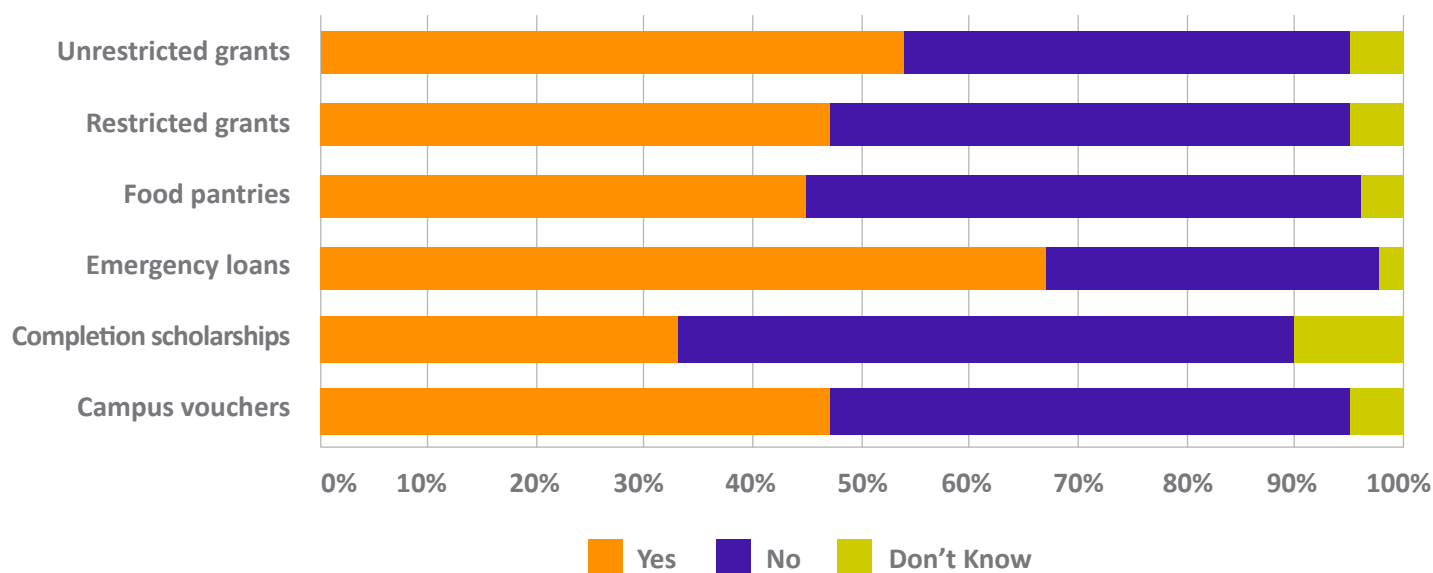


Emergency aid programs

Two out of three higher education institutions provide emergency loans to students.

Emergency aid across two- and four-year public and private institutions



Source: Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (NASPA), “[Landscape Analysis of Emergency Aid Programs](#),” 2016.



Students face many barriers to completing college credentials. An unexpected financial crisis can seriously derail a student’s progress. One approach institutions have used to respond to these needs is to allocate targeted resources to help students stay enrolled and achieve their credentials. According to a recent study, about 82 percent of surveyed colleges and universities have offered emergency aid programs for longer than three years. Of those institutions, emergency loans were the most frequent (67 percent) type of assistance delivered. Nearly half of the institutions indicated that they have food pantries (45 percent) or campus vouchers (47 percent) that qualifying students can use to buy books, food, transportation passes or other items directly from college services. The colleges used various communication tools to reach students and distribute these resources, but word of mouth was reported as the most frequent method used.

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