

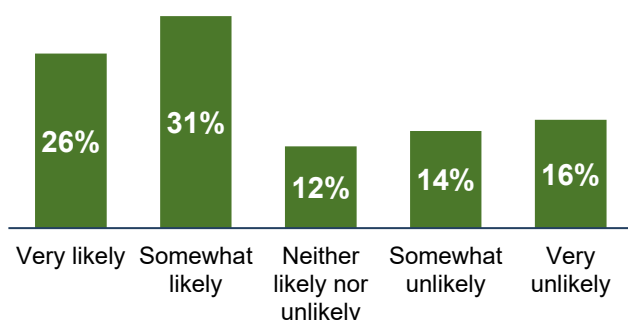
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: FOOD SERVICES AT TCC

To better understand student experiences surrounding TCC's food service offerings, students responded to a series of optional questions regarding the extent to which they utilize food services at TCC, their experience with current food offerings across the District, and preferences for food services that may be offered at a later date.

Likelihood of Using Food Services

Of the 1,778 respondents who answered at least one question on the 2025SP *Student Preferences and Experiences Survey*, **305 respondents** (~17%) opted into a secondary survey and answered at least one question about food services at TCC.

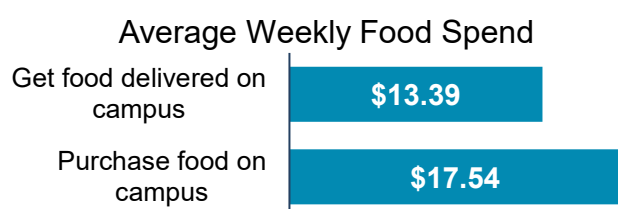
How likely are you to purchase food on campus?
(N = 305)



- **57%** of respondents indicated that they would be either **very likely** or **somewhat likely** to purchase food at a TCC campus. (N = 305)
- Among respondents who were either **somewhat unlikely** or **very unlikely** to purchase food at a TCC campus, roughly **50%** said that the food is too expensive or that they do not like the food options. (N = 93)

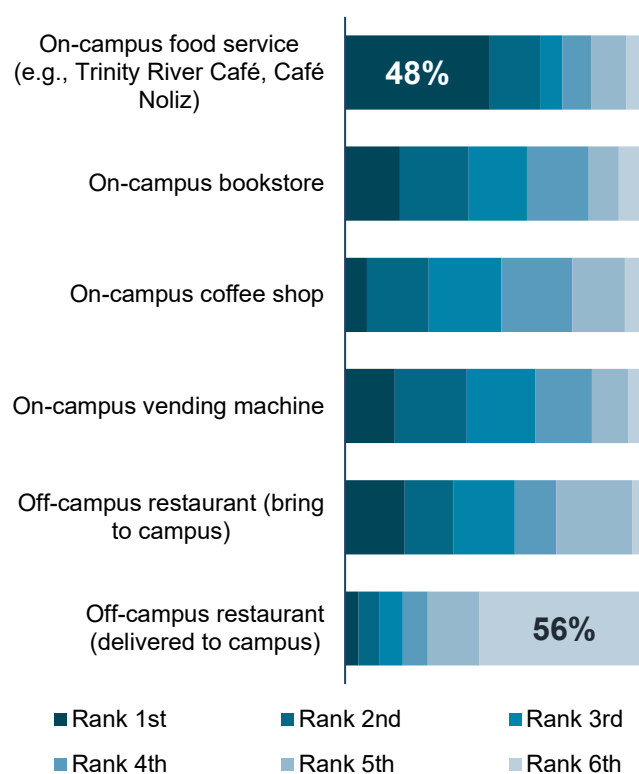
Student Usage and Spending on Food

Respondents shared how often they would utilize various types of food services and the amount of money that they would expect to spend by purchasing food on a TCC campus.



- On average, respondents indicated that in a typical week they would expect to spend about **\$13.00** to get food delivered to campus and over **\$17.50** to purchase food on campus.
(N = 156 to 168)

