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Inflation's Impact on Food Security and Financial Well-Being in Communities of Color

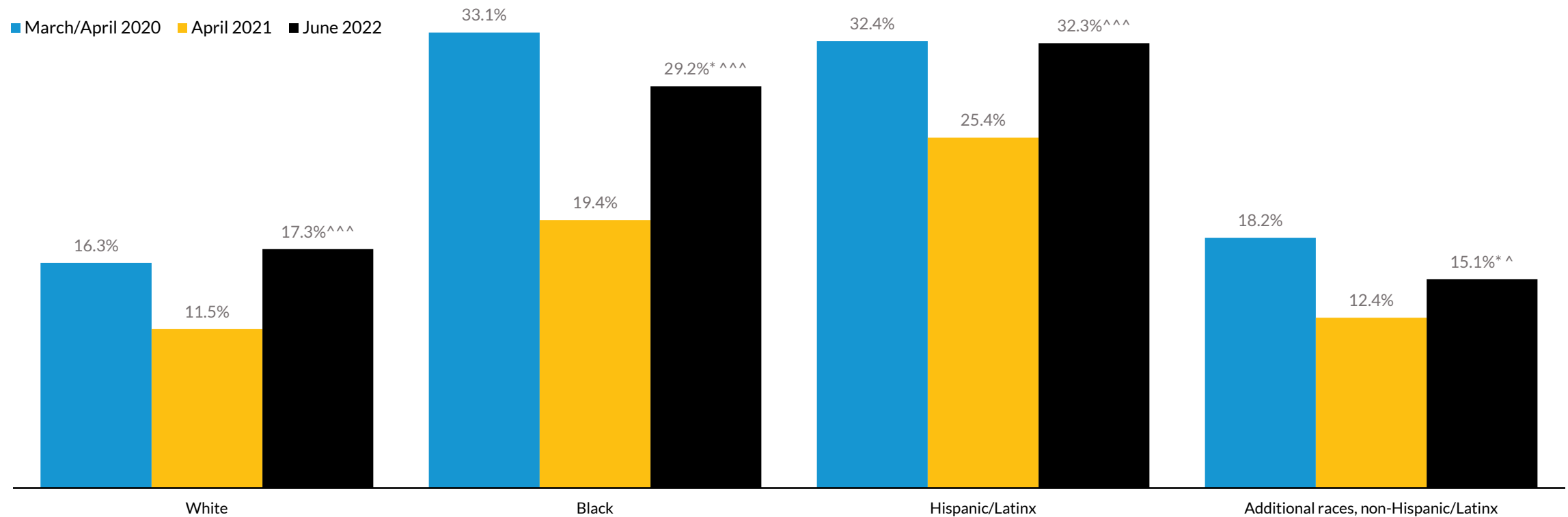


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Food Insecurity Rates Increased Sharply Among Communities of Color in 2022

Share of adults reporting household food insecurity in the last 30 days

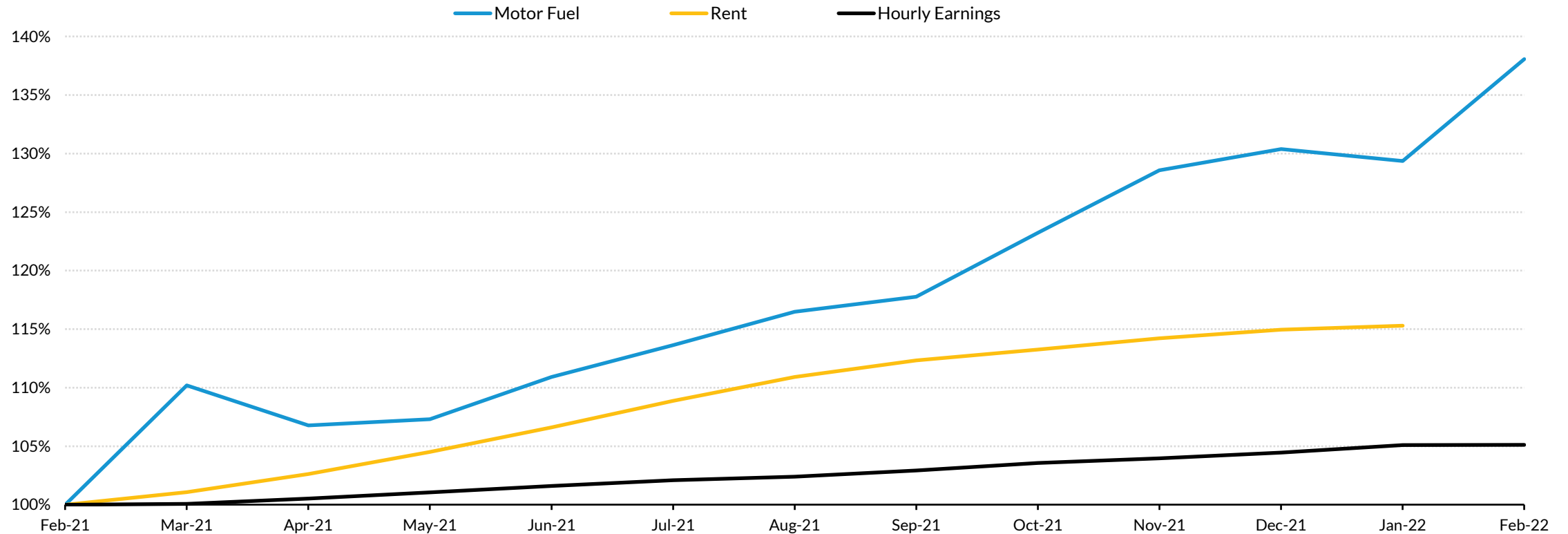


Source: Health Reform Monitoring Survey, March/April 2020, April 2021, and June 2022.

