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## Summary

The stimulus check was essential for many families during the pandemic, yet California was the only state to offer aid to undocumented immigrants. The communication of information during and about the pandemic was also an issue. The primary goal of this research is to examine the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on Spanish-speaking Latinx families in the Central Valley of California. I will focus on two areas in particular: 1) access to the California stimulus payment and 2) English-Spanish resource communication dynamics during the pandemic. I examine pre-pandemic service utilization in order to evaluate the effectiveness of current systems. Results could inform future policy, giving a first-hand perspective from this population.