

# 2024 Latino Family Voices

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# Methodology – Survey Specifications

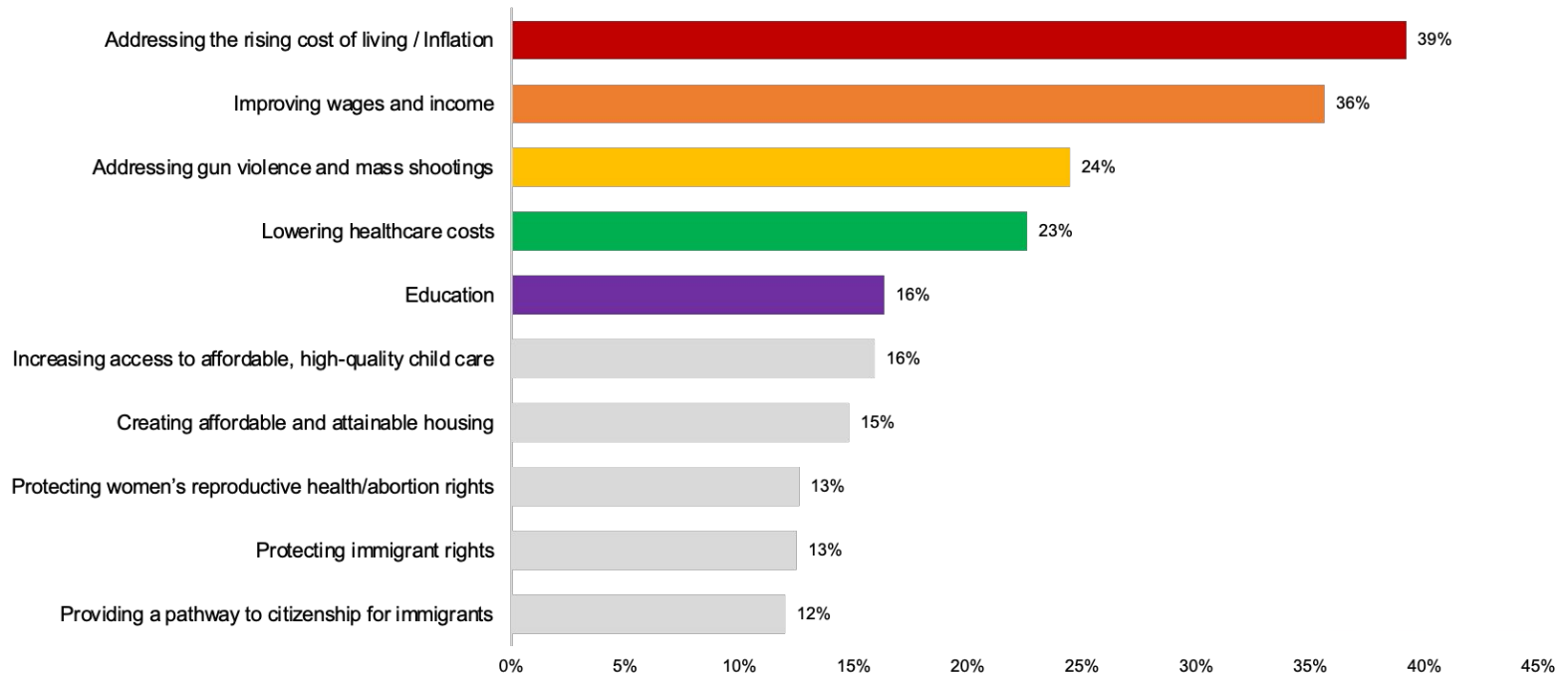
- The survey was conducted with a national sample (N = 1,500) of Latino parents and primary caregivers of children 5 years of age or younger, including expecting families.
  - Oversamples in New Mexico and Los Angeles County
- **Field Dates:** November 8 – November 27, 2023
- Data was collected through a blended approach including web-based and telephone interviews (both landlines and cell phones) in either Spanish or English.
- The data was weighted to ensure that the demographics of the sample match those defined by the U.S. Census.



# Health and Wellbeing

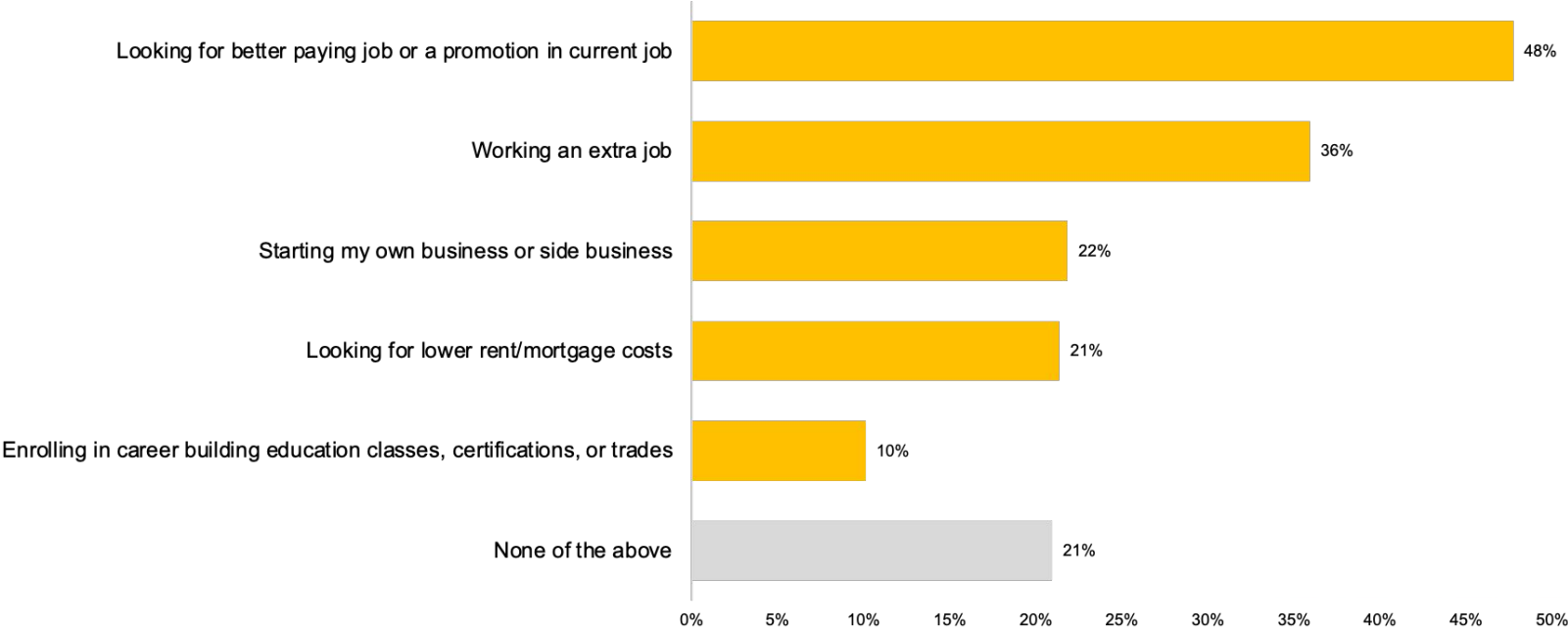
# Latino Families Prioritize Economic Issues & Gun Violence

