

# Californians and Their Economic Well-Being

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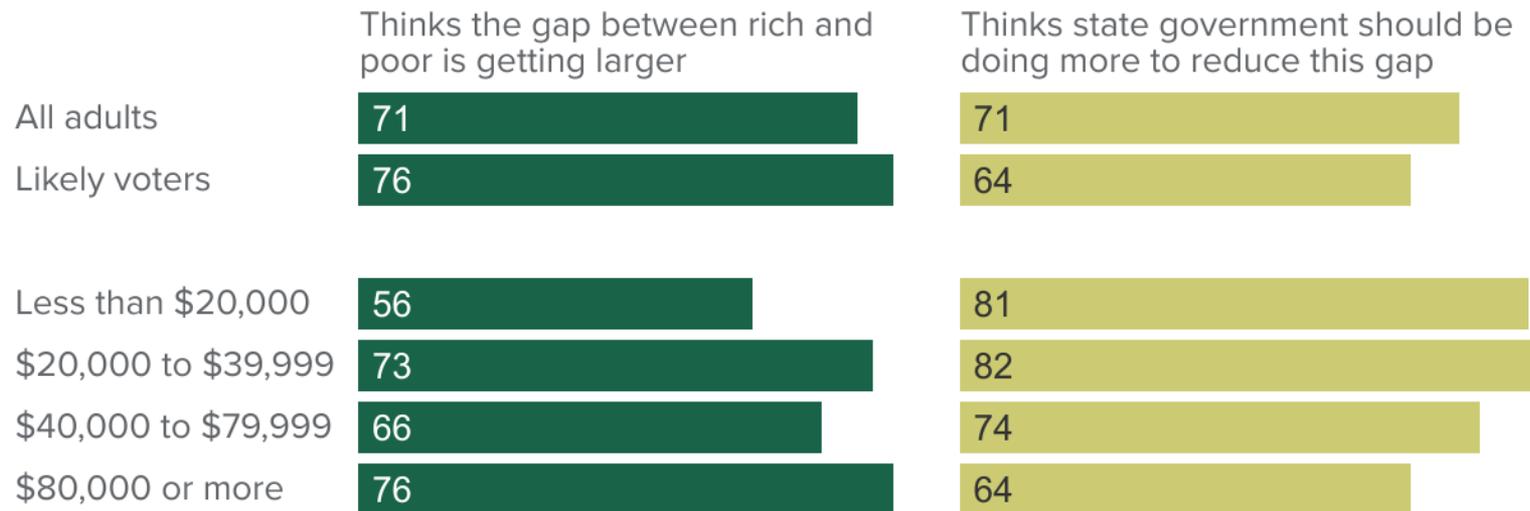
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- PPIC's 3rd annual survey on the economic well-being of Californians
- Includes oversample of Californians with incomes less than \$40,000
- Conducted online, October 7–21, 2022, using Ipsos KnowledgePanel
  - 2,307 adults,  $\pm 3.3\%$  margin of error
  - 1,342 likely voters,  $\pm 4.3\%$  margin of error
  - 1,036 lower-income Californians,  $\pm 5.2\%$  margin of error

