



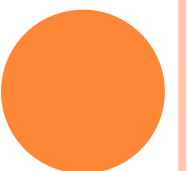
**PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
DISPROPORTIONATELY
IMPACTED DURING THE
CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC
AND SHUTDOWN**

Survey conducted by Disability Voices United
April/May, 2020

NUMBER OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS



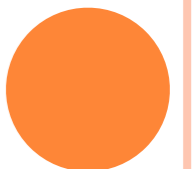
- ❖ 435 people with disabilities and family members responded to the survey
- ❖ 13% are people with disabilities
- ❖ 87% are family members of people with disabilities



DISABILITIES OF SURVEY RESPONDENTS



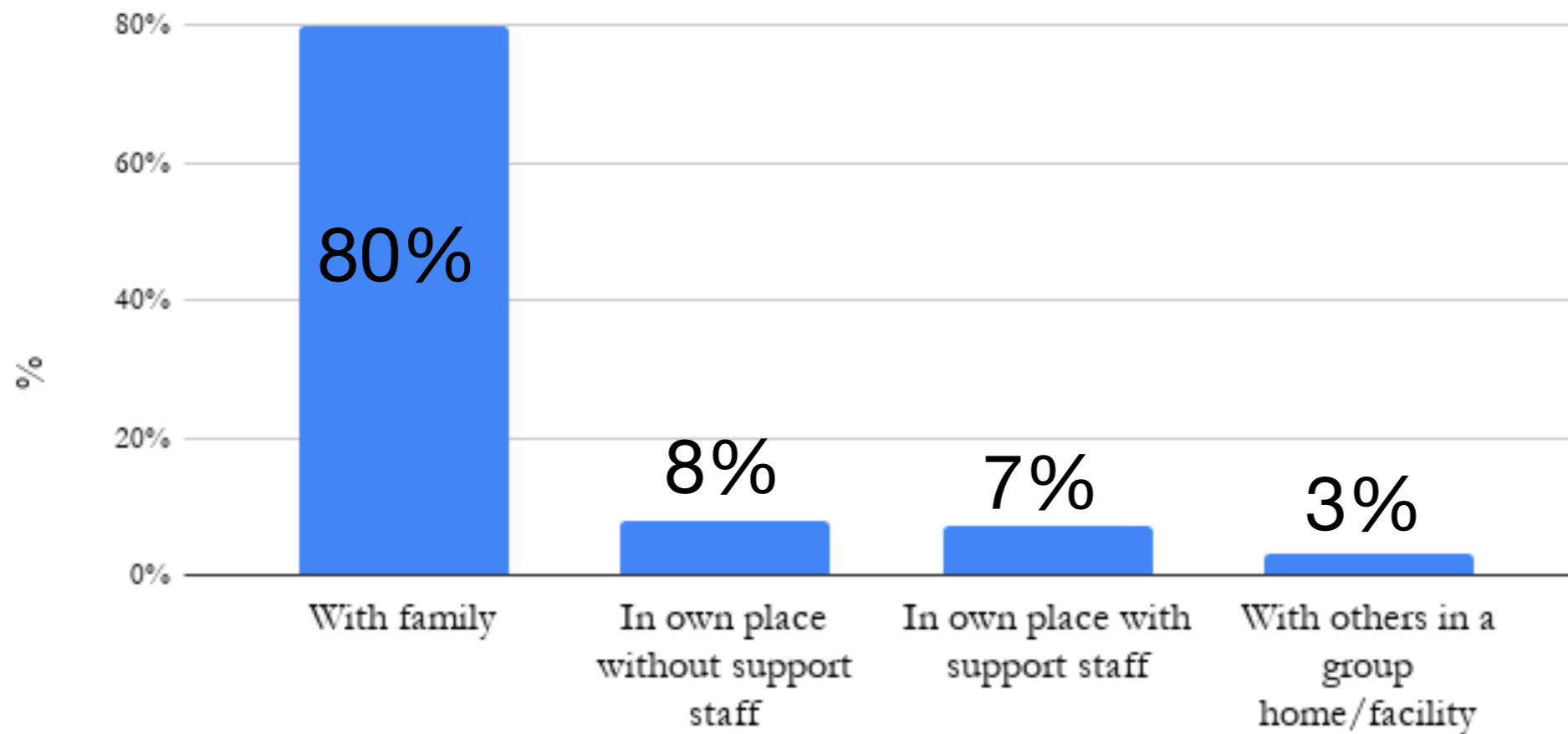
- ❖ Autism Spectrum Disorder
- ❖ Cerebral Palsy
- ❖ Intellectual disability
- ❖ Down syndrome
- ❖ Epilepsy
- ❖ Other development disability
- ❖ Blind or Low Vision
- ❖ Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- ❖ Physical disability
- ❖ Mental health disability
- ❖ Chronic illness
- ❖ Medically fragile
- ❖ Brain injury
- ❖ Genetic disorders
- ❖ Learning disabilities
- ❖ Apraxia



