

Food, Housing, and Financial Stability in Washington County

Food insecurity

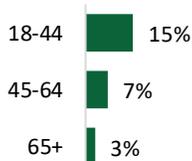
Nearly one in 10 residents worry “sometimes” or “often” that their food will run out before they have money to buy more.

Young residents, residents of color, and residents living below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL) experience food insecurity in higher proportions compared with older residents, White residents, and residents living at 200%

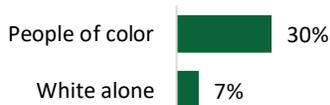
of the FPL or above. Of note, race and poverty may be confounding variables for these data.

1. PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS THAT “SOMETIMES” OR “OFTEN” WORRY THAT FOOD WILL RUN OUT, BY AGE, RACE, & POVERTY STATUS

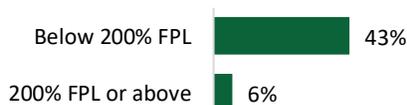
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Housing and finances

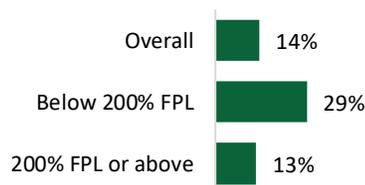
Confidence in the ability to stay in one’s current home has remained the same since the start of the pandemic for the majority of residents (85%).

Five percent of residents reported having missed or delayed a rent or mortgage payment since the start of the pandemic because they did not have enough money. A higher proportion of residents living below 200% of the FPL (15%) reported having missed or delayed a payment compared to 4% of residents living at or above 200% of the FPL.

Since the start of the pandemic, 22% of residents reported that their financial situation has improved while 14% of residents said their financial situation has worsened.

A higher proportion of residents living below 200% of the FPL reported their financial situation has worsened compared with residents living at 200% FPL or above.

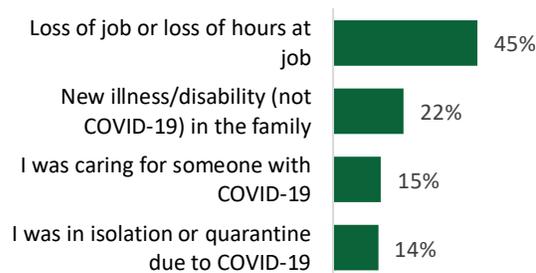
2. WORSENE FINANCIAL SITUATION BY POVERTY STATUS



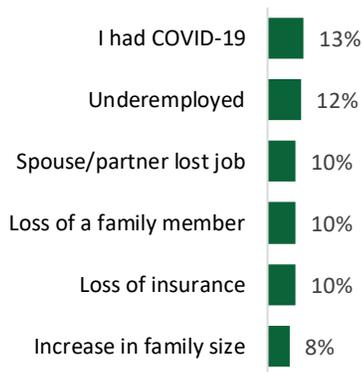
The most common major life event that contributed to a worse financial situation for residents was job loss, or loss of hours at a job, or a reason not listed in the survey.

A new illness or disability (not related to COVID-19) was a life event experienced by one in five residents that reported their financial situation had worsened since the start of the pandemic.

3. MAJOR LIFE EVENTS THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO A WORSE FINANCIAL SITUATION



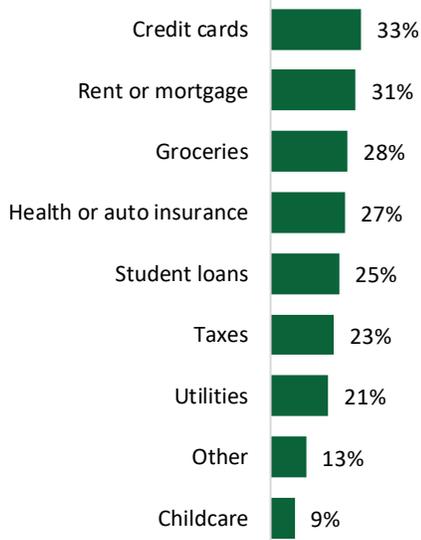
4. MAJOR LIFE EVENTS THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO A WORSE FINANCIAL SITUATION CONT.



Note. Respondents could select all that apply.

Paying for credit cards, rent or mortgage, and groceries have been the most common financial stressors for residents during the pandemic.

5. MOST COMMON FINANCIAL WORRIES OR STRESSORS DURING THE PANDEMIC

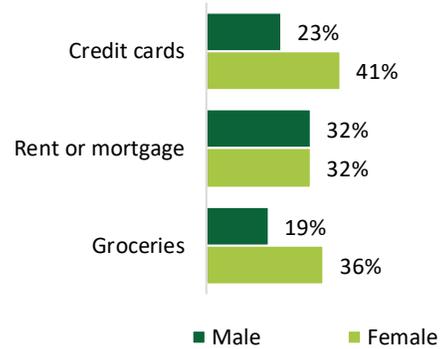


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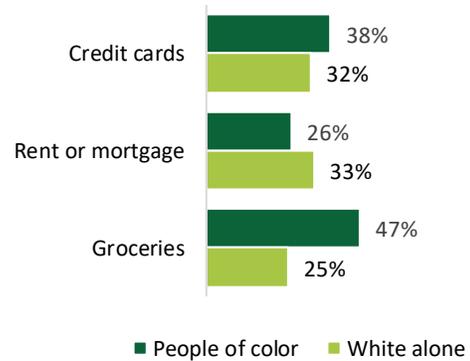
In general, a higher proportion of residents living below 200% of the FPL expressed worry or stress about several financial obligations compared with residents living at or above 200% of the FPL. A higher proportion of women expressed worry about paying credit card bills and for groceries than men. Residents of color were more concerned about paying for groceries than White residents.

6. MOST COMMON WORRIES OR STRESSORS DURING THE PANDEMIC BY KEY DEMOGRAPHICS

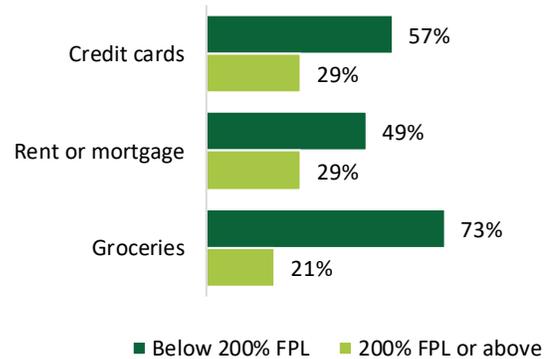
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For more information

This fact sheet presents findings related to overall health from the Washington County COVID-19 Impact Survey. For more information about this report, contact 651-430-6655 or PHE@co.washington.mn.us.

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