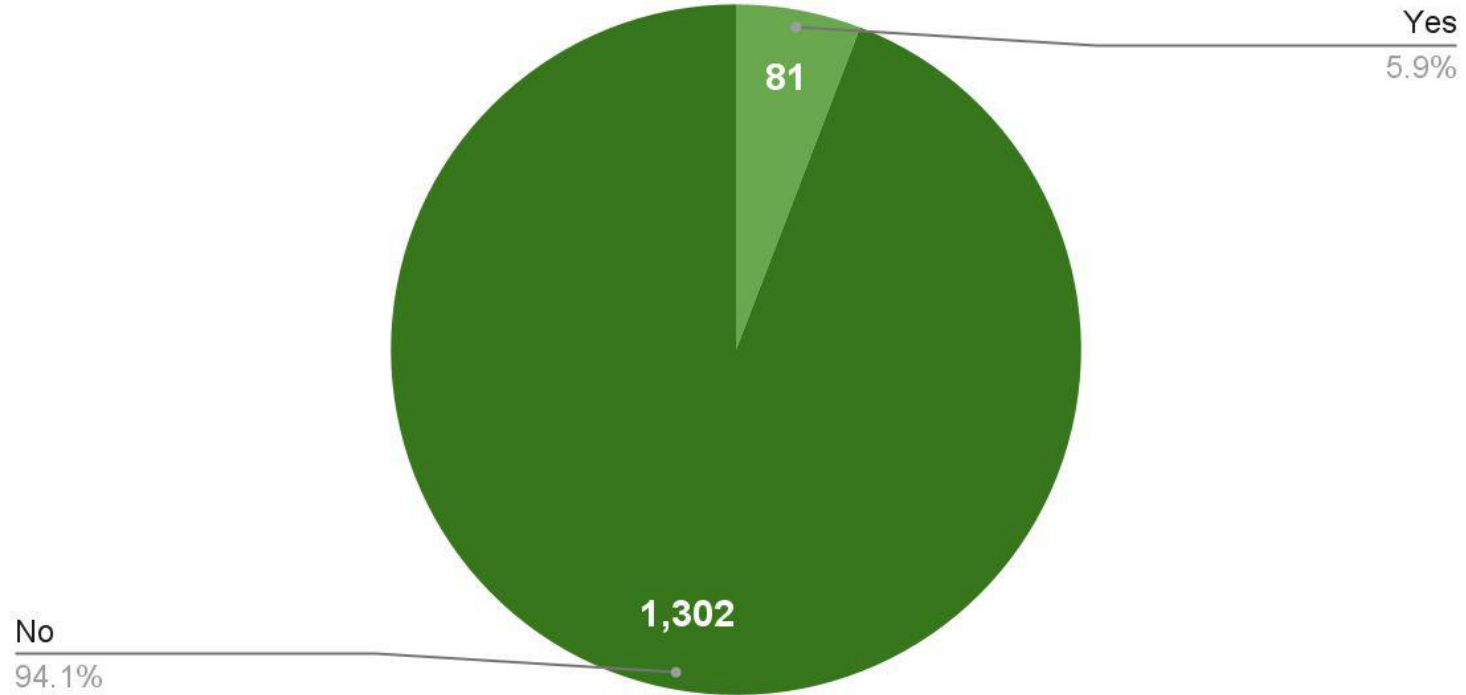
# 1,383 Total Unique Students Served @ Pantry

