

# YWomenVote2020

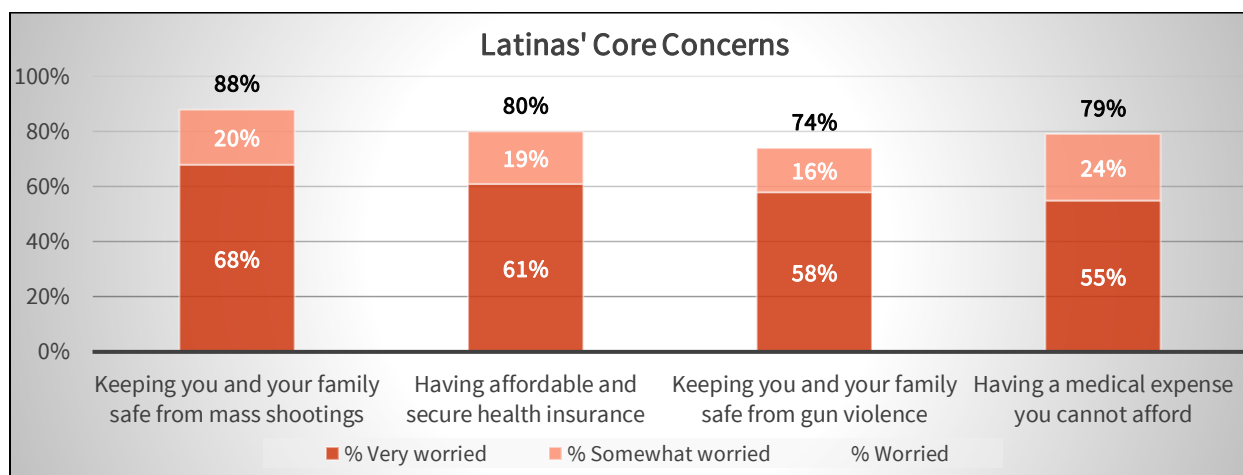
## Spotlight: Latinas

### An Overview of Latinas' Concerns, Priorities, and Experiences of Discrimination

**YWomenVote2020**—YWCA's 3rd national survey of women in the United States—provides a comprehensive examination of women's concerns, experiences, and priorities. With its in-depth focus on women whose voices are critical yet frequently overlooked in policy discussions, **YWomenVote2020** frames clear expectations for legislative action that are held by women of color, Gen Z (age 18-22) and Millennial women (age 23-38), and white rural women. Learn more at [YWomenVote.org](http://YWomenVote.org).

### LATINAS SHARE CORE CONCERNS WITH ALL WOMEN, BUT AT HIGHER LEVELS OF INTENSITY

Latinas today are worried about a broad range of health, safety, caregiving, and economic concerns. Notably, issues surrounding **safety and health care** dominate Latinas' top tier of personal concerns. Latinas are more concerned about **mass shootings** and **gun violence**, having affordable and secure **health insurance**, and **medical expenses** than women overall.



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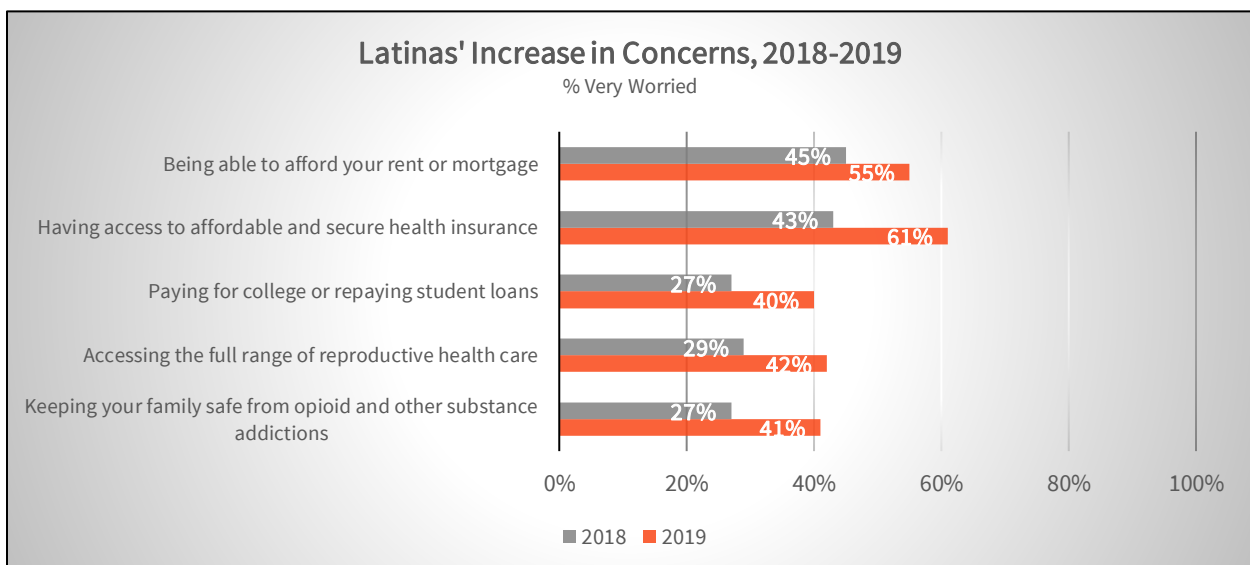
### A WOMAN’S RACE IMPACTS HER CONCERNS

Latinas are more likely to be worried about every concern tested when compared to women overall, and are especially more concerned about **housing costs**, getting a **good paying job with benefits**, and **paid leave**. Being **believed when reporting gender-based violence** is a much higher concern for Latinas as well.