*What are the most important issues facing the Latino community that you think Congress and the President should address? Select up to 3.*



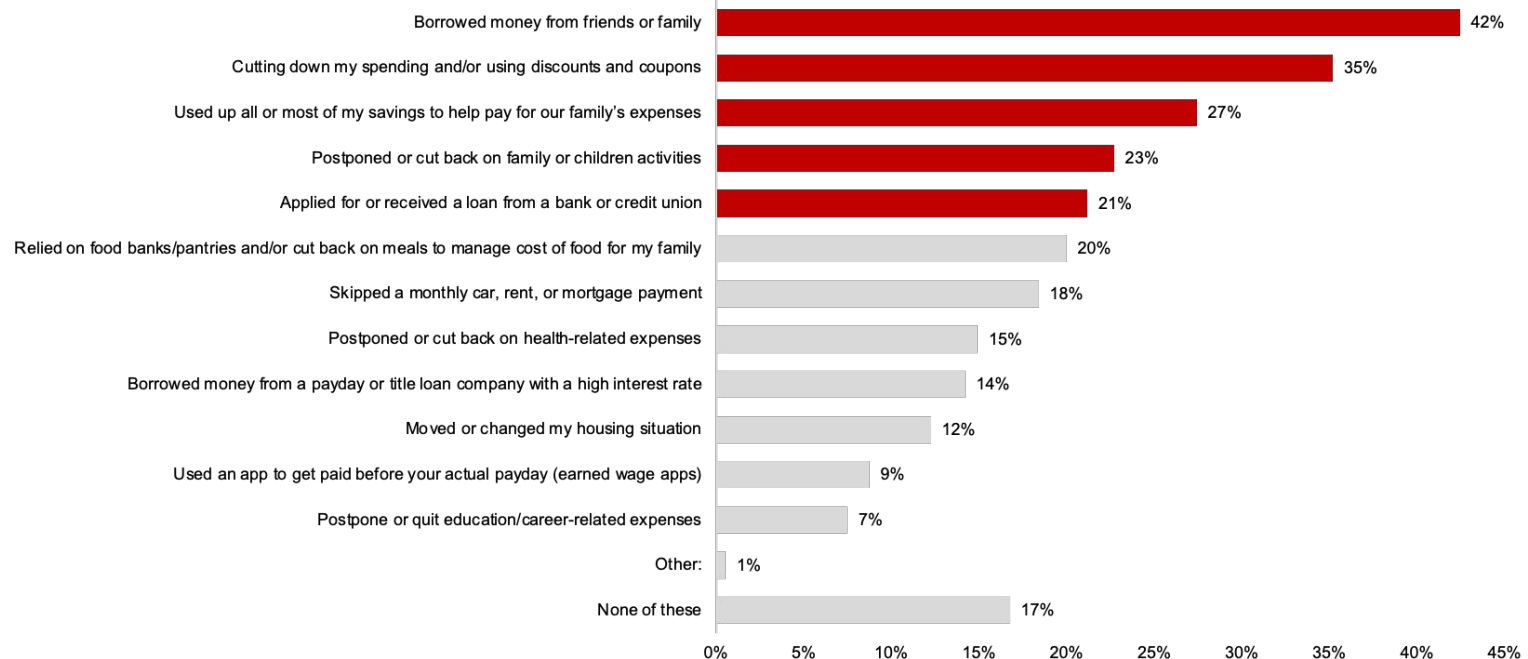
# Latino Families are Resilient & Parents are Taking Action for Their Families

*Due to the rising cost of living, have you or someone in your household done any of the following to improve your family's financial well-being?*



