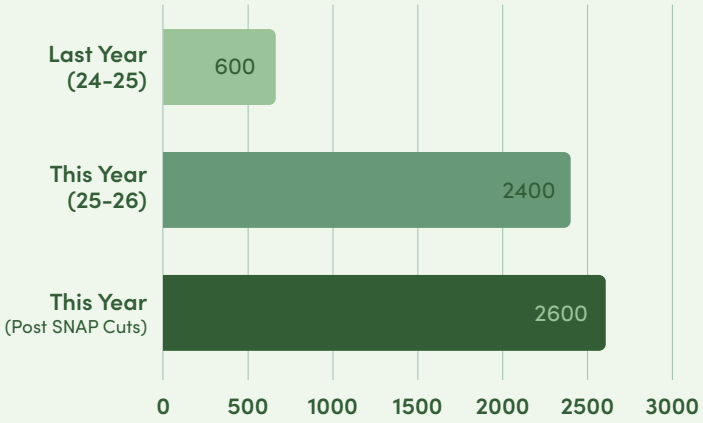
WHOLE PANTRY

2025-2026 Academic Year

Students voted for a new Food Security Fee of $4.50 per quarter which was implemented in Fall 2025. For the first time, one dedicated staff person oversees the order, stocking, restocking, and assessment for the WHOLE food pantry in Viking Union 435. Recognizing that **over half of WWU students face basic needs insecurities**, there is no barrier to using the food pantry.

Pantry use in 2024-25 (prior to the new fee) averaged **600 visits per week**, and this year visits increased rapidly from **1500 to 2400 to 2600 per week.** The WHOLE pantry supplies an average of **5000 lbs of food** to students each week. While the dedicated fee funding allows for stable planning as we look to a second as we look to a second pantry in the Student Development & Success Center, the WHOLE food pantry relies on many community partners and contributors including continued support from donations through Western's Foundation. These donations allow us to continue meeting the needs of students in a more holistic way.

Student Traffic Per Week



Food Rescue

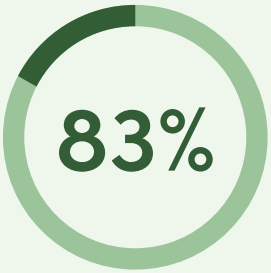
WHOLE recovers an average of 700 lbs of food each week. 27,500 lbs this academic year.

Community Partners

We're grateful to our major community partners:

- Generous community donors
- WWU Outback Farm
- Sustainable Connections
- Trader Joe's
- Bellingham Community Food Co-op
- Bellingham Food Bank
- Avenue Bread
- Great Harvest Bread
- WWU Sustainability Engagement Institute
- City Sprouts Farm

of students who visit WHOLE live off-campus



of students who visit WHOLE do not have a meal plan*

Of students have access to off-campus community resources for food & basic needs*

*Data was gathered through pop-up survey's that users could opt into on the spot. 236 respondents.