

THE LATINX COMMUNITY CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF THE HARDEST HIT BY THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S BOTCHED CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

Disproportionate Hospitalizations & Deaths:

- **Latinos Are Hospitalized And Dying From The Coronavirus At Four Times The Rates Of White People And Likely Being Undercounted.** “Official statistics show that Latinos are hospitalized and dying from the coronavirus at four times the rates of whites, but even those high numbers may be seriously underestimated, says Andres Ramirez, a health care expert with Protect Our Care, a coalition trying to fend off Republican attacks on the Affordable Care Act. ‘Latinos are dying in this pandemic, and are likely being undercounted due to the different ways hospitals and government agencies collect health care data,’ Ramirez says. ‘With these undercounts, federal government officials can withhold vital resources like testing kits that are desperately needed in these underserved communities. These inaccurate Latino counts hurt everyone, hampering our ability to get this virus under control.’” [[Washington Post, 07/12/20](#)]
- **Latinos Between The Ages Of 35 To 44 Have A Coronavirus Mortality Rate “Nearly Eight Times Higher Than White People In The Same Age Group.”** “Latinos aged 35 to 44 have a coronavirus mortality rate nearly eight times higher than white people in that age group — and Black people in the same age range have a mortality rate nine times higher than white people. The inequity persists with Latinos age 25 to 34 and those 45 to 54, who have a coronavirus mortality rate at least five times higher than caucasians, according to new Harvard analysis of National Center for Health Statistics data on reported coronavirus deaths from February to May 20.” [[Politico, 06/18/20](#)]
- **Urban Institute: Latino Workers Are More Likely To Be Unable To Work Remotely, Putting Them At Higher Risk Of Losing A Job And Contracting The Coronavirus.** “Only 35.4 percent of Black adults and 25.2 percent of Latino adults reported they can do part of their work remotely, compared with 43.4 percent of white adults. Though reporting somewhat higher averages, these estimates largely correspond with earlier US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data on racial and ethnic differences in the ability to work from home. Differences in who can telework could indicate who’s at higher risk of losing a job, hours, or income. ... The frightening trade-off for many of these still-employed workers is that despite still earning income, they are at higher risk of contracting the coronavirus through increased exposure to other people and potentially contaminated surfaces. People working in nursing homes and the sanitation industry and as bus drivers and shipping and logistics employees are indeed getting exposed to and catching the coronavirus.” [[Urban Wire, 05/06/20](#)]

Latinos Hardest Hit By Coronavirus Job Losses:

- **Latino Unemployment Rose To 18.9 Percent In April And 14.5 Percent In June—Exceeding The Peak Unemployment Rate For Hispanics In The Great Recession Of 2007-2009.** “Latino unemployment rose sharply to a peak 18.9 percent in April, before dropping to 14.5 percent in June when businesses and schools shut down and many people stayed home as coronavirus spread through the country. Those joblessness levels exceeded the peak unemployment rate for Hispanics in the Great Recession of 2007-2009, which hit 13.9 percent in January 2010.” [[NBC News, 08/04/20](#)]
- **According To Pew Research, About 59% Of Latinos Polled Said They Lived In Households Where Someone Lost Their Job Or Had Their Pay Cut Due To Coronavirus Concerns In May.** “About 59% of Latinos polled said they live in households where someone lost their job or had their pay cut due to coronavirus concerns during the month of May. Only 43% of US households overall said the same, according to Pew.” [[CNN, 08/05/20](#)]
- **Market Watch: “Latinx Workers Have Endured Worse Economic Outcomes From The Pandemic Than White Workers Due To A Lack Of Remote-Work Access, Steep Job Losses And Pre-Existing Wage And Health-Care Disparities.”** “Latinx workers have endured worse economic outcomes from the pandemic than white workers due to a lack of remote-work access, steep job losses and pre-existing wage and health-care disparities, a new report says. The virus’s economic impact fell particularly hard on Latina workers, who were overrepresented in the industries most devastated by COVID-19-induced shutdowns, according to the analysis by the Economic Policy Institute, a left-leaning think tank.” [[Market Watch, 08/21/20](#)]

Latino Business Owners Neglected By PPP:

- **May 2020: Just 12 Percent Of Black And Latino Business Owners Who Applied For Aid From The Small Business Administration’s Paycheck Protection Program Reported Receiving What They Had Asked For.** “Black and Latino business owners are struggling to get pandemic assistance under the Paycheck Protection Program and other federal aid efforts, a new survey has found, and many say they are on the brink of closing permanently. The survey, conducted by the Global Strategy Group for two equal-rights organizations, Color of Change and UnidosUS, included interviews with 500 business owners and 1,200 workers from April 30 to last Monday. Just 12 percent of the owners who applied for aid from the Small Business Administration — most of them seeking loans in the \$650 billion paycheck program — reported receiving what they had asked for, while 26 percent said they had received only a fraction of what they had requested. Nearly half of all owners said they anticipated having to permanently close in the next six months.” [[New York Times, 05/18/20](#)]
- **NBC News: “A Survey Of More Than 500 Latino Small-Business Owners Who Applied For Coronavirus Relief Loans Found That Just 97 Of Them Received Money While The Rest Have Never Heard Back On Their Applications.”** “A survey of more than 500 Latino small-business owners who applied for coronavirus relief loans found that just 97 of them received money while the rest have never heard back on their applications. The League of United Latin American Citizens and the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce conducted the survey that was sent to members of both organizations and that solicited responses publicly. The organizations weeded out responses from people who were not Latino small-business owners. Of 871 responses received Friday morning, 546 were Latino small-business owners.” [[NBC News, 04/24/20](#)]