Fall 2022 - Spring 2023



# UHM Student Housing Resident

1,302 includes Commuters and students who reside in EWC Housing



# Food Drop

# Food Drop @ the Campus Center Courtyard

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

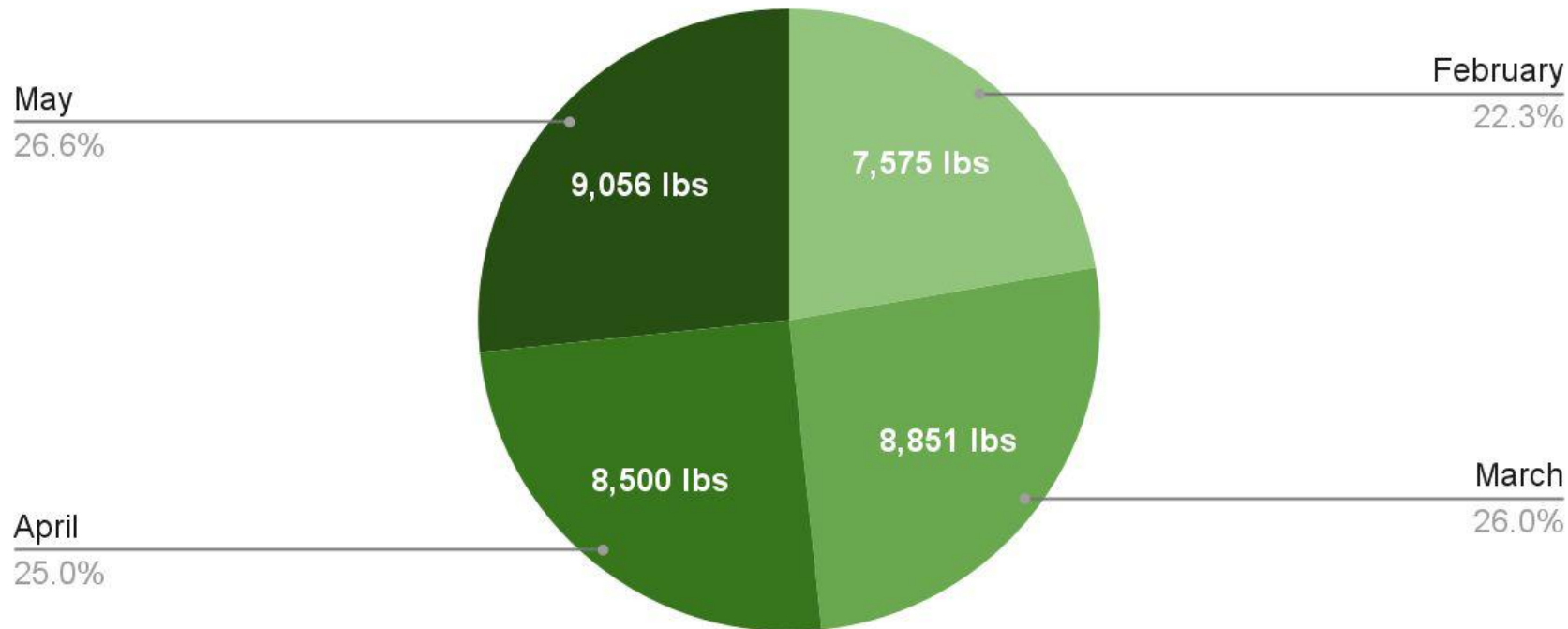
After a brief pause during covid, Food Drop @ Campus Center Courtyard returned in February 8, 2023.

**32,982 lbs** of food was distributed through the Food Drop events to 732 unique UHM students and 55 unique community members



