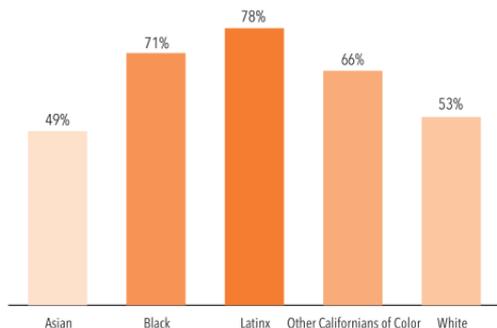




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Most Latinx and Black Households With Children Are Having Difficulty Paying for Basic Expenses

Percentage of California Households With Children Reporting Any Difficulty



Note: Data were averaged across three periods when the survey was conducted: between August 19 and 31, September 2 and 14, and September 16 and 28. Respondents were asked whether it was very, somewhat, a little, or not at all difficult for their household to pay for basic expenses in the past week. Source: Budget Center analysis of US Census Pulse Survey data

- **Latinx and Black households with children are far more likely to report difficulty meeting basic needs.** About 8 in 10 Latinx and 7 in 10 Black households with children recently had difficulty paying for basic expenses, including food and rent.

- **Research shows that financial hardship can have harmful effects on children's long-term health, development, education, and economic security in early adulthood.** Studies also suggest that boosting families' resources can meaningfully improve children's lives.

- **State and federal leaders can help families by investing in policies that pay for food, housing, and other basic needs.** This would alleviate the financial hardship that millions of Californians are experiencing and improve children's prospects well into the future.

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