

# Californians and Their Economic Well-Being

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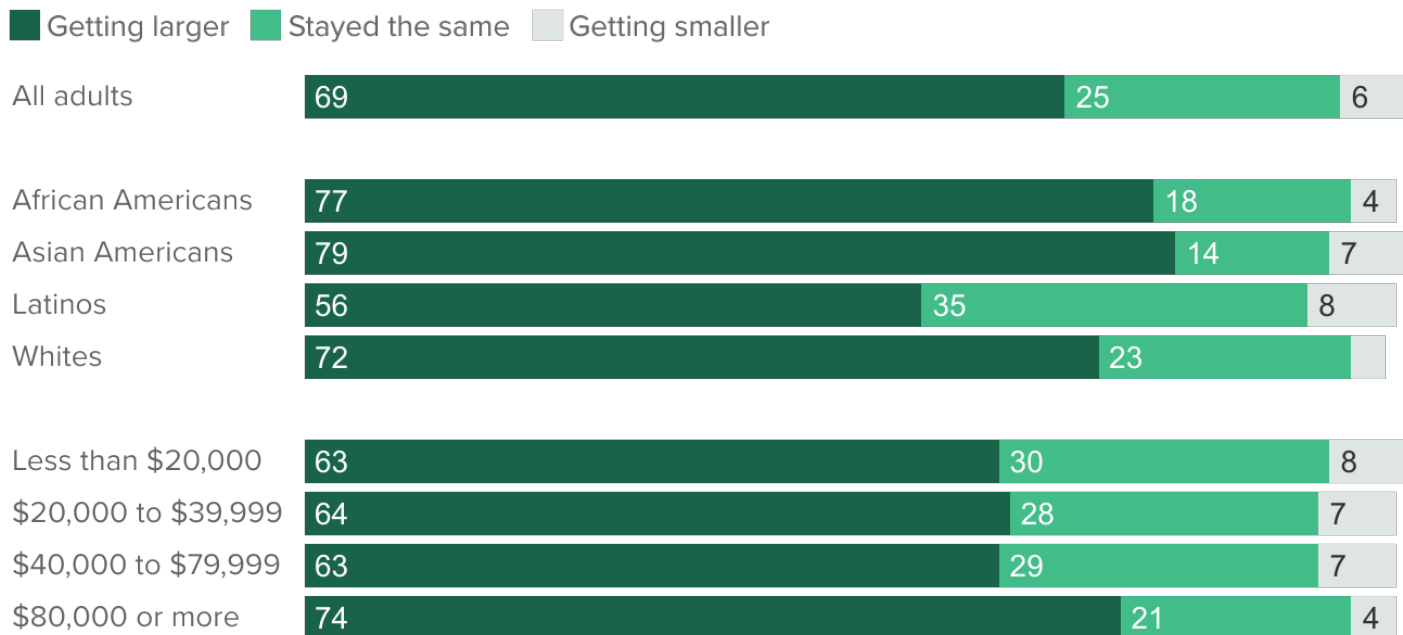
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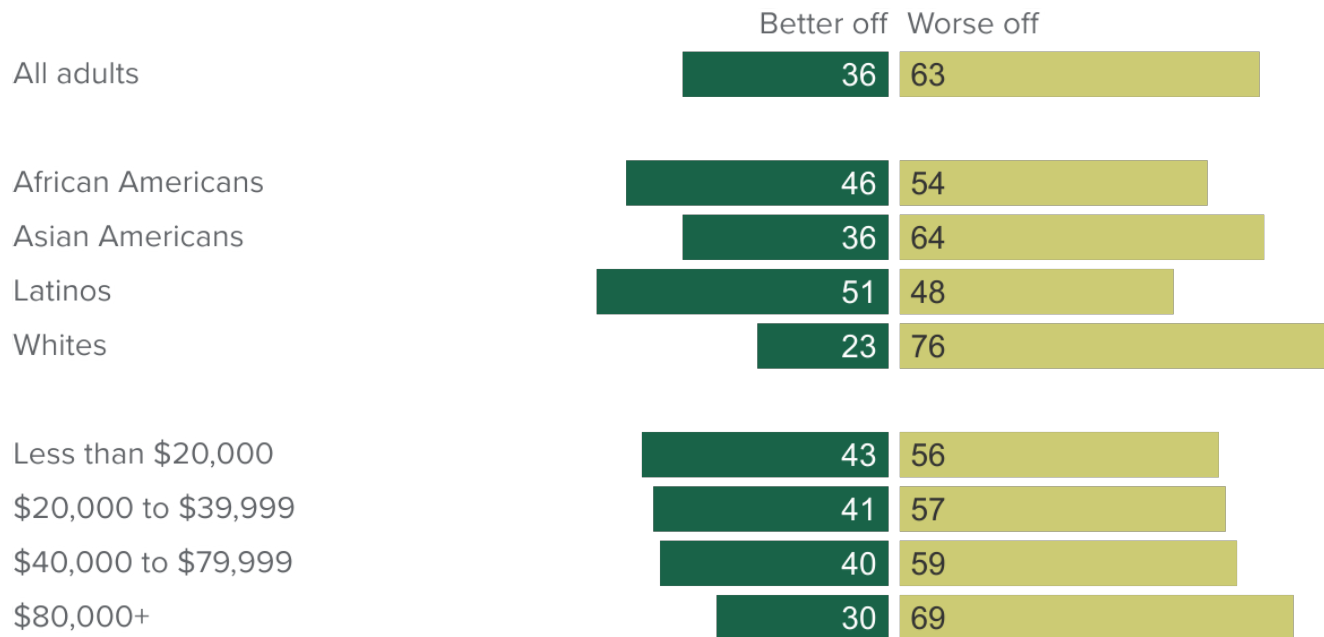
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- PPIC's 2nd annual survey on the economic well-being of Californians
- Includes oversample of Californians with income less than \$40,000
- Conducted online, October 12–31, 2021, using Ipsos KnowledgePanel
  - 2,292 adults,  $\pm 3.2\%$  margin of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

