

# The Impact of COVID-19 on Children and Families:

## Paid Sick Leave as a Vital Part of New Mexico's Recovery

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**Family economic well-being is a critical foundation for healthy child development.**





Before the pandemic,  
NM children faced many  
challenges, but we were  
moving forward on a  
path to prosperity.



# **COVID-19 has created new challenges.**

- **51% of adults with children have lost employment income**
- **38,000 children were excluded from a stimulus payment**
- **34% of children are projected to be food insecure as a result of COVID-19**
- **23% of adults with children are struggling with rent or mortgage payments**

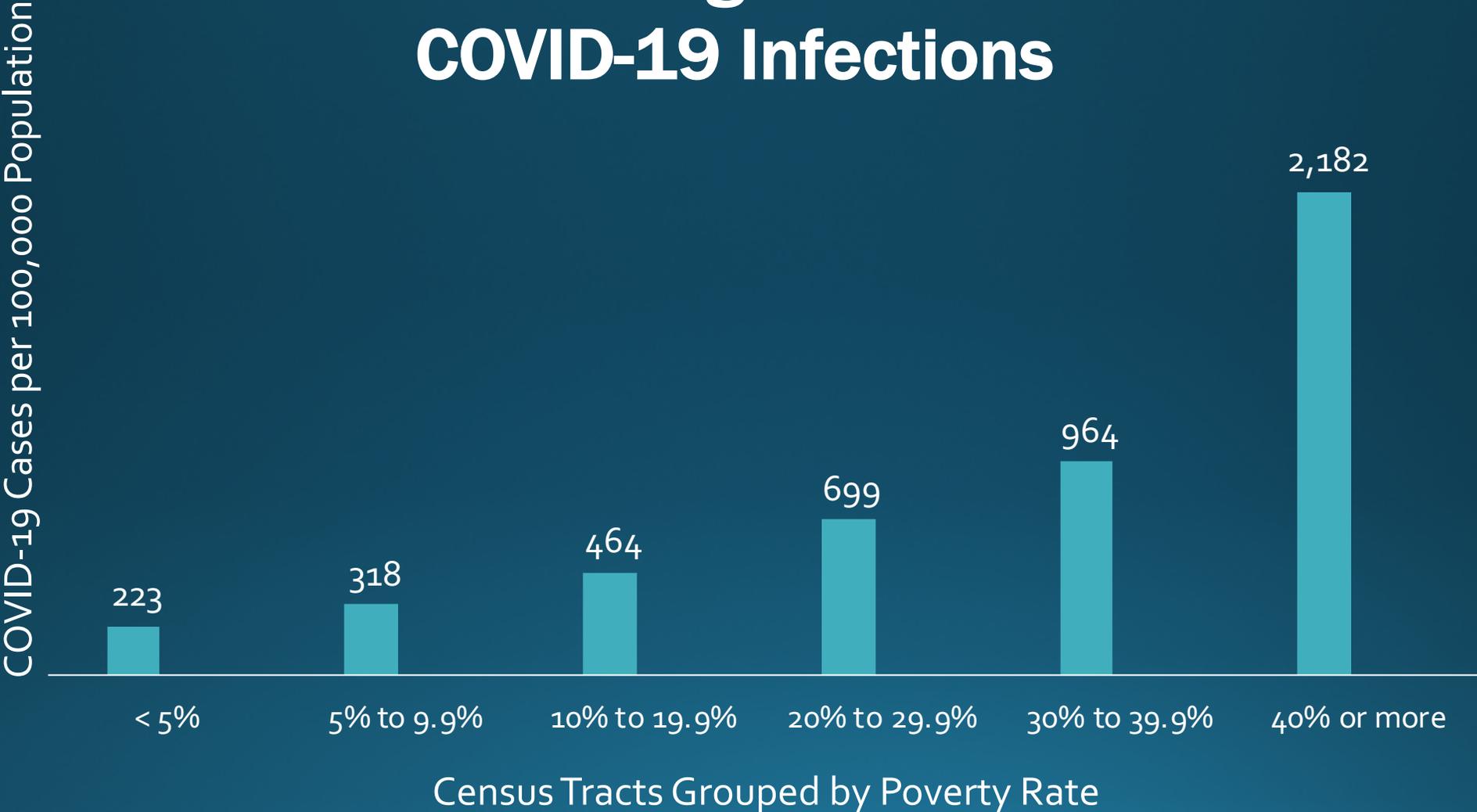
# Latino Decisions Statewide Survey

480 Latino parents & guardians

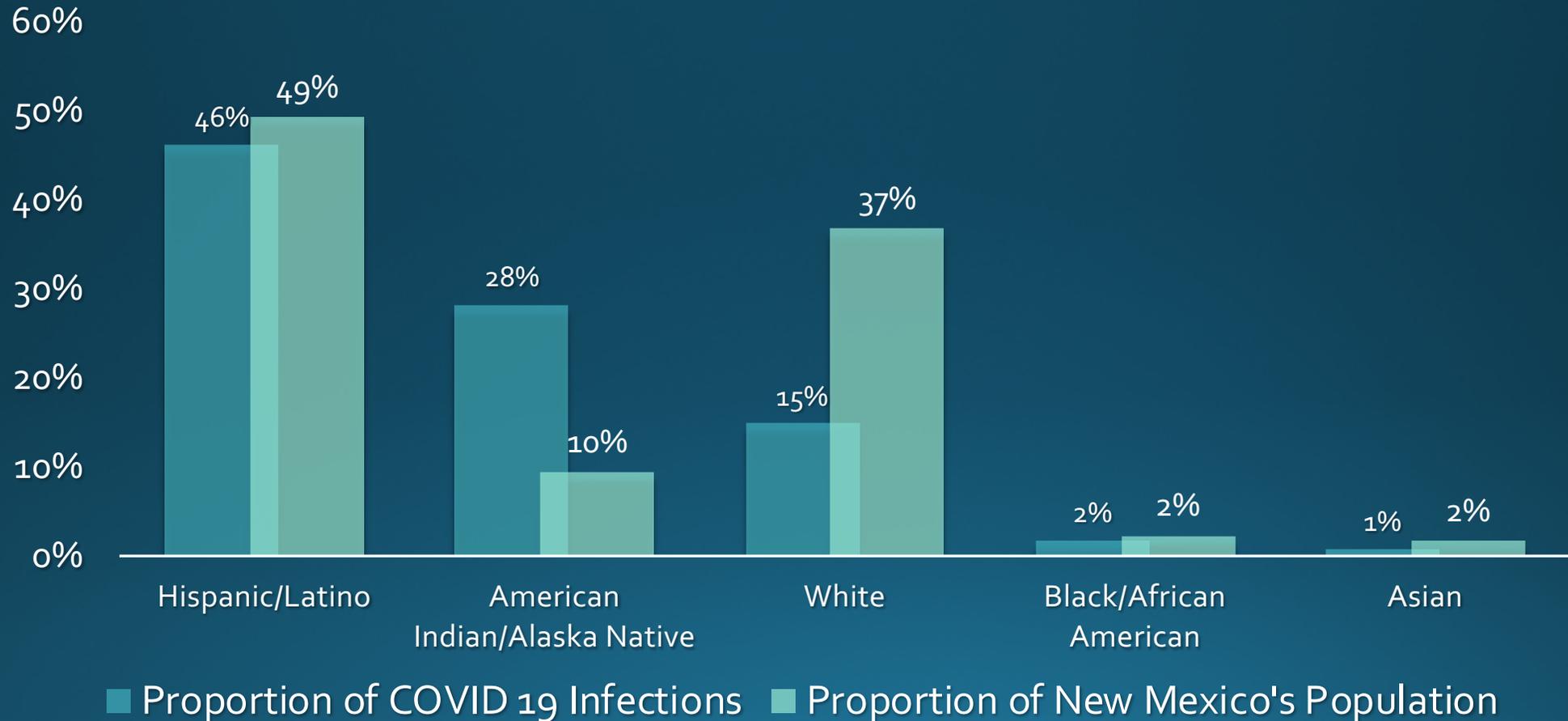
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- 20% of Latino families had someone in the household lose their job
- 48% had hours or pay cut
- 23% lost employer provided health insurance
- 36% did not qualify for unemployment
- 1/2 have less than \$1,000 in savings
- 1/4 have less than \$100 in savings
- One third have trouble paying for rent or mortgage
- 24% postponed or cut back on health related expenses

# Lower-Income Communities in New Mexico have a Higher Prevalence of COVID-19 Infections



# COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted Native American communities



A person wearing a white shirt and a red and white striped apron is holding a white plate with food. They are standing in a kitchen or food service area, with a cash register and other kitchen equipment visible in the background. The image has a semi-transparent purple overlay with white text.

**Low wage, workers of color have been impacted the most, and many are still struggling to regain their employment.**