

Voto Latino



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# Goals & Design

Understand the emotional landscape of Latinx Americans, along with their top issues and priorities

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This research was fielded in both English and Spanish to a nationally representative sample of 5,585 Americans (including 2,308 Latinx Americans), from January 15–18, 2022



# Intro to Avalanche Insights qualitative data

Avalanche Insights instruments combine closed-ended and open-ended questions, using proprietary in-house tech to code and quantify themes in open-ended responses.

**Question text** indicates whether question was asked in open or closed format.

**Qualitative themes**, which summarize similar responses, are quantified as a percentage of a given audience. Responses *can* be coded into more than one theme.

**Higher-level categories**, indicated by gray headings, group together similar themes to shed light on summary insights from the data.

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<b>NEGATIVE</b>	53%	55%	51%	52%	59%	45%	49%	55%	54%	47%	49%	55%
Sadness	22%	26%	19%	21%	25%	18%	23%	20%	25%	20%	24%	22%
Anxious/worry	18%	17%	19%	18%	20%	15%	15%	20%	17%	17%	15%	19%
Anger	3%	5%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	1%	2%	4%
Exhausted	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%
Frustrated	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Apathetic	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%
Fear	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
<b>POSITIVE</b>	34%	34%	34%	33%	29%	39%	33%	36%	30%	32%	34%	34%
Happy	22%	26%	23%	20%	20%	25%	22%	22%	21%	23%	24%	21%
Content	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	5%	2%	2%	2%	4%
Calm	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%
Hope	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Excited	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%



# Key Takeaways

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Women Latinx Americans are more likely to report negative emotions than men Latinx Americans

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Hope	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Excited	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	1%

# A strong plurality of Latinx Americans, especially younger, say financial insecurity has been their top worry; Those who say COVID are likely to cite it in the context of its economic impact

**[Top worry]** When thinking about you and your family's life for the past month, what has been your biggest worry? (Open-ended)

	All Latinx	18-29	30-39	40+	Female	Male	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Immigrant	1st gen	2nd+ gen
<b>PERSONAL ECONOMIC WELLBEING</b>	36%	41%	41%	32%	36%	37%	34%	38%	38%	32%	32%	38%
Financial insecurity	34%	38%	38%	29%	33%	34%	31%	36%	35%	29%	27%	36%
My job & employment	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%
Economy, generally	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%	1%
<b>COVID</b>	20%	12%	17%	25%	18%	21%	22%	20%	14%	24%	19%	19%
<b>HEALTH</b>	16%	14%	15%	16%	18%	13%	15%	16%	15%	14%	15%	16%
<b>FAMILY ISSUES</b>	7%	7%	5%	7%	8%	5%	7%	7%	5%	6%	6%	7%
<b>SAFETY &amp; SECURITY</b>	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%
<b>THE FUTURE</b>	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%

*Latinx Americans are more likely than NH White to say financial insecurity has been their biggest worry over the past month as opposed to COVID*



# Lower/middle class and non-college Latinx Americans are more likely to say financial insecurity has been their top worry; Upper-middle and college are more likely to cite COVID

**[Top worry]** When thinking about you and your family's life for the past month, what has been your biggest worry? (Open-ended)

	All Latinx	Lower class	Working class	Middle class	Upper-middle class	College	Non-college
<b>PERSONAL ECONOMIC WELLBEING</b>	36%	43%	41%	33%	21%	34%	38%
Financial insecurity	34%	41%	38%	30%	19%	30%	35%
My job & employment	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%
Economy, generally	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%
<b>COVID</b>	20%	12%	18%	24%	23%	26%	17%
<b>HEALTH</b>	16%	14%	15%	17%	18%	15%	16%
<b>FAMILY ISSUES</b>	7%	7%	6%	7%	6%	5%	7%
<b>SAFETY &amp; SECURITY</b>	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%
<b>THE FUTURE</b>	1%	3%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%



# Even when asked about other challenges past their top worry, a majority of Latinx Americans say finances are their top stressor, followed by physical/mental health

**[Other stresses]** Beyond the top worry you talked about in the last question, what are 2-3 other worries or challenges you are facing on a daily basis? (Open-ended)

