

Latino participation in COVID-19 rent relief efforts

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HOUSING INSECURITY PERSISTS FOR RENTERS OF COLOR AMID THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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How effective were COVID relief policies in reaching Latinos and people of color?

Policy Report → COVID-19

Undocumented During COVID-19: Essential for the Economy but Excluded from Relief

Published → August 10, 2020

A UCLA study published today found the exclusion of undocumented residents and their families from the \$1,200 given to taxpayers a result of the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a loss of \$10 billion in potential economic output.

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Left Behind During a Global Pandemic: An Analysis of Los Angeles County Neighborhoods at Risk of Not Receiving COVID-19 Individual Rebates Under the CARES Act

Published → April 13, 2020

Amid the pandemic, Los Angeles County is facing disruption to its economy. LPPI estimates the proportion of Los Angeles County's population that is least likely to receive a CARES Act individual rebate, to identify the communities that require targeted assistance in the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Jobless During A Global Pandemic: The Disparate Impact of COVID-19 on Workers of Color in the World's Fifth Largest Economy

Published → June 11, 2020

LPPI examines the California labor force to identify workers who are jobless as a result of COVID-19. This report assesses these workers' ability to access unemployment benefits, especially along racial and ethnic disparities.

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Policy Report → Mobility & Opportunity

Disparities in the Distribution of Paycheck Protection Program Funds in California's Congressional Districts

Published → March 2, 2021

This report analyzes inequities in the distribution of loans from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) across California's 53 congressional districts, with an emphasis on the impacts of the distribution of funds on racial equity.

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Policy Report → Mobility & Opportunity

Disparities in the Distribution of Paycheck Protection Program Funds Between Majority-White Neighborhoods and Neighborhoods of Color in California

Published → December 17, 2020

This report analyzes inequities in the distribution of loans from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) across neighborhoods with different racial or ethnic makeups in California.

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Isabel G., Business Owner, Lake Balboa, CA, April 2022

New Data Points on Income and Racial/Ethnic Disparities

Census Pulse Survey
July 2021–January 2022

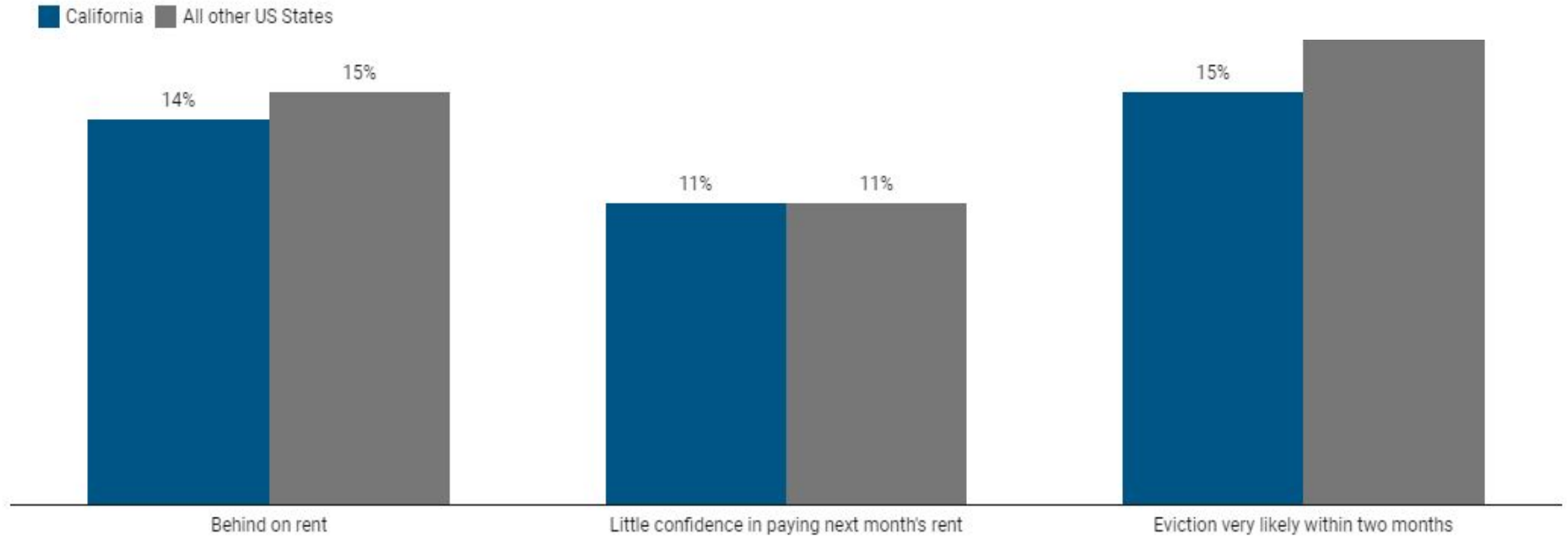
Application Rates
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distressed renters
facing or that could
potentially face
housing insecurity