# Parents Have to Make Difficult Decisions Due to Inflation

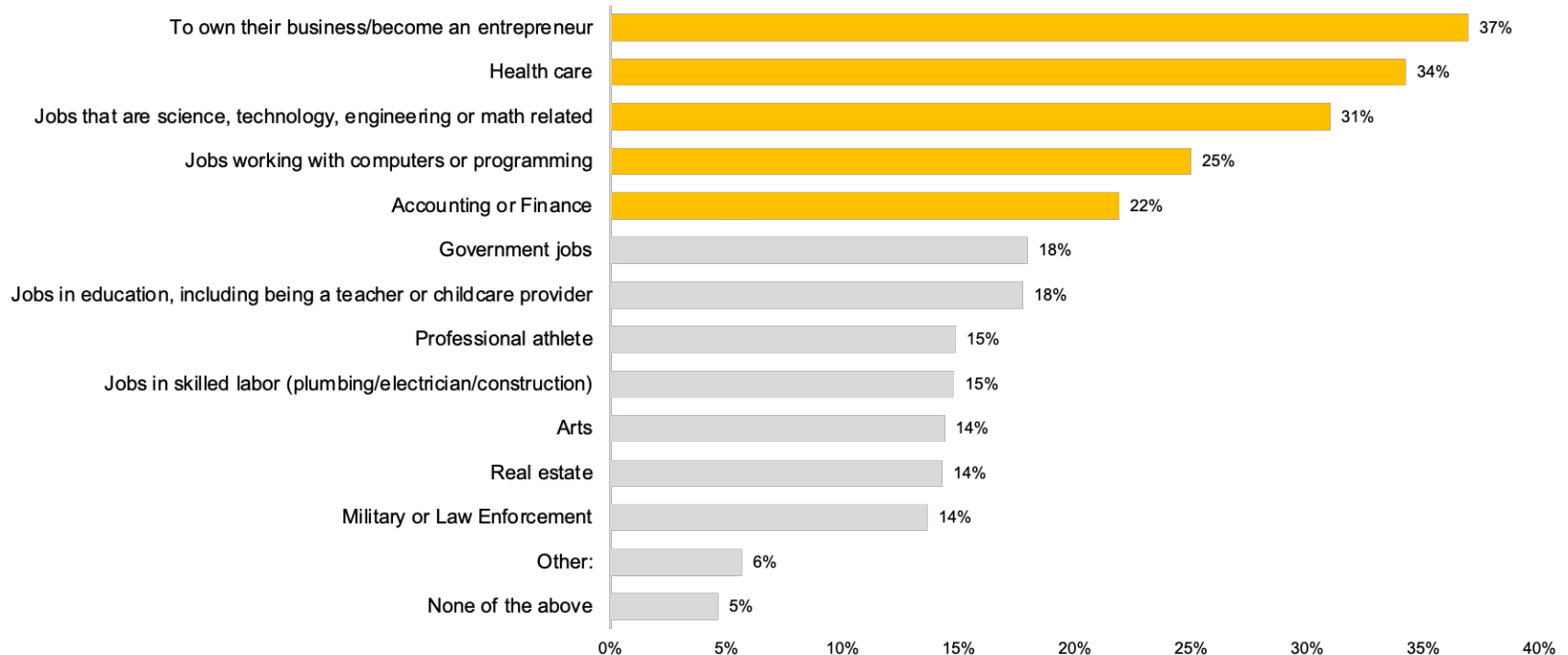
***Over the past year, have you done any of the following to manage your financial situation due to price increases and the rising cost of living?***



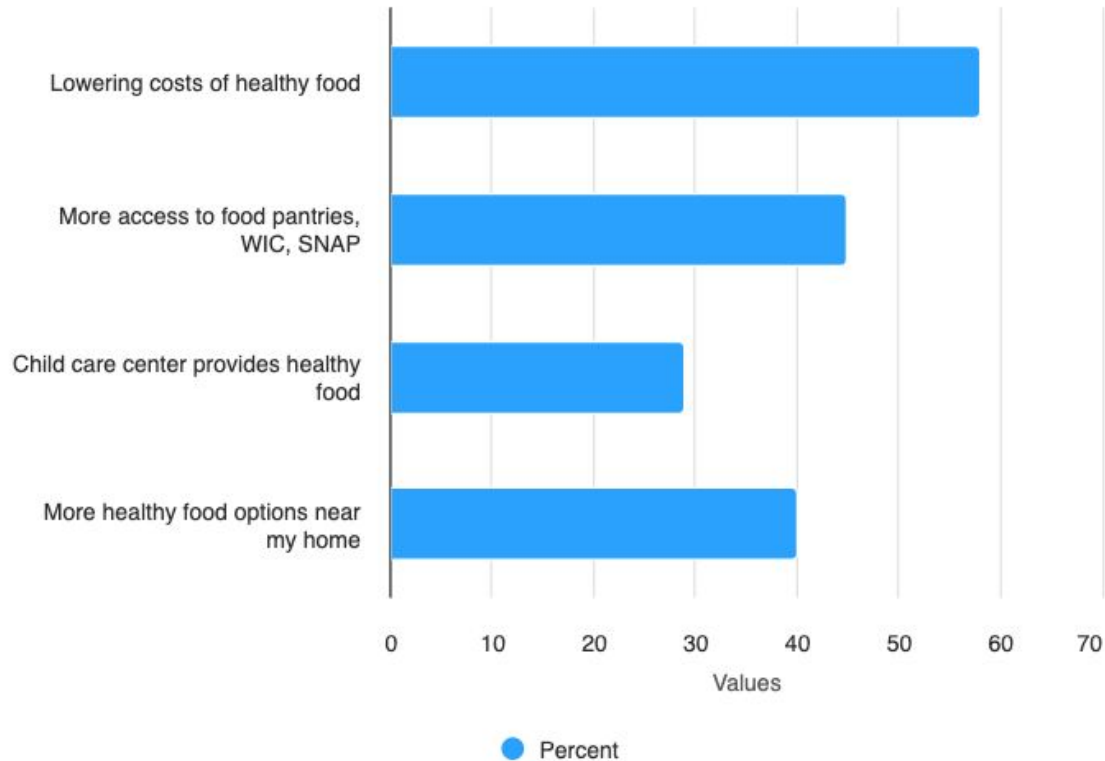


# Childhood Futures

***When thinking about a successful future for your child, which of the following career options would you most like to see your child pursue?***