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



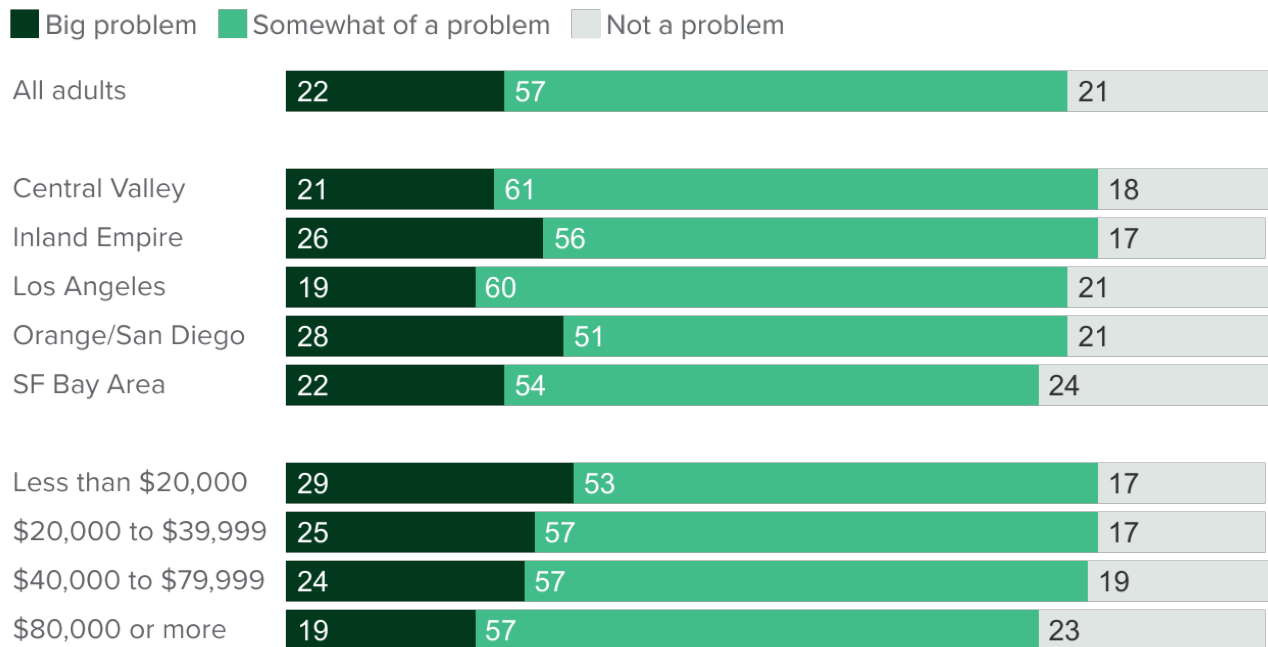
# Most adults think today's children will be worse off in the future



