

# SELA Community Reactions to COVID19 and Recovery Bill



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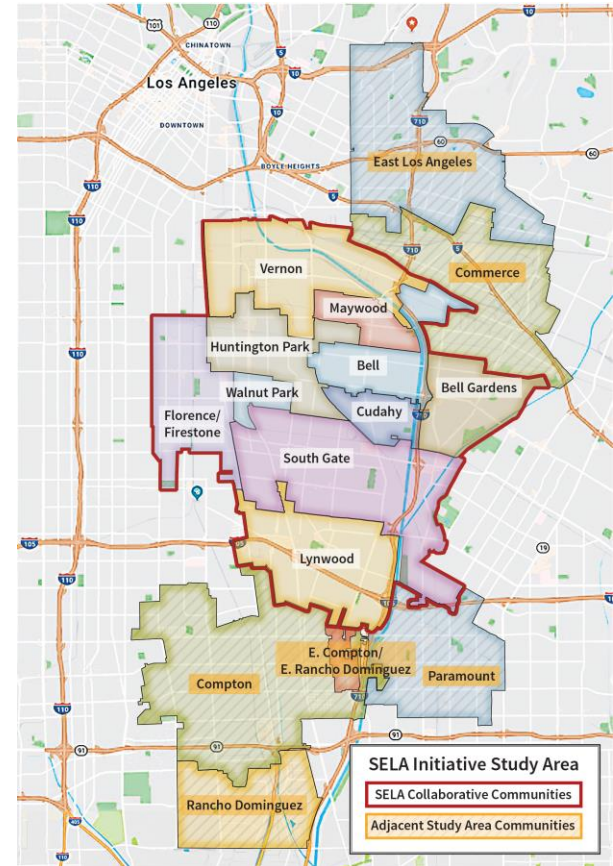


# SELA Survey Methodology

- Southeast Los Angeles Regional Survey Reactions to COVID and Recovery Bill
- N= 500 SELA residents
  - Mixed mode cellphone, landline, internet interviews
- Field Dates: May 8-14, 2020
- English or Spanish, according to respondent preference
- Margin of error  $\pm$  4.4 percentage points

# SELA Communities

- For the purposes of this survey SELA consists of:
- Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Huntington Park, Lynwood, Maywood, South Gate, Vernon, Walnut Park, Florence/Firestone, Rancho Dominguez, Commerce, East Los Angeles, East Compton, and Paramount.



# SELA Residents Are Following The Crisis Closely

- 92% of respondents say they are following COVID19 news very (70%) or somewhat closely (22%)
- 82% believe people in their community are following stay-at-home orders very or somewhat well.
- 1 in 5 residents indicate they have not left home at all during the past month (19%)
  - Of those who have left their home for groceries, pharmacy, visit family, 49% indicate they have left their home only about once per week

# SELA Residents Are Following The Crisis Closely

SELA residents rate health care professionals and local health care hospitals/facilities as very trustworthy.

\* Results shown as averages on a scale of 0-10

How much do you trust each of the following to provide accurate information and helpful advice related to the coronavirus outbreak? (On a scale of 0-10)