Relief Rates
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14% of California Renters Are Experiencing Housing-related Stress

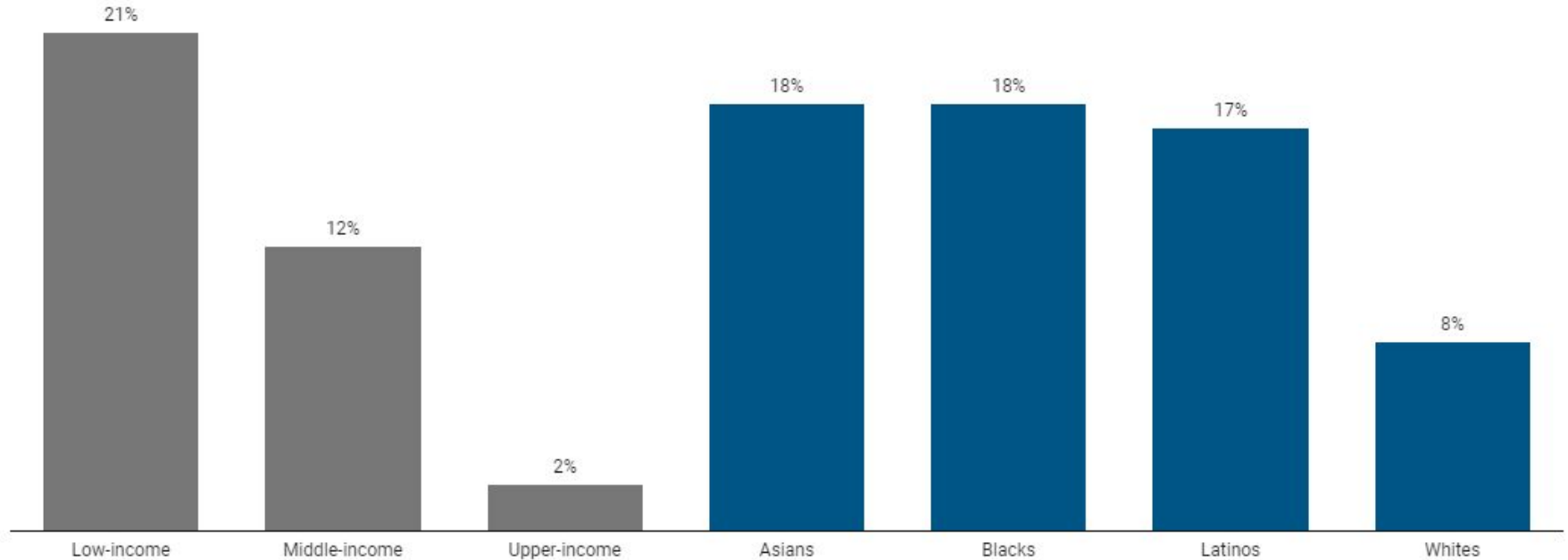
Figure 1. Renters who experienced housing-related stress, July 21, 2021–January 10, 2022



Source: Authors' calculations from US Census Bureau, Household Pulse Survey, weeks 34 to 41 (July 21, 2021–January 10, 2022).

