

# Bay Area Equity Atlas

## Indicators of Equitable Recovery in the Bay Area

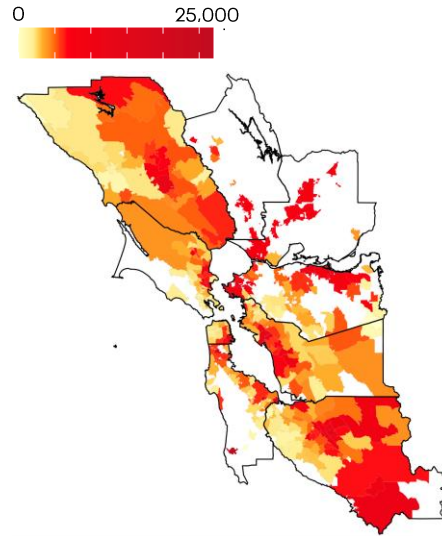
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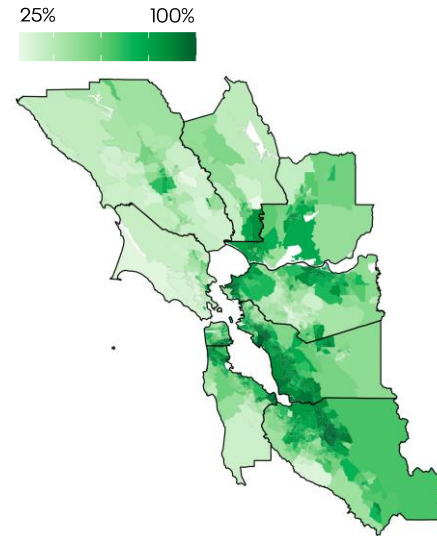
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# Low-income communities of color have been hardest hit by the pandemic

**Cumulative Covid-19 cases per 100,000 people, March 2021**



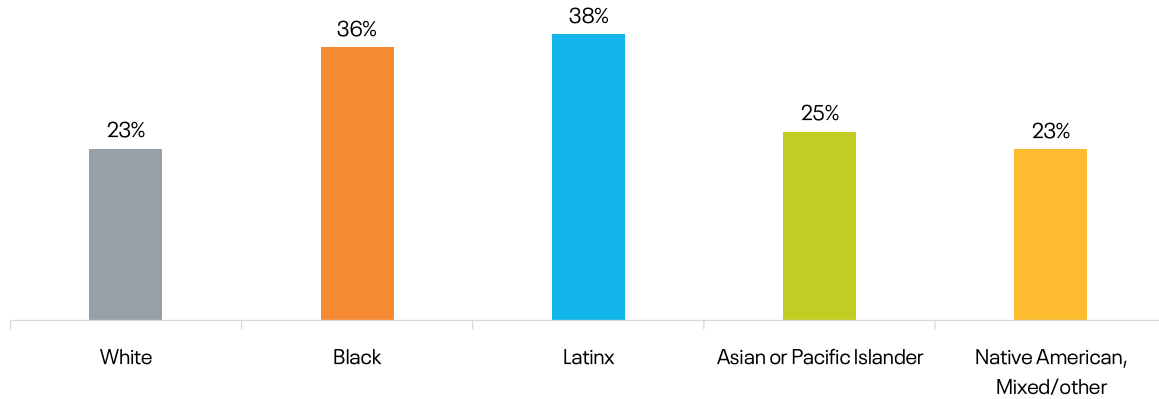
**Share of people of color by neighborhood, 2019**



Sources: Zip code level Covid-19 cases per 100,000 people from Alameda, San Francisco, Santa Clara, and Sonoma counties. City-level rates from Contra Costa, Napa, San Mateo, and Solano counties. Tract-level rates from Marin county. Data reflects late March 2021. Share of people of color: 2019 5-Year ACS.

