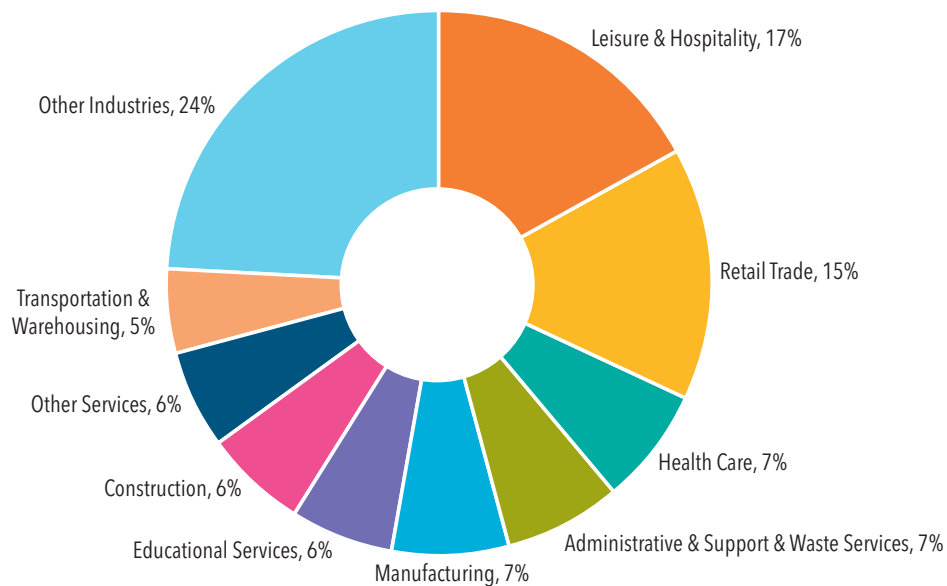




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Many Low-Income Californians Eligible for Proposed State Stimulus Work in Industries Hit Hard by COVID-19 Layoffs

Industry of Workers Eligible for Proposed Golden State Stimulus Payments



Note: Governor Newsom's January 2021 budget proposed \$600 Golden State Stimulus payments to tax filers who received the CalEITC for tax year 2019 or who file taxes with Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers and receive the CalEITC for tax year 2020. Analysis uses an income tax simulation model developed for the California Poverty Measure, a joint project of the Stanford Center on Poverty & Inequality and the Public Policy Institute of California.

Source: Budget Center analysis of US Census Bureau, American Community Survey data

- **Governor Newsom's proposed Golden State Stimulus directs \$600 payments to tax filers eligible for the CalEITC.** Many of these Californians work in low-wage positions in industries that have been hit hard by COVID-19 job losses.
- **Californians who would be eligible for payments also include many COVID-19 essential workers with low incomes.** These individuals have continued reporting to work to keep our food, health care, and other vital systems and services operating during the pandemic.
- **Directing financial support to Californians with low incomes is a smart economic choice for policymakers.** Because households with lower incomes have less extra income after covering basic expenses, these workers and families are most likely to spend rebates quickly, which boosts the economy.
- **Targeting urgent state relief and support to low-wage workers can help Californians most affected by COVID-19's economic effects while also supporting the broader state economy.**