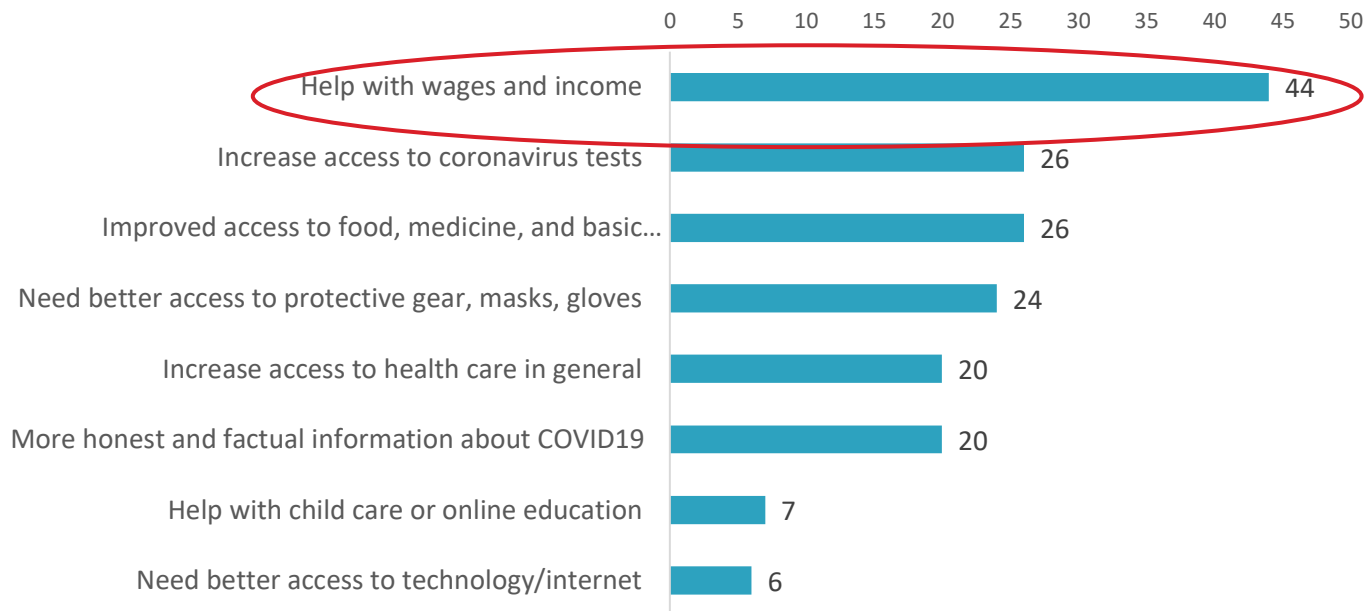
	<b>Mean</b>
➤ Your community's local hospitals, doctors, and nurses	<b>7.4</b>
➤ Mayor of the City of Los Angeles Eric Garcetti	<b>7.0</b>
➤ California Governor Gavin Newsom	<b>6.8</b>
➤ Experts in public health who appear on the news	<b>6.7</b>
➤ The mayor and city councilmembers of your city	<b>6.5</b>
➤ Los Angeles County officials	<b>6.4</b>
➤ Your local school district leaders, principals, and superintendent	<b>6.2</b>
➤ Representatives from the CA State Legislature	<b>6.2</b>

# COVID19-Specific Issue Priorities

Economic concerns are a pressing priority, followed by the need for increase in access to COVID tests.

22% of SELA residents know someone who has become ill due to coronavirus.

*Specifically thinking about the coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic, what are the most important issues facing your community that you think government should address?  
(Record up to 2 responses).*