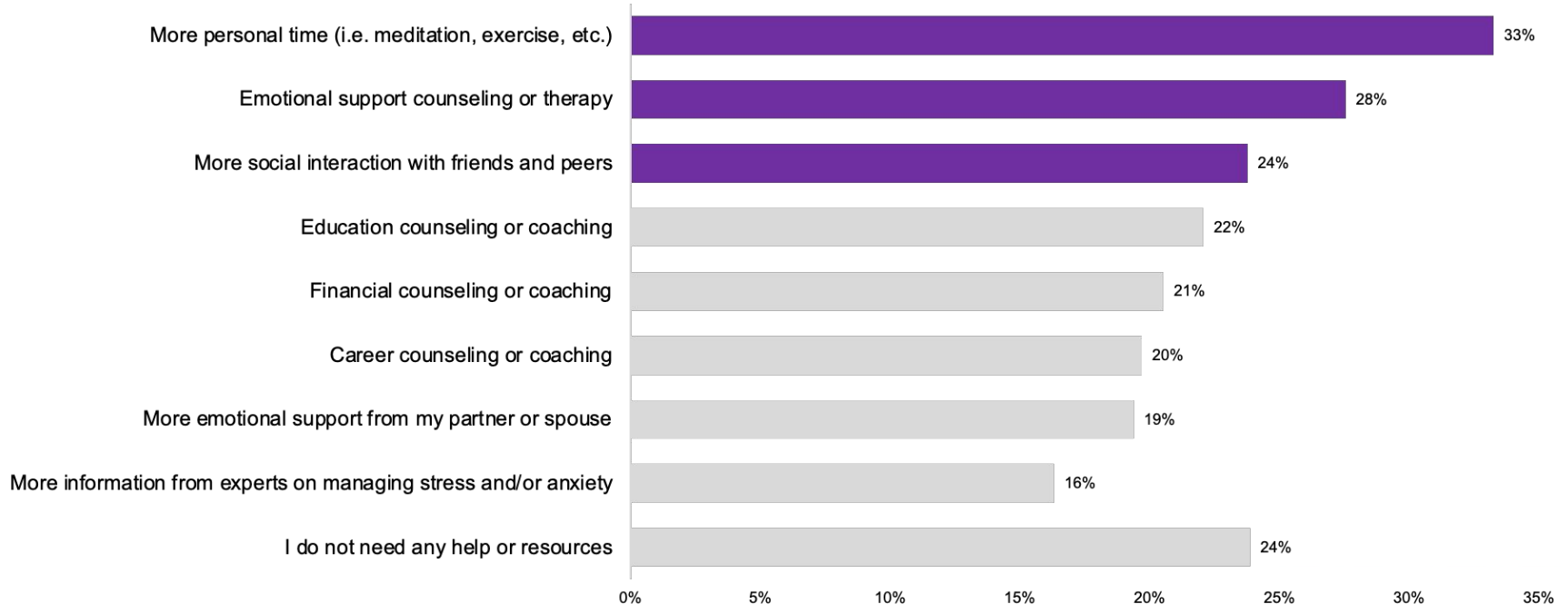
# What would help you access more healthy, nutritious food?





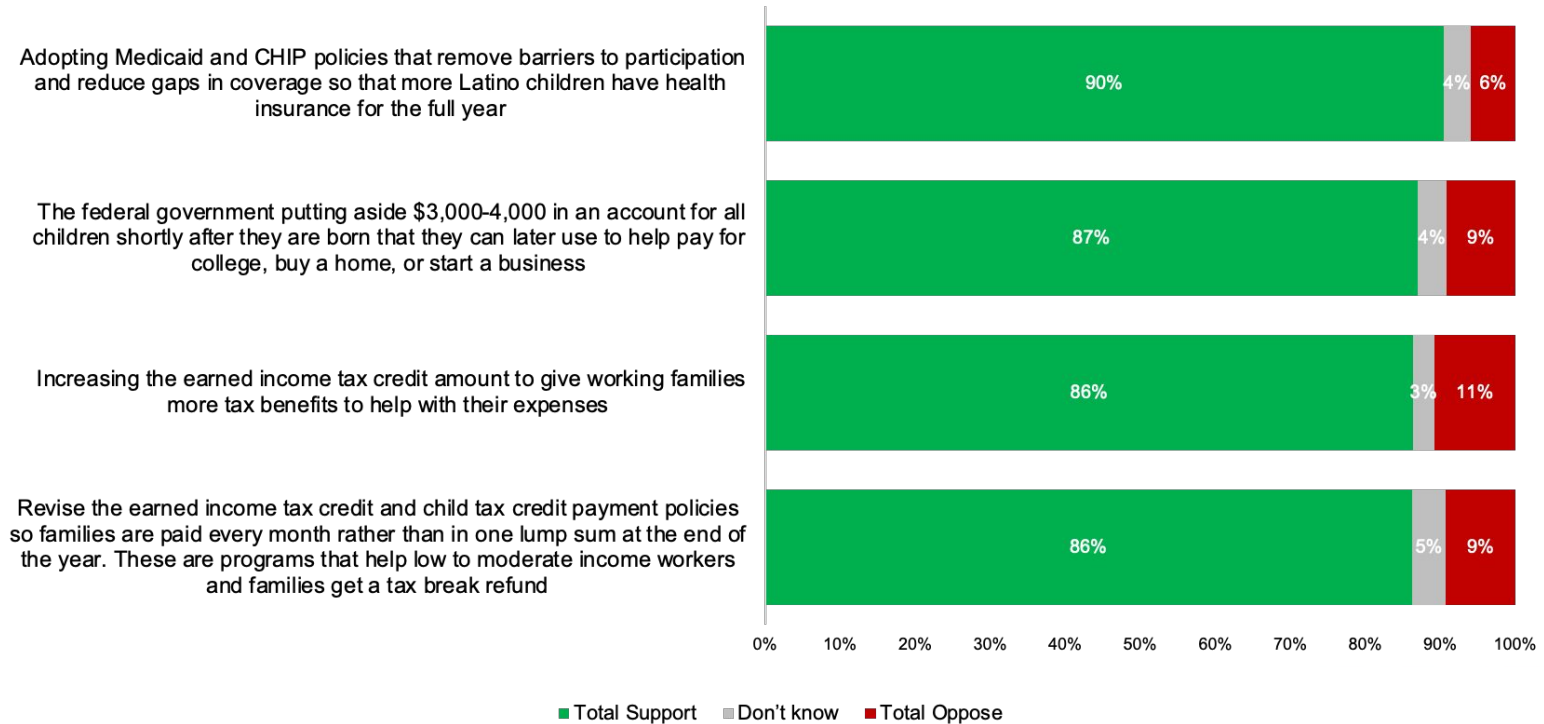
# Support for Stress and Anxiety is Needed

*What additional support do you need as a parent or primary caregiver to help you manage stress and anxiety? Select all that apply.*