# Latinx and Black workers face greater health risks as essential workers

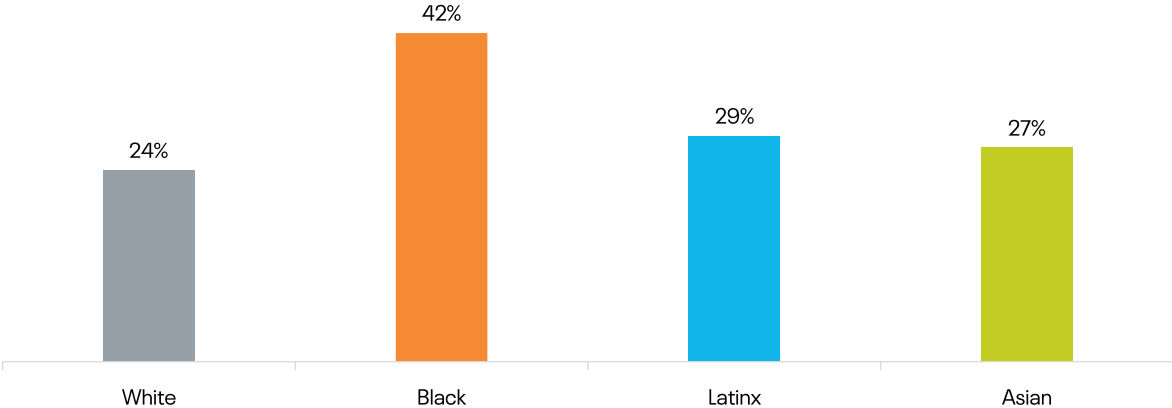
**Currently employed workers in essential industries by race/ethnicity: Bay Area, February 2021**



Source: 2019 IPUMS-CPS, using frontline industry definitions provided by the Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), for the nine-county Bay Area region (with the exception of Napa County).

# Black workers have suffered the greatest job losses

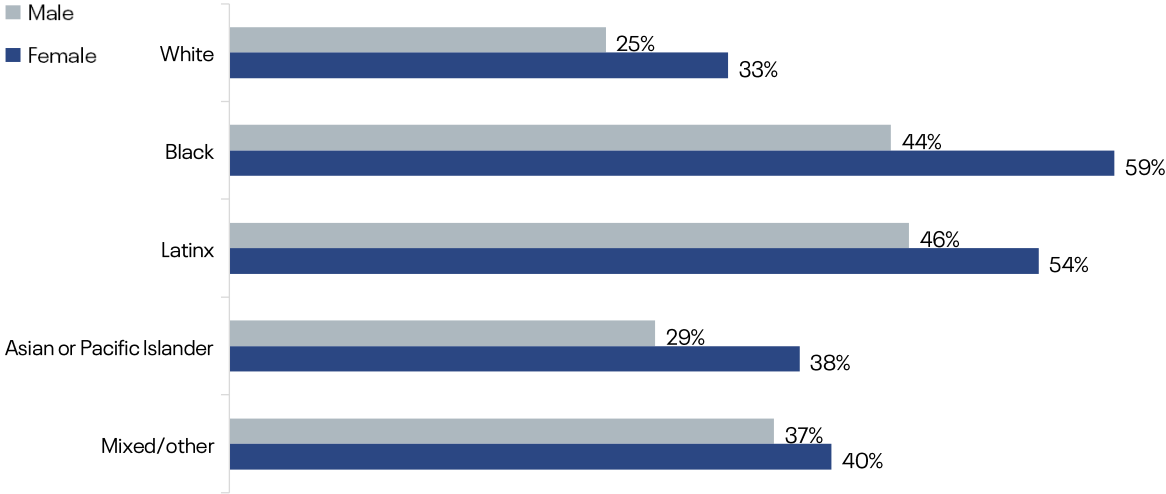
Share of the California workforce that has filed for regular unemployment insurance by race/ethnicity, March 2020-February 2021



Source: California Policy Lab analysis of 2020-2021 unemployment insurance claims from the Labor Market Information Division of the California Employment Development Department.

# People of color, especially Black women and Latinas, are most vulnerable to the economic impacts of the pandemic

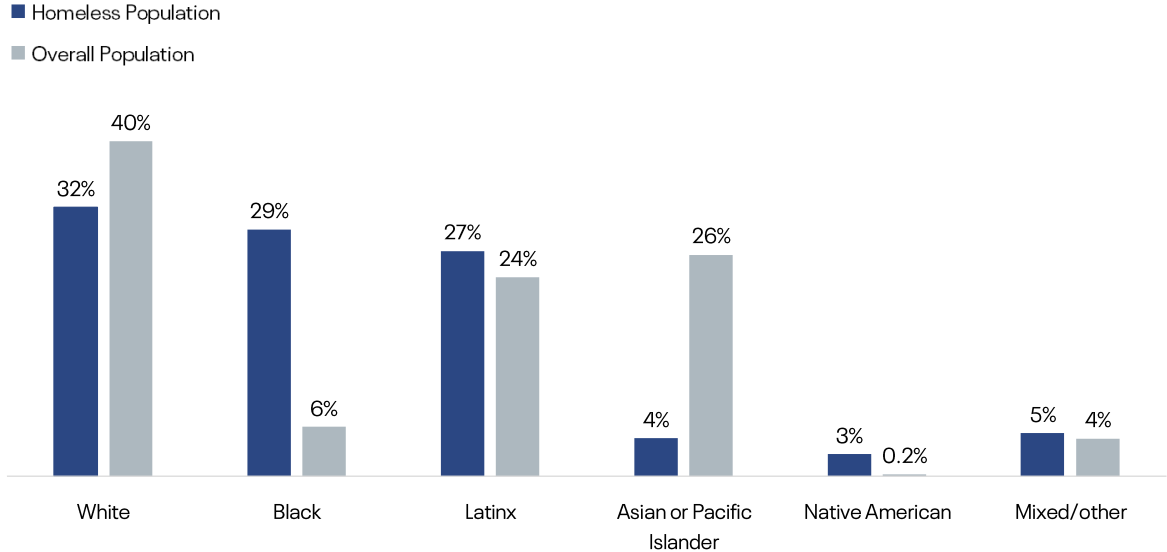
Share of Bay Area renters that are both rent burdened\* and economically insecure\*\* by race/ethnicity, 2018



