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COVID-19 HOUSING FRAGILITY DATA FINDINGS

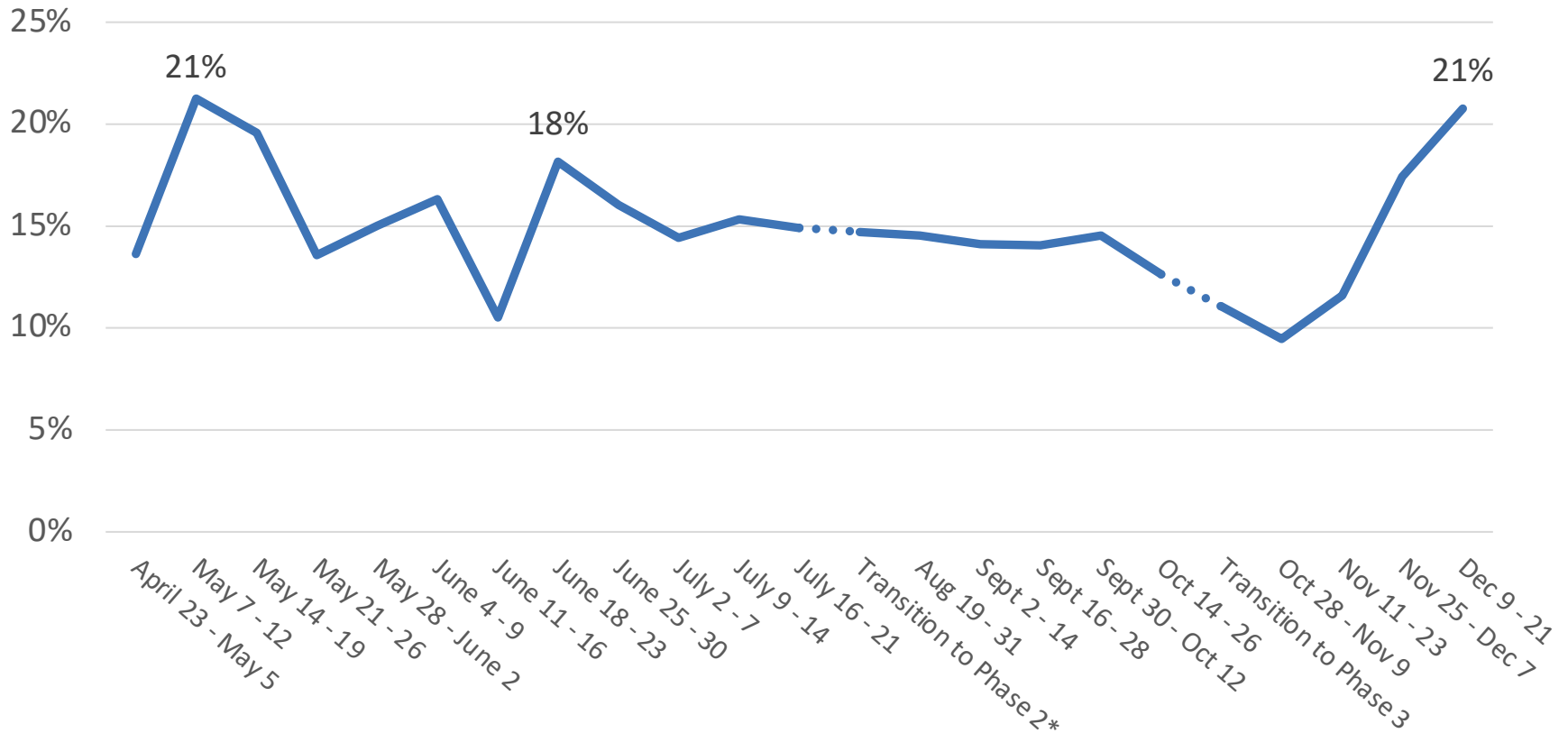
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Key Findings

The Partnership recently analyzed data from the U.S. Census Bureau's Household Pulse Survey, finding that millions of renter households in California continue to experience housing insecurity, struggle to afford rent and fear eviction. According to the most recent data available in December 2020:

1. Twenty-one (21) percent of California renters (1.9 million people) were **behind on rent** in December, the second highest point since the Survey began in April.
2. Renters of color were more likely to be behind than white renters with 20 percent of Asian renters, 25 percent of Latinx renters and 23 percent of Black renters in this situation.
3. Fifty-three (53) percent of adult renters behind on rent (1.0 million people) report that it is very likely or somewhat likely they will be **evicted** in the next two months.