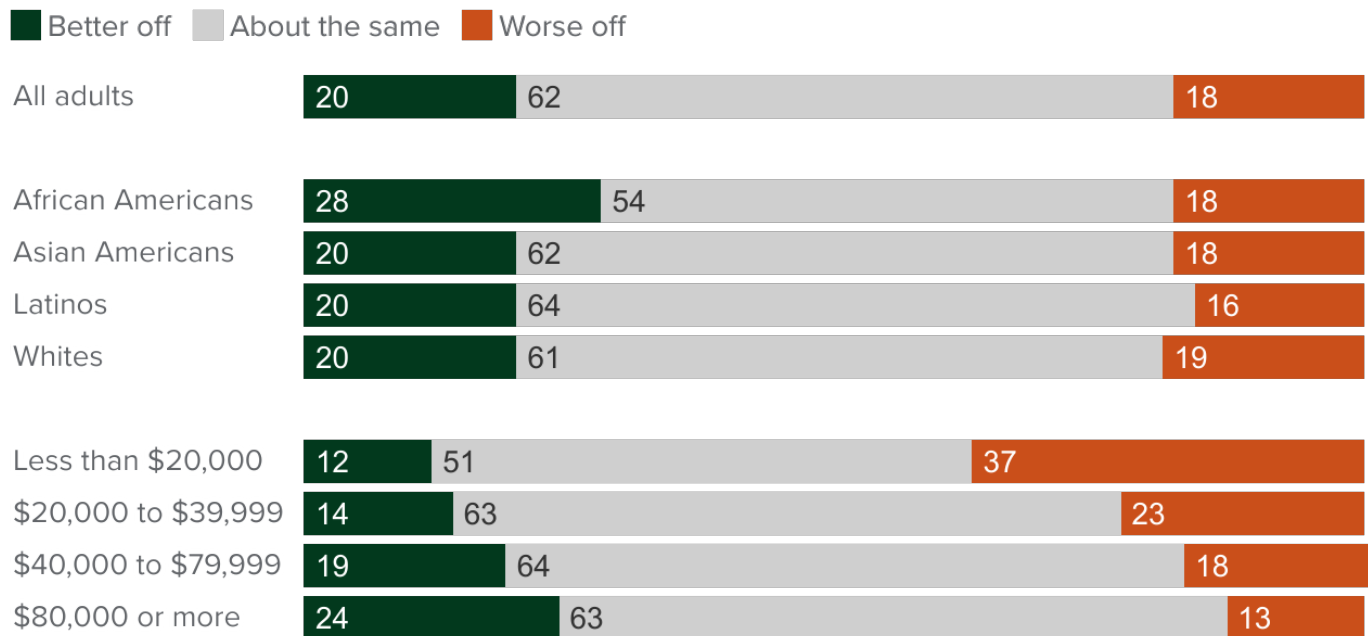
# Economic optimism rebounds, but Californians are still divided



