



# NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

*Give to Someone in Need!*

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# Hunger in America

Prior to the pandemic and in the midst of a strong economy with a record streak of job growth and low unemployment rates, 9 million American adults reported that members of their households did not have enough to eat.

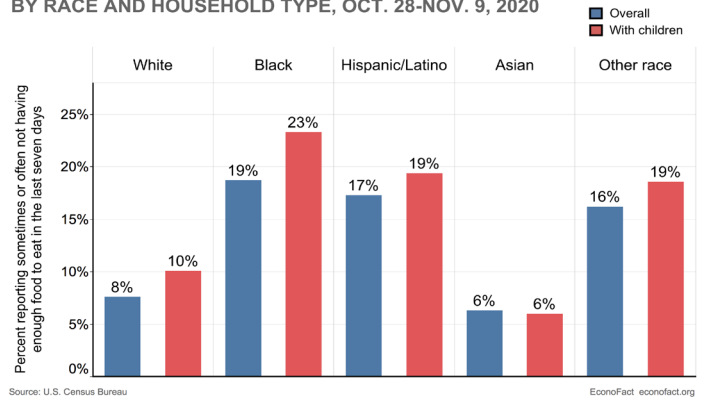
To worsen matters during the pandemic, between 10 – 12% of Americans report that they did not have enough to eat in the past week. In fact, in a recent Census Pulse survey conducted between October 28 – November 9th, nearly 26 million adults reported that their household didn't have enough to eat.

Typically, measures of food hardship are closely correlated with the economy, so high rates are not entirely surprising given the state of the economy. However, the coronavirus pandemic and the lack of measures to address the public health emergency led to a rapid and an unprecedented spike in unemployment and reduction in hours.

The chart (right) clearly shows that across the board, families with children have been particularly hit hard; in fact, **between 7 and 11 million children live in a household where children didn't eat enough in the past 7 days.** More than 4 in 10 children live in households that report they are struggling to pay for basic needs like rent and food.

## IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON FOOD SECURITY

BY RACE AND HOUSEHOLD TYPE, OCT. 28-NOV. 9, 2020



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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Research by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York report that during the COVID-19 recession, households with children were more likely to suffer job and income losses compared to those without children.

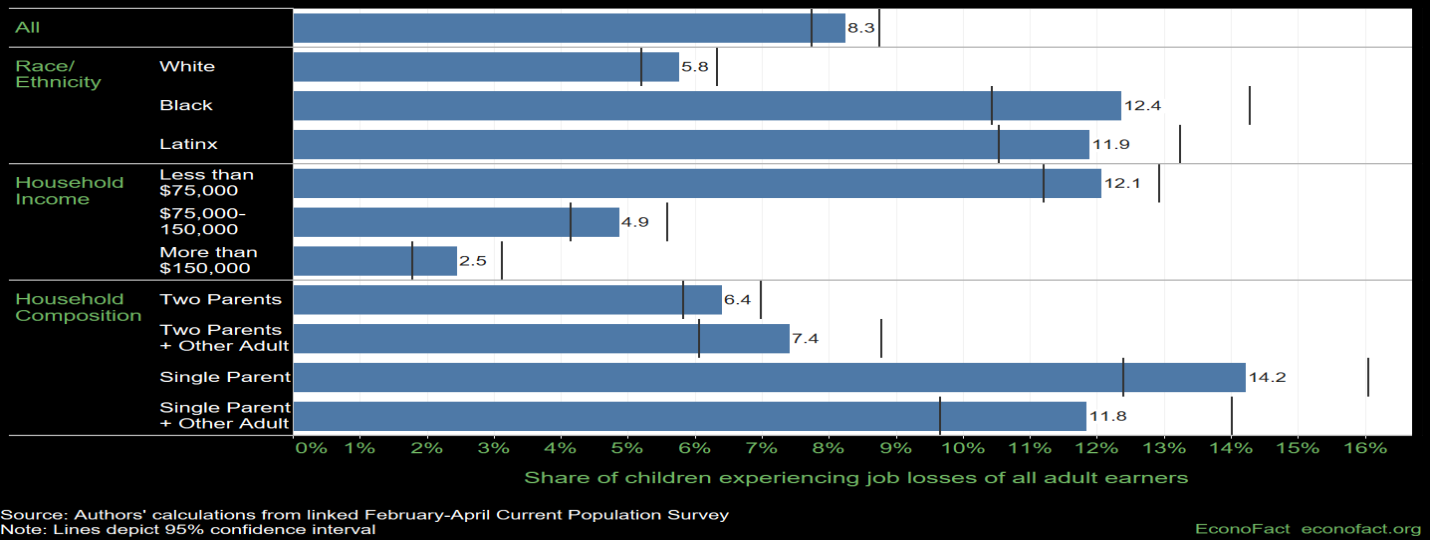
The loss of income has directly impacted these families to pay rent, incur more debt and experience extreme food hardship.

Another study found that that one-in-five children in the United States experienced the job loss of an adult in their household between February and April of 2020 and one-in-twelve experienced the job loss of all adult earners in their household, including one-in-seven children living with single parents (figure 2 below).

Sources:

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## Children Experiencing Job Loss of All Household Earners Between February and April 2020



There are large disparities in COVID-related unemployment, with the largest proportional losses among African Americans, Latinos and less-educated workers.

These disparity effects have been particularly felt among children living with single parents; despite job recovery that went to mostly whites, the pattern of job losses appears to be exacerbating inequality.

The experience of lack of adequate food has been extremely widespread, in 44 states and DC more than 1 in 10 adults with children report not having enough to eat.

While those with lower incomes are more likely to report not having enough to eat, one in four of those reporting not enough to eat had usual incomes (before COVID) above \$50,000 per year.

At about 1 in 5, the shares without enough to eat during COVID are disproportionately high among Black and Hispanic respondents (groups that have experienced larger employment declines).

Women have been more likely to lose their jobs during this recession and also disproportionately impacted by hunger, making up 54% of those reporting not having enough to eat (and 58% of seniors who report not having enough to eat).

Children represent our future and it is our job to protect, clothe and feed them. It truly takes a village and history will not be kind to those who did nothing to help their fellow suffering American.

*Our message this month is very simple – the next child you see, hand their parent some money to feed them!*



Between October 28th - November 9, 2020 nearly 26 million adults reported their household did not have enough to eat!

**Nearly 11 million (4 out of 10) children are hungry!**

Sources:

Schanzenbach, D. (2020). Who Does Not Have Enough to Eat in America? Northwestern University - Econofact. [Who Does Not Have Enough to Eat in America? | Econofact](#)



*“ Be Safe & enjoy your holiday with those living in your household. ”*

*“If you must travel, Don't be a Turkey - Wear a Mask”*

## **Quote of the Month**

*“Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds.”*

*– Theodore Roosevelt*

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