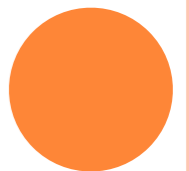
MOST RESPONDENTS LIVE WITH FAMILY



Living situation of person with disability



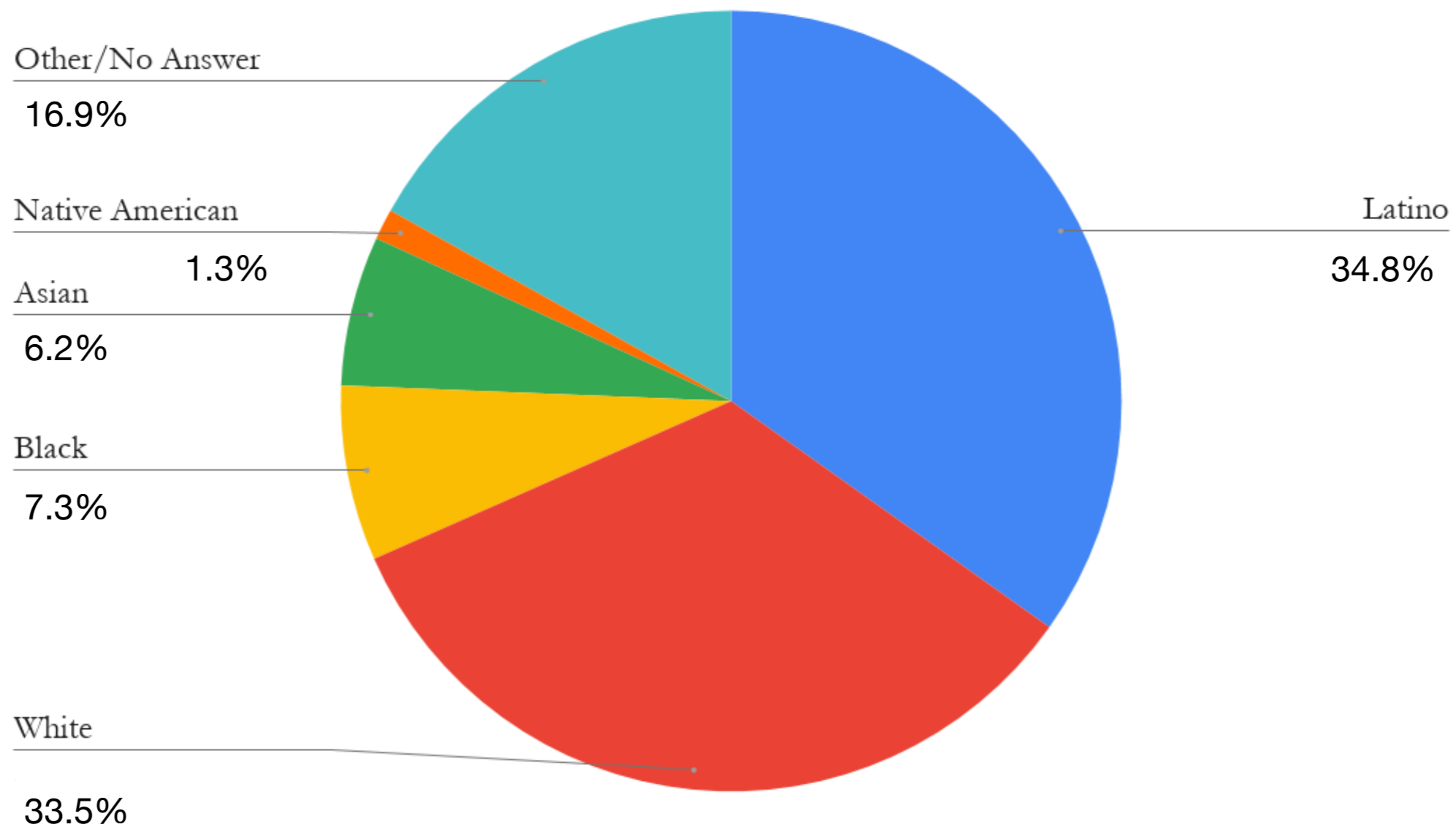
Living situations reported by respondents



RACIAL/ETHNIC MAKEUP OF RESPONDENTS



Races/ethnicities of survey respondents

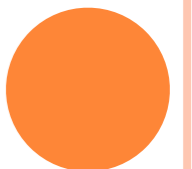


MOST RESPONDENTS ARE REGIONAL CENTER CLIENTS



- ❖ 84% have a developmental disability and qualify for regional center services
- ❖ Represented all 21 regional centers throughout California

Regional centers are non-profits contracted with the California Department of Developmental Services to arrange and pay for services people with autism, cerebral palsy, intellectual disability, epilepsy, and other developmental disabilities

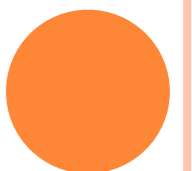


SOME REGIONAL CENTER CLIENTS STILL WAITING FOR A CALL



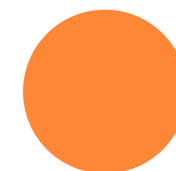
Despite regional centers' claims they have reached out to all of their clients:

- ❖ 42% of respondents reported they had never been contacted
- ❖ 60% reported that they had recently tried to reach their regional center to get help during the crisis
- ❖ Almost $\frac{1}{4}$ of those hadn't gotten a response
- ❖ Individuals run risk of falling through the cracks