Low-Income and Renters of Color Are More Likely to Struggle to Keep Up with Rent

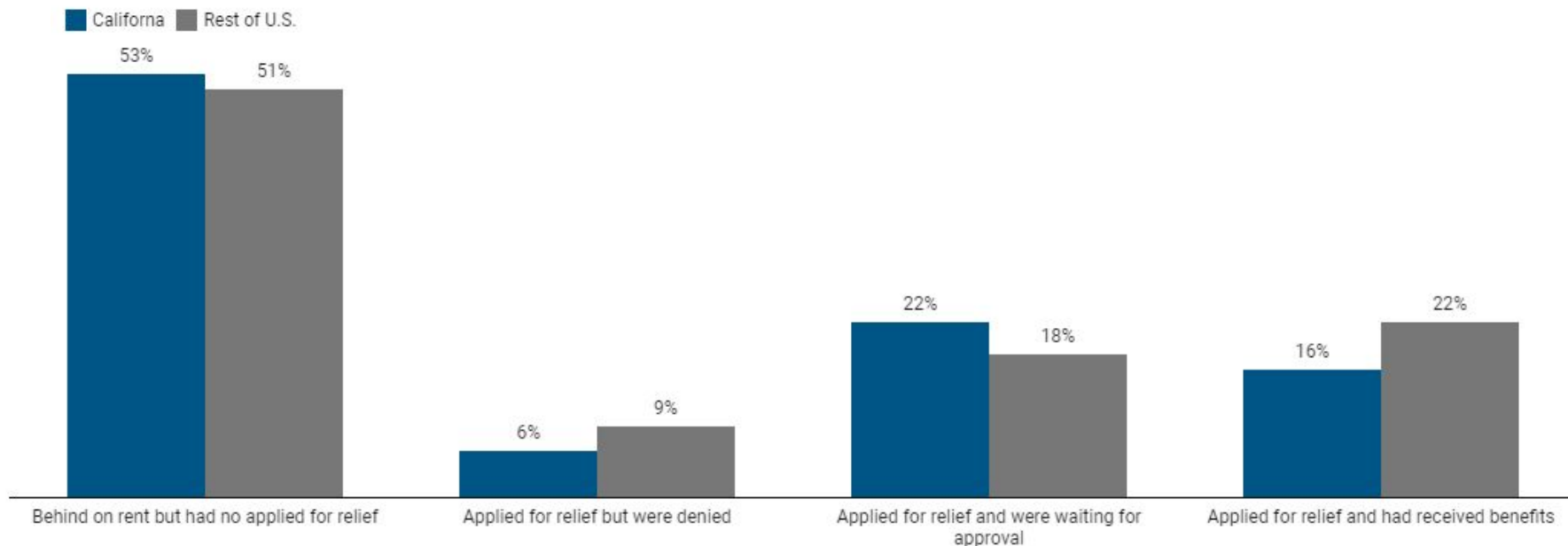
Figure 2. Californians who were behind on rent, by income class and race/ethnicity, July 21, 2021–January 10



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A Majority of California Renters Experiencing Housing-Related Stress Did Not Benefit from Rent Relief Programs

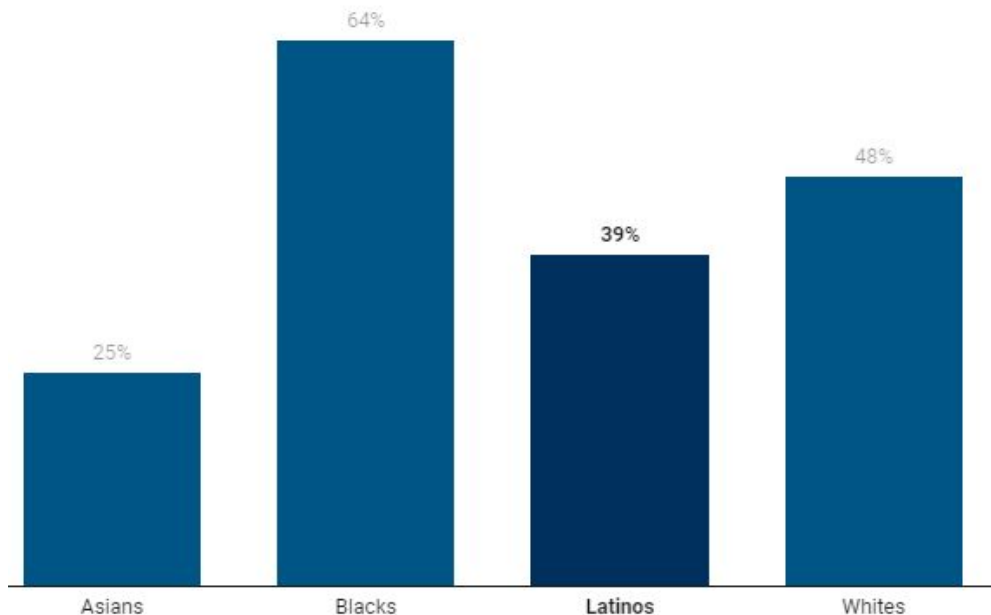
Figure 3. Distressed renters, by participation in rent relief programs, July 21, 2021–January 10, 2022