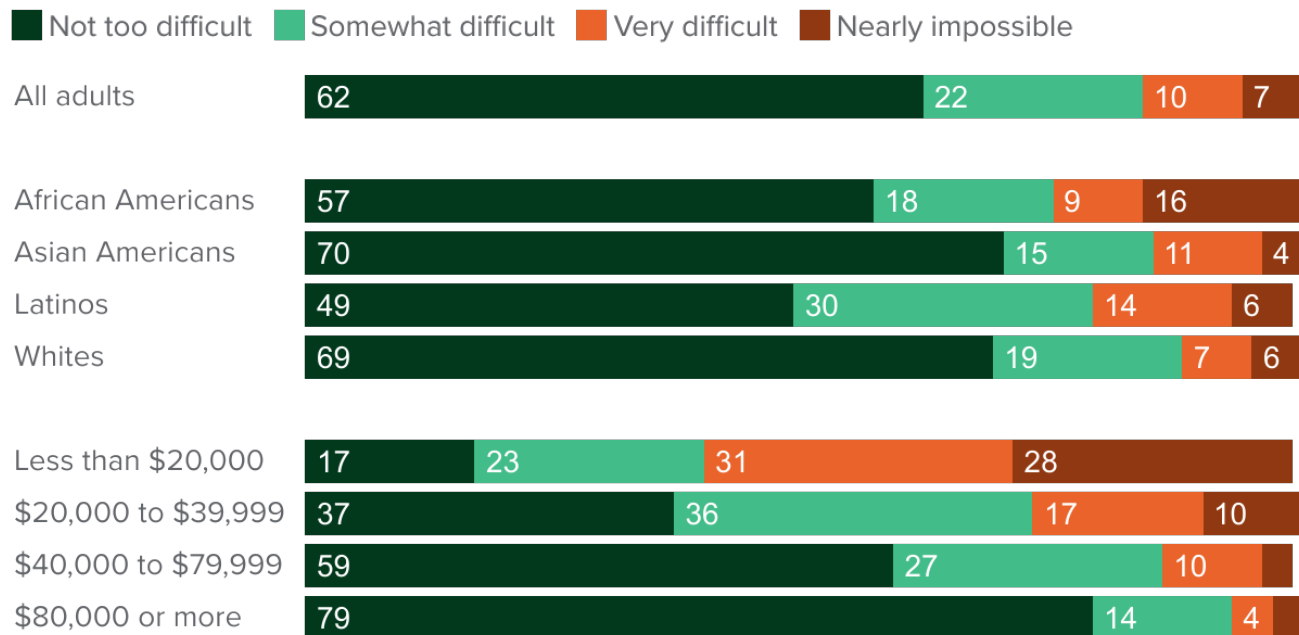
# Majorities see the availability of well-paying jobs as a problem