# Policy Support

*Do you support or oppose each of the following?*

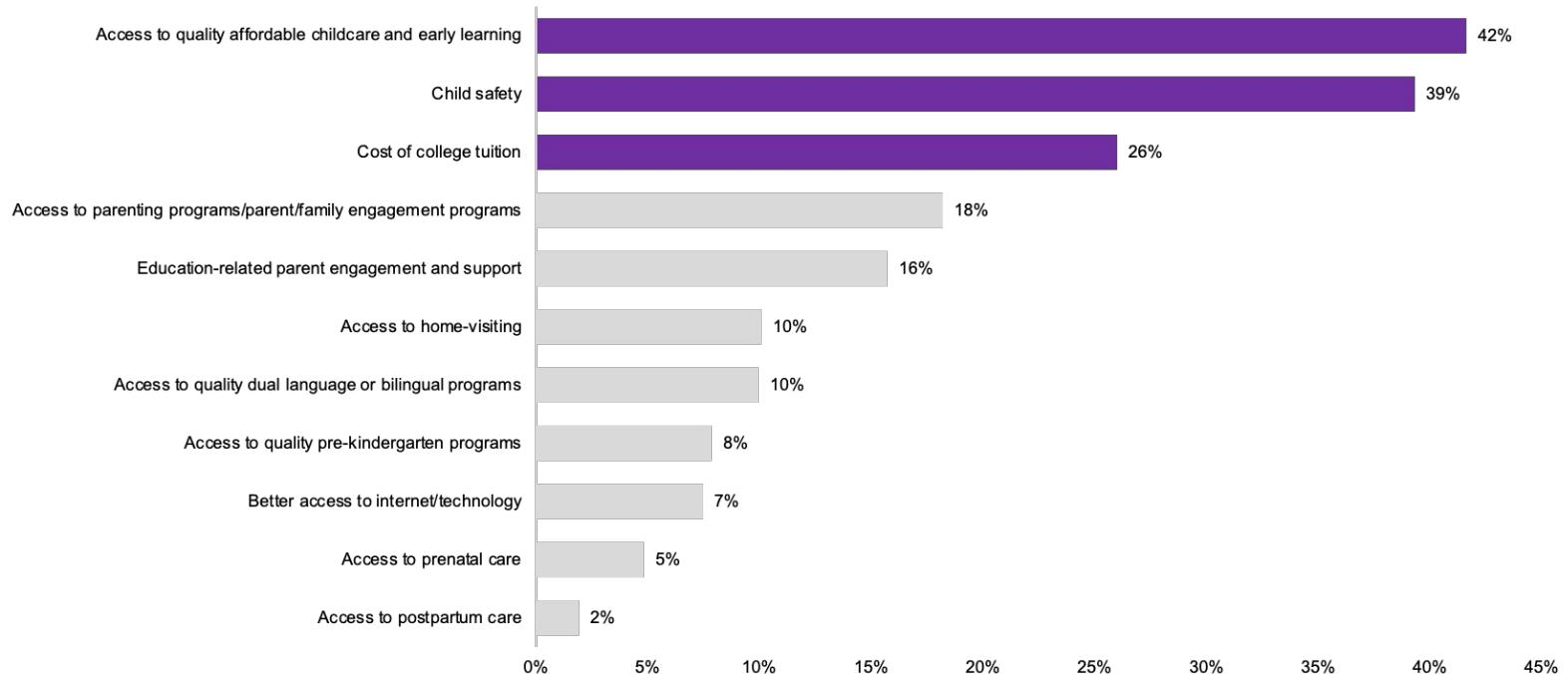




# **Early Education and Childcare**

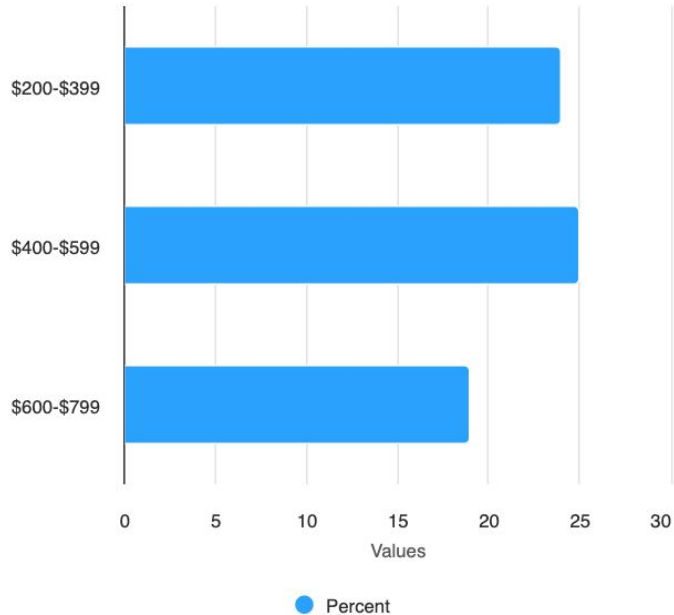
# Childhood Issue Priorities

*To improve the wellbeing of children growing up this country, what are the two most important issues you think the government should address? Select up to 2.*



# Childcare Costs

How much do you spend on child care per month?