	All Latinx	18-29	30-39	40+	Female	Male	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Immigrant	1st gen	2nd+ gen
<b>PERSONAL ECONOMIC WELLBEING</b>	40%	37%	41%	41%	39%	41%	40%	39%	40%	34%	33%	43%
Financial insecurity	33%	30%	31%	35%	32%	33%	32%	32%	35%	26%	25%	36%
Employment	7%	8%	9%	6%	6%	8%	8%	7%	5%	8%	8%	7%
Economy, generally	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%
<b>PERSONAL HEALTH</b>	31%	37%	30%	28%	33%	29%	31%	32%	29%	30%	29%	32%
<b>FAMILY'S HEALTH &amp; WELL-BEING</b>	11%	9%	11%	12%	13%	8%	9%	12%	13%	8%	7%	12%
<b>COVID</b>	9%	7%	9%	10%	9%	8%	11%	9%	5%	10%	10%	8%
<b>SAFETY &amp; SECURITY</b>	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%
<b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b>	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%
<b>NOTHING / DON'T KNOW</b>	8%	7%	5%	9%	7%	9%	7%	9%	7%	8%	9%	7%



# Younger, and urban Latinx Americans are more likely to say financial assistance would make a meaningful difference in their lives; Older and suburban/rural say reducing costs

**[Meaningful difference]** What is one specific thing you hope the government will do in the next year to make life better for you or your family? (Open-ended)

	All Latinx	18-29	30-39	40+	Female	Male	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Immigrant	1st gen	2nd+ gen
<b>PERSONAL ECONOMIC WELLBEING</b>	41%	44%	41%	40%	42%	40%	41%	42%	39%	38%	39%	42%
More financial assistance	17%	22%	20%	12%	18%	15%	18%	16%	16%	10%	14%	18%
Reduce costs	14%	13%	11%	17%	14%	14%	11%	18%	14%	13%	13%	15%
Stronger economy	6%	5%	5%	6%	5%	6%	7%	5%	4%	9%	8%	4%
More job opportunities	5%	4%	6%	4%	5%	4%	5%	4%	5%	6%	3%	5%
Increase wages	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%
<b>COVID</b>	8%	8%	9%	8%	10%	7%	8%	9%	6%	8%	7%	9%
Get COVID under control	7%	6%	8%	7%	8%	6%	8%	8%	5%	7%	6%	7%
Stop COVID mandates	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
<b>HEALTHCARE</b>	4%	4%	3%	5%	6%	3%	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%	5%

*Younger Latinx Americans are more likely than NH White to say financial assistance would make a meaningful difference*



# In their own words: Top worries, hopes, and solutions

## Worry: Financial insecurity & rising costs

"My biggest worry is **making ends meet**."  
-Latinx, Male, 30-39, Non-college

"**Money**. We have been living off just 1 income and I started a new job last week so it is a **lot of pressure**."  
-Latinx, Female, 30-39, College

"Not being able to **cover emergency bills**."  
-Latinx, Male, 65+, College

"My biggest worry in **the past month is finances**"  
-Latinx, Female, 30-39, College

"**Money**, if I can offer **what they need**."  
-Latinx, Female, 18-29, Non-college

"**Finding a job** and being a **good mom**."  
-Latinx, Female, 18-29, Non-college

## Worry: COVID & the rise of a new variant

"All of the **new covid cases and variants** that have been appearing."  
-Latinx, Female, 18-29, Non-college

"**Keeping ourselves as safe as possible** from COVID"  
-Latinx, Male, 18-29, Non-college

"The coronavirus still **makes my daily life worrisome** that we have it or will get it."  
-Latinx, Female, 50-64, College

"Get infected from Covid 19 and **not being able to work**."  
-Latinx, Female, 50-64, College

"Dealing with my grandfather's passing, **someone getting covid and also passing**."  
-Latinx, Female, 18-29, College

"I have covid and am **scared** to give it to my family."  
-Latinx, Male, 50-64, Non-college

## Solution: Financial assistance & return to normalcy

"Better policy on **student loans and grants** so I can complete my education"  
-Latinx, Male, 30-39, College

"Push policies that will **help smaller families** and the lower class to save money throughout the year whether it be on taxes, groceries, etc. especially because the **cost of living is increasing** tremendously"  
-Latinx, Female, 30-39, Non-college

"I hope they pay people that **stimulus checks this year and raise minimum wage**."  
-Latinx, Female, 18-29, Non-college