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

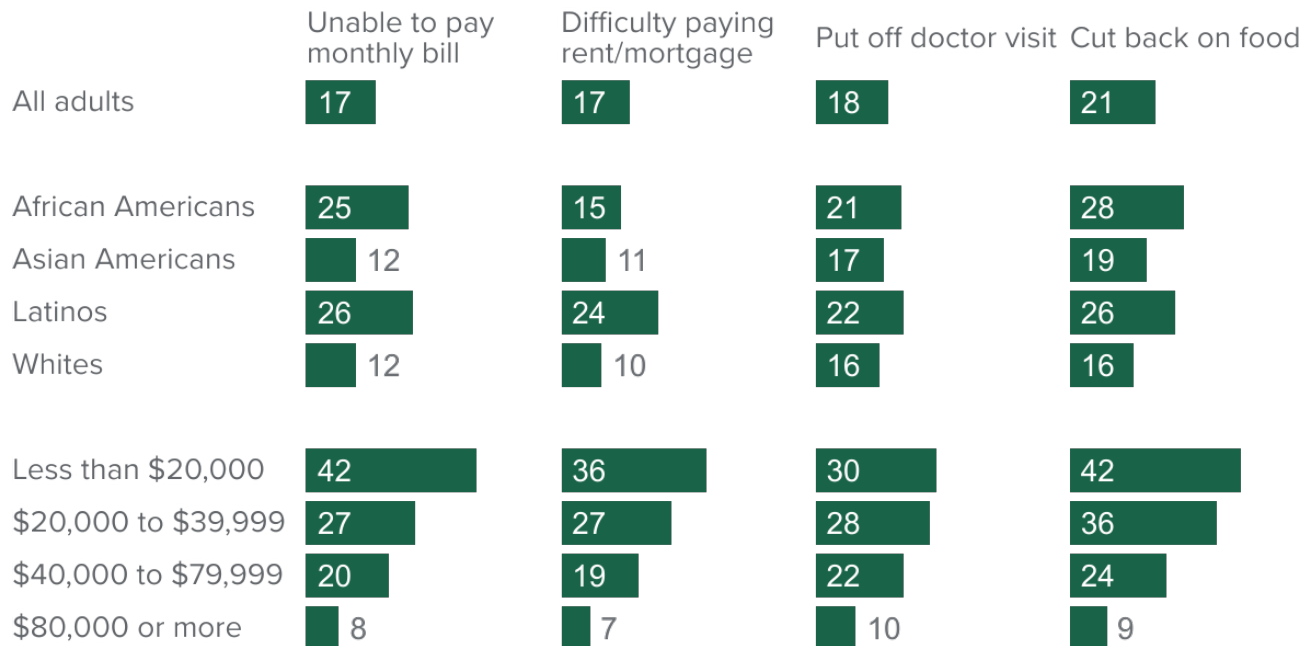


# Most could cover a \$1,000 emergency expense, with wide differences across groups





# Financial difficulties are far more common among lower-income adults