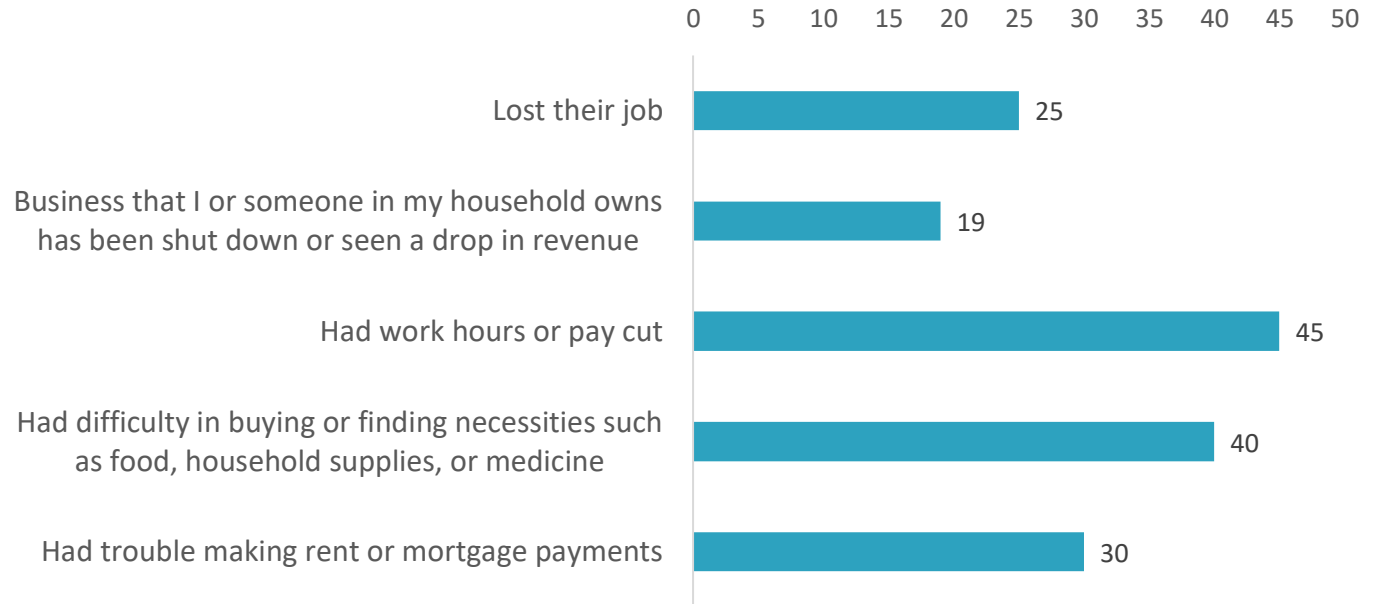


# Economic Impact is Severe

Young millennial residents are most likely to report job loss (34%)

Older millennials (30-39 year-olds) most likely to report work hours cut (62%)

*Please indicate whether any of the circumstances apply to you or someone in your household because of the recent coronavirus outbreak:*

