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About the Survey

- N=1,200 Latinos, nationally representative sample of Latinos in U.S.
- Field dates: April 7-12, 2020
- English or Spanish (41%), according to respondent preference
- Blended mode: online and live phone interviews
- Impact and reactions to COVID19 health and economic crisis
- Largest and most comprehensive survey of Latinos on these issues
COVID-19 HEALTH-RELATED CONCERNS AND RISKS
On the whole, what are the most important issues facing your community that you think Congress and the President should address? (Record up to 3 responses)

NOTE: In February health care costs and income/wages were already top issues. COVID19 has amplified concerns.

62% - Responding to COVID19 Coronavirus
35% - Lower health care costs
26% - Improve wages and incomes
24% - Unemployment
17% - Racism against Latinos and immigrants
COVID-19 in Latino Community and Households

- 70% of Latinos are following news about COVID19 very closely, another 24% somewhat closely. That makes sense because:

- 22% of all Latino adults KNOW someone who is ill due to coronavirus. Slightly more than one out of five.

- These numbers are undoubtedly higher now. Since the survey completed, just two weeks ago, more than 400,000 new confirmed cases and more than 30,000 have lost their lives to COVID-19.
Concerns and Experience with COVID-19 impact on health care access

More than half of Latinos have put off medical appointments because of the current health crisis.

During this global pandemic, one out of five Latinos has already lost their employer-provided health insurance.

Due to COVID19/coronavirus [are/have] you or someone in your household:

- Concerned local hospitals will not have enough supplies: 86%
- Difficulty finding necessities (e.g. medicine, food, supplies): 66%
- Worry about losing health insurance: 63%
- Cancelled or delayed medical appointments: 57%
- Lost employer-provided health insurance: 20%
Significant share of Latinos at Risk Due Continued Work Outside the Home

I do not feel safe performing my job right now because my job does not have the necessary procedures or equipment to protect me from getting COVID19/coronavirus. (percent agree)

Large numbers still work in both blue and white collar essential jobs including agriculture, health care, sanitation, and delivery services.

More than one-third of Latinos working outside their home do NOT feel safe due to lack of equipment and/or workplace procedures that put them at risk of contracting the coronavirus.

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COVID19 ECONOMIC-RELATED CONCERNS AND RISKS
Specifically thinking about the coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic, what are the most important issues facing your community that you think government should address? (Record up to 2 responses).

Economic concerns are a pressing priority.

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More immigrants (40%) and lower-income households (40%) experienced job loss.

54% of households with children (age 0 to 17) at home reported more furloughs or wages/hours cut.

29% of workers age 18-29 reported adding extra work duties without extra pay.

### Circumstances true for you/household due to coronavirus outbreak

- Pay cut: 46%
- Trouble making rent/mortgage: 43%
- Lost job: 35%
- Lost significant amount savings/retirement: 33%
- Closed business / big losses: 29%
- Increase work hours without extra pay: 18%
Two-thirds of Latino households report major income loss because they have either: a) lost a job or been furloughed, b) had pay or hours cut, c) lost a family owned business, or a combination of these factors.
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- Latinos
  - None of these: 35%
  - At least one of these: 34%
  - Two of these: 28%

- Children at home
  - None of these: 65%
  - At least one of these: 72%
  - Two of these: 39%

- Age 18-29 yrs
  - None of these: 76%
  - At least one of these: 72%
  - Two of these: 44%
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- Children at home: 72% None of these, 28% At least one of these, 12% Two of these, 39% All three
- Age 18-29 yrs: 76% None of these, 24% At least one of these, 17% Two of these, 44% All three
43% said they had trouble making April rent or mortgage.

54% are not getting a grace period or relief from their landlord or mortgage holder.

One-third (33%) have already lost a significant portion of their savings and retirement.

Saved for emergencies

- Less than $100: 34%
- $100 to $499: 16%
- $500 to $999: 13%
- $1000 to $2999: 15%
- $3000 to $4999: 8%
- $5000 to $9999: 6%
- More than $10,000: 8%

50% of Latinos
More Concerns Looking Ahead

Many Latino families are not confident they can financially survive. A stunning 76% worry that they will not be able to pay rent / mortgage or cover their basic expenses. Financial insecurity is very real and palpable to this community.

