Nearly FOUR IN 10 AAPI workers in California are struggling with poverty.

**Key Findings**

**About the Survey**

In November 2019, researchers from PRRI and AAPI Data released a landmark report on Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) workers in California. The survey of 2,684 AAPI California residents explored experiences and perspectives of workers, many of whom are struggling with poverty.

Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders are the fastest-growing racial groups (and working-age population) in California and the nation. Between 2010 and 2017, most new immigrants (56%) to California came from Asia.

As with other racial and ethnic groups, the research tells the story of “two Californias” — one where some AAPI workers are financially stable and another in which AAPI workers report struggle significantly. This brief highlights key findings relevant to Cambodian American workers in California from the full report.

**AAPI California Workers Struggling with Poverty Within Each Region**

In California, the highest proportion of Cambodian American adults reside in the Los Angeles (38%) and Bay Area (27%).

**AAPI Workers Struggling with Poverty**

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**Snapshot of Cambodian Americans in California**

From the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey:

- Are foreign-born: 69%
- Are naturalized citizens: 52%
- Have limited English proficiency: 47%
- Hold a college or post-graduate degree (age 18+): 17%
- Identify as Democrats*: 54%
- Identify as Republicans*: 19%
- Identify as Independents*: 7%

*From the PRRI/AAPI survey
Economic Hardships and Concerns

Share of Cambodian American workers in California who experienced hardships in the past 12 months:
- 48% helped parents or in-laws financially
- 36% put off seeing a doctor or buying medicine
- 35% were not able to pay a monthly bill
- 33% had difficulty paying rent or mortgage
- 23% reduced meals or cut back on food to save money

Share of Cambodian American workers in California who are:
- worried that they or someone in their family will be unable to afford housing 47%
- worried that they or someone in their family will lose health insurance 39%
- worried that they or someone in their family will be deported 11%

Views on the American Dream and Economic Mobility Among Cambodian Americans in California

69% still believe in the American Dream (if you work hard, you’ll get ahead), compared to 62% of all AAPI Californians.

58% of struggling Cambodian American workers in California believe in the American Dream.

38% believe it is harder to achieve the American Dream here than in other states.

28% would encourage young people to leave their community for better opportunities.

44% agree that hard work is not a guarantee of success, compared to 55% of all AAPI Californians.

Hardships on the Job

Share of Cambodian American workers in California who said they or someone in their household experienced the following in the past 12 months:
- Experienced racial discrimination or bias at work 19%
- Required to work overtime without pay 12%
- Paid less than minimum wage 7%
- Experienced discrimination or bias related to gender or sexual orientation at work 16%
- Felt vulnerable due to immigration status 9%
- Injured on the job 6%
- Had wages withheld by an employer without cause 6%

Views on the Economy, Employers, and Policymakers

Share of Cambodian American workers in California believe that:

The U.S. economy unfairly favors the wealthy 69%

Public officials do not care what they think 67%

Employers generally see them as replaceable 59%

It is important to organize so that employers do not take advantage of them 80%

For more data and survey methodology, please see the full report, in English, at: irvine.org/learning/aapi

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58% សម្រឹមទំនើបជាមួយៗ និងប្រជាជនឆាប់។

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