

## **Stockton Poll: Atlantic County Residents Faced**

desirability of diet with little or no indication of reduced food intake,” while very low food security is characterized as “disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake.” The poll found instances of both low and very low food security among some residents.

Atlantic County residents living in urban municipalities (Atlantic City, Pleasantville, Ventnor and Egg Harbor City) are more likely to face food insecurity than those in suburban and rural locales. According to the poll, 28 percent of those in urban municipalities have run out of food before they had the money to buy more, compared to 15 percent of those living outside these cities.

<b>In the past 12 months, have you:</b>	<b>Urban municipalities:</b>	<b>Non-urban</b>
Run out of food and did not have the money to buy more right away?	28%	15%
Wished you could eat more healthy meals but cannot afford the cost?	37%	28%
Wished you could eat more fruits and vegetables but could not afford		

of food before they were able to buy more. Among those with a graduate degree, it drops further to 8 percent.

“It’s heartbreaking to see so many families on food lines during the current crisis. We should remember that for many people in our own back yard, this is an everyday reality,” Froomjian said.

The Hughes Center is conducting additional research on the food insecurity issue this summer.

Complete poll results are at [stockton.edu/hughes-center](http://stockton.edu/hughes-center)