# After receding in 2021, economic pessimism has returned

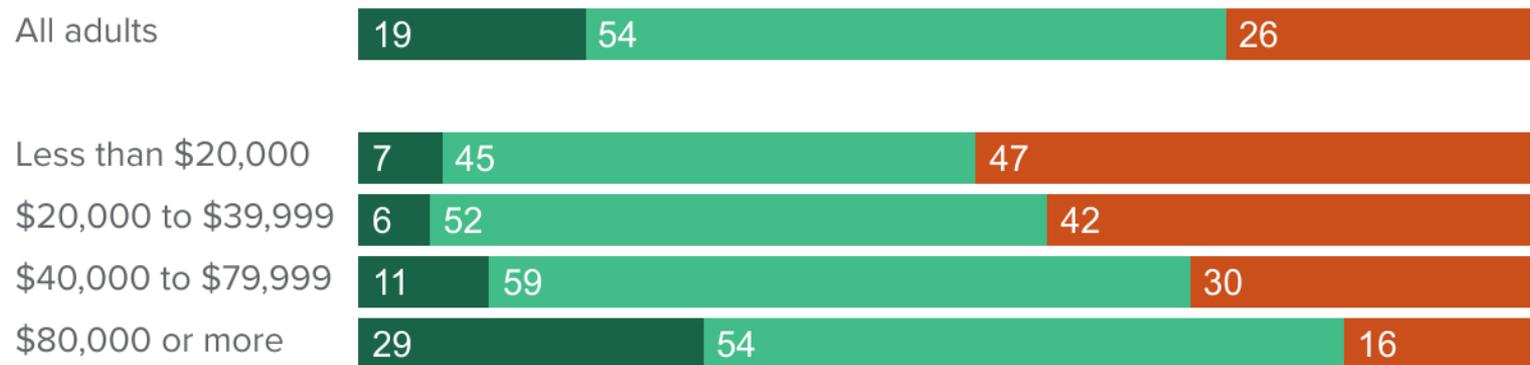


# Most Californians think the gap between the rich and the poor is getting larger

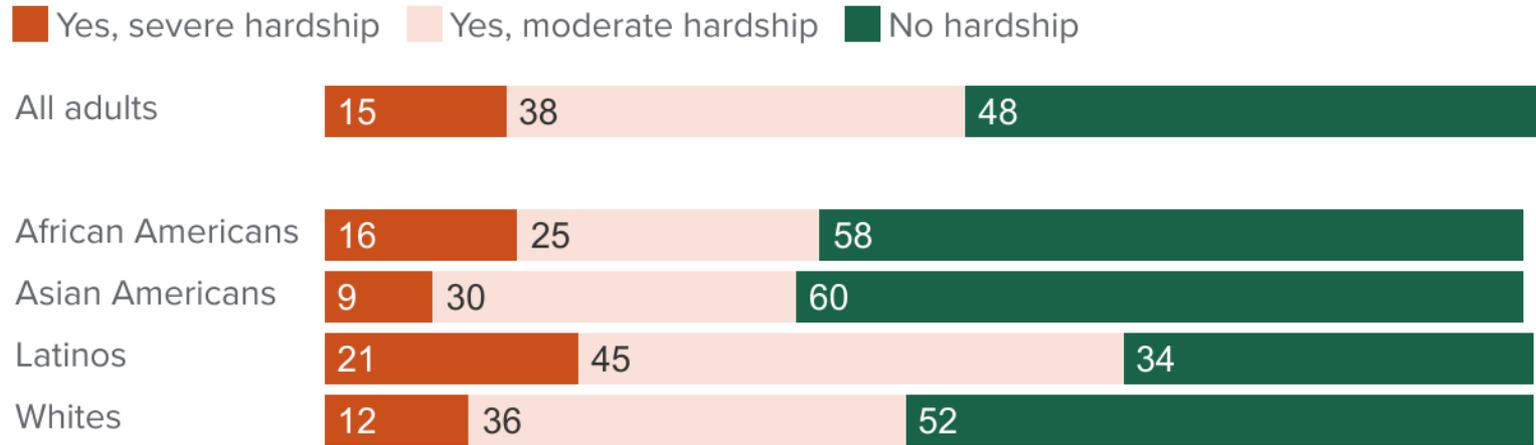


# Most Californians are satisfied with their financial situation

Very satisfied   Somewhat satisfied   Not satisfied