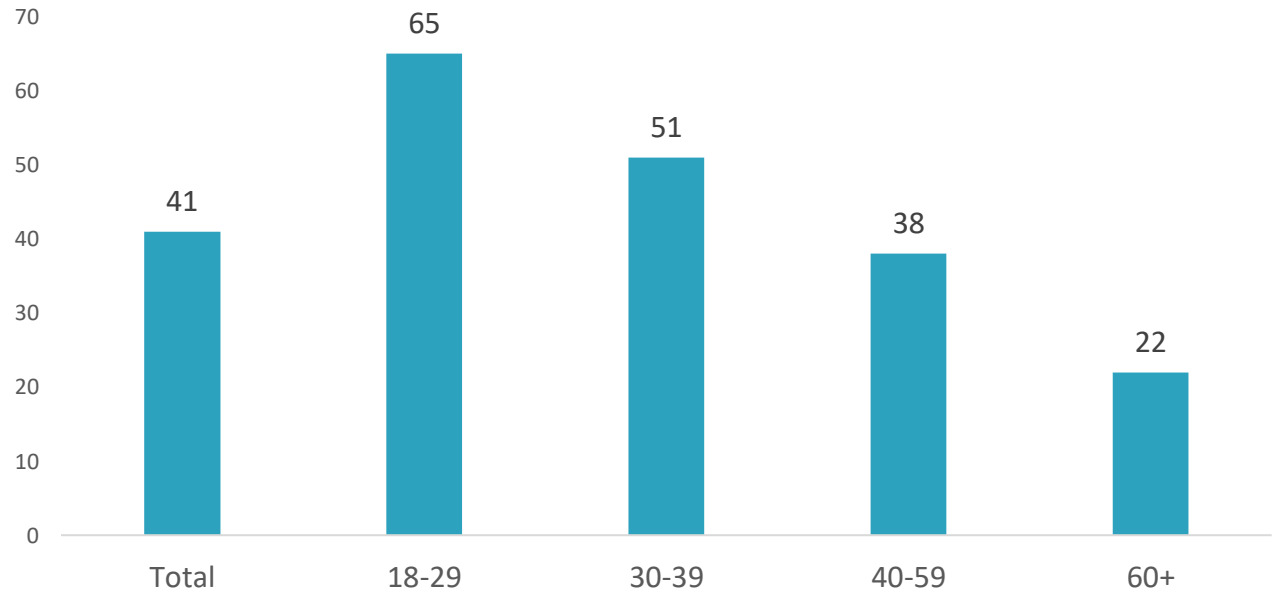


# Many are Still Working Outside the Home

Many SELA residents continue to work in the food service industry (18%), health care (12%), and janitorial/cleaning services (12%).

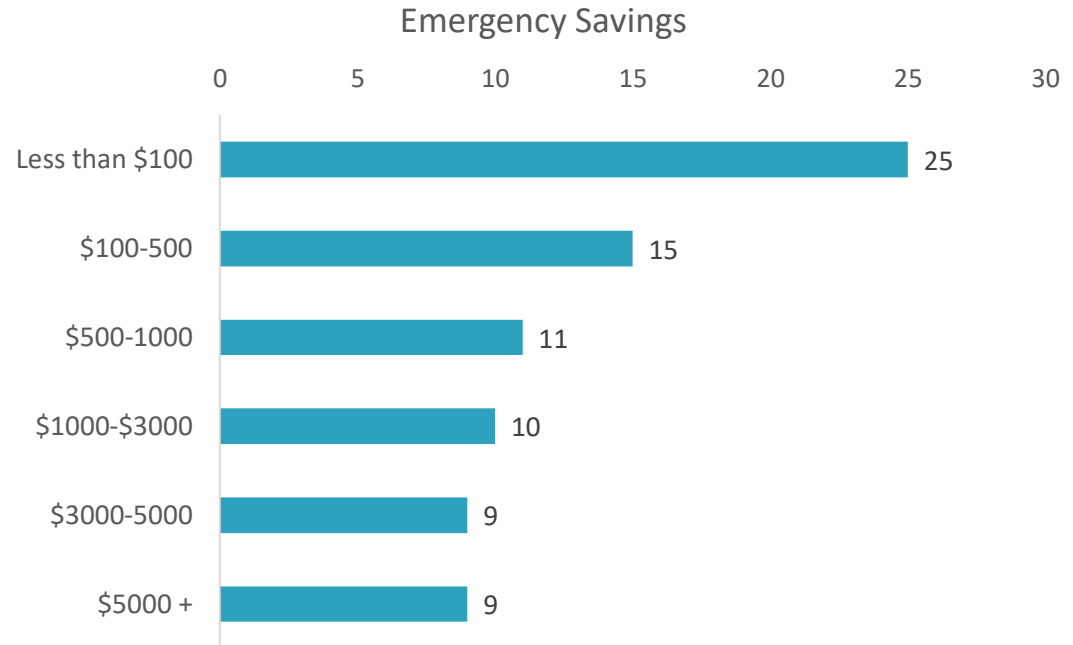
Nearly 1 in 4 do not feel safe due to lack of equipment and/or workplace procedures

You or someone in your household continues to go to work outside of the house



# Emergency Reserves are Extremely Limited

- Collectively, 51% of respondents have less than \$1,000 on hand for emergencies
- 2 out of every 3 residents who have lost their job have less than \$1,000 in savings