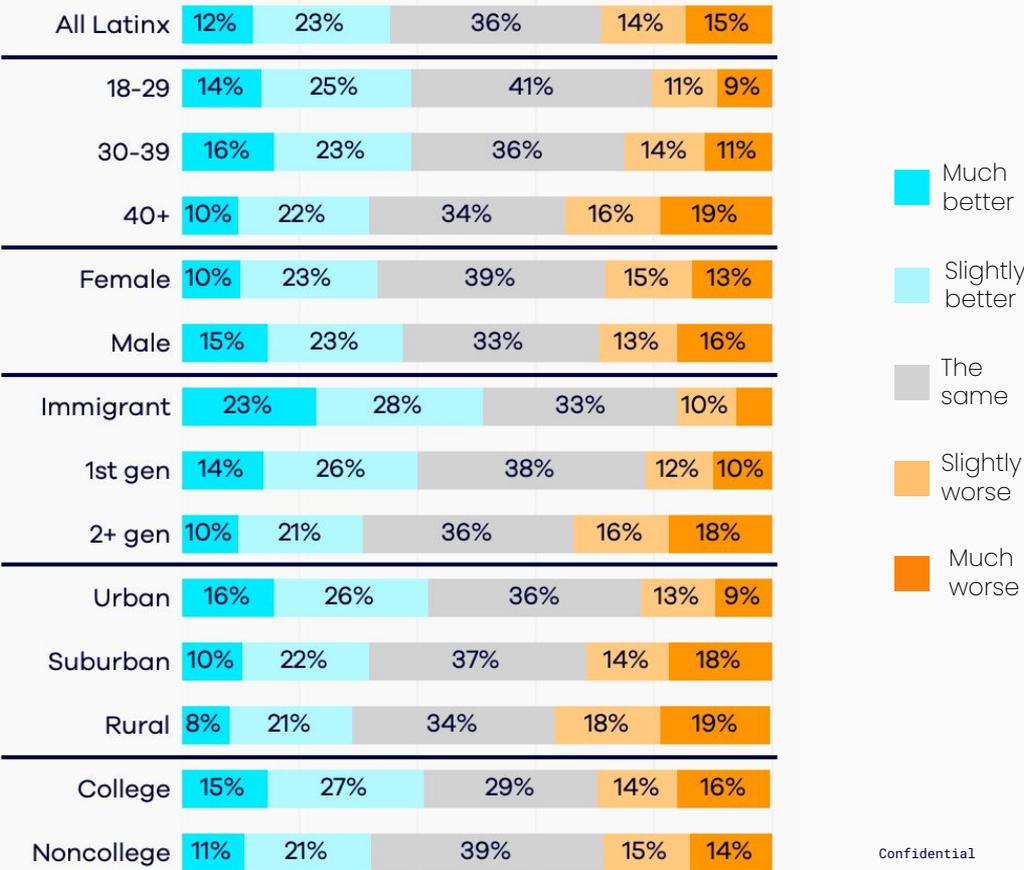
"To quit giving money to all these people so employers can get **back to normal on keeping stores full**."  
-Latinx, Male, 65+, Non-college

"Try to lower taxes/ **out of pocket costs for gas and groceries**."  
-Latinx, Female, 50-64, College