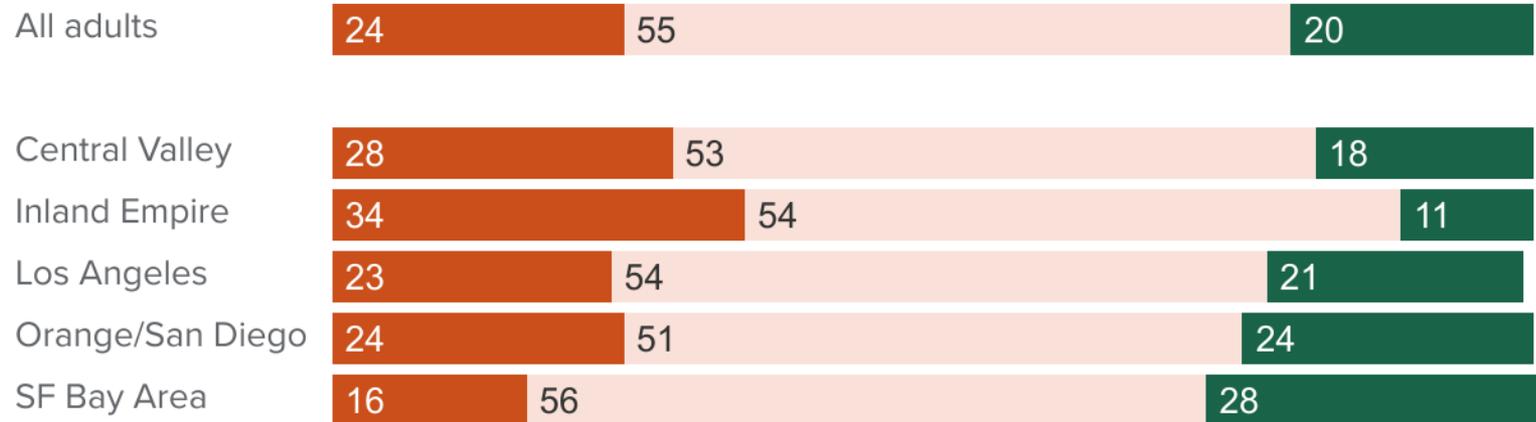


# The cost of gas and other transportation is affecting many Californians

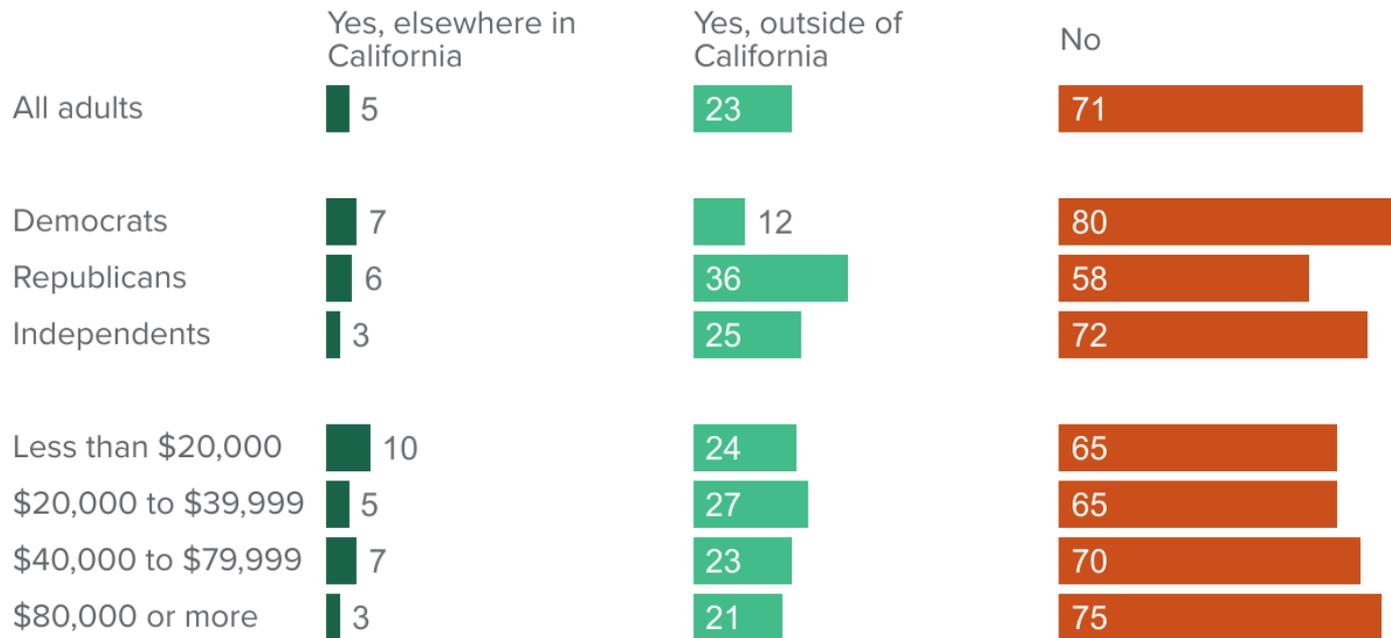


# Most Californians view the availability of well-paying jobs as a problem

Big problem   Somewhat of a problem   Not a problem