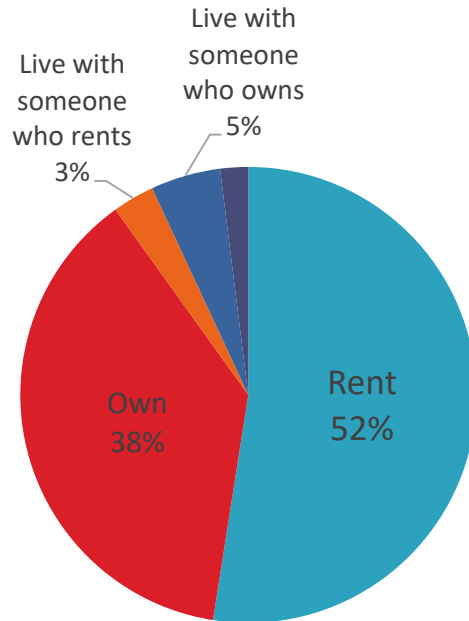


# Economic and Housing Difficulties

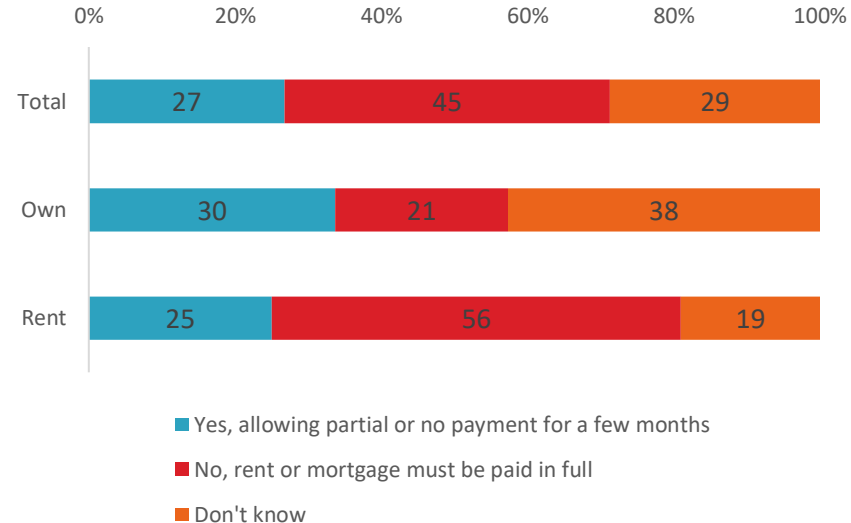
Among those who are renting, 56% indicate that they are not receiving assistance with rent payments due to coronavirus – payments must be paid in full and on time as usual.

31% of those who own their home similarly say their bank is not accepting partial mortgage payments.

