

Immigrants Facing Daunting Challenges in Time of COVID-19

As a response to the COVID 19 health crisis, CHIRLA launched a broad scale survey during March 12th to March 15th to identify the main areas of concern for the immigrant population we serve. The poll was followed by in-depth interviews (N=75) to expand our understanding of the problems faced due to the crisis and its early effects. This information helped our organization to optimize the services we provide and better direct our efforts to where they are most needed.

Key Findings:

PERSONAL FINANCES

- Thirty percent of the survey respondents indicate that their most significant concern relates to their ability to afford large payments such as rent or other immediate necessities.
- Only 1 in 3 of those interviewed felt confident in having sufficient savings to carry them through this time if they are financially impacted.

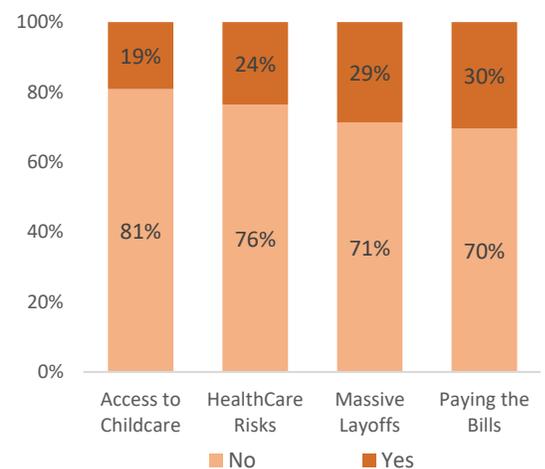
LABOR PARTICIPATION

- Similarly, another third of the sample, are worried that the crisis may lead to massive layoffs. In fact, it was found during the interviews that 13% have been laid off or have a family member that lost their job due to the crisis, while another 58% replied that their working hours have been reduced.

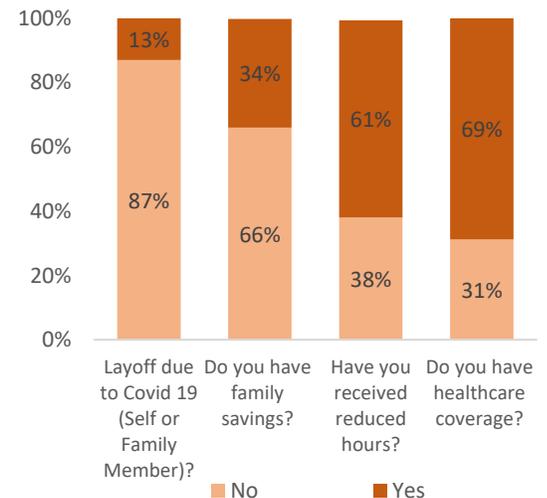
HEALTHCARE EFFECTS AND COVERAGE

- The health impact of the COVID19 is hard to measure, however only 69% of the respondents claim to have access to healthcare. We know from previous internal surveys that a large portion of the population we serve gain access to healthcare through their employers.
- The consequences of loss of employment and accompanying work benefits, will place a large portion of people facing significant risk of losing coverage when is needed the most.
- Almost 40% report experiencing Extreme or High levels of stress due to the current crisis.
- More than half (55%) of those that described specific situations of health risk in their workplace, indicate that frequent exposure to large amounts of people on a daily basis as the most relevant workplace risk.

Survey: What are your main concerns related to COVID 19?



Interviews: Covid-19 Related Situations



The sample for the survey (N=1550) reflects the views of polled individuals who are U.S. Born (67%) and Foreign Born (33%), are mostly renters and with an average income that falls between \$50,000 and \$100,000 (68%). The sample for the interviews (N=75) reflects the views largely Foreign Born individuals aged between 18-49 (68%) and living in the State of California. Sources: Civic Engagement Survey COVID19, Census Membership Survey, Organizing COVID19 Interviews, DACA Survey 2019

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