PEOPLE NEED MORE SERVICES, BUT DON'T GET THEM

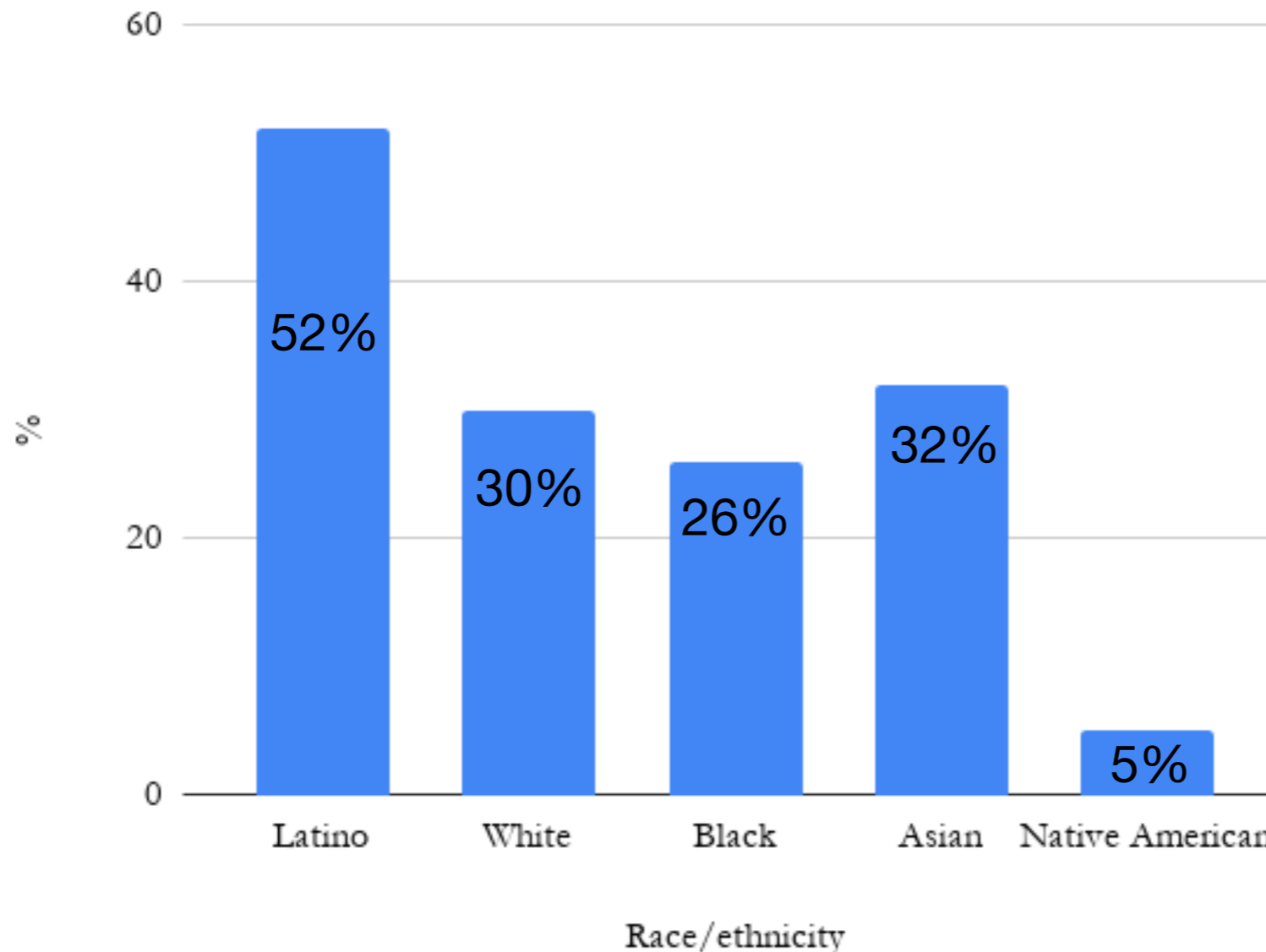
- ❖ 40% asked for more services or supports from regional center to help them during pandemic
- ❖ 47% of those had not receive the services they requested
- ❖ Reasons: No response, told they had enough services, couldn't find staff



LATINOS HAVE MUCH GREATER NEED FOR SERVICES



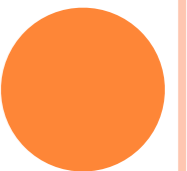
Percentages of respondents who asked for additional regional center services or support by ethnicity



PEOPLE NEED SUPPORT, BUT ARE AFRAID



- ❖ 54% expressed concerns about having support workers in their home
 - ❖ Fear of being exposed to virus
 - ❖ Person is medically fragile
 - ❖ No personal protective equipment
 - ❖ Person with disability won't wear mask
 - ❖ Staff not knowledgeable

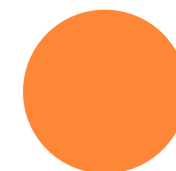


PROGRAMS STILL BILLING, BUT ALMOST HALF GET NO SERVICES



California has agreed to continue to pay for programs experiencing absences due to COVID-19; however, they must continue to provide services in person or remotely

- ❖ 45% report they attend a congregate group day program
- ❖ Of those, 93% said their day program was closed due to the coronavirus outbreak
- ❖ Only 51% said they were continuing to receive services



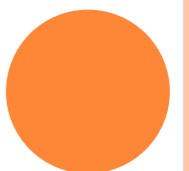


ALMOST HALF OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES NOT ACCESSING EDUCATION

Half of respondents reported their family member was a student with an IEP (Individualized Education Program)

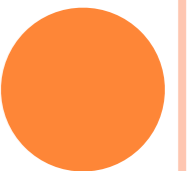
Of those:

- ❖ 49% were not receiving education services since schools closed
- ❖ 16% did not have access to a computer or device to receive special education services



REASONS FOR NOT ACCESSING EDUCATION

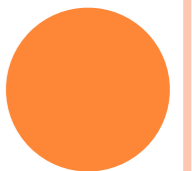
- ❖ No direct teaching, even remotely
- ❖ Speech therapy through telehealth still not approved
- ❖ Took over a month for teacher to contact family
- ❖ Student can't sit for online learning
- ❖ Teacher only provides weekly worksheets
- ❖ No school work provided – just referral to websites
- ❖ Student is non-speaking and can't participate without communication support



