How have Colorado households with kids felt the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic?

About 1/2 have reported a loss of household income since the pandemic began.

Nearly 1 in 7 reported little to no confidence in their ability to pay their next rent or mortgage payment as of early 2022.

About 1/3 reported difficulty paying for usual household expenses, including medical care or food, as of early 2022.

More than 1/4 of adults living in households with children report experiencing symptoms of anxiety for more than half the days or nearly every day in the past two weeks.

Nearly 2 in 5 Colorado households with kids reported their children were not eating enough because food was unaffordable as of early 2022.

As many as 45% of Colorado households with kids under 5 have reported disruptions to their child care arrangements in the previous four weeks because of the COVID-19 pandemic. As of early 2022, 13% reported pandemic-related child care disruptions caused them to have to cut their work hours, and 10% reported having to take unpaid leave.

Child Poverty: In 2020, 11% of Colorado kids experienced poverty—nearly 130,000 children across the state. Poverty is defined by the federal government as an annual income below $26,200 for a family of four, a cutoff point that is widely considered to be far too low to be a realistic estimate of the amount of income a family requires to meet their basic needs. Child poverty affects some communities more than others, as illustrated in the adjacent map of 2020 child poverty rates by county.

Family Economic Security: Economic security helps ensure families have access to stable housing, adequate amounts of healthy food, and high-quality health care and educational opportunities.
**Health:** All Colorado children need ample amounts of healthy food; caregivers and communities that are safe, stable and financially secure; and access to high-quality and affordable medical, oral and behavioral health care. The table below shows how children in your district are faring on indicators of child health, with state-level data as a benchmark.

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**K-12 Education:** Every child deserves access to a high-quality educational environment that prepares them for life after high school. The table below shows key education indicators by school district, with state-level data as a benchmark.

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<td>$58,219</td>
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**Early Childhood Learning and Development:** Early childhood is a time of tremendous development and opportunity. High-quality early learning experiences help children build a strong foundation and set them up for success in kindergarten and beyond. The table below shows key early childhood indicators for the counties included in your district, with state-level data as a benchmark.

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