Current Living Situation

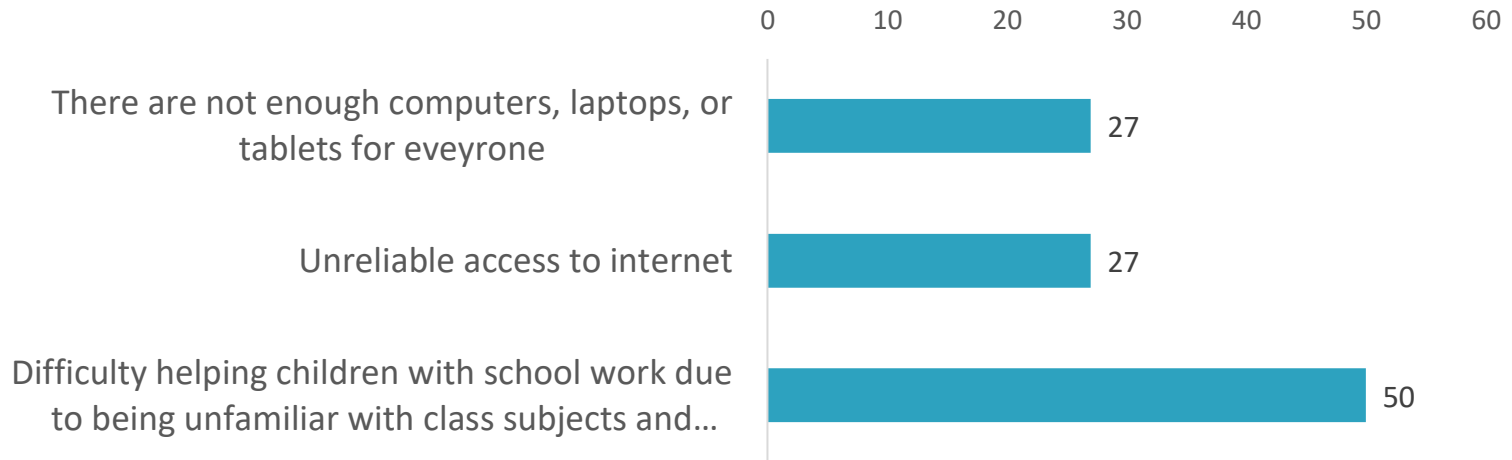


To the best of your knowledge, is your bank or landlord allowing partial or no rent or mortgage payments for April, May, or June because of coronavirus?



# Work/School From Home is Challenging

- 40% have someone in their household working from home
- 41% have at least one student in grades K-12 engaged in online schooling
- 22% have at least one person in the home taking college courses online



# Challenges with Testing

Only 15% of SELA residents have been able to get tested.

47% would like to be tested but have not been able to be tested.

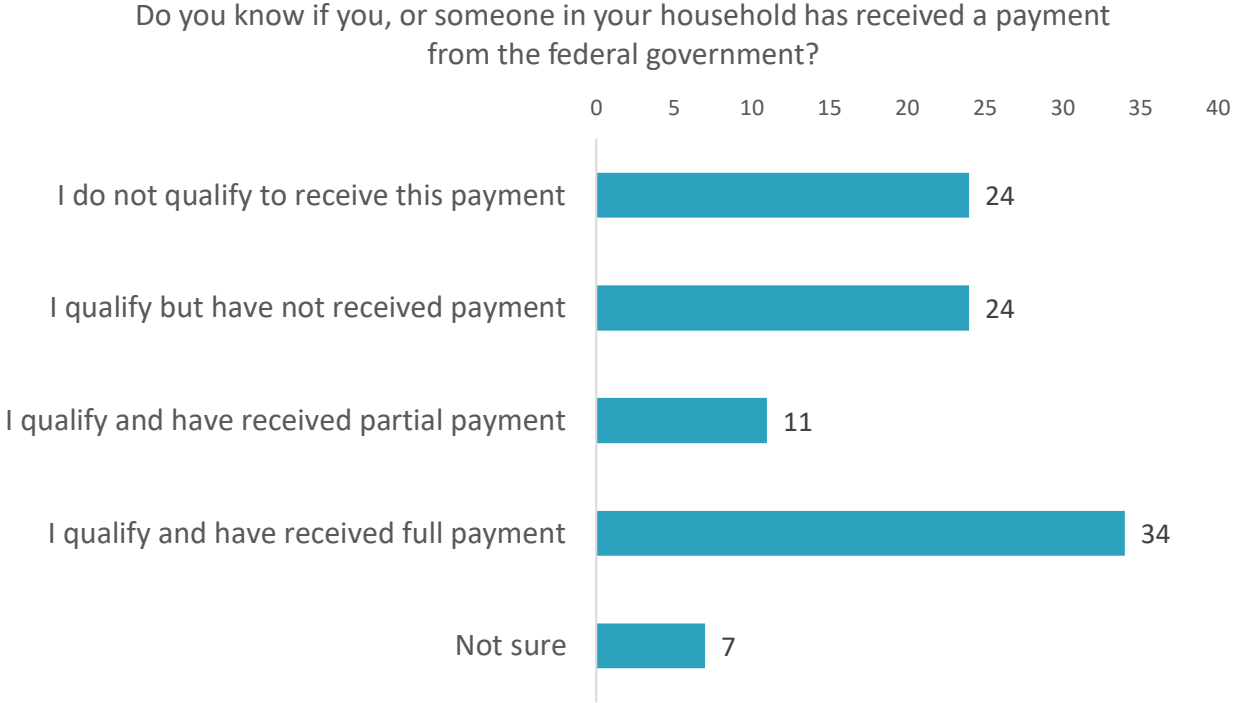
36% do not want to be tested – highest among those who speak Spanish and non-citizens