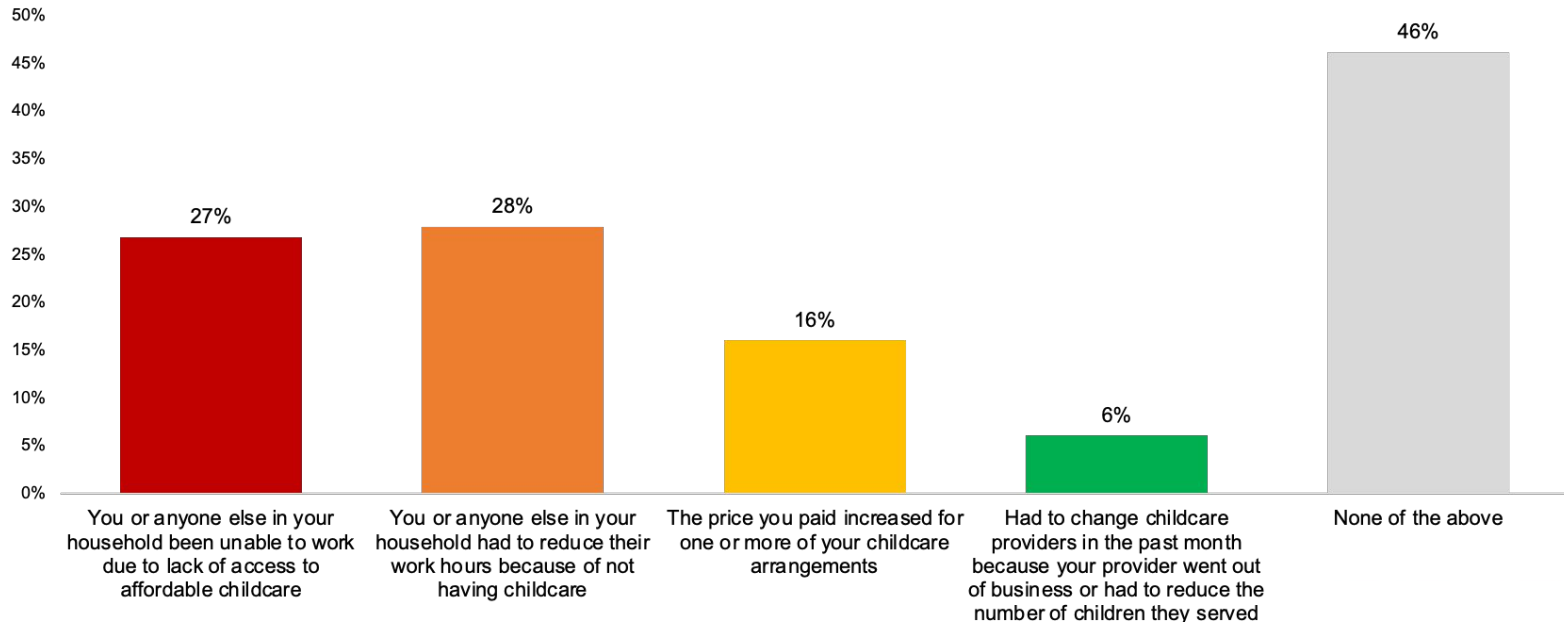


Has your child received child care?



# Over 1 in 4 Have Reduced Hours Due to Lack of Childcare

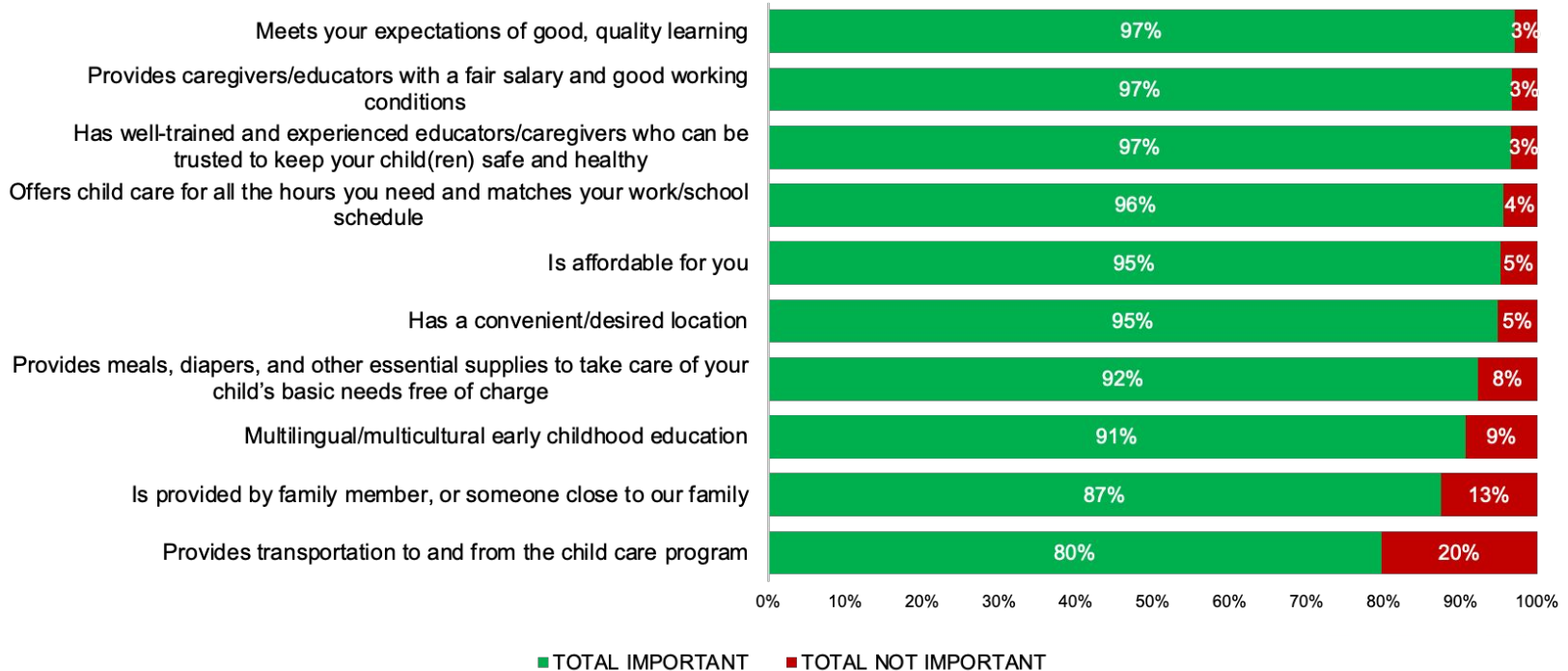
*Have you experienced any of the following in the past year due to challenges in one or more of your childcare arrangements? Select all that apply.*