Source: PolicyLink/ERI analysis of 2018 5-Year ACS IPUMS for the nine-county region. Notes: \*Rent-burdened is defined as spending more than 30 percent of income on housing costs. \*\*Economic insecurity is defined as living below 350 percent of the federal poverty line, or about \$87,000 for a family of four or \$44,000 for a single individual.

# Black residents are disproportionately represented among people experiencing homelessness

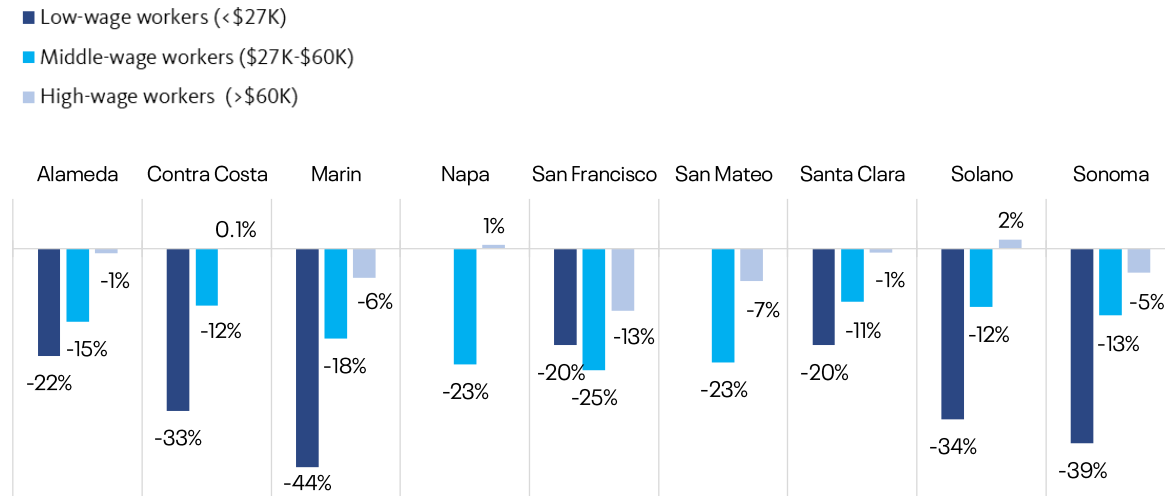
### Population experiencing homelessness: Bay Area, 2019



Source: HUD 2019 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs point-in-time report and county population share from the 2018 5-Year ACS for the nine-county region with adjusted homelessness data to create mutually exclusive racial/ethnic categories.

# In most Bay Area counties, low-wage workers experienced the largest declines in employment

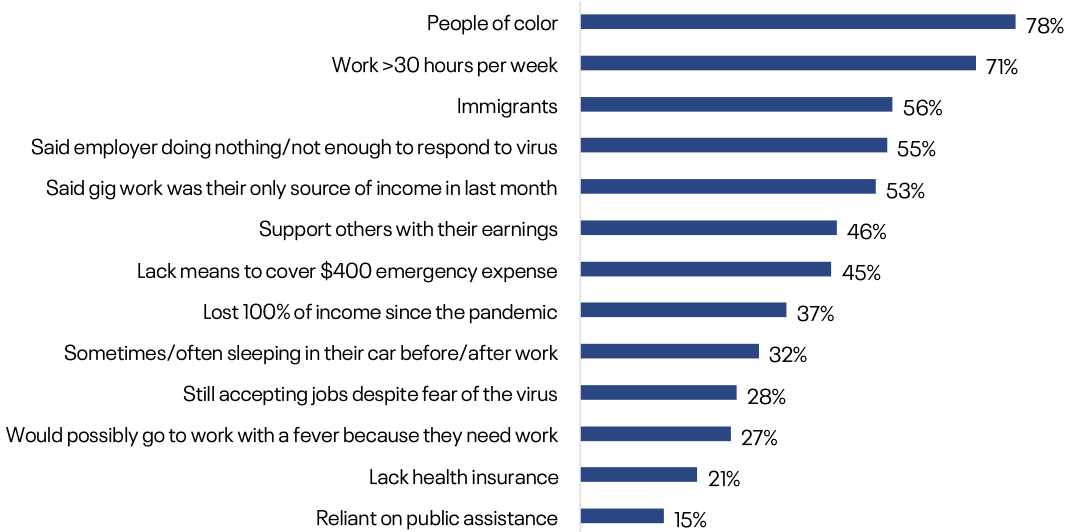
**Percent change in employment by worker wage level in Bay Area counties, January 2020 to October 22, 2020**