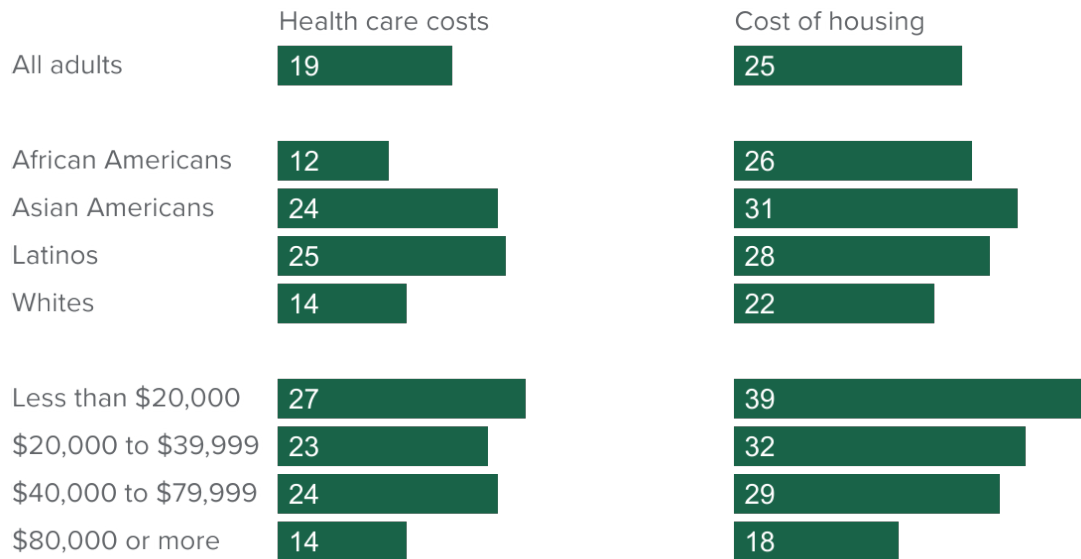


# People of color and lower-income adults are more likely to have received economic aid



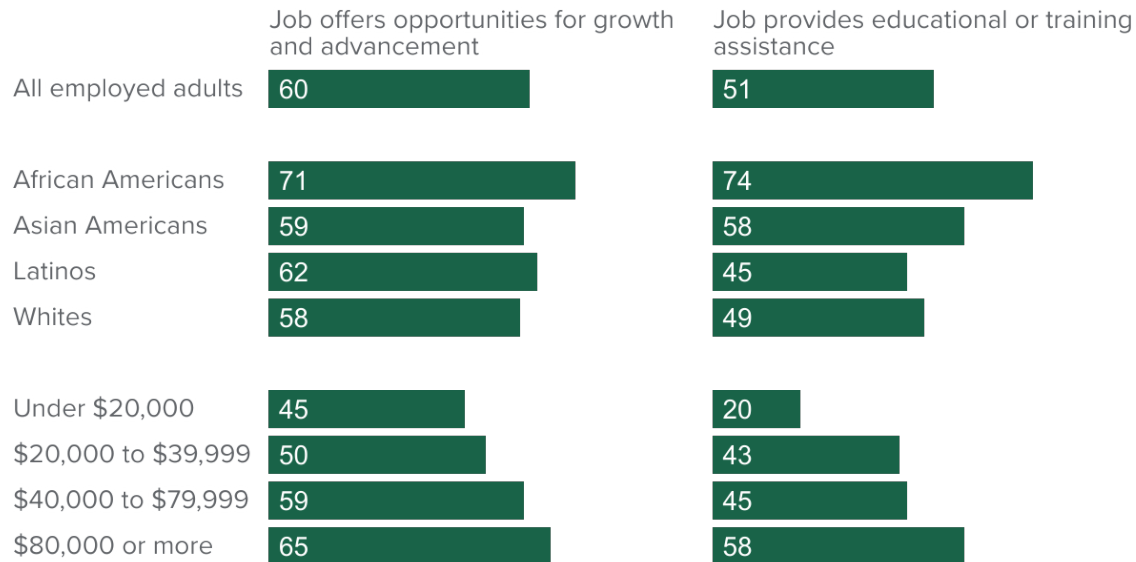
# Health care and housing worries are elevated among lower-income Californians

