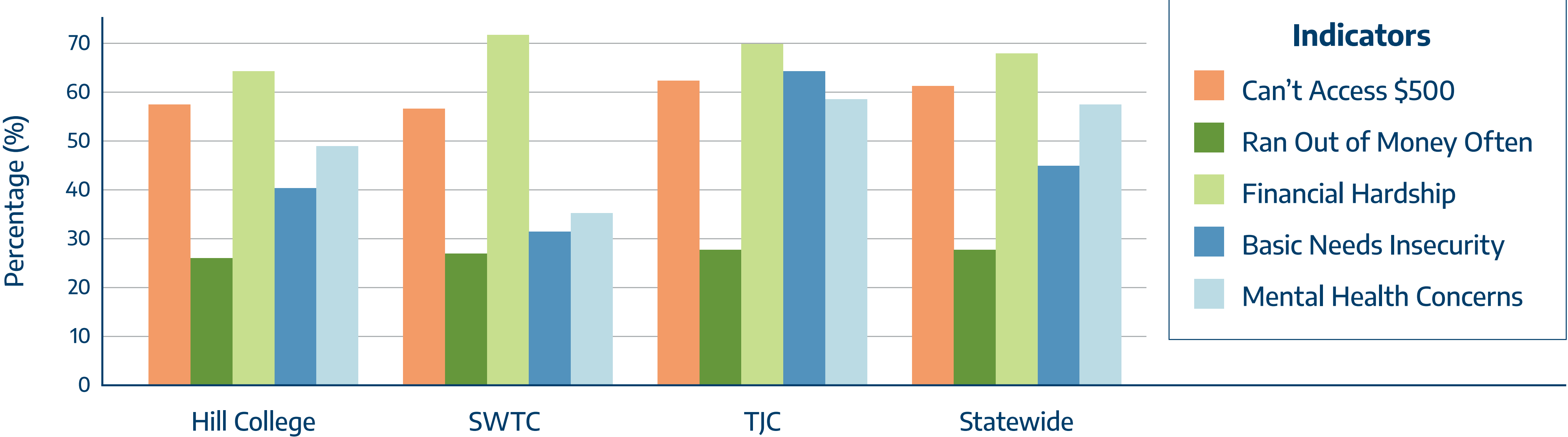


Addressing Basic Needs Insecurity as a Value Proposition in Texas Community Colleges

Problem Statement:

- 61% of Texas community college students report at least one basic needs insecurity (food, housing, etc.).
- These students have significantly lower rates of course completion, GPA, and persistence.
- Existing services (food pantries, emergency aid) show that unmet needs are a primary barrier to student success.

Student Basic Needs Insecurity Indicators by Institution



Changes or Reforms Proposed:

- Create a centralized Basic-Needs Hub with a single intake and data tracking.
- Add Basic-Needs Navigators for referrals within 24 hours.
- Launch \$250 to \$500 emergency micro-grant program with same-day disbursement.
- Deliver training for faculty/staff on recognizing basic needs issues.
- Develop a comprehensive marketing campaign to raise awareness.
- Adopt a Standardized data collection tool for capturing student stop out patterns.
- Evaluate collected data, ensuring alignment with House Bill 8 metrics.

Expected Outcomes:

- Increased course completion, GPA, and term-to-term persistence.
- Data-driven return on investment/return on mission to inform college budgeting.
- Improved alignment with House Bill 8 performance-based funding.

Timeline:

Brazos Valley Region	Major Milestones	Dates
Planning & Designing	Form a task force, build a budget, select software, create workflows, draft training curriculum, identify partners (e.g. food bank, social services referrals, etc.), sign agreements, build tracking and evaluation plans, hire Navigators	Fall 2025
Launch Pilot	Open Basic Needs Hubs, start data collection	Spring 2026
Mid-Point Review	Review of hub usage and case load, KPIs of persistence, GPA, completion/transfer	Summer 2026
Continue Pilot	Continue through Fall Semester	Fall 2026
Year End Review	Review usage, data KPIs, analyze return on mission, HB 8 performance funding metrics, make recommendation on scale up of program	Early Spring 2027
Scale Up	Prepare and present budget request	Spring 2027
Sustain & Improve	Implement full scale program, review regularly for continuous improvement opportunities	Fall 2027