Ranked Preference for Food Vendor



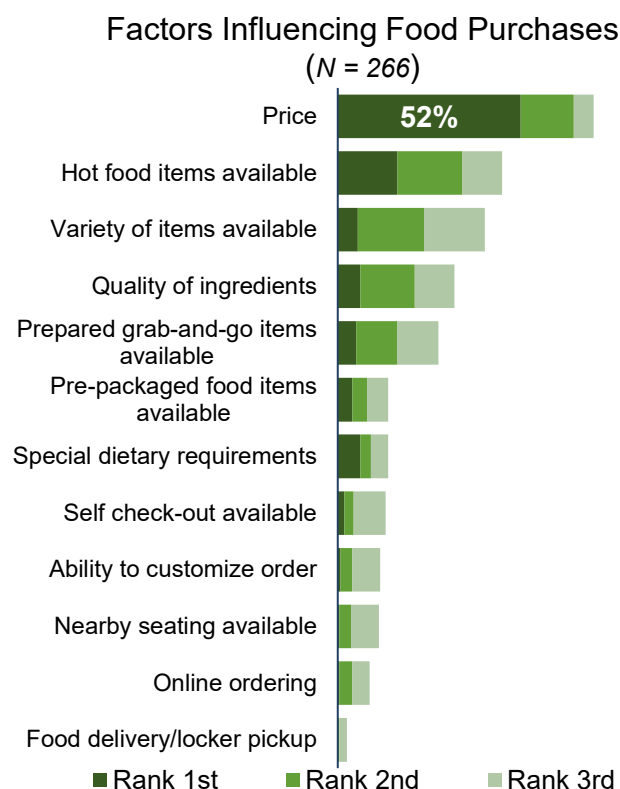
Additionally, respondents ranked their preference for where they would like to purchase food to consume at a TCC campus.

- Respondents indicated that their **main preference** for a food vendor would be an **on-campus food service** such as Trinity River Café or Café Noliz. (N = 196)
- The vendor option that ranked last in terms of student preference was an off-campus restaurant delivered to campus, suggesting that students may not want to utilize a delivery service as a replacement for on-campus food options. (N = 152)

Student Motivators to Purchase Food

Respondents considered various factors that influenced their decision to purchase food at TCC campuses and ranked their top three.

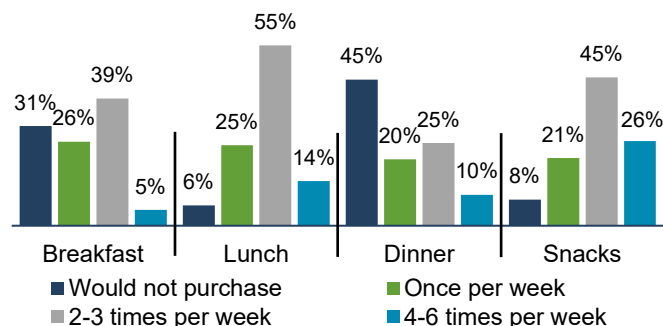
Over **50%** of respondents said that the **price of food options** was the most important factor impacting their decision to purchase food on campus while the availability of online ordering and food delivery/locker pickup were the least important factors influencing their decision to purchase food.



Time and Location of Food Purchases

- Respondents indicated that they would purchase **lunch** and **snacks** more frequently than they would purchase breakfast and dinner.
(N = 255 to 258)
- The campus with the highest percentage of respondents who said they would purchase at least one meal or snack was **Trinity River (55%)** while only **40%** of respondents said they would purchase a meal or snack from the **Southeast** or **South** campuses. (N = 178 to 196)

Food Purchases per Week



Respondents also submitted open-ended comments regarding their preferences and experience with food services at TCC. Nearly **60%** of comments touched on the need for **more affordable food options**, a **wider variety of food options**, **increased availability of food** from on-campus vendors, or the **availability of healthier food options**. (N = 203)

Final Considerations

About one in five students who responded to the *2025SP Student Preferences and Experiences Survey* opted into a second survey about TCC's food services, which could indicate a marked percentage of students are somewhat ambivalent regarding food choices at TCC or they are unlikely to purchase food on campus. However, there may be opportunities to better align offerings with student preferences. While **57%** indicated that they were **very likely** or **somewhat likely** to purchase food on a TCC campus, more than **90%** of respondents said that, if their preferences could be met, they would be **very likely** or **somewhat likely** to purchase food on a TCC campus. (N = 273)

Overall, respondents' attitudes toward food services were most impacted by considerations of **food prices** along with the **variety and availability of food items**. Respondents indicated that they prefer to purchase food from **on-campus vendors** and are most likely to purchase food for **lunch** or a **snack** while on campus.

Over **15%** of survey respondents said that they were **experiencing food insecurity** at the time of the survey. (N = 1,261)