Notes: Adults are ages 18 to 64. Adults of additional races include those who identify as Asian; Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, American Indian, or Alaska Native; other races; or more than one race. Estimates are regression adjusted. */**/** Estimate differs from 2020 at the 0.10/0.05/0.01 level, using two-tailed tests. ^/^^/^^^ Estimate differs from 2021 at the 0.10/0.05/0.01 level, using two-tailed tests.

Costs of Motor Fuel and Rent Have Increased Much More Quickly Than Incomes over the Past Year

Change since February 2021

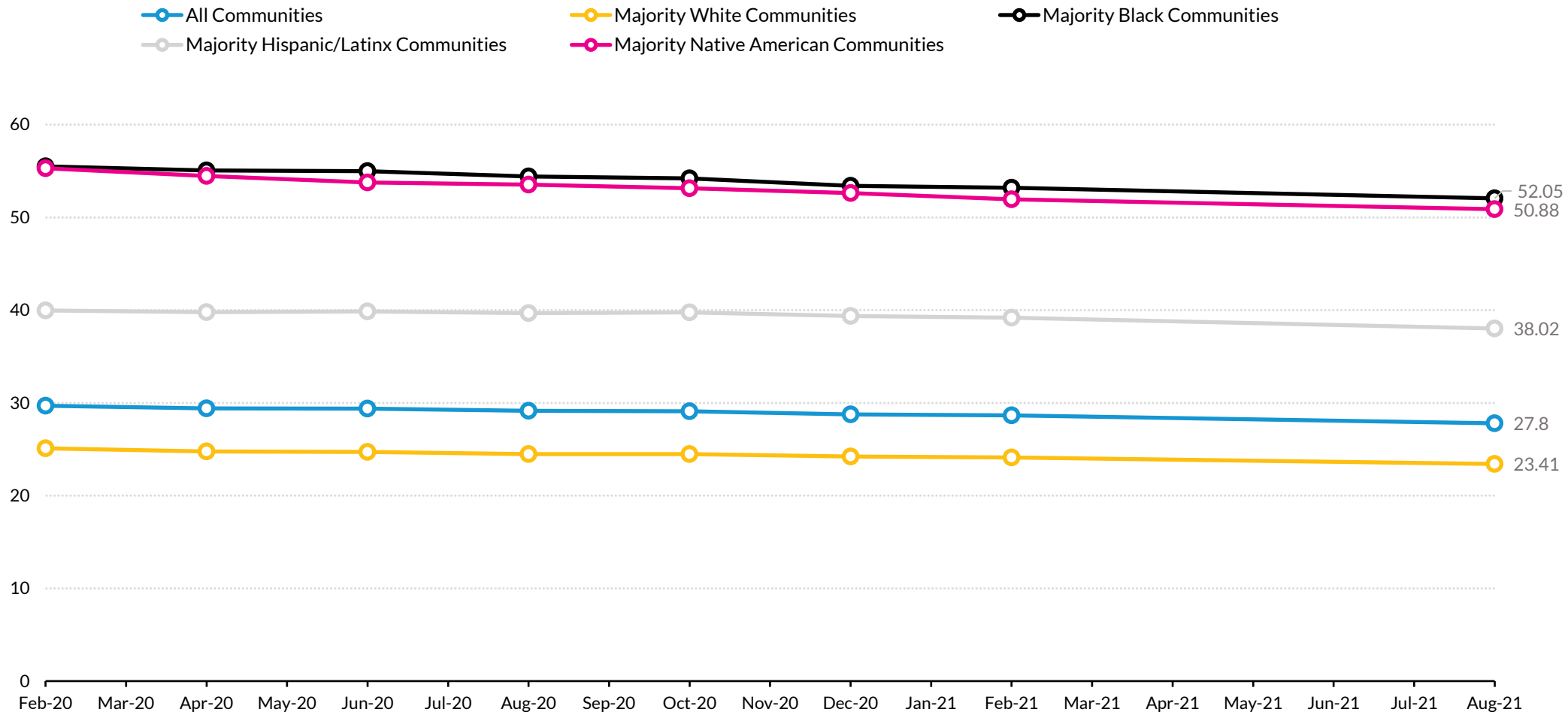


Source: For motor fuel and earnings data, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. For rent data, Zillow.

Notes: Motor fuel and earnings data are seasonally adjusted. Rent data are the average of the Zillow observed rent index in 2,148 zip codes across the US.

Communities of Color Are More Likely to Struggle to Repay Debt

Share of consumers with debt in collections, February 2020 to August 2021



Source: Urban Institute tabulations of credit bureau data.

Notes: Debt in collections is defined as the share of people with a credit bureau record who have any debt in collections. Majority-white, Black, Hispanic, and Native communities are zip codes where more than 60 percent of residents are in the respective racial or ethnic group.²

“We’re struggling more this year because of the rise of cost of everything, more so than when the pandemic hit. The prices of gas and food is ridiculous.”

“We’re definitely cutting back on a lot. We were, at the beginning it was, um, it was a little hard. Then things got easier, and now, with everything being so so so expensive, now we’re having to try a little harder.”

—Mothers in Texas participating in a USDA meals program, summer 2022

