

# Forgotten During COVID: An **Assessment of Immigrant Needs in the Pandemic**

This survey shows the results of statewide data from 91,000 records collected by six organizations (Asian Americans Advancing Justice, California, Human Development, CARECEN, Community Action Board of Santa Cruz, Jewish Family Services of San Diego, UFW Foundation and CHIRLA) that participated in the registration and distribution of the Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants (DRAI), a program that served 150,000 undocumented individuals with an estimated \$500 of cash assistance per household.

DRAI Impact

45% of recipients indicated being affected by the closure of schools during COVID-19.

Out of the same group, 96% indicated that their hours were reduced at work severely impacting their livelihood.

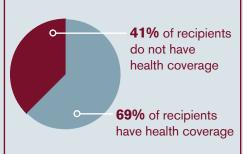
#### **Women Facing Adversity**

- More than half of the assistance recipients were women at 53% vs 40% for men (with 7% of applicants declining to state their gender).
- Most of the applicants impacted by school closures were women between the ages of 36 to 50.

FEMALE	MALE	REASON THAT APPLIED FOR ASSISTANCE
97%	98%	Reduced Hours
49%	43%	Schools Closures
12%	11%	Underlying Health Conditions
3%	4%	Experienced COVID-19 Symptoms at the time of applying for program
3%	3%	Caregiver of a special needs person/older adult
53%	39%	Proportion of the Universe
48,604	35,965	Total Universe*

\*Excludes: declined to declare other gender.

## **HEALTHCARE COVERAGE**



- 3% of applicants were experiencing symptoms at the time of application.
- 12% suffer underlying health conditions.
- These factors led to high medical expenses, which applicants had difficulties covering.

#### **UNMET NEEDS**



**87**%

of respondents have unmet housing needs



of respondents suffered from food insecurity

**53**% of respondents lacked access to transportation

54%

of respondents lacked access to utility



9%

of respondents had unmet childcare needs

## **CALIFORNIA** HOUSING

**Covering Housing expenses** was the most pressing and common unmet need for the applicants during the pandemic. This was in a state with a population of 2.2 million immigrants, of which only 7% received assistance.



Housing related costs such as utilities was another category of needs where applicants planned to allocate funds from the assistance.



53% of the total applicants who have children at home, reported that they would use the funds to secure food.





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