# Food Drop @ The Campus Center Courtyard

Total of 33,982 lbs food distributed in Spring 2023

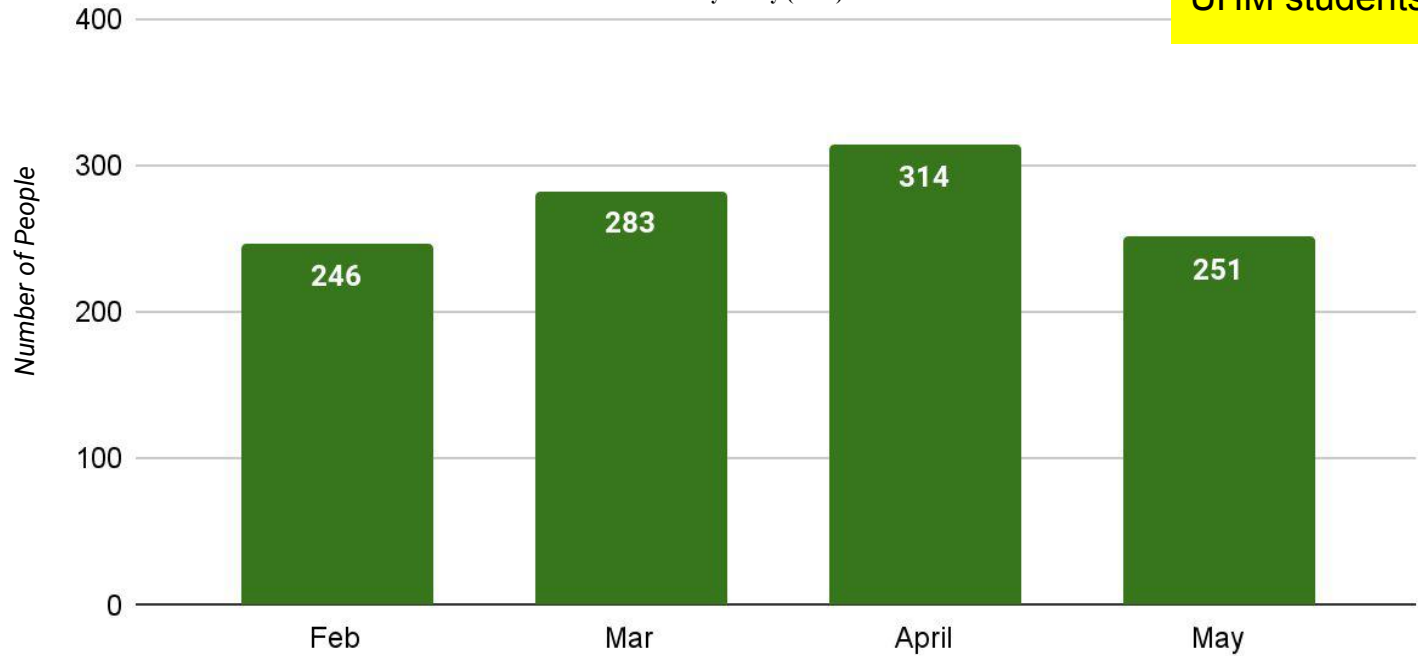


# Food Drop Participants

Total Participants - 1,094

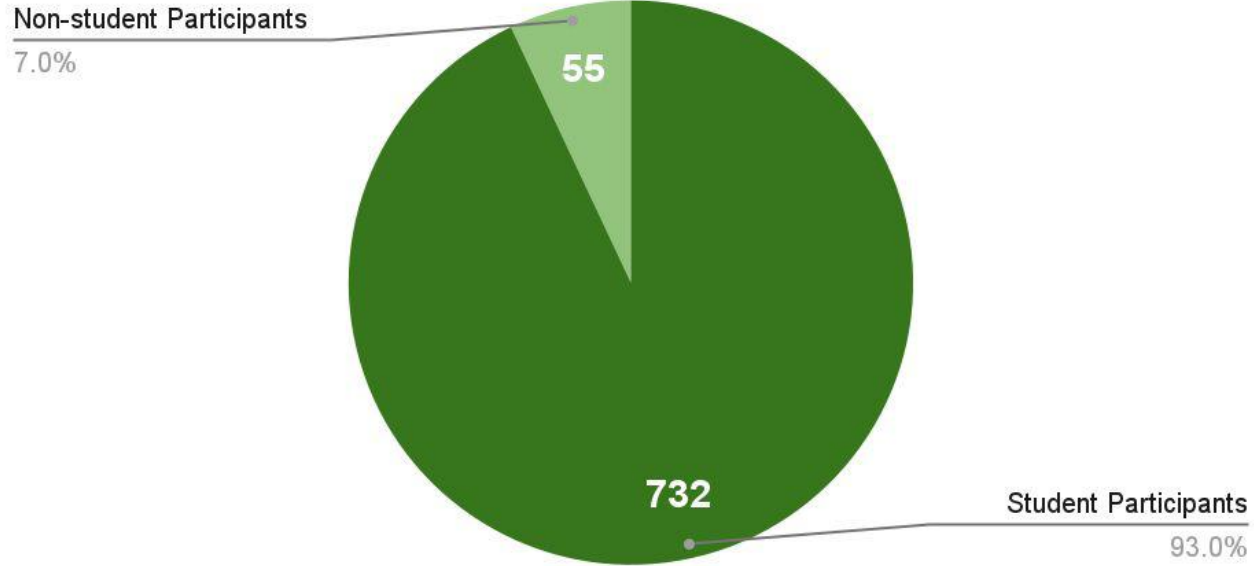
February - May (2023)

94.8% self-identified as  
UHM students (1,037)