# The lack of well-paying jobs has made some Californians consider moving



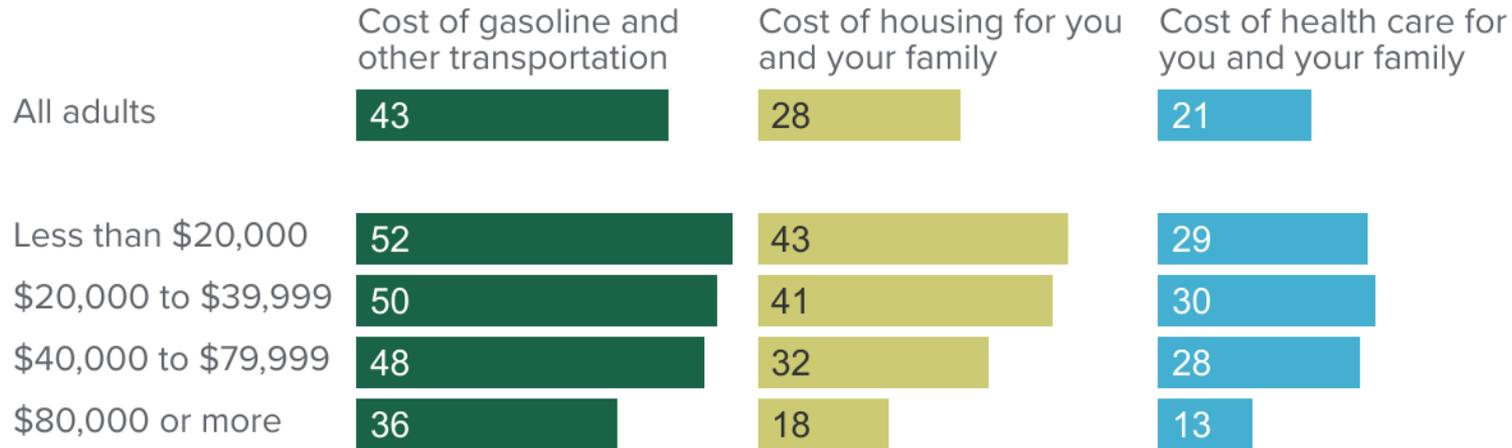
# Majorities of adults have driven less due to the cost of gas

% happened to me or someone in my household



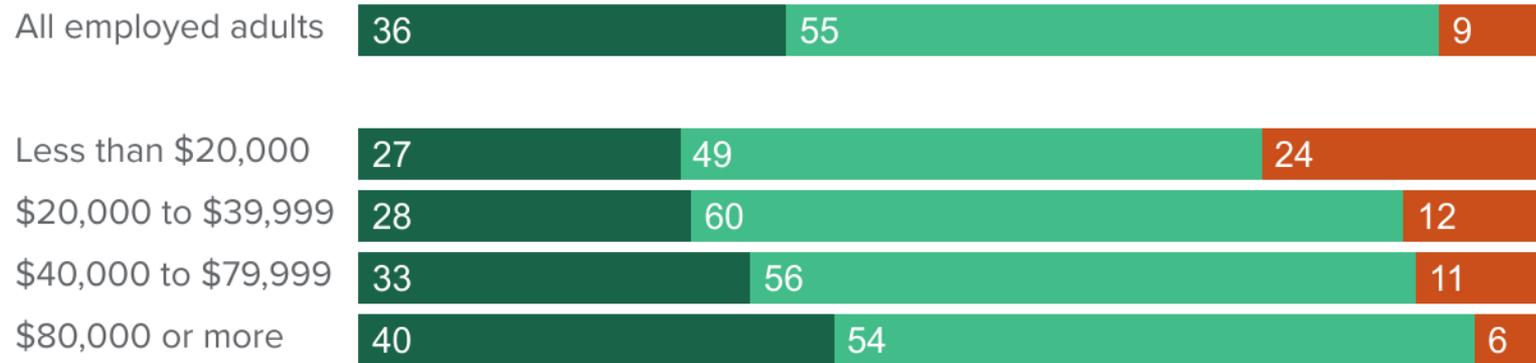
# The cost of gasoline has been on Californians' minds—especially those with lower incomes