	Total	US-Born	Nationalized Citizens	Non-Citizens	English	Spanish
I have been able to get tested	15	19	13	11	18	11
I want to get tested but I am not sure where to go for a test	15	22	9	7	20	9
I want to get tested but heard that testing in my area is limited	12	16	11	5	14	10
I want to get tested but do not meet the testing criteria	10	13	12	3	13	7
I want to get tested but do not know how to make an appointment	10	15	4	5	12	7
I have not been tested and do not think it is necessary	36	24	45	52	25	50

# Federal Stimulus Support Has Been Inconsistent

Only 1 in 3 residents who qualify and have applied to receive a stimulus check have received their full payment

35% of residents have not yet received their full payment – they have only received partial or no support

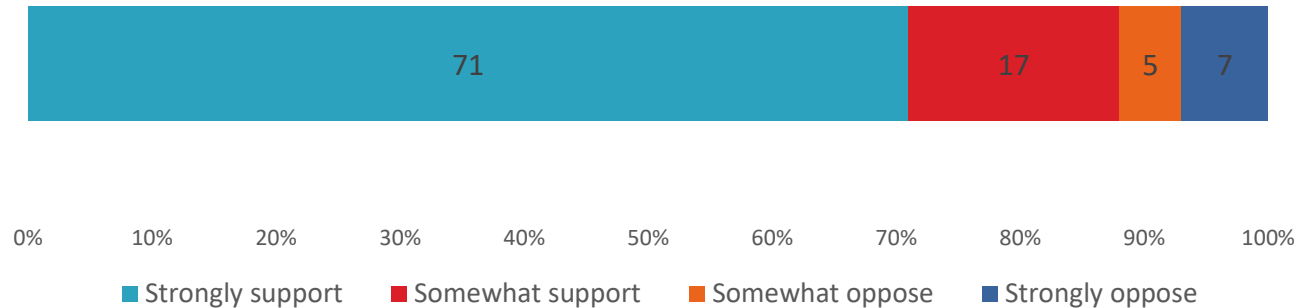


Source: SELA COVID19 Survey May 8-14, 2020 (N=500) MoE +/- 4.4%

# Economic Aid Seen as Priority for All

Overall, 88% of residents are supportive of the California Disaster Relief Fund to provide undocumented immigrants and their families with cash assistance, given that immigrants do not qualify for federal aid.

Do you support or oppose this relief fund for undocumented immigrants?