APPENDIX: STUDENTS ON CAMPUS NEAR MEALTIMES

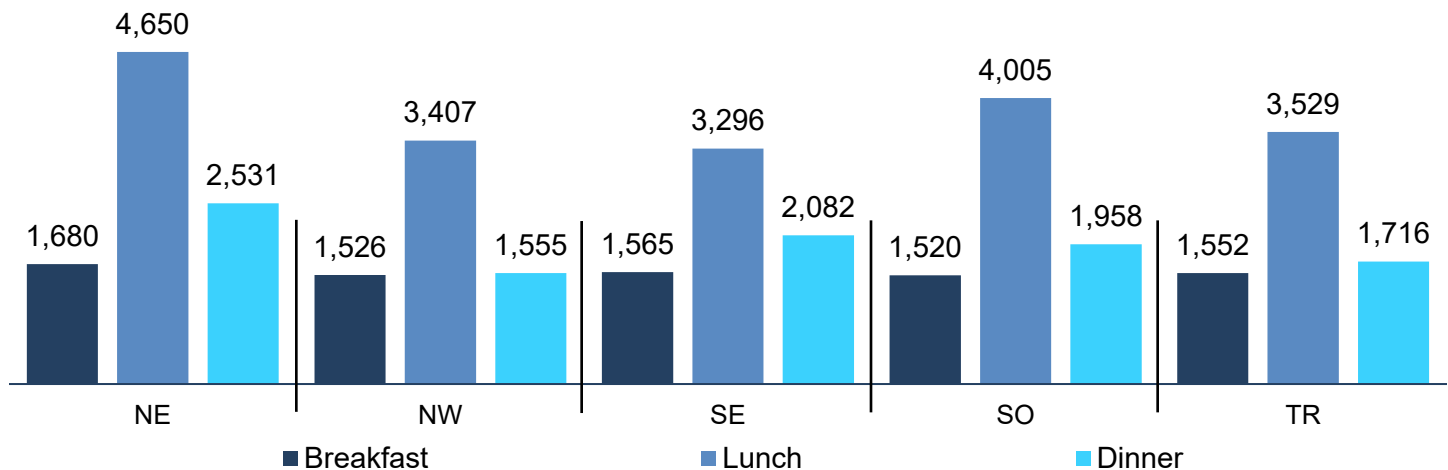
This appendix presents headcount numbers during mealtimes for each day of the week and campus location across the TCC district in the 2025SP term. Enrollment numbers are determined by the number of students with an in-person course that overlaps with breakfast, lunch, or dinner times. Mealtimes are defined as follows:

Breakfast (7:00am – 9:00am)

Lunch (11:00am – 2:00pm)

Dinner (4:30pm – 8:00pm)

2025SP Headcount During Mealtimes, Daily Average by Campus



Mealtime Headcount by Day of Week, % of Total Daily Headcount

| 2024SP-2025SP Student Headcount During Meal Times by Day of the Week (% of Total Daily Headcount) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|-----------------|-------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Campus | Term | Day of the Week | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Monday | | | Tuesday | | | Wednesday | | | Thursday | | |
| | | Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner | Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner | Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner | Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner |
| NE | 2024SP | 29% | 81% | 46% | 27% | 82% | 45% | 28% | 80% | 46% | 27% | 82% | 45% |
| | 2024FL | 31% | 81% | 47% | 30% | 81% | 47% | 31% | 81% | 47% | 31% | 82% | 46% |
| | 2025SP | 30% | 82% | 45% | 29% | 82% | 45% | 30% | 83% | 44% | 30% | 83% | 45% |
| NW | 2024SP | 36% | 81% | 37% | 36% | 81% | 37% | 36% | 81% | 37% | 36% | 81% | 38% |
| | 2024FL | 37% | 82% | 38% | 38% | 83% | 38% | 38% | 82% | 38% | 38% | 83% | 38% |
| | 2025SP | 38% | 83% | 38% | 37% | 82% | 37% | 37% | 83% | 38% | 36% | 82% | 37% |
| SE | 2024SP | 38% | 81% | 46% | 38% | 81% | 45% | 38% | 81% | 46% | 38% | 81% | 45% |
| | 2024FL | 35% | 79% | 51% | 36% | 79% | 50% | 35% | 79% | 51% | 36% | 78% | 50% |
| | 2025SP | 37% | 81% | 50% | 38% | 78% | 51% | 37% | 81% | 49% | 38% | 78% | 51% |
| SO | 2024SP | 33% | 81% | 39% | 33% | 81% | 38% | 33% | 82% | 39% | 33% | 81% | 38% |
| | 2024FL | 33% | 82% | 39% | 32% | 82% | 40% | 33% | 82% | 39% | 32% | 81% | 40% |
| | 2025SP | 32% | 82% | 40% | 31% | 82% | 41% | 32% | 83% | 40% | 31% | 83% | 40% |
| TR | 2024SP | 33% | 85% | 40% | 34% | 85% | 39% | 34% | 85% | 41% | 33% | 85% | 39% |
| | 2024FL | 32% | 82% | 41% | 34% | 82% | 41% | 34% | 82% | 41% | 34% | 82% | 41% |
| | 2025SP | 36% | 84% | 41% | 38% | 84% | 40% | 37% | 84% | 41% | 38% | 84% | 41% |