Californians and Their Economic Well-Being

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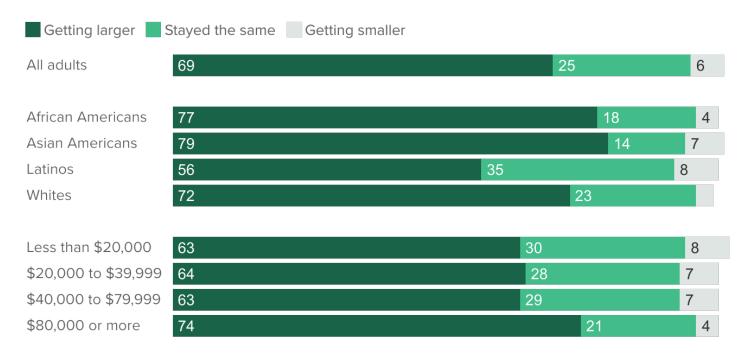


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- PPIC's 2nd annual survey on the economic well-being of Californians
- Includes oversample of Californians with income less than \$40,000
- Conducted online, October 12–31, 2021, using Ipsos KnowledgePanel
 - 2,292 adults, ± 3.2% margin of error
 - 1,543 likely voters, ± 3.9% margin of error
 - 1,027 lower-income Californians, ± 5% margin of error