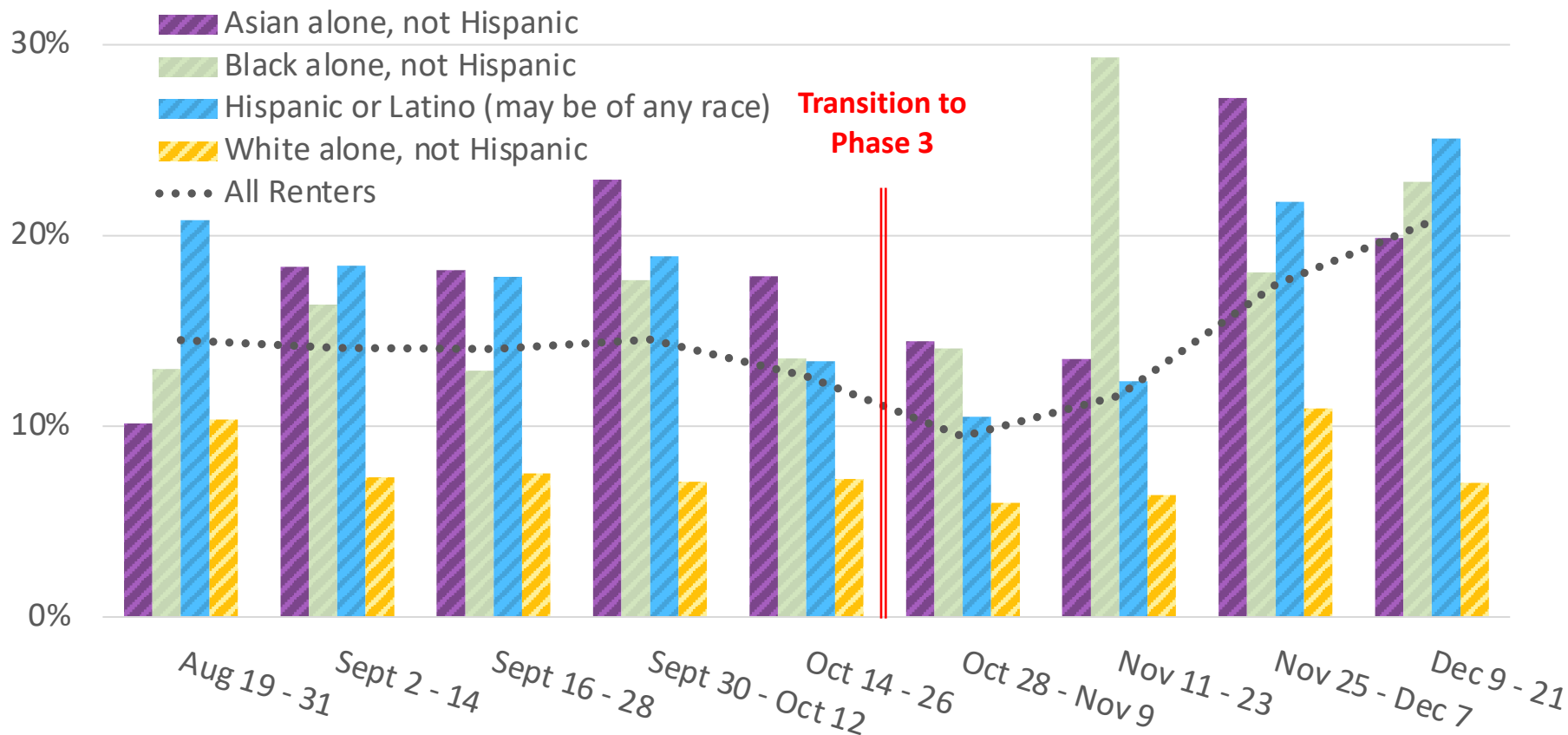
SHARE OF CALIFORNIA RENTERS BEHIND ON RENT AT HIGHEST POINT SINCE MAY 2020



Source: California Housing Partnership analysis of Household Pulse Survey data, U.S. Census Bureau, 2020

*Please note that phase 2 of the Household Pulse Survey introduced a change to this survey question. In phase 1, respondents were asked if they "paid last month's rent on time." In phases 2 and 3, respondents were asked if they were "currently caught up on rent." Phase 2 and 3 also operated on a two-week survey window, creating differences in unit and item nonresponse between phases 1 and 2. These changes make exact comparison with phase 1 estimates imperfect.

