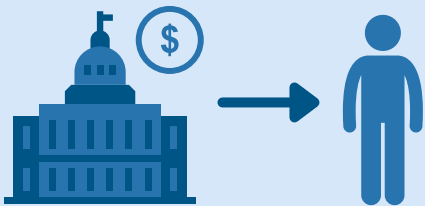


Despite documented status, many California immigrants have negative perceptions or experiences of public charge policy



A new UCLA CHPR study found that **two-thirds** of California's **Latinx** and **Asian immigrants** said they had **negative perceptions or experiences** with the federal public charge policy.



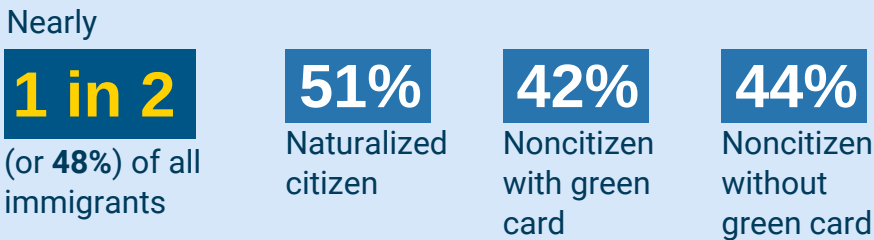
WHAT IS PUBLIC CHARGE?

The U.S. government considers a noncitizen a public charge if they **rely on** (or are expected to rely on if trying to enter the country) **specific public benefits for subsistence**. Being designated a public charge means a person is **ineligible to become a lawful permanent resident**.

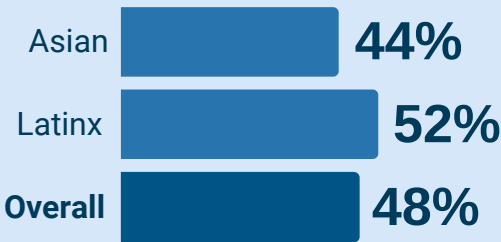
Respondents who had negative perceptions with the public charge policy



By immigration status

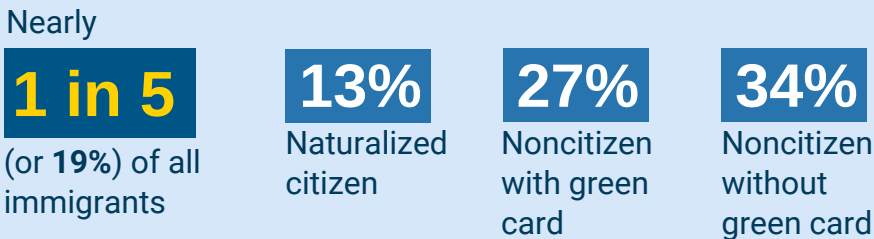


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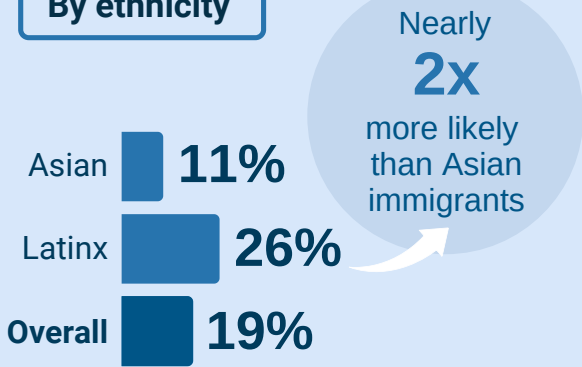


Respondents who had both negative perceptions and experiences with the public charge policy

By immigration status



By ethnicity



Source: RIGHTS follow-on survey to the 2018, 2019, and 2020 California Health Interview Surveys (CHIS)
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