**Concerned that you or someone in your household**

- Someone will lose their job: 70%
- Will lose their savings or retirement: 73%
- Won't be able to pay rent or basic expenses: 76%
Despite the Economic Pain, Prevention and Health Remain Highest Priority
(Which statement do you agree with most)

We are all in this together and need to do whatever we can to prevent the spread of coronavirus. Even if it means a few more weeks of staying at home, missing work and/or school, that is a small price to pay in order to save millions of Americans from serious illness or death due to the coronavirus.

America needs to get back to work now. This has gone on too long; people are losing jobs and the economy is falling apart. It is a sad fact that some people will get sick and die when we all go back to our normal lives, but Americans need to get back to work so that the economy recovers and people keep their jobs.
COVID-19 EDUCATION-RELATED CONCERNS AND RISKS
Schooling Online Challenges

- Schooling from home presents a unique challenge for a predominantly working-class Latinos.

- 68% of Latino households have at least one student in grades K-12 engaged in online schooling right now.

- Another 34% have at least one person in the home taking college courses online this semester.

- It makes sense that 58% are worried that their children are not learning enough online and will fall behind.
Technology Access and Costs are Substantial Hurdles for Online Education

37% of Latinos have no home broadband internet access, which is essential for many of the most common online learning platforms.

32% do not have enough computer equipment to accommodate all the kids and adults in the household who are now online for school and work obligations.

- Wifi and/or cell phone bill is much higher due to online school and work: 33%
- We don't have enough computers at home schooling online: 32%
- My phone is my only home internet: 20%
- I do not have home internet access: 17%
- School is helping with equipment and/or wifi: 11%
Acting as Teacher is a Substantial Hurdle for Online Education

Latino parents report that communication with teachers is now harder. Half do not feel confident about their ability to help their kids with some course material. Technical difficulties are fairly common (35%) and exacerbate the problems at hand.

- Online school has made it hard to communicate with teachers, learning is more difficult now (58%)
- It is difficult to help my child because I am not as familiar with the class subjects and assignments (49%)
- Online school has been difficult because of technical problems, such as websites or programs not working (35%)
These data point to a “better” point in time. Since the survey completed just two weeks ago, the country has experienced:

- More than 10 million filed for unemployment
- More than 400,000 new confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- More than 30,000 people have lost their lives to COVID-19.

COVID19 underscores the depths of inequities prior to the crisis.

- People once treated as expendable have been revealed as “essential” at peril to their health and well-being.
- Financial insecurity, less health care access and educational resources
Impact of COVID-19 on Families

- Lost Job/Furloughed: 308
- Lack of Reliable Food: 245
- Lack of Reliable Medical Care: 221
- Families without Medical insurance: 242

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Family Impact and Weekly Services
COVID Data

Weekly COVID-19 Services

- Wellness Checks
  - Week 1: 312
  - Week 2: 408
  - Week 3: 480
  - Week 4: 394
  - Week 5: 374

- Family Conferences
  - Week 1: 352
  - Week 2: 460
  - Week 3: 541

- Teacher Activities
  - Week 1: 158
  - Week 2: 231
  - Week 3: 270

- Phone Home Visit
  - Week 1: 70
  - Week 2: 105
  - Week 3: 175
  - Week 4: 108
  - Week 5: 141

- Counseling
  - Week 1: 67
  - Week 2: 179
  - Week 3: 201
  - Week 4: 180
  - Week 5: 158
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Other priorities: Support for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors; Necessities such as food, medication, baby formula, diapers; Mental health services; Medicaid reimbursement; Transportation; Services for the disabled.
Other Relevant Data and Takeaways

• **Top service priorities are also most basic human needs.**
  
  o Money, housing, and health were top 3 responses.
  
  o Nearly 250,000 “mixed status” households in Illinois will not receive stimulus resources ($1,200 per adult and $500 per child) for an estimate of more than **$680 million that will not be available to these families.**

• **Latinos are still contributing economically.**
  
  o 2017 contributions to state and local taxes by undocumented immigrants: **$758,881,000.**
Latino Policy Forum Additional Resources

- **Forum index of COVID-19 resources**
  
  [https://www.latinopolicyforum.org/blog/coronavirus-resources](https://www.latinopolicyforum.org/blog/coronavirus-resources)

- **Forum COVID-19 policy recommendations**
  
  [https://www.latinopolicyforum.org/](https://www.latinopolicyforum.org/)

- **Plans for philanthropic and government food, cash, housing relief**
  
  - Outreach, updates, and advocacy for inclusion in philanthropic relief efforts (money and resources) to CBOs and Mexican hometown organizations

- **Illinois Latino COVID19 Initiative**
  

  - Consortium focused on public health impact of COVID-19 in our communities
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