Food insecurity at HBCUs

VA Research has partnered with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to attract and fund promising early-career researchers. A team including a VA researcher studied the prevalence of food insecurity at four HBCUs in the Southeast U.S. and found that nearly 3 in 4 students reported some FI in the past year.

73% of students reported some level of food insecurity

Conclusion: “Students attending HBCUs experience FI at levels that exceed estimates reported among students attending predominantly White institutions. More work is needed to understand the lived experience of food-insecure HBCU students … to ensure [that] institution-level food policies support student academic success and wellbeing.”