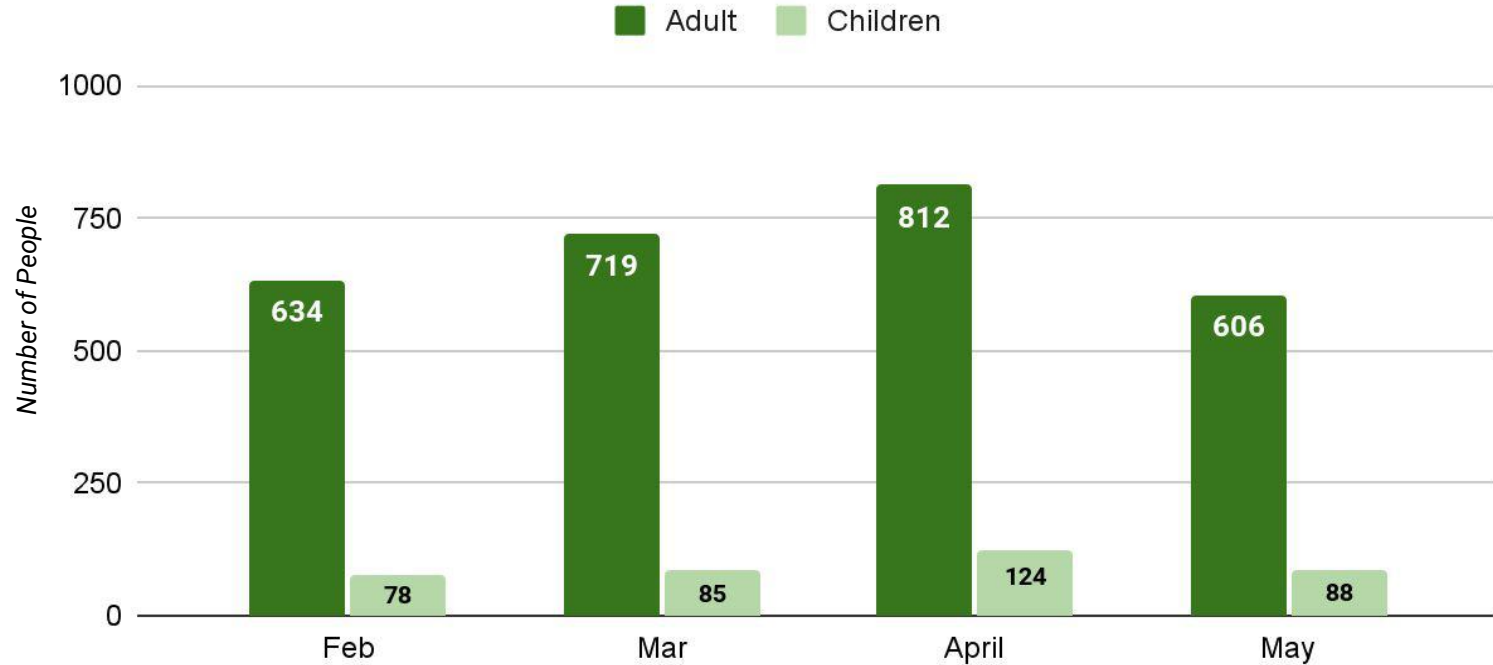
# Food Drop Unique Participants

Total Unique Participants - 787



# Food Drop Household Impact

Total Household Members - 3,146



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



# Thanksgiving

# THANKSGIVING

## Meal Giveaway

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2022



**FVH Pantry Users: Enter to win!**  
Up to 200 Thanksgiving meals will be provided.

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Choose one of the following Thanksgiving Day meal options

Brunch- 10:30am to 1pm

Dinner- 5:00pm to 7:30pm

Hale Aloha Cafe  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

## Thanksgiving Meal Program

In fall 2022, FVH partnered with Sodexo to offer students in need a Thanksgiving meal at Hale Aloha Cafe.

