

JAN. 23RD RENT CANCELLATION MEDIA PACKET

DC tenants will march on Saturday, January 23rd to demand that the Biden Administration commit to including rent debt cancellation in its coronavirus relief package.

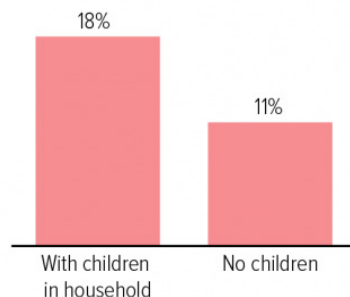
While the protesters represent residents in one of the most expensive cities in the country, their demands include the needs of renters across the country facing eviction and crippling debt that will burden them for years to come.

Demonstrators' Demands

- Biden must commit to not signing any coronavirus relief package that doesn't include rent cancellation
- Rent cancellation must be comprehensive and universal. Keep everyone in their homes!
- Rent cancellation must come with conditions for landlords, including repairs and limits on their ability to raise rent. Don't subsidize slumlords!
- Illegal evictions during the CDC eviction moratorium, including threats or coercion to self-evict, must be investigated and met with federal fines or jail time

For Nearly 1 in 5 Adults With Children, Household Lacked Sufficient Food in Last 7 Days

Share of adults reporting that their household sometimes or often did not have enough to eat

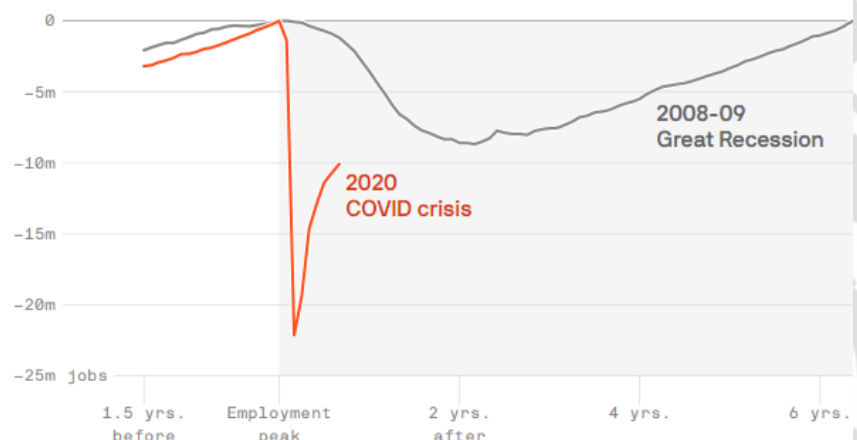


Note: Chart excludes individuals who did not respond to the question.
Source: CBPP analysis of Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey tables for December 9-21, 2020

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How crises hit U.S. jobs

Change from peak nonfarm employment, seasonally adjusted



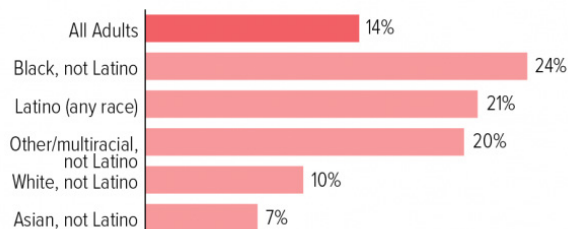
Data: BLS via FRED; Chart: Andrew Witherspoon/Axios

Adults in Rental House Not Caught Up on Rent as of Nov 25-December 21, CBPP

	Estimated Number	Percent
District of Columbia	60,000	21%
Maryland	299,000	23%
Virginia	287,000	15%

Black and Latino Households Likelier to Experience Food Insufficiency During Pandemic

Share of adults saying that their household sometimes or often did not have enough to eat in the last 7 days



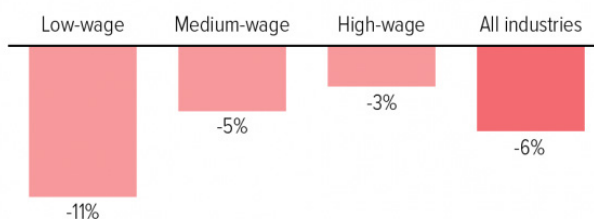
Note: Other/Multiracial not Latino = people identifying as American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, or more than one race. Percentages are based on reporting distributions and do not include the populations that did not respond to the question.

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Job Losses Largest in Low-Wage Industries

Percent change in number of jobs, February to December 2020



Note: Industries were ranked by average wages in February and divided into three groups containing roughly the same number of jobs.

Source: CBPP calculations of Bureau of Labor Statistics data

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There will be several speakers at Saturday's event, including some of the renters quoted here.

In the middle of the pandemic, my wife got sick and she couldn't work for months. On top of that, I got laid off. We survived because people donated food to us. I started working in November, but I'm on rent strike in solidarity with my community. If they could bail out big banks like Freddie Mac, now they have to bail out renters; we pay the most taxes in this country, it's our turn to be bailed out.

-- Modesto King

I have been on furlough for 5 months because the mayor decided to do a budget cut in the middle of a pandemic—after I was one of the first responders. After I bust my butt during the beginning of the pandemic, not knowing what I was getting myself into—risking myself, risking my life, risking myself to exposure to Corona and my family, just so I could live and support myself. I went out at the beginning—April and May—until she decided to furlough us because of the budget cuts.

-- Jewel Burgess

Look, the first thing that I've learned is to lose fear. The fear, right? To lose the fear that I had—of the owner, of the situation. For me, it's been a beautiful experience to get to know people even more, and with the union, to see that between all of us, we're fighting for something. -- Anonymous tenant