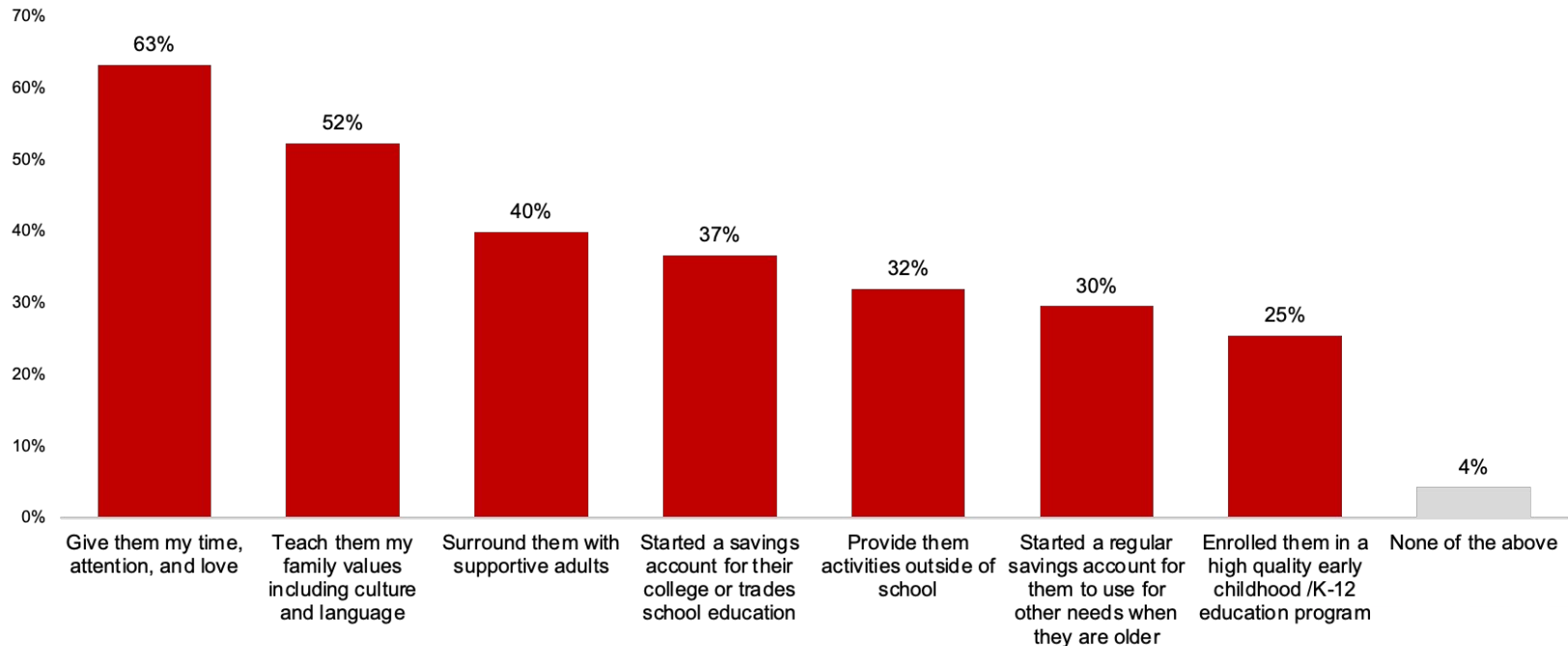
# Parents Highly Value Educators & Quality Learning

*How important is it that childcare:*



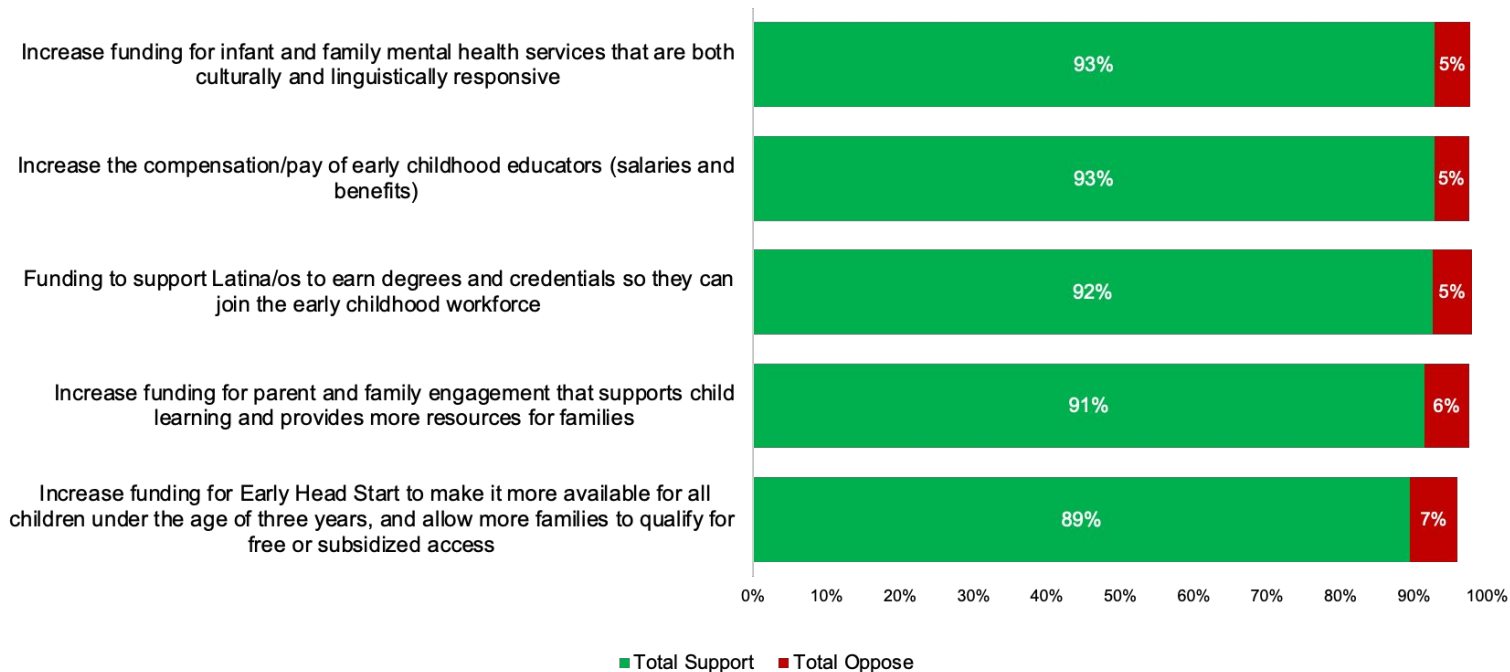
# Parents Are Taking Actions to Provide a Good Future

*Which of the following are you currently doing to provide your children with a good future? Select all that apply.*



# High Support for Childhood Development Policies

*Many states across the country are considering increasing the state's investment in early childhood development and education capacity for families with young children. Do you support or oppose your state spending these funds to:*



**Full interactive report available at:**

**<https://nationalsurvey.ap-od.org/2024-report/>**

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# Investing in the Future: Advancing a National Latino Infant Policy Agenda

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## How?

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Latino Infant Initiative Advisory Council:  
16 people (parents, programs, providers, researchers).

National Latino Family Survey, UnidosUS focus groups

Peer review: UnidosUS topic teams, other organizations, etc.





# EDUCATION

A woman with long dark hair is smiling and reading a book to two young children, a girl and a boy, who are also looking at the book. The scene is set in a brightly lit room, possibly a library or classroom.

1. Programs
2. Workforce
3. Family engagement


# HEALTH

A female doctor in a white lab coat is smiling and examining a young child. Another person is partially visible on the right side of the frame. The background shows a medical office with anatomical charts on the wall.