% who worry every day or almost every day

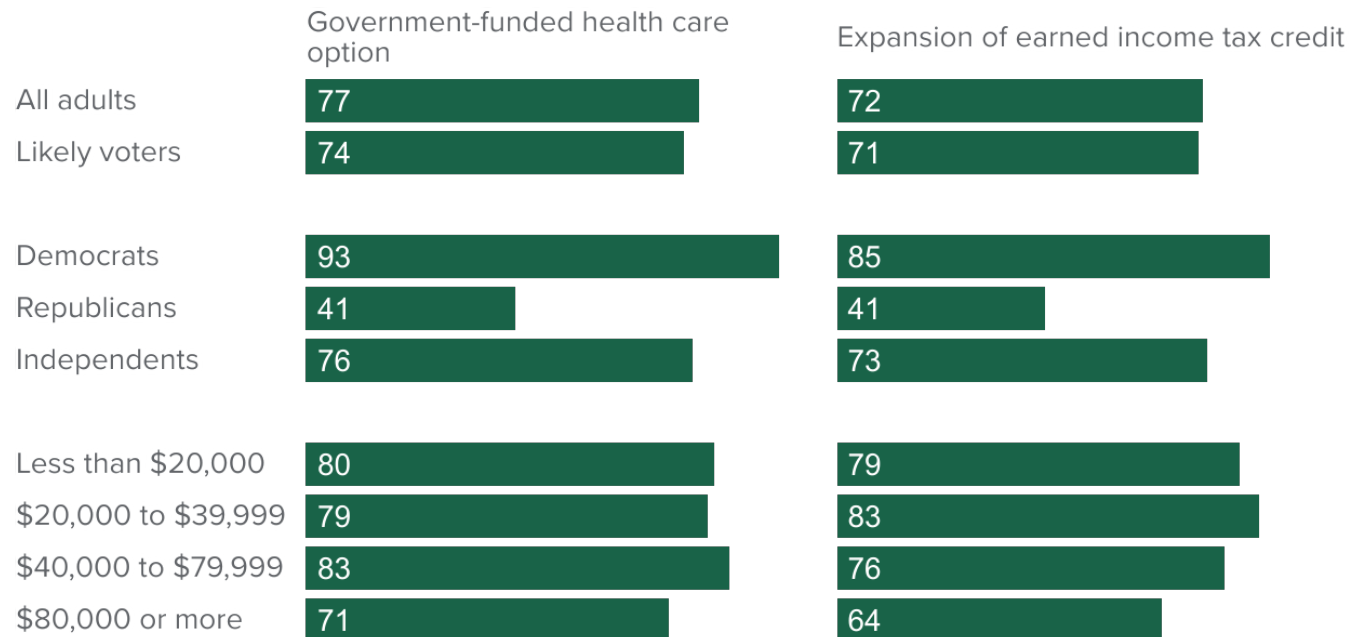


# Majorities say their job offers opportunity for growth

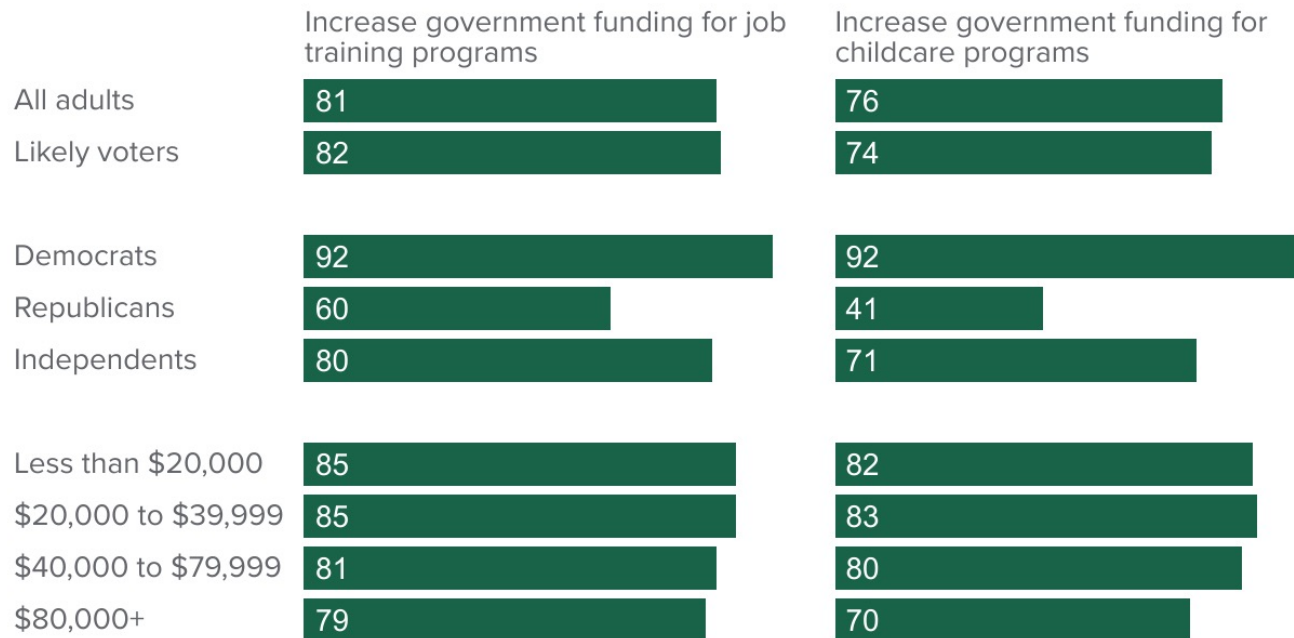
Among employed adults only



# Overwhelming support for government-funded health care and EITC expansion



# Bipartisan support for job training programs



## 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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