BARRIERS WORSEEN FOR SELF-DETERMINATION PROGRAM



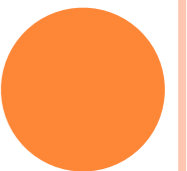
- ❖ 14% of respondents were part of the Self-Determination Program
- ❖ Barriers mentioned include:
 - ❖ No response from regional center
 - ❖ Can't get budget certified after months of trying
 - ❖ Dangerous to get staff fingerprinted
 - ❖ Afraid to have virtual person-centered plan
 - ❖ Independent facilitator not getting paid



FAMILIES NOT PREPARED FOR COVID-19



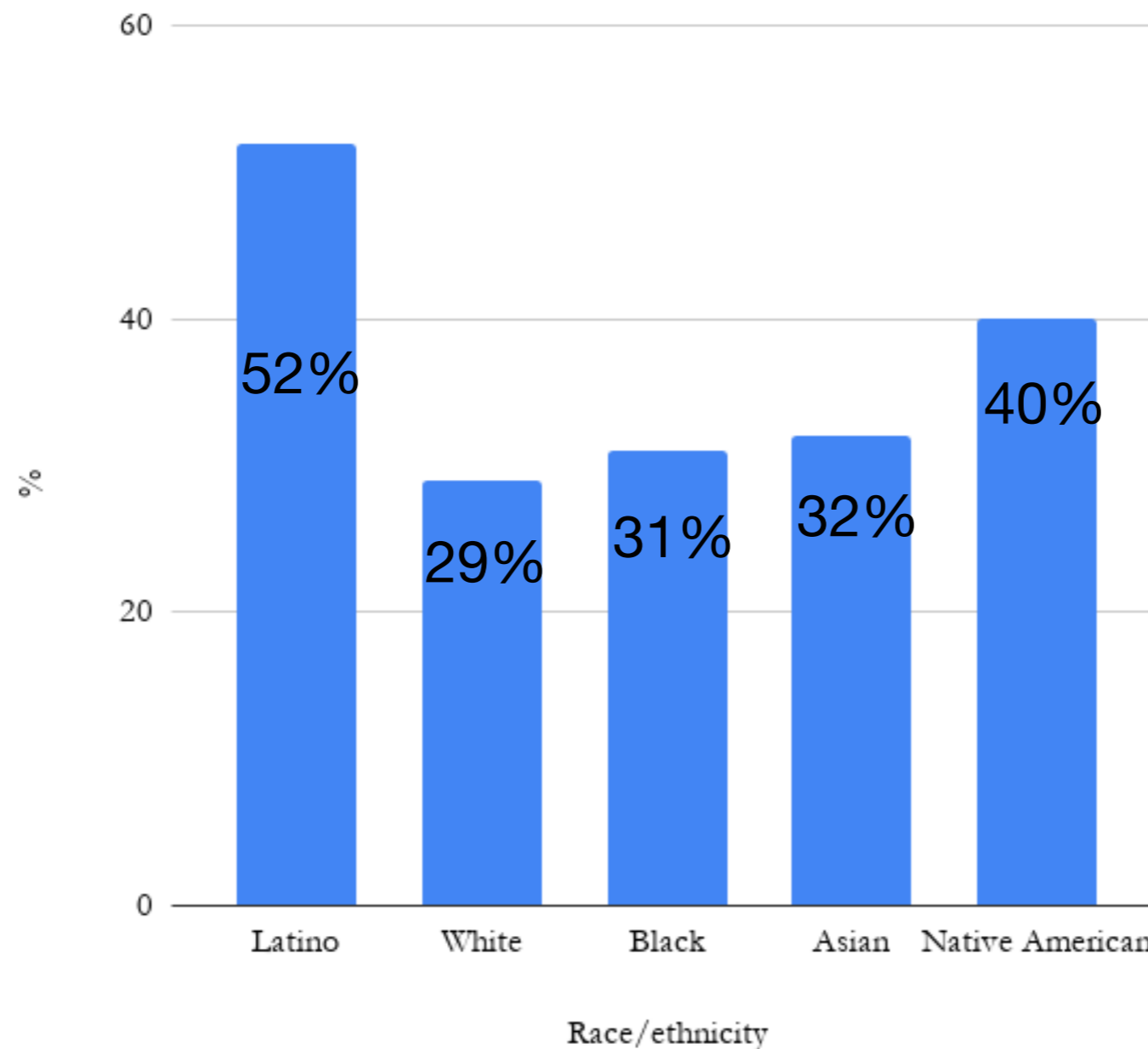
- ❖ 39% don't know what to do if someone in their household gets infected with coronavirus
- ❖ 44% have no one to care for them or their family member if they get sick
- ❖ 35% have no access to personal protective equipment, like gloves and masks, in their home
- ❖ Biggest concerns in the Latino community



