

Spotlight: Texas

National Latino Family Report 2024

[The National Latino Family Report](#), published by Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors in partnership with UnidosUS and BSP Research, provides insights into the perspectives and needs of Latino parents and caregivers. The survey focused on parents of children between the ages of 0-5 and included an oversample of 271 respondents from Texas.

In Texas, where approximately 11 million Latinos comprise 40% of the state's population, addressing their needs and policy priorities is crucial for the state's overall prosperity and equitable growth. Here are the key findings from the Texas oversample:

Overwhelming Support for Social Safety Nets

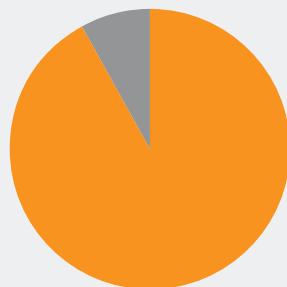
91% of Latino parents in Texas support a paid family and medical leave program, with **68%** strongly supporting it.

*Unlike most nations, the United States currently has no paid federal leave program for working parents. Even when informed about a potential cost of a few dollars per week, support remained high at **85%**.*

85% support increasing the earned income tax credit to provide more tax benefits for working families in Texas.

Enhancing the earned income tax credit represents a powerful economic lever to bolster financial security among Latino working families - a catalyst for multi-generational prosperity.

Latino support for paid family and medical leave in Texas



91% Support

Continuous Healthcare Access

91% support adopting Medicaid and CHIP policies to remove barriers to access and reduce gaps in coverage for state residents, with **53%** strongly supporting this initiative.

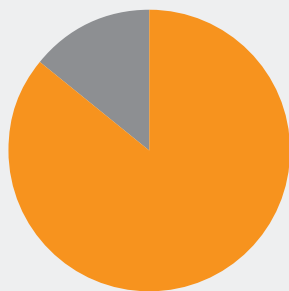
Ensuring continuous healthcare coverage is critical for the well-being of Latino children and families, who may face disruptions due to policy barriers.

Investment in Children's Future

86% support the federal government establishing \$3,000-\$4,000 trust fund accounts for newborns in Texas to be used for college, home ownership, or starting a business. This baby bonds program, with **66%** strongly supporting it, is projected to help reduce the racial wealth gap for Latino children in the state.

Baby bonds represent an innovative policy approach to directly address the racial wealth gap and provide a financial asset for Latino children from birth.

Latino support for Federal child savings accounts in Texas



86% Support

Family Engagement and Resources

91% support increased funding for programs that support child learning and provide resources for families in Texas, with **59%** strongly supporting this measure.

Equipping Latino parents with tools and resources promotes multi-generational prosperity by empowering them as active partners in their children's development and educational trajectories. This lays a critical foundation for upward economic mobility within Latino communities.

For the full national report, please visit: <https://nationalsurvey.ap-od.org/2024-report/>