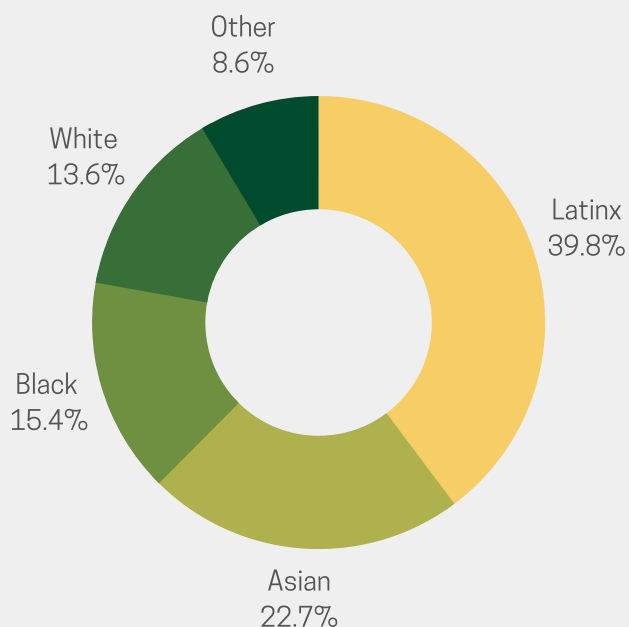


RACIAL DISPARITIES IN PANDEMIC RENT DEBT

San Francisco – East Bay Metro Area



SHARE OF ALL HOUSEHOLDS BEHIND ON RENT BY RACE/ETHNICITY
(AVERAGED JUNE 2020 - JANUARY 2021)

With communities of color suffering from greater numbers of COVID-related deaths and unemployment, it's clear that existing racial and economic inequalities have only been exacerbated as the pandemic wears on.

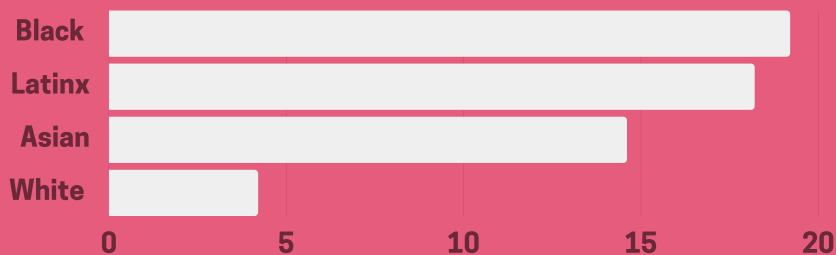
Throughout the past months, the brunt of the COVID rent debt crisis is **disproportionately impacting communities of color.**

Since June, **Latinx households are the largest total share of those behind on rent** followed by Asian and Black households, despite the fact that White households make up a largest share of the total renter population.

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Looking deeper than the overall numbers, **Black renters have the highest proportion of households behind on rent.** Since June, an average of 4.2% of white renter households were behind, in contrast with a staggering **19.2%** of black households.



Nearly **1 in 5** black households were behind on rent

GREATER LIKELIHOOD OF RENT DEBT



As **compared with white renters**, renters of color are far more likely to be behind on rent. Consequently, these are the communities that are more likely to be negatively impacted by the failure to provide comprehensive rent forgiveness.

**LIKELIHOOD OF
HOUSEHOLD BEING BEHIND
ON RENT AS COMPARED
WITH WHITE HOUSEHOLD
(AVERAGED JUNE 2020 - JANUARY 2021)**

Black
5.4x
MORE LIKELY

Latinx
5.0x
MORE LIKELY

Asian
3.9x
MORE LIKELY

In creating a rent debt relief program that is optional for landlords, **SB 91 fails to protect the thousands of Bay Area tenants - mostly people of color - who have been most impacted** by the economic downturn caused by the pandemic.

Governor Newsom has given landlords greater power and financial incentive to pick and chose which tenants deserve relief and who will instead face lawsuits and eviction proceedings. SB 91 opens the door for rampant **discrimination** and **displacement** in those communities that were already fighting against gentrification before the pandemic even began.

We continue to demand an end to all evictions and the forgiveness of COVID rent debt so that no one in our communities is left behind!



END EVICTIONS! FORGIVE RENT DEBTS!