MORE LATINOS NOT PREPARED FOR COVID-19



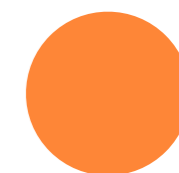
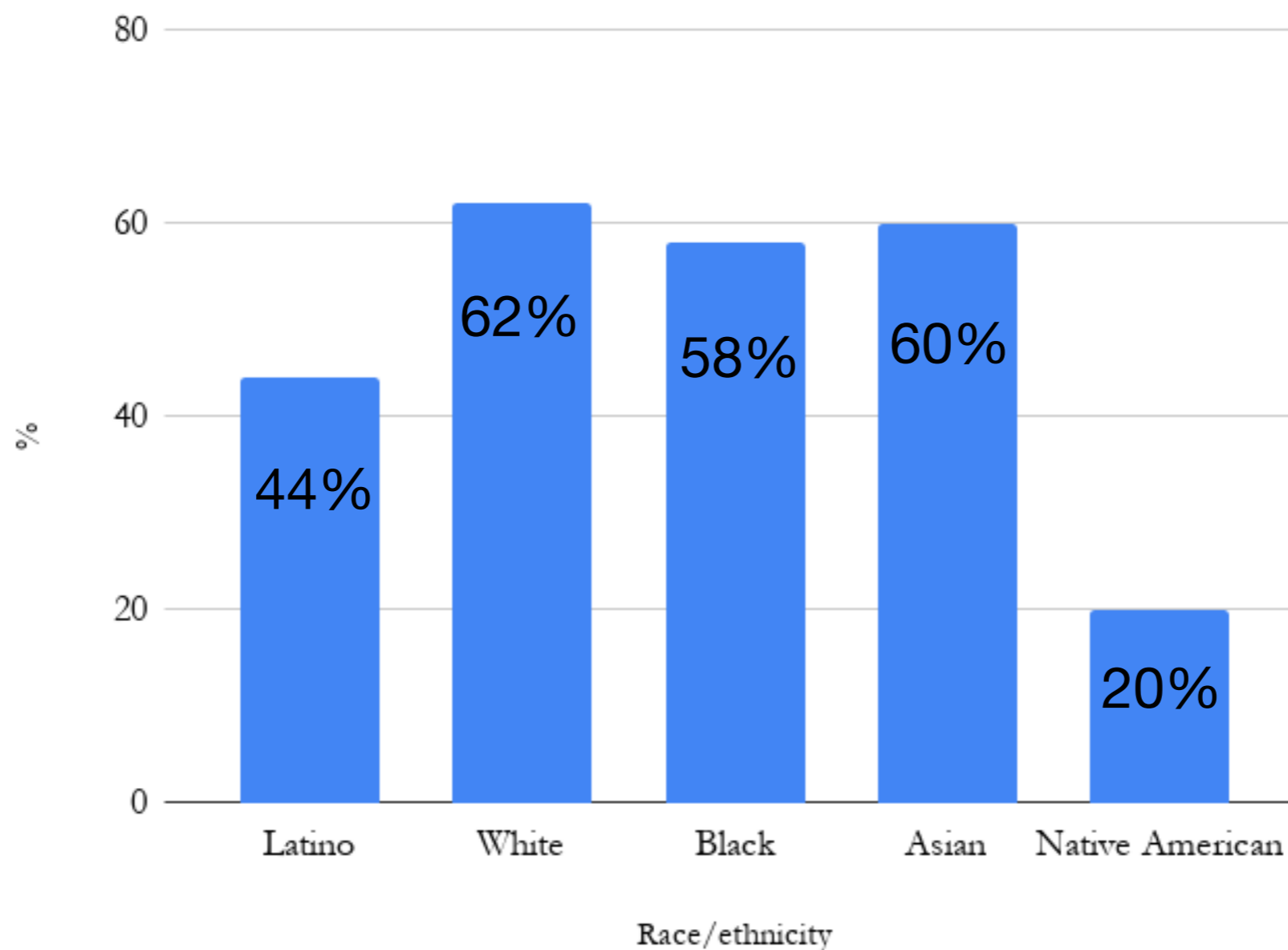
Percentage of respondents who reported they don't know what to do if someone in their household contracts coronavirus