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Asian American, and Latino Renters Are Severely Underrepresented Among Applicants for Rent Relief

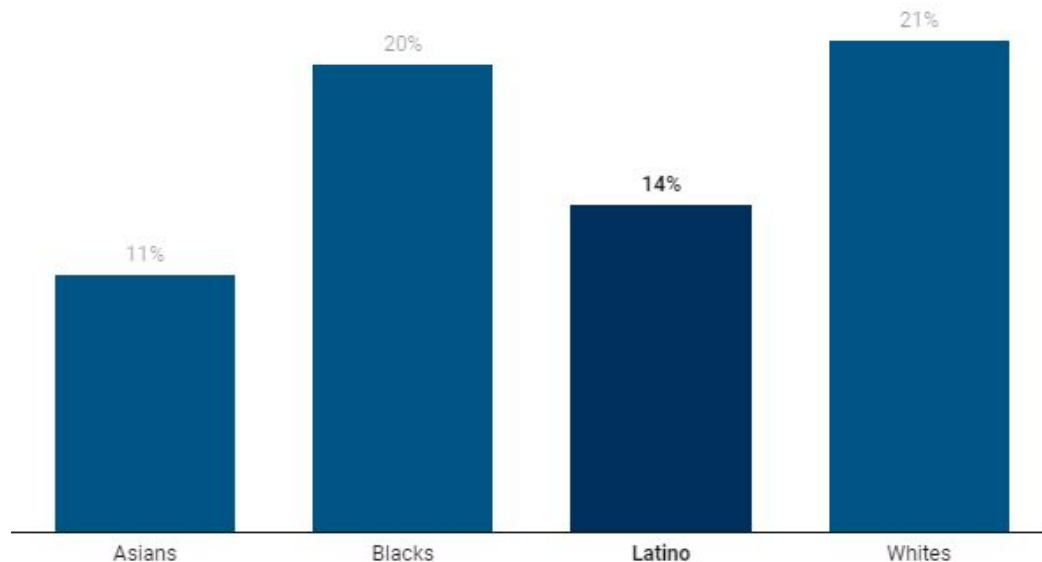
Figure 4. Distressed California renters who applied for rent relief



Source: Authors' calculations from US Census Bureau, Household Pulse Survey, weeks 34 to 41 (July 21, 2021–January 10, 2022).

Asian American, and Latino Renters Are Severely Underrepresented among Those Receiving Debt Relief

Figure 5. Distressed California renters who received rent relief



Source: Authors' calculations from US Census Bureau, Household Pulse Survey, weeks 34 to 41 (July 21, 2021–January 10, 2022).

“Y si me afecta para arreglar mis papeles en el futuro?”

What if it affects my ability to fix my papers in the future?

“Even though I have college degree, navigating the application process was still a pretty difficult process”

“I paid with a credit card (that I didn't have the funds to pay back)...the City said I couldn't apply because I technically hadn't missed a payment.”

“My family member was ashamed to apply, they didn't want to others to know we we're struggling”

Recommendations

**Extend the
Emergency
Renters
Assistance
Program (ERAP)**
until
unemployment
rates for all
racial/ethnic
groups fall below
pre-pandemic
rates

**Extend other
emergency
safety-net
programs**
until
unemployment
rates for all
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groups fall below
pre-pandemic
rates

**Streamline the
application
process for
applying to
safety-net relief
programs**
vs
a single
application for
each program

**More funding for
community
based
organizations**
to be the trusted
messengers



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