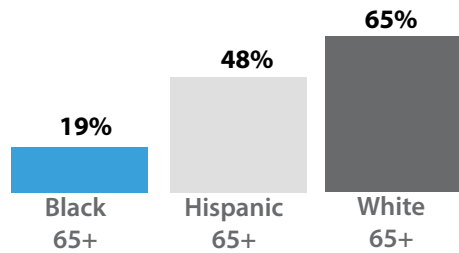


Actions To Prepare for Serious Illness in Late Life Vary for Blacks, Hispanics, and Whites

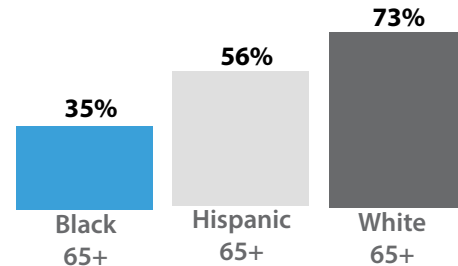
Older Black adults (65+) are less likely than older Whites and older Hispanics **to report having written wishes**

% with document that...

describes their wishes for medical care if they become seriously ill



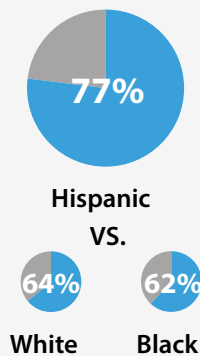
names who they want to make decisions about their medical care if they can no longer make them on their own



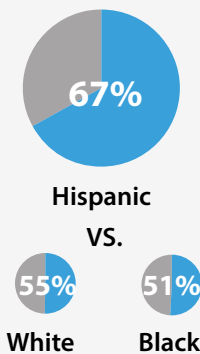
Hispanic adults are more likely than White or Black adults **to be worried about facing challenges** if they become seriously ill when they're older.

% who say they are worried they may...

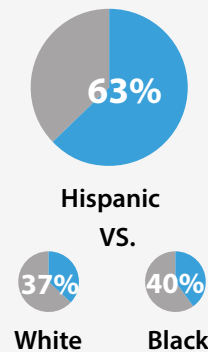
have trouble affording the medical care that they need



have trouble affording the support services that they may need

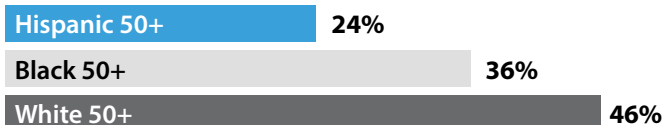


leave debts to their family when they die

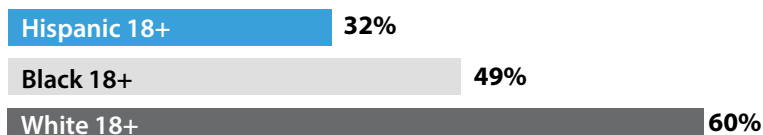


Hispanics are less likely to say they've take steps to plan for their own needs as they age.

Set aside money that could be used for ongoing living expenses

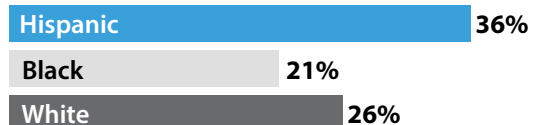


Currently saving for retirement, among those not already retired

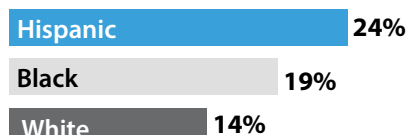


Hispanics age 65 or older who are personally seriously ill are **more likely** to report facing challenges getting and affording care.

It is difficult to get needed help with everyday activities



Cost recently prevented them from getting the help they need



SOURCE: Kaiser Family Foundation Serious Illness in Late Life Survey, 2017

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