LATINOS LESS LIKELY TO HAVE SOMEONE TO CARE FOR THEM IF THEY GET SICK



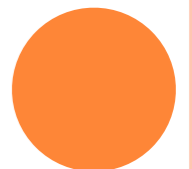
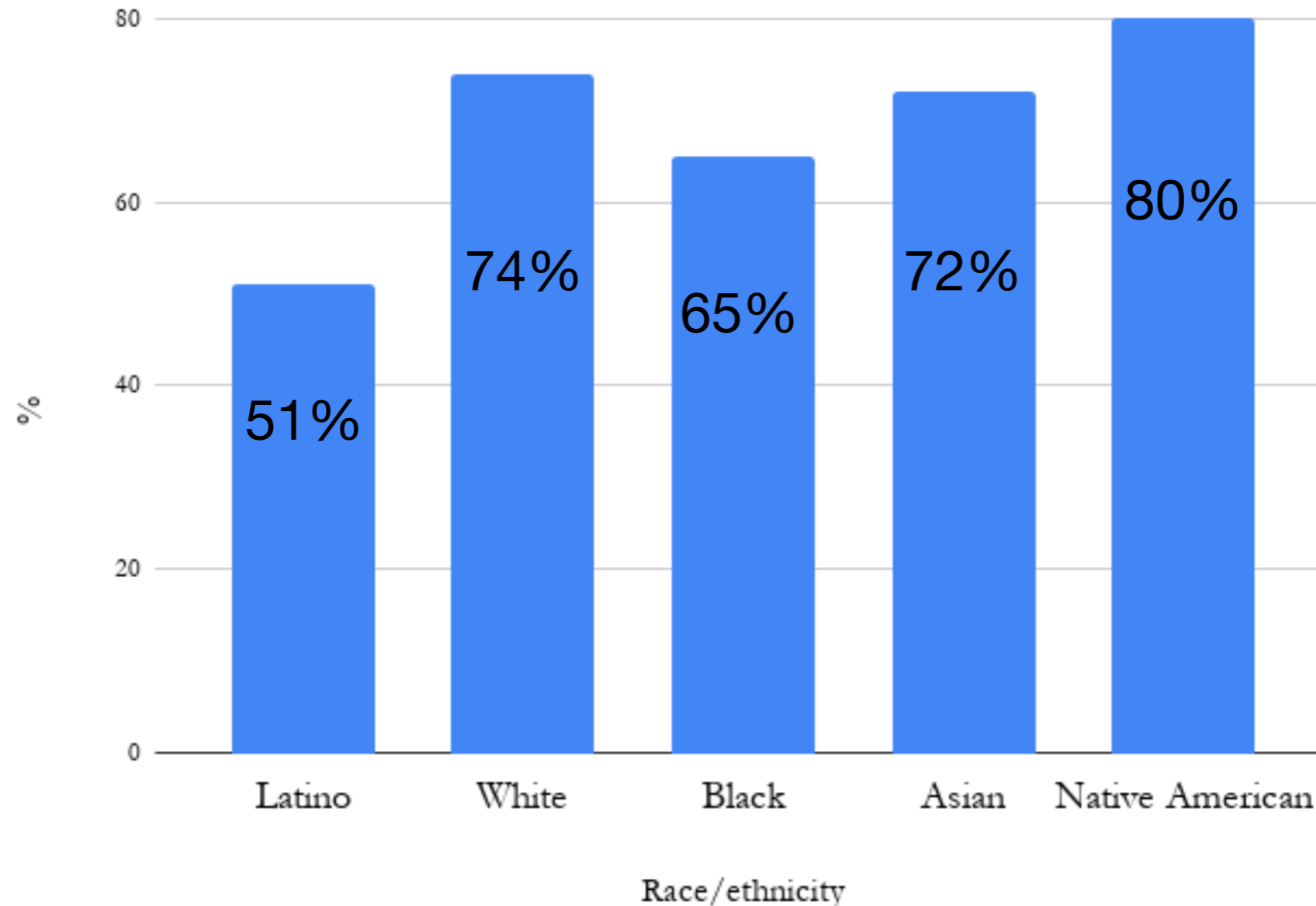
Percentage of respondents who have somebody to take care of them/their family member in case their main caregiver gets sick



FEWER LATINOS HAVE PPE IN THEIR HOMES



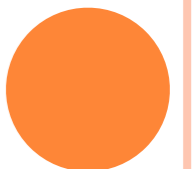
Percentage of respondents who report having personal protective equipment, such as masks and gloves, in their homes



EXTREME WORRIES ABOUT ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE



- ❖ 67% are worried that they or their family member won't get appropriate medical care during this time
- ❖ 54% are concerned about having staff in their homes
- ❖ Specific concerns include:
 - ❖ Not being allowed in hospital with family member
 - ❖ Staff not trained, won't take time needed
 - ❖ No communication support
 - ❖ "Doctors won't talk to me as adult"



MOST EXPERIENCING MENTAL HEALTH EFFECTS FROM ISOLATION



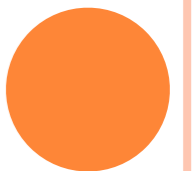
- ❖ 59% report experiencing effects on their mental health from isolation and the coronavirus pandemic
- ❖ Effects mentioned:
 - ❖ Loneliness, anxiety, depression
 - ❖ Increased challenges with coping
 - ❖ Overwhelmed with worry and uncertainty
 - ❖ Want routine to come back
 - ❖ “Sad that I missed my prom”