Issues Where Latinas are More Likely to be <u>Very</u> Worried	Latinas	All Women	Difference
Keeping you and your family safe from mass shootings*	68	52	16
Having affordable and secure health insurance for your family*	61	47	14
Keeping you and your family safe from gun violence*	58	45	13
Being able to afford your rent or mortgage*	55	34	21
Having paid leave from work to care for yourself or a family member who is seriously ill*	51	33	18
Getting or keeping a good paying job with benefits*	51	30	21
Being believed when reporting sexual harassment, sexual assault, or domestic violence*	48	31	17
Balancing work responsibilities with your own personal and family needs*	43	28	15
Access to the full range of reproductive health care, including contraception and abortion care*	42	25	17
Keeping you and your family safe from police violence*	39	25	14
Your friends or family members being detained or deported*	31	15	16

\*Split sampled

Concerns over key issues have increased for Latinas over the past several years. For instance, Latinas are more concerned in 2019 than in 2018 about being able to afford their rent or mortgage (+10), having access to affordable and secure health insurance (+18), paying for college or repaying student loans (+13), accessing the full range of reproductive health care (+13), and keeping their families safe from opioid and substance abuse (+14).

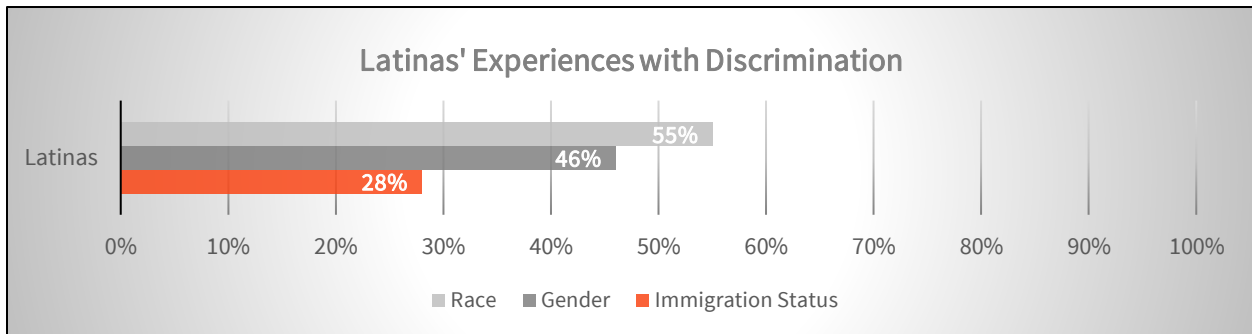


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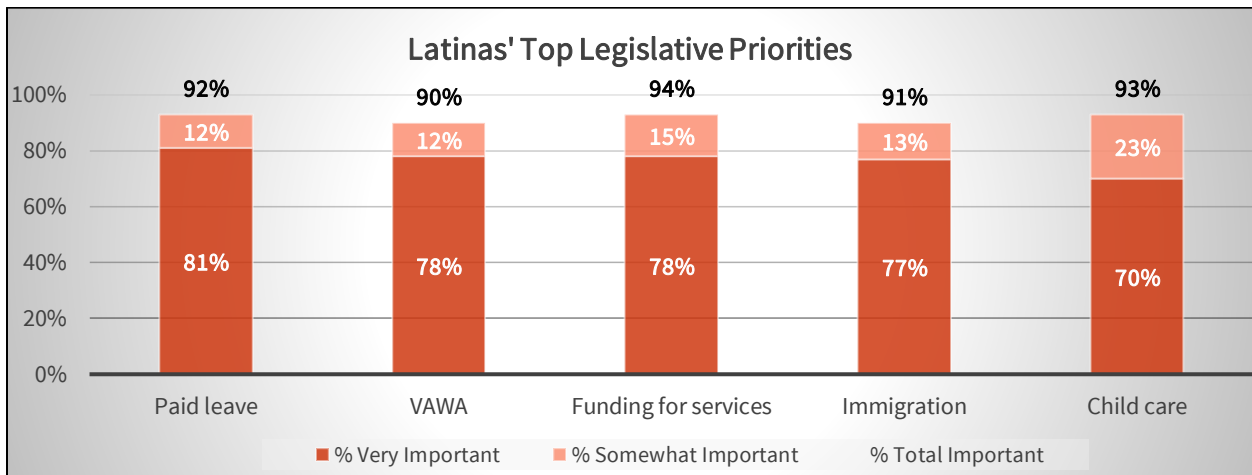
### LATINAS CONTINUE TO EXPERIENCE HIGH LEVELS OF DISCRIMINATION

Nearly half of Latinas (46%) reported experiencing discrimination because they are a woman. Latinas have experienced a **19-point-increase in gender discrimination since 2012**. In addition, more than half of Latinas have experienced discrimination because of their race or ethnicity (+11 since 2012), and 28% because of their immigration or citizenship status.



### INTENSITY OF SUPPORT FOR KEY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES IS NOTABLY HIGH AMONG LATINAS

Latinas are aligned with women overall on policy solutions, and they are more likely than all women to be very supportive of creating a **national paid leave program**, passing the **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)**, **increasing funding for community services provided by nonprofits**, **ending the separation and detention of immigrant women, children and families**, passing legislation to **end racial profiling**, and passing legislation to **expand access to affordable, high quality child care**.



Latinas also find preventing discrimination against the LGBTQ community (68%) and trans women of color (64%) to be very important. Since 2018, support for strengthening equal pay laws has slightly decreased for Latinas (-10 points, from 85% important to 75%).