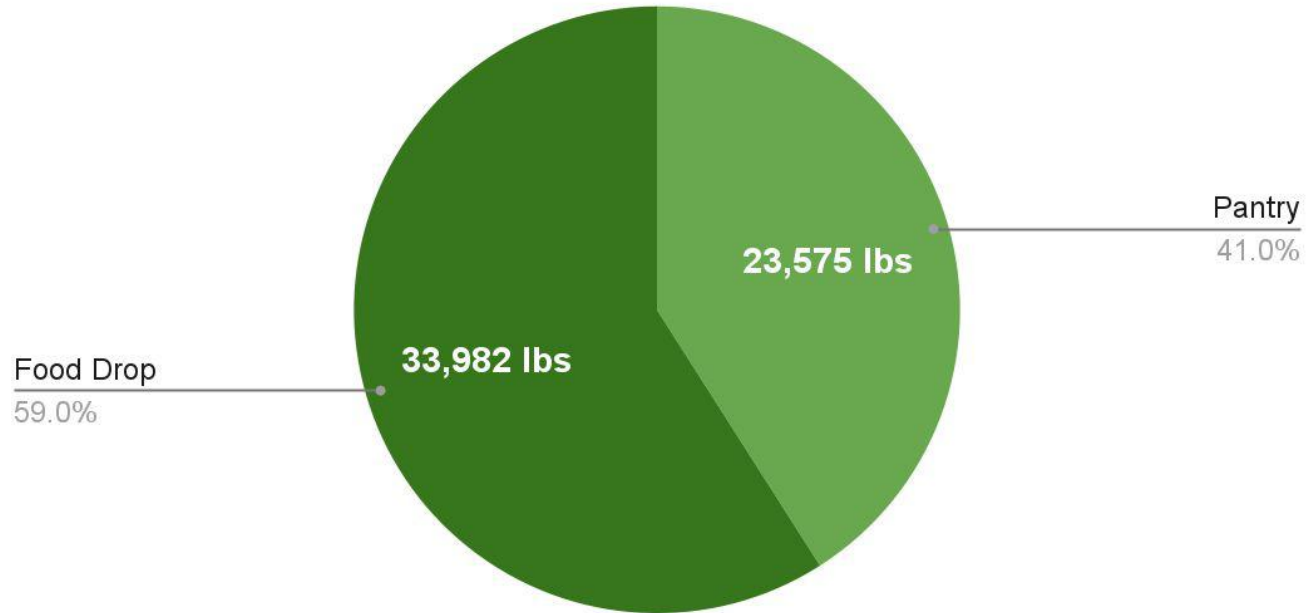
**140 Thanksgiving meals were claimed on Thanksgiving Day.**

FVH and Sodexo split the cost.

# Summary Data

# Total of 57,557 lbs of Food and Toiletries

Fall 2022 - Spring 2023

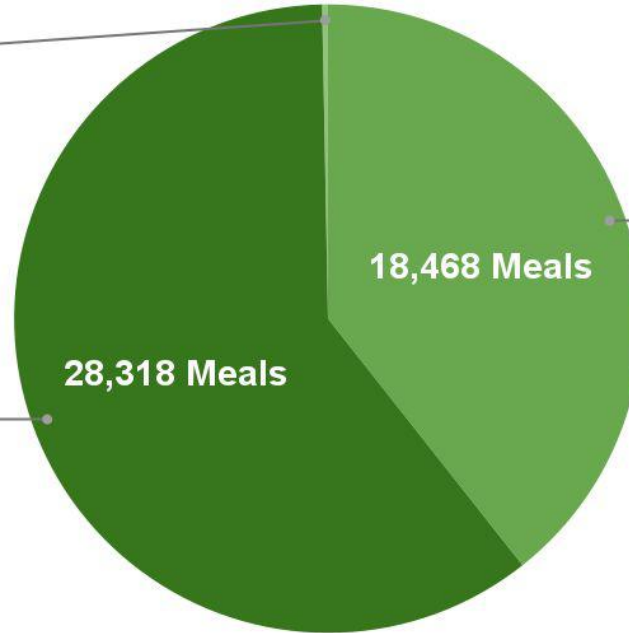


# Total of 46,926 Meals Distributed\*

Fall 2022 - Spring 2023

Thanksgiving - 140 Meals  
0.3%

Food Drop  
60.3%



Pantry  
39.4%

\*A meal is calculated as 1.2 pounds of food by Feeding America.