% worry every day or almost every day



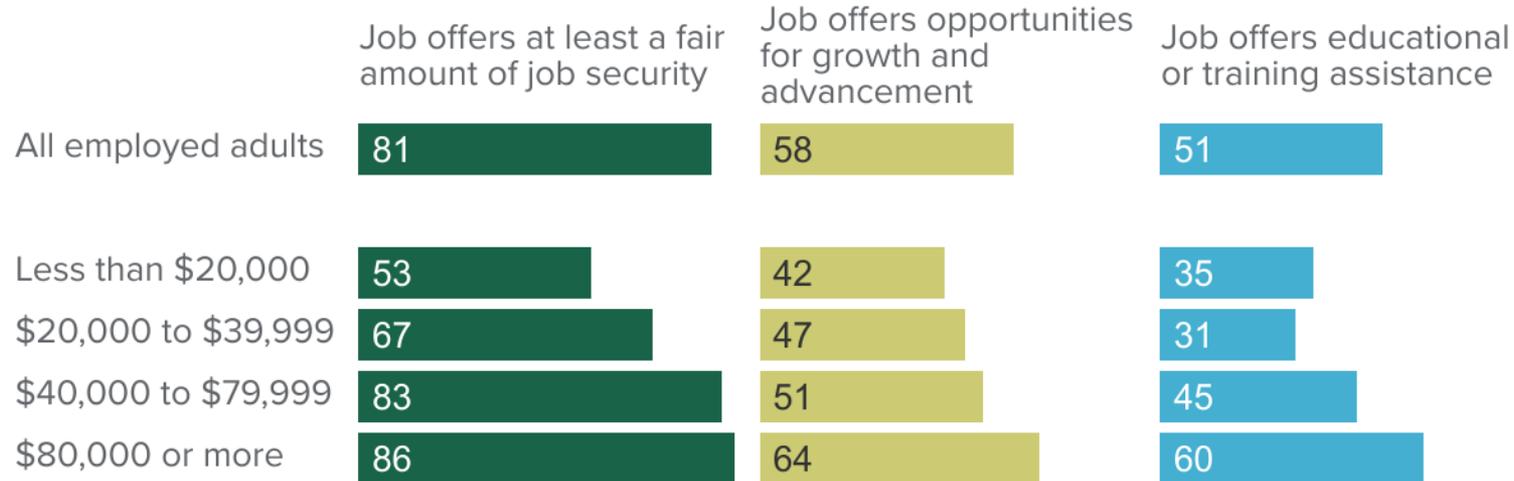
# Most employed adults are at least somewhat satisfied with their job

Very satisfied   Somewhat satisfied   Not satisfied



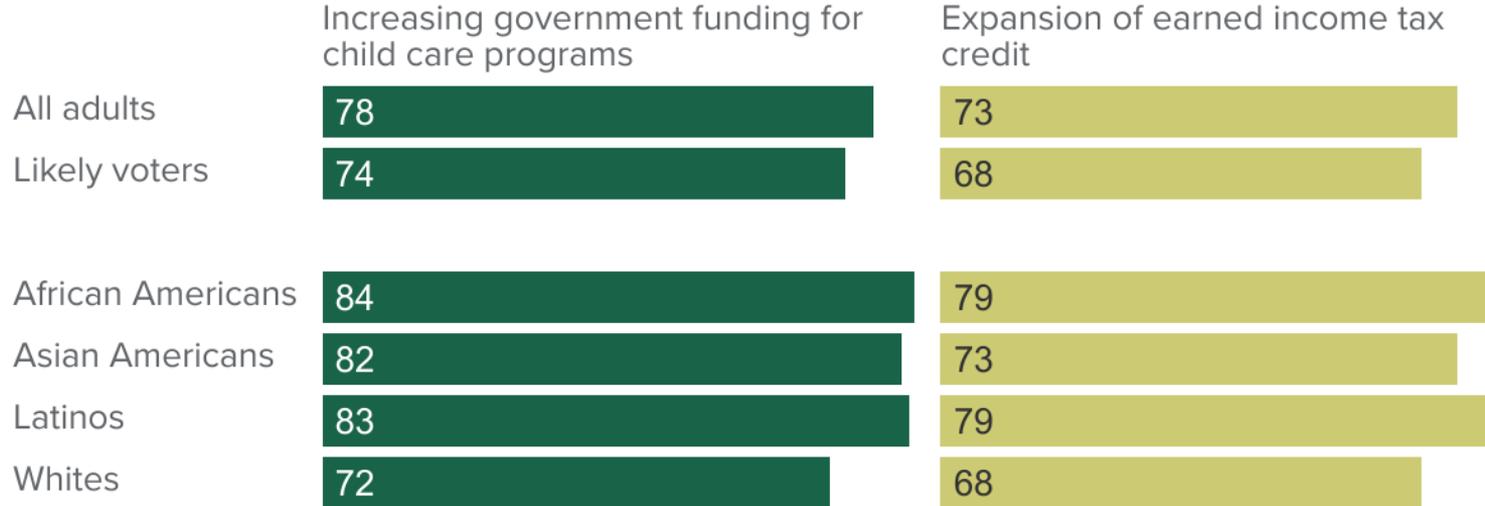
# Lower-income Californians are less likely to have job security and opportunities for advancement