Sources: Employment change by worker wages from Opportunity Insights' Economic Tracker (not seasonally adjusted) for the nine counties in the Bay Area region. Data based on January 2021 data extract.

# The majority immigrant and people-of-color gig workforce faces particular vulnerabilities

## Characteristics of gig workers: San Francisco, March 2020



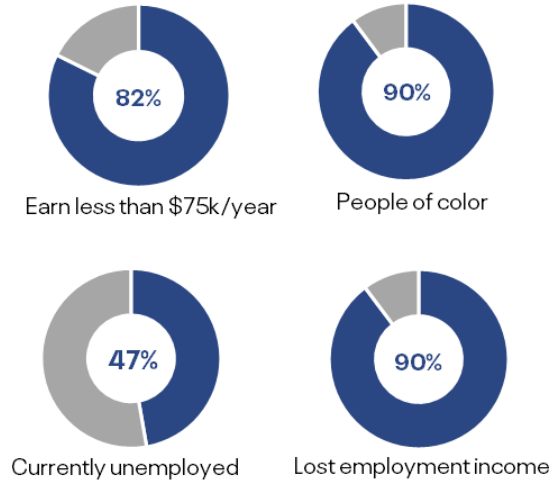
Source: UC Santa Cruz: Benner, Chris, "On-demand and on-the-edge: Ride hailing and delivery workers in San Francisco", May 5, 2020. URL: <https://transform.ucsc.edu/on-demand-and-on-the-edge/>.



# 58,000 Bay Area households are at risk of eviction and indebtedness

- About 10% of all Bay Area renter households are behind on rent
- These renters collectively owe \$304.7 million in rent debt
- This is approx. \$5,300 per household behind on rent

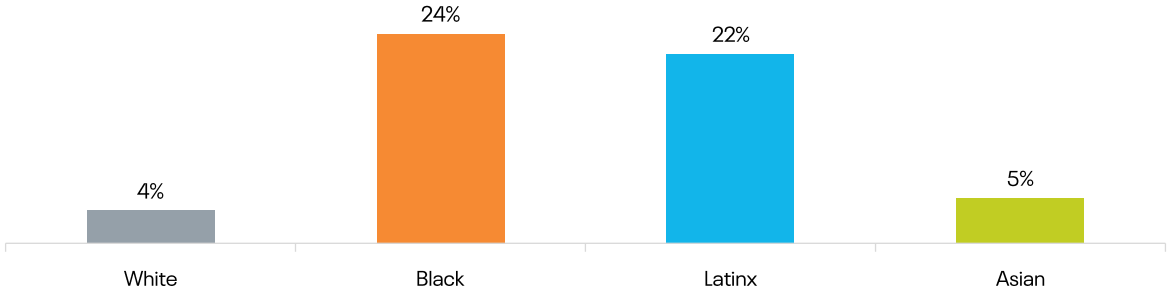
## Characteristics of renters behind on rent: Bay Area, February 17, 2021 – March 29, 2021



Source: Week 25 – 27 Census Household Pulse Survey for the San Francisco-Oakland-Berkeley, CA 5-County Metro Area; the Understanding America Survey from the Center for Economic and Social Research at USC, and 2019 5-Year data from the ACS IPUMS. The share of adults behind on rent by renter characteristics reflects average responses across three surveys to improve accuracy.

# Black and Latinx residents are disproportionately experiencing food insecurity during the pandemic

Share of adults who sometimes or often do not have enough to eat in the past week: Bay Area, February 17, 2021 – March 29, 2021



Source: Week 25 – 27 Census Household Pulse Survey on food sufficiency for households in the last 7 days for the San Francisco–Oakland–Berkeley, CA 5-County Metro Area. The data reflects average responses across three surveys to improve accuracy. Data for some racial/ethnic groups is unavailable due to small sample size.

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