CONCERNS EXTEND TO LOSS OF INCOME FOR DISABILITY FAMILIES



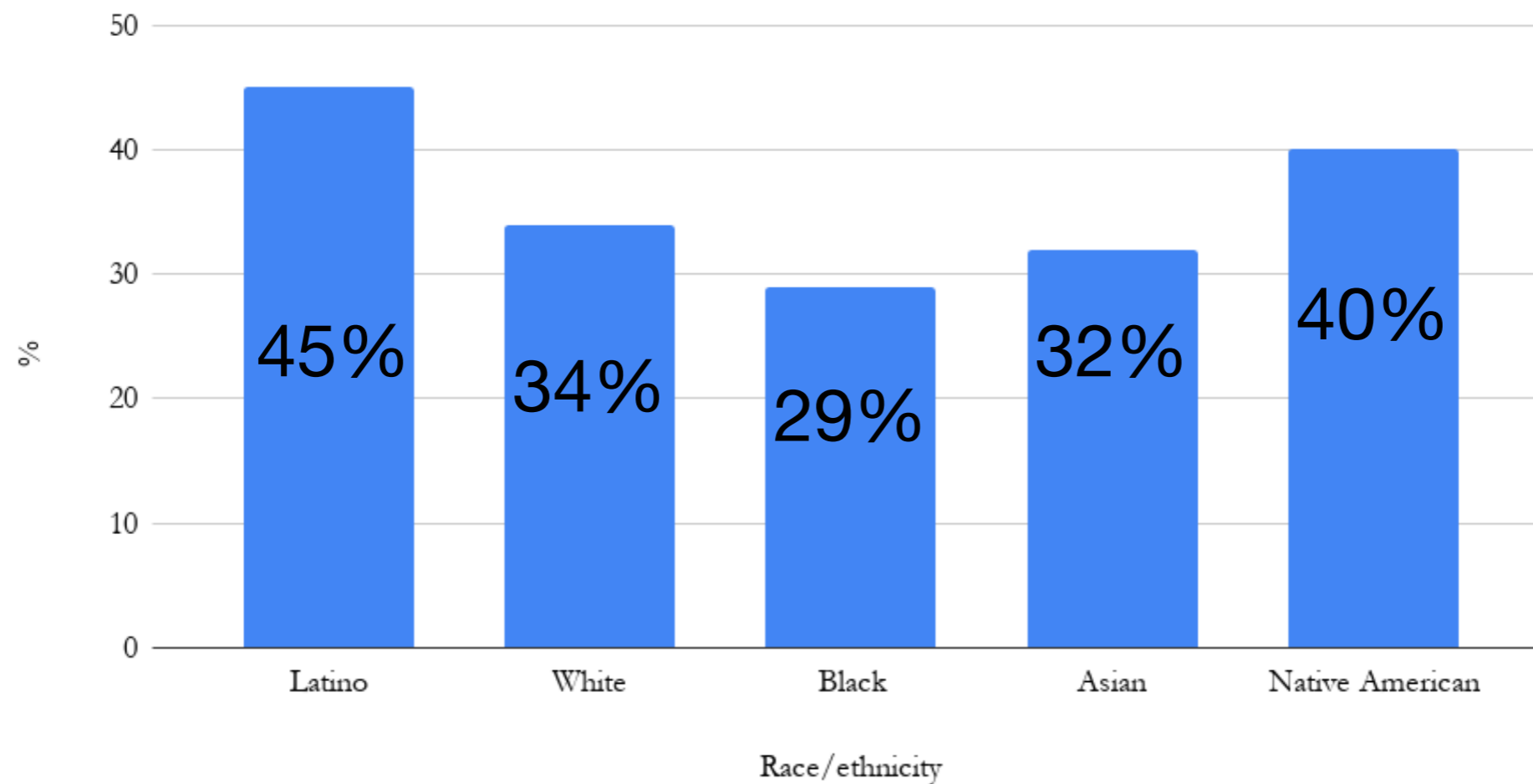
- ❖ 38% of households have experienced job loss in their household due to the coronavirus
- ❖ 38% are concerned about having enough money to pay rent or their mortgage
- ❖ 34% are concerned about having enough money to pay for food



LATINOS MORE LIKELY TO HAVE LOST JOBS



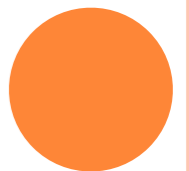
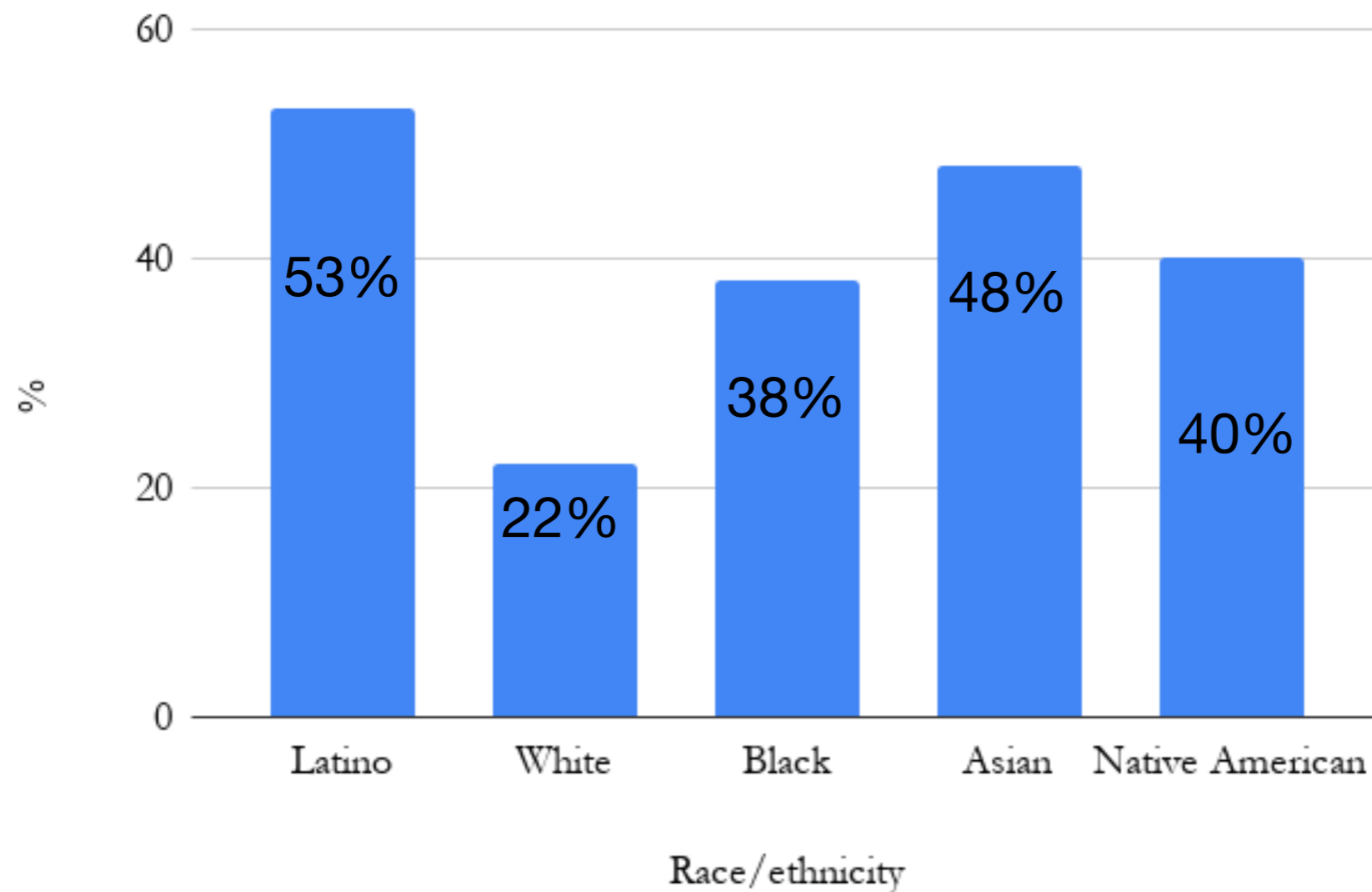
Percentage of respondents who have experienced job loss in their household due to coronavirus



