

YWOMENVOTE 2022

Spotlight on Hispanic/Latinx Women

This spotlight on Hispanic/Latinx women provides a brief overview of their concerns and priorities heading into the 2022 Congressional session and national election. Drawn from [YWCA USA’s fourth national survey of women in the United States](#), this data centers women of color whose voices are critical yet frequently overlooked in policy discussions, and frames clear expectations for legislative action to address their concerns and priorities. While women overall are remarkably consistent in their concerns and priorities, the nuanced experiences of women of color shape their specific expectations for action to meet their most pressing concerns.

Hispanic/Latinx women are a voting constituency that is only growing in power. In 2020, turnout for Hispanic/Latinx voters across the board increased by [31%](#) compared to 2016, and women made up the [majority](#) of this demographic. Levels of voter participation among Hispanic/Latinx communities, in fact, reached historic highs, with [more than 50%](#) of eligible voters in that group casting a vote. In part, this is due to a sizable increase in eligible voters from the Hispanic/Latinx community – in 2020, [1 in 4 newly eligible voters were Hispanic/Latinx](#).

POLICY SOLUTIONS: Hispanic/Latinx Women

Hispanic/Latinx women express an intensity of support for **childcare, economic, and community service issues**. Their highest ranked policy solutions include:

Top Policies: Hispanic/Latinx Women <i>Ranked by One of the Most Important/Very Important Combined</i>
Pass Paid Family & Medical Leave, Paid Sick Leave and Paid Safe Leave (81%) (+9 compared to women overall)
Pass the Paycheck Fairness Act (81%) (+8)
End Discrimination Against Women (79%) (+7)
Support Living Wages and Skills-Based Training for Childcare Sector (78%) (+9)
Increase Funding for Nonprofit Community Services (78%) (+10)
End Workplace Harassment and Sexual Violence (77%) (+6)
Pass the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (77%) (+6)
Expand access to high quality childcare that is affordable, dependable, and accessible (76%) (+9)

TOP CONCERNS: Hispanic/Latinx Women

Hispanic/Latinx women share core concerns with all women across a range of economic, health, and societal issues, but at higher levels of intensity. Notably, **Hispanic/Latinx women's concerns related to mental health and housing costs were between 12 percentage points and 15 percentage points higher than for women overall.** The concerns that rank highest for Hispanic/Latinx women are:

Top Concerns: Hispanic/Latinx Women <i>Ranked by Very/Somewhat Worried Combined</i>
That your total family income will not be enough to meet your family's expenses (65%) (+11 compared to women overall)
Stress, anxiety or trauma from COVID-19 (61%) (+12)
Being able to afford your rent or mortgage (60%) (+12)
Having access to affordable mental health services (56%) (+15)
The rise in white nationalism in the U.S. (50%) (+6)
That reproductive health services for women, including the right to have an abortion, remain legal where I live (49%) (+5)

FULL SURVEY RESULTS AVAILABLE AT [YWOMENVOTE.ORG](https://ywomenvote.org)

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

This online survey was designed and conducted by Finn Partners and reached a total of N=1,438 women nationwide between December 22, 2021 and January 5, 2022. The overall sample includes oversamples to ensure at least N=200 were interviewed in the following categories: Black women, Hispanic/Latinx women, Asian American and Pacific Islander women, and Native American women. These oversamples were weighted down to their proper size in the final dataset to ensure that the findings are representative by race and ethnicity. Additionally, slight weighting was applied to the data set by age, region, and education level, to ensure the overall representativeness of the sample as well.

ABOUT YWCA

For over 160 years, YWCA has been on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all. YWCA has been at the forefront of the most pressing social movements – from voting rights to civil rights, from affordable housing to pay equity, from violence prevention to health care reform. Today, we combine programming and advocacy in order to generate institutional change in three key areas: racial justice and civil rights, empowerment and economic advancement of women and girls, and health and safety of women and girls.