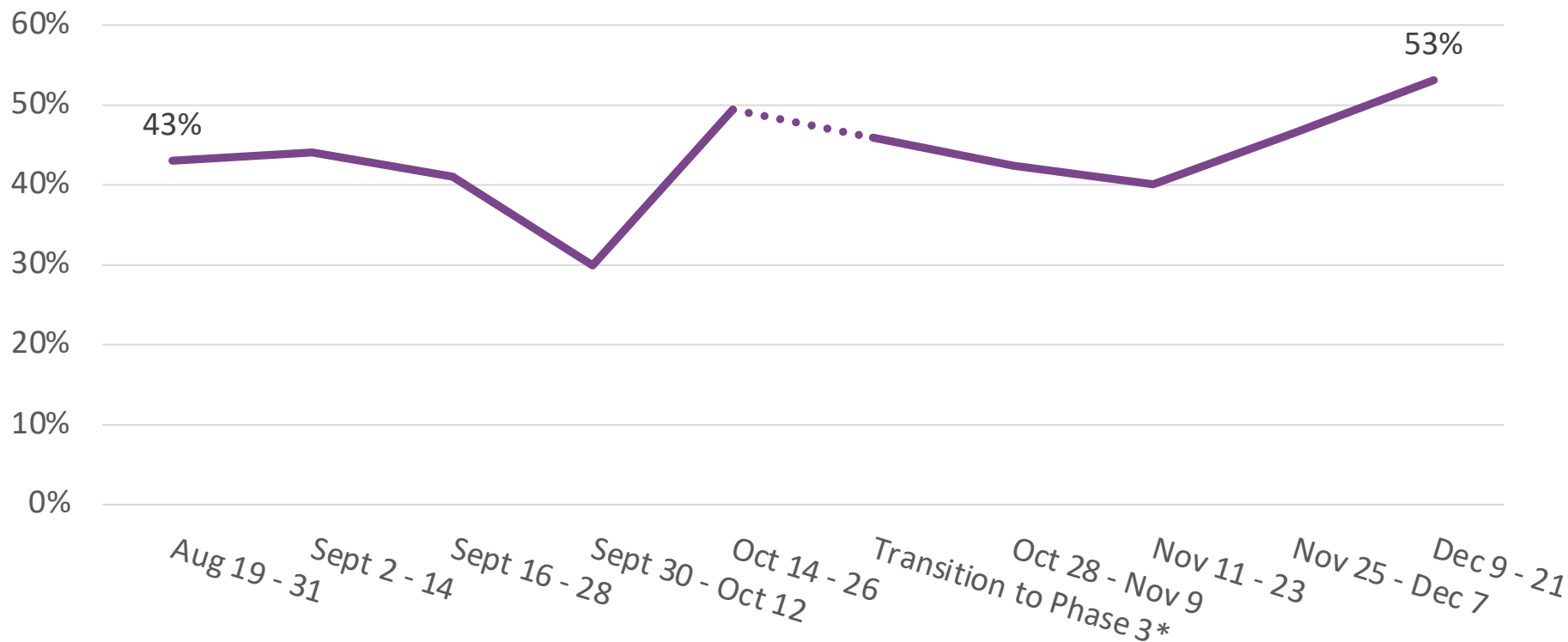
RENTERS OF COLOR WERE MORE LIKELY TO BE BEHIND ON RENT (2020)



Source: California Housing Partnership analysis of Household Pulse Survey data, U.S. Census Bureau, 2020

*Please note that this data represents the race/ethnicity of the person filling out the survey. Asian, Black, and white include adults reporting only one racial category and do not identify their ethnic origin as Hispanic or Latino. Adults who identify their ethnic origin as Hispanic or Latino may be of any race.

MORE THAN HALF OF CALIFORNIANS BEHIND ON RENT FEAR EVICTION (2020)



Source: California Housing Partnership analysis of Household Pulse Survey data, U.S. Census Bureau, 2020

*Please note that this question was first asked in phase 2 of the Household Pulse Survey. Therefore, data is not available prior to August 2020. Percentages represent the share of renting adults in households who are not caught up on rent and say it is very or somewhat like they will face eviction in the next two months.

About the Data & Methodology

- Data is from the Household Pulse Survey, a new data product created by the U.S. Census Bureau to measure experiences and needs during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as inform federal and state response and recovery planning.
- Because data is updated on a weekly or—starting in phase 2—a bi-weekly basis, the survey is meant to provide insights into how household experiences have changed during the pandemic.
- The survey asks individuals about their housing, employment status, spending patterns, food security, physical and mental health, access to health care, and educational disruption.
- The data is available at a state level and for the 15 largest Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs).



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