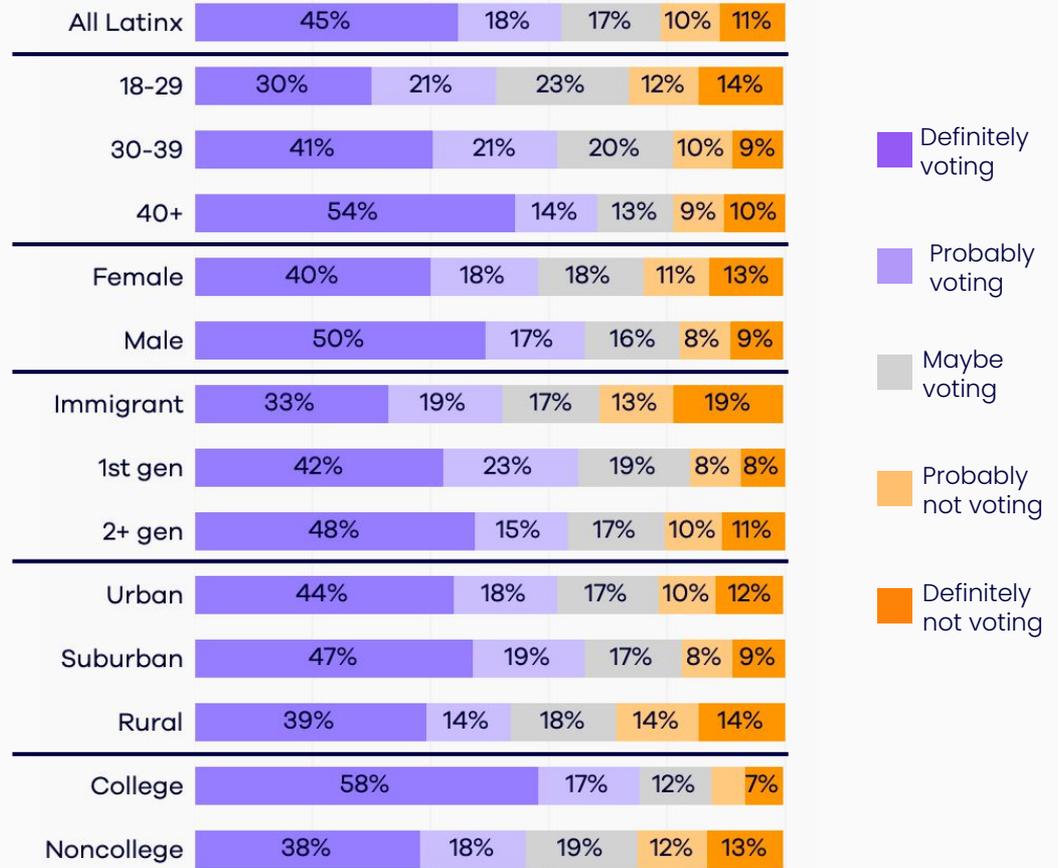
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**[Better off]** I believe policies passed by the federal government in the last year have made my life: (Close-ended)



**Older, men,  
first/second  
generation, and  
college Latinx  
Americans are  
more likely to say  
they are going to  
vote in 2022**

**[2022 Vote Likelihood]** How likely are you to vote in the 2022 midterm elections?



# Older and men Latinx Americans are more likely to be activated ahead of 2022 led by hope, while younger and women are more likely to be inhibited

**[Vote emotion 2022]** In one word, what emotion do you feel when you think about voting in the 2022 midterm elections?

	All Latinx	18-29	30-39	40+	Female	Male	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Immigrant	1st gen	2nd+ gen
<b>INHIBITING</b>	24%	28%	28%	20%	27%	21%	25%	22%	29%	23%	25%	25%
Mixed	10%	10%	12%	8%	12%	7%	9%	8%	15%	9%	8%	10%
No emotion	6%	7%	5%	5%	7%	4%	5%	4%	10%	7%	5%	6%
Unsure	3%	2%	5%	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	4%	2%	2%	4%
Happy	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	2%	3%
Confused	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%
Apathetic	2%	4%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	4%	2%
<b>ACTIVATING</b>	24%	17%	23%	28%	22%	26%	24%	25%	22%	22%	27%	24%
Hope	12%	9%	10%	15%	12%	12%	12%	12%	11%	13%	14%	11%
Excited	4%	3%	4%	6%	4%	5%	5%	4%	5%	2%	5%	5%
Anger	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	1%	3%	2%
Determined	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%
<b>AGITATING</b>	18%	20%	14%	19%	21%	16%	16%	21%	17%	14%	14%	20%
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Frustrated	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%

# “Change for a better future” leads as the biggest motivation, especially for younger Latinx Americans, for voting in 2022

[2020 Vote motivation] What, specifically, is your biggest motivation for voting in the 2022 midterm elections?

	All Latinx	18-29	30-39	40+	Female	Male	Urban	Suburban	Rural	Immigrant	1st gen	2nd+ gen
<b>CHANGE FOR A BETTER FUTURE</b>	22%	28%	21%	20%	24%	20%	24%	21%	20%	21%	23%	22%
<b>VOTING AGAINST OTHER PARTY</b>	7%	4%	5%	10%	6%	8%	5%	10%	4%	2%	7%	8%
Defeat Democrats	4%	2%	4%	6%	4%	5%	3%	7%	3%	1%	5%	5%
Defeat Republicans	3%	2%	1%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	3%
<b>PERSONAL ECONOMIC WELLBEING</b>	6%	4%	7%	6%	5%	6%	5%	6%	5%	5%	4%	6%
Economy	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%
Financial relief	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%
Jobs	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%
<b>VOTING FOR MY PARTY</b>	4%	1%	4%	7%	4%	4%	5%	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%
Elect Democrats	3%	0%	1%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	1%	3%
Elect Republicans	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%

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