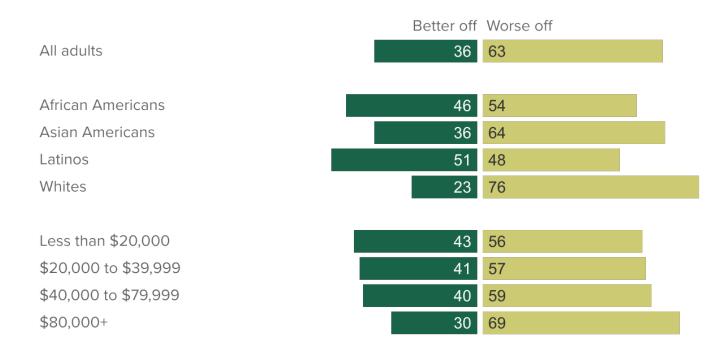


Most Californians say the gap between the rich and the poor is getting larger



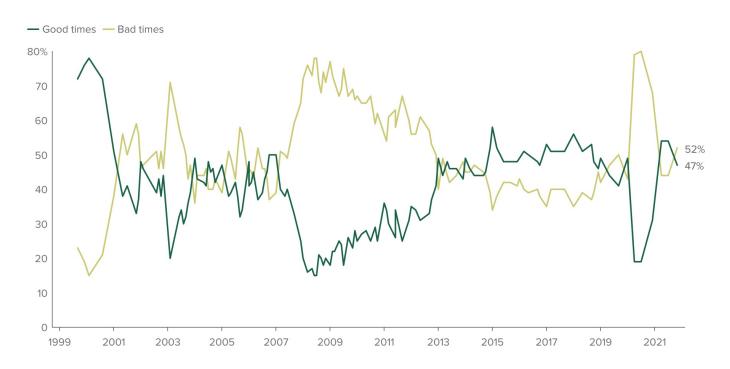


Most adults think today's children will be worse off in the future



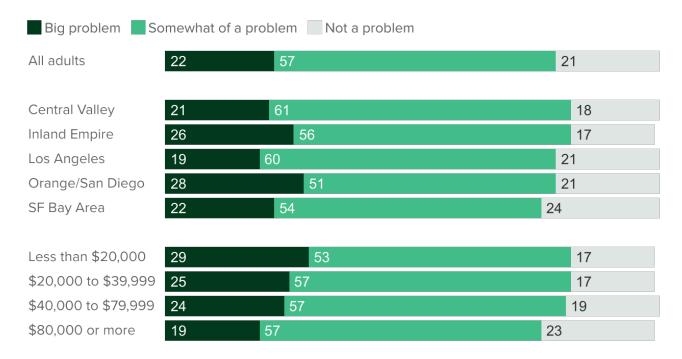


Economic optimism rebounds, but Californians are still divided



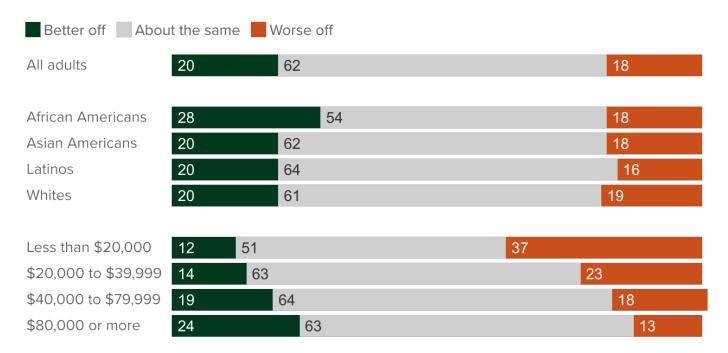


Majorities see the availability of well-paying jobs as a problem



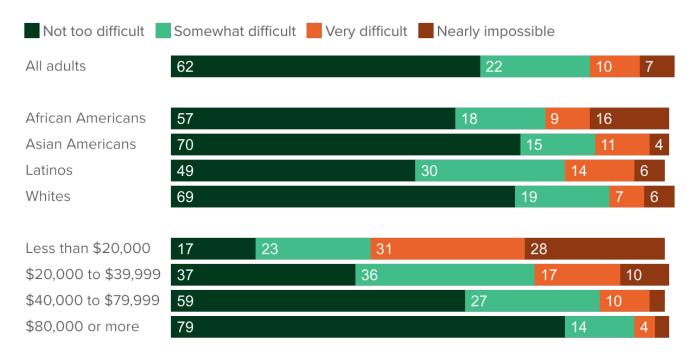


Most say their finances are about the same as a year ago





Most could cover a \$1,000 emergency expense, with wide differences across groups



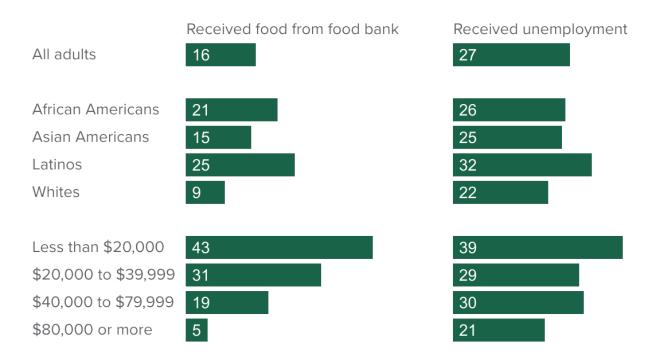


Financial difficulties are far more common among lower-income adults

	Unable to pay monthly bill	Difficulty paying rent/mortgage	Put off doctor visi	t Cut back on food
All adults	17	17	18	21
African Americans	25	15	21	28
Asian Americans	12	11	17	19
Latinos	26	24	22	26
Whites	12	10	16	16
Less than \$20,000	42	36	30	42
\$20,000 to \$39,999	27	27	28	36
\$40,000 to \$79,999	20	19	22	24
\$80,000 or more	8	7	10	9



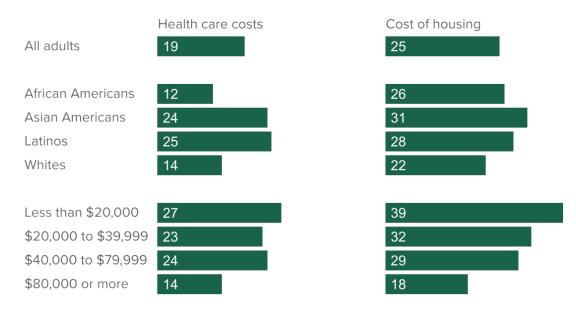
People of color and lower-income adults are more likely to have received economic aid





Health care and housing worries are elevated among lower-income Californians

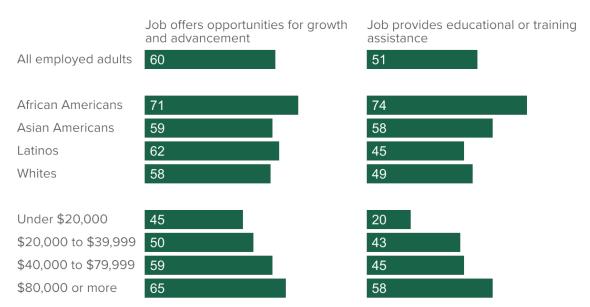
% who worry every day or almost every day





Majorities say their job offers opportunity for growth

Among employed adults only





Overwhelming support for government-funded health care and EITC expansion

	Government-funded health care option	Expansion of earned income tax credit
All adults	77	72
Likely voters	74	71
Democrats	93	85
Republicans	41	41
Independents	76	73
Less than \$20,000	80	79
\$20,000 to \$39,999	79	83
\$40,000 to \$79,999	83	76
\$80,000 or more	71	64



Bipartisan support for job training programs

Increase government funding for job Increase government funding for training programs childcare programs 76 All adults 81 82 Likely voters 74 Democrats 92 92 41 Republicans 60 80 71 Independents Less than \$20,000 85 82 \$20,000 to \$39,999 85 83 \$40,000 to \$79,999 81 80 \$80,000+ 79 70



Other topics

- Approval of governor and the legislature for their handling of jobs and the economy
- Satisfaction with personal finances and their job
- Experiences with working from home and preferences for next year
- Impact of childcare on the workforce
- Race relations and their impact on economic inequality
- Reforms to the California recall process

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