FAMILIES OF COLOR MORE CONCERNED ABOUT PAYING RENT



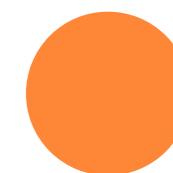
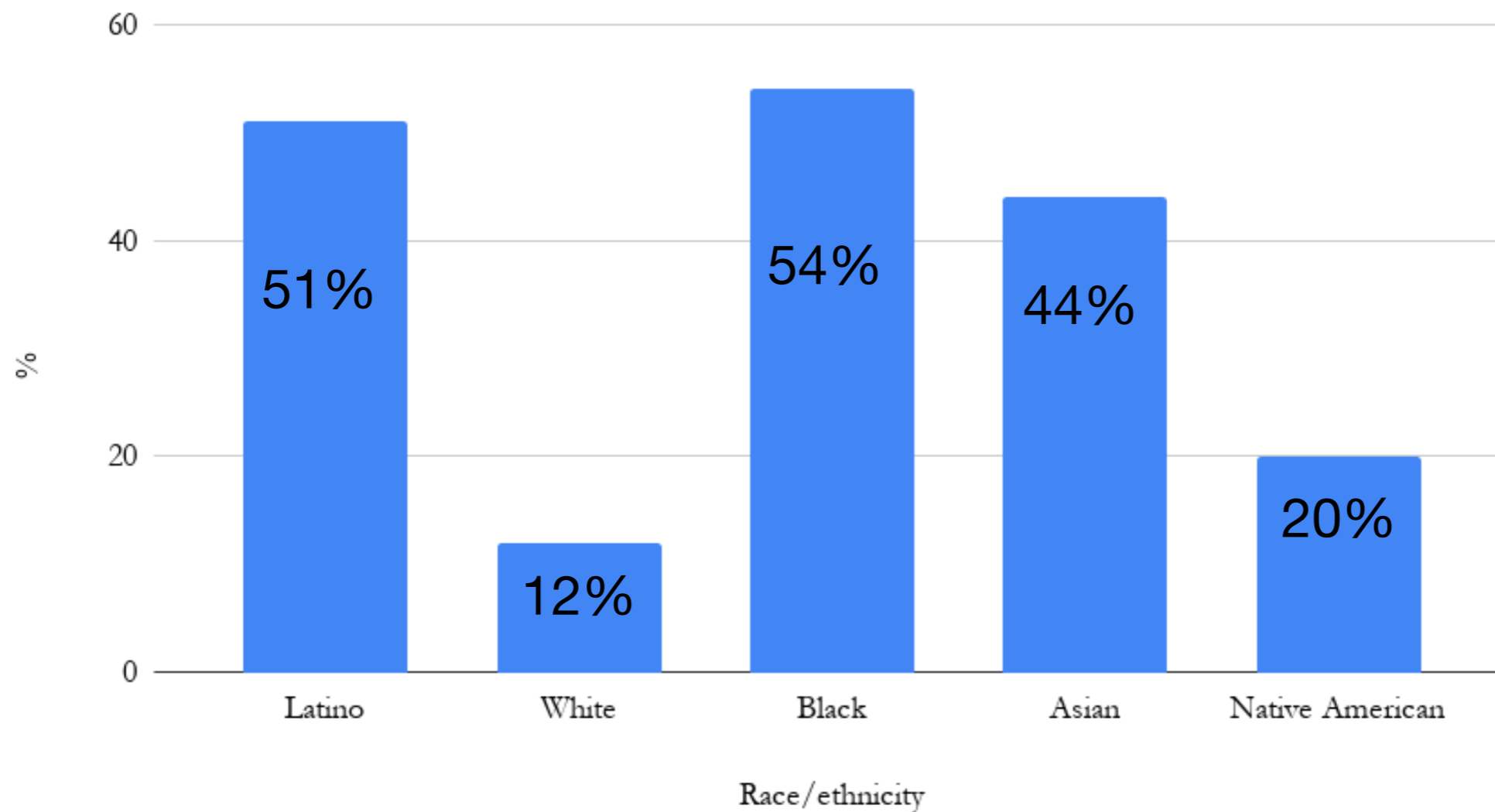
Percentage of respondents concerned about paying rent or mortgage due to the coronavirus epidemic



FAMILIES OF COLOR MORE CONCERNED ABOUT PAYING FOR FOOD



Percentage of respondents concerned about paying for food due to the coronavirus



40% OF ASIANS REPORT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION



Percentage of respondents reporting experiencing racial discrimination since the coronavirus outbreak began