# Year 1 to Year 2 Comparison



Pantry Distribution (in pounds)			
	Food	Toiletries	Total
Year 1 In-Person	5,833	414	6,247
Year 2 In-Person	22,162	1,413	23,575
% Increase	279.92%	241.55%	277.38%
Total Entries			
	Pantry	Food Drop	Total
Year 1 In-Person	1,301	870	2,171
Year 2 In-Person	5,358	1,094	6,452
% Increase	311.84%	25.75%	197.19%
Total Unique Students at the Pantry			
	Undergraduate	Graduate	Total
Year 1 In-Person	288	59	347
Year 2 In-Person	888	495	1,383
% Increase	208.33%	738.98%	298.56%

# **Discussion and Looking Forward**

# Discussion

- COVID interrupted the pantry's pilot program therefore the pilot was extended to allow for 3 in-person years. Year 1: 2018-19, Year 2: 2022-23, Year 3: 2023-24.
- Based on use from Year 1 to Year 2, it is expected that demand for service from the pantry will continue to rise in Year 3.
  - Food distribution increased 279.92% from Year 1 to Year 2.
  - Toiletry distribution increased 241.55% from Year 1 to Year 2.
  - Entries increased 311.84% from Year 1 to Year 2 at the pantry.
  - Undergraduate student use increased 208%.33 from Year 1 to Year 2.
  - Graduate student use increased 738.98% from Year 1 to Year 2.
- Only 5.9% (81) of pantry users are residents in Student Housing Services
- 36% (8,024.9 lbs) of the food distributed from the pantry in 22-23 came from donations. 64% (14,137.1 lbs) came from direct purchasing.
- 73% (1,025.3 lbs) of the toiletries distributed from the pantry in 22-23 came from donations. 27% (387.7 lbs) came from purchasing.
- Additional opportunities were created to help alleviate demand at the pantry. This includes Food Drop @ the Campus Center Courtyard

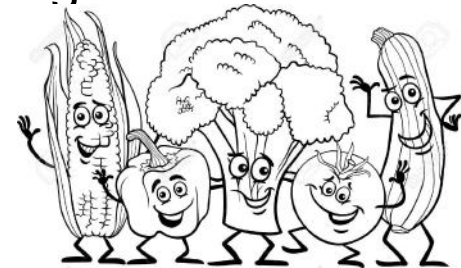


# Discussion (continued)

- Food Drop @ the Campus Center Courtyard is held on 2nd Wednesdays of the month. Wednesdays are the busiest foot traffic day in the Campus Center Complex.
- More food was distributed in 22-23 through Food Drop @ the Campus Center Courtyard than at the pantry.
- Food distributed from the Food Drop is provided by the Hawaii FoodBank.
- The ability to secure, train, and provide staff hours when student employees are not in classes impacts the hours of operation at the pantry.
- The ability to secure volunteers for the Food Drop who can commit at least 2-3 hours was challenging. A couple of faculty and/or retirees have provided dependable, consistent coverage.
- The Student Activity and Program Fee Board (SAPFB) provided funding for the food and toiletry purchasing in fiscal year 2023 and FVH will seek continued support for fiscal year 2024.
- The Campus Center Board continues to provide space, set-up, and other operational support for FVH initiatives.

# Looking Forward to 2023-24

- Complete Year 3 of the in-person pilot project in 23-24 (pantry)
- Continue offering expanded services (Food Drop, Thanksgiving Meal Program- no Sodexo sponsorship)
- Expand to offer period products in the Campus Center Complex
- Expand to offer the FVH Meal Swipe Program with Sodexo sponsorship and assistance
- In Spring 2024, gathering of a representative from ASUH, CCB, SAPFB, and SLD to review data, discuss progress and challenges during the pilot, and discuss next steps.





# 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

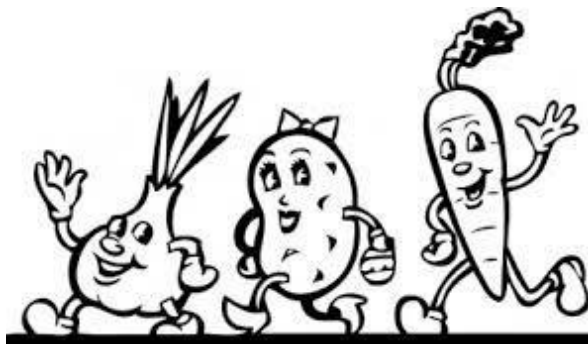
## Donate \$

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



# MAHALO to all FVH supporters

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