% yes



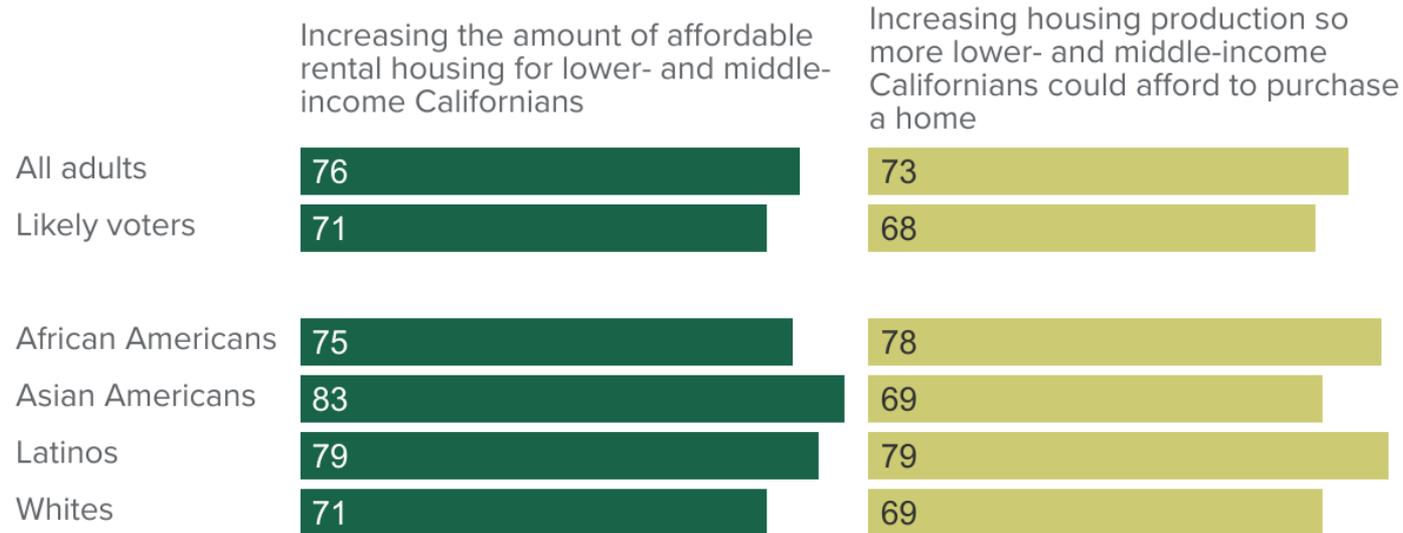
# Overwhelming support to expand funding for child care and the earned income tax credit

% favor



# Overwhelming support for government policies to make housing more accessible and affordable

% favor



## Other topics

- Approval of the governor's and the legislature's handling of jobs and the economy
- Perspectives on working from home and preferences for next year
- Race relations and their impact on economic inequality
- Perceptions of the citizens' initiative process

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