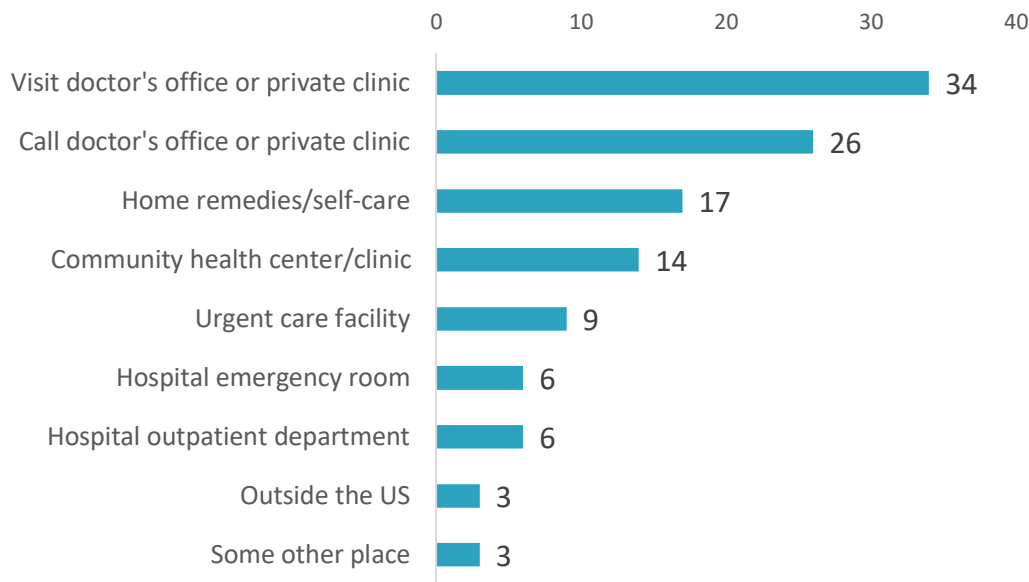




# Access to Health Care Continues to be a Pressing Need

- 14% of respondents have lost their employer-provided health insurance or other benefits in light of the coronavirus crisis.
- While most people indicate they would visit or call their doctor's office or private clinic, 17% indicate they have taken to home remedies for health care. This rate is even higher among young residents ages 18-29 (28%)

In the last 2 months, what services or facilities have you visited, or would you visit, for health issues and health care needs unrelated to coronavirus?



# Local Services and Facilities Rated Favorably Amidst Pandemic

Nearly 1 in 3 SELA residents indicate they do not know or have an opinion on mental health services compared to hospitals and health care facilities. Similarly 1 in 4 do not state an opinion on public transportation, pointing to lack of information or usage of such services during the health crisis.

Overall, how would you rate the following services in Southeast Los Angeles given the current health situation?

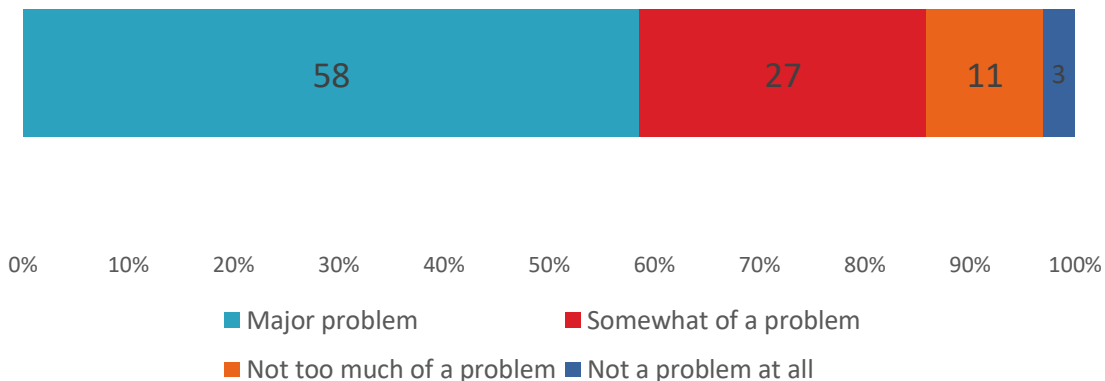


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# Residents Worry Over Racism and Attacks On Latino and Immigrant Communities

- Older residents ages 60+ were most likely to indicate they see racism against Latinos and immigrants as a major problem (68%).
- 51% of SELA residents are also very (26%) or somewhat (25%) concerned about the presence of ICE or border patrol in their communities

Generally speaking, how much of a problem, or not, do you think racism against Latinos and immigrants is today?



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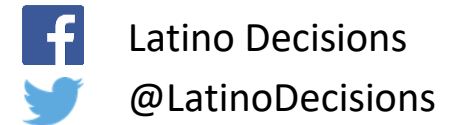
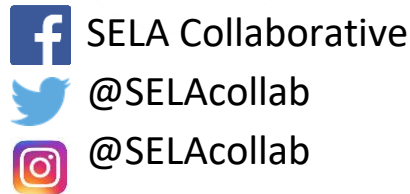
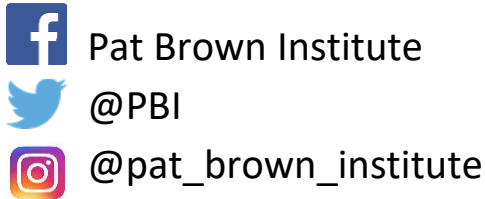


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# Q&A

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- Survey materials and presentation available online



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