4. Health care
5. Nutrition
6. Gun safety

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- A person is sitting at a desk, looking at a document. The scene is dimly lit, with a soft light source from the side. The person's hands are visible as they handle the paper.
7. Economic well-being

# ECONOMIC SECURITY

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- A woman is sitting on the ground, holding a young child on her back. They are outdoors, with trees and foliage in the background. The woman is smiling and looking up at the child.
8. Dignified immigration

# IMMIGRATION



## GOAL 1: Access to high-quality PROGRAMS

Has your child received child care?

**51%**

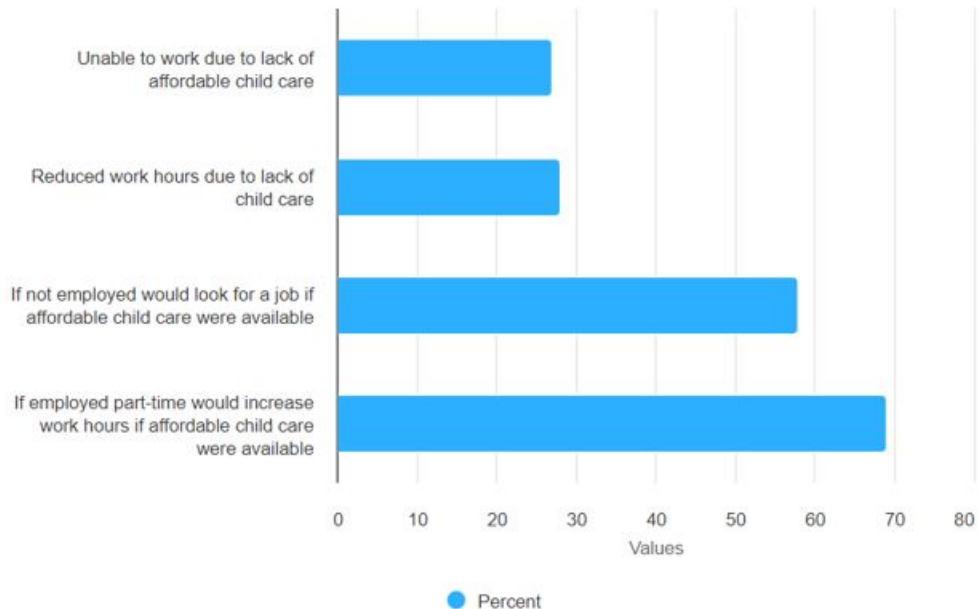
My child has not received child care



**34%**

Because it was too expensive

### Top child care challenges for Latino families





## GOAL 2: Diverse and qualified ECE WORKFORCE

- Incentivize hiring bilingual workforce
- Facilitate teachers' degree completion
- Develop a pathway to licensing for FFN
- Fund professional development in culturally responsive practices
- Increase teacher compensation and improve work conditions





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### GOAL 3: High-quality FAMILY ENGAGEMENT respectful of home language

- Disseminate culturally responsive resources to parents to support language development
- Fund evidence-based home visiting programs
- Increase research focused on Latino infants





## GOAL 4: Access to HEALTH CARE

How many Latino  
parents cannot afford  
mental health?

Answer: 36%





## GOAL 4: Access to HEALTH CARE

- Federal government should convert state options into guarantees to provide full prenatal and postpartum coverage, irrespective of immigration status.
- Waive the 5-year “waiting period” for eligible immigrants (Lift the Bar)
- Increase access to culturally and linguistically responsive mental health services







## GOAL 5: Healthy and affordable FOOD

- We support a SNAP program that:
  - Doesn't impose working requirements for SNAP
  - Extends benefits to Puerto Rico
  - Eliminates eligibility limits
  - Removes the 5-year bar on participation for noncitizens
- We support a WIC program that:
  - Makes permanent remote enrollment flexibility
  - Requires WIC agencies to extend certification periods to two years

1 in 5 Latino families  
went hungry in 2021



**One in five Latino parents reported that either they or their children had already experienced gun violence.**



## GOAL 6: Address GUN VIOLENCE

- Enact gun safety laws that include
  - Liability for gun manufacturers
  - Ban on assault weapons
  - Licensing
  - Background checks

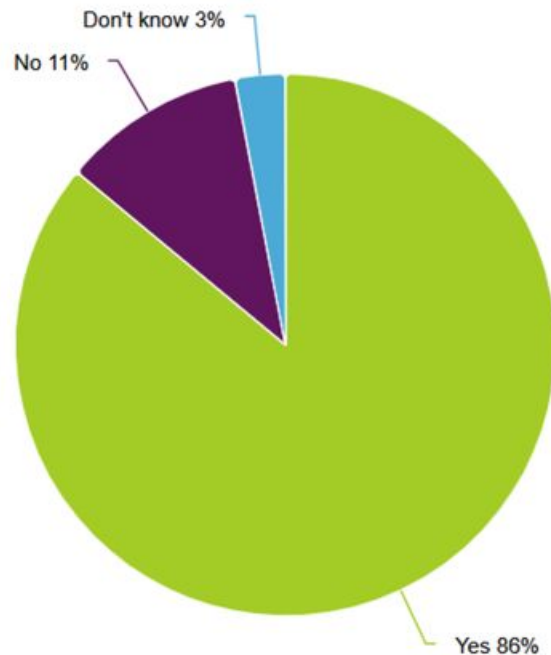


## GOAL 7: Ensure ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

- Adopt a national Paid Family and Medical Leave program
- Support equal pay for Latinas
- Expand Child Tax Credit
- Provide pathway to homeownership



### Increase in Earned Income Tax Credit





## GOAL 8: Dignity for IMMIGRANT families

- Provide a pathway to citizenship
- Ensure that judges consider potential hardship to minor children in all removal decisions
- Exercise executive authority to prioritize immigration enforcement resources
- Ensure regular training for ICE personnel who may come into contact with children





# Latino Infant Policy Agenda

# 2024 National Latino Family Survey



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Gracias





# Save the date!

Upcoming Webinars

<b>April 2, 2024</b>	<b>California State Budget Primer</b>
<b>April 16, 2024</b>	<b>NM State Budget Primer</b>
<b>May 7, 2024</b>	<b>The Whole Learner Act</b>
<b>May 21, 2024</b>	<b>Building Wealth - Baby Bonds</b>

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