



The Educational Experiences of American Families in the Time of COVID: Evidence from a Nationally Representative Panel

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Preliminary results. Please do not tweet or share.

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The education sample

- We rely on a subset of the UAS data that consists of approximately 1,400 households with at least one preK-12th grade child in the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year



We use 5 waves of survey administration data



UAS 235
Apr 1-29

UAS 240
Apr 15-
May 12


UAS 242
Apr 29-
May 26


UAS 250
Jun 24-
Jul 21


UAS 264
Sep 30-
Current

 NPR
26 States Have Closed Schools For The Year Amid
Coronavirus : Coronavirus Live Updates

Nearly all states close schools for the academic year

 EdSource
Students speak out: 'Distance learning has challenged me incredibly'

 WJXT News4JAX
Facing The Fall: School reopening mandate draws concerns, confusion from parents and school districts

 NPR
Research Finds Few Links Between Schools And COVID-19 Cases

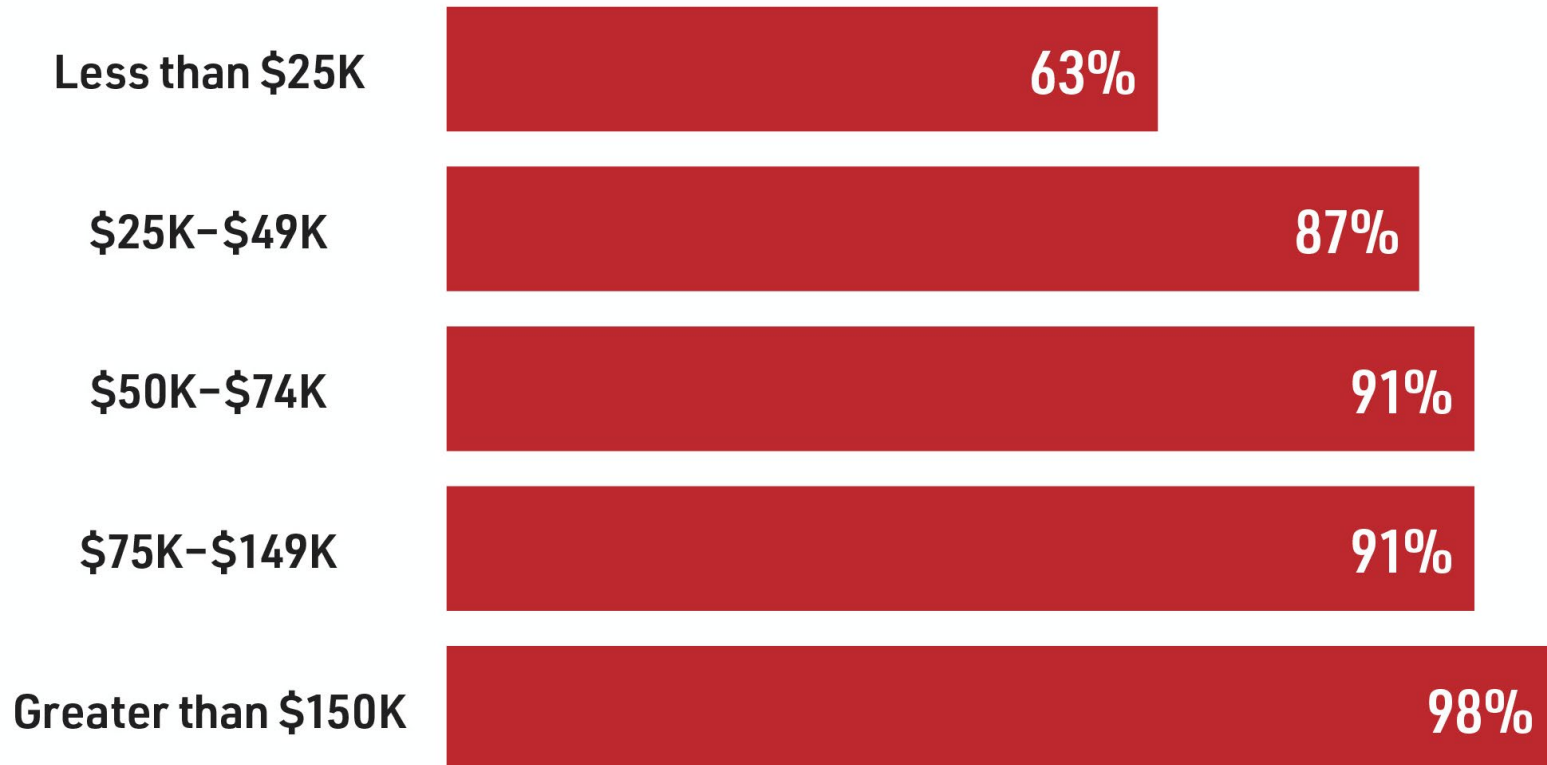


**At the beginning of the pandemic, we
found large disparities in educational
experiences**

In April 2020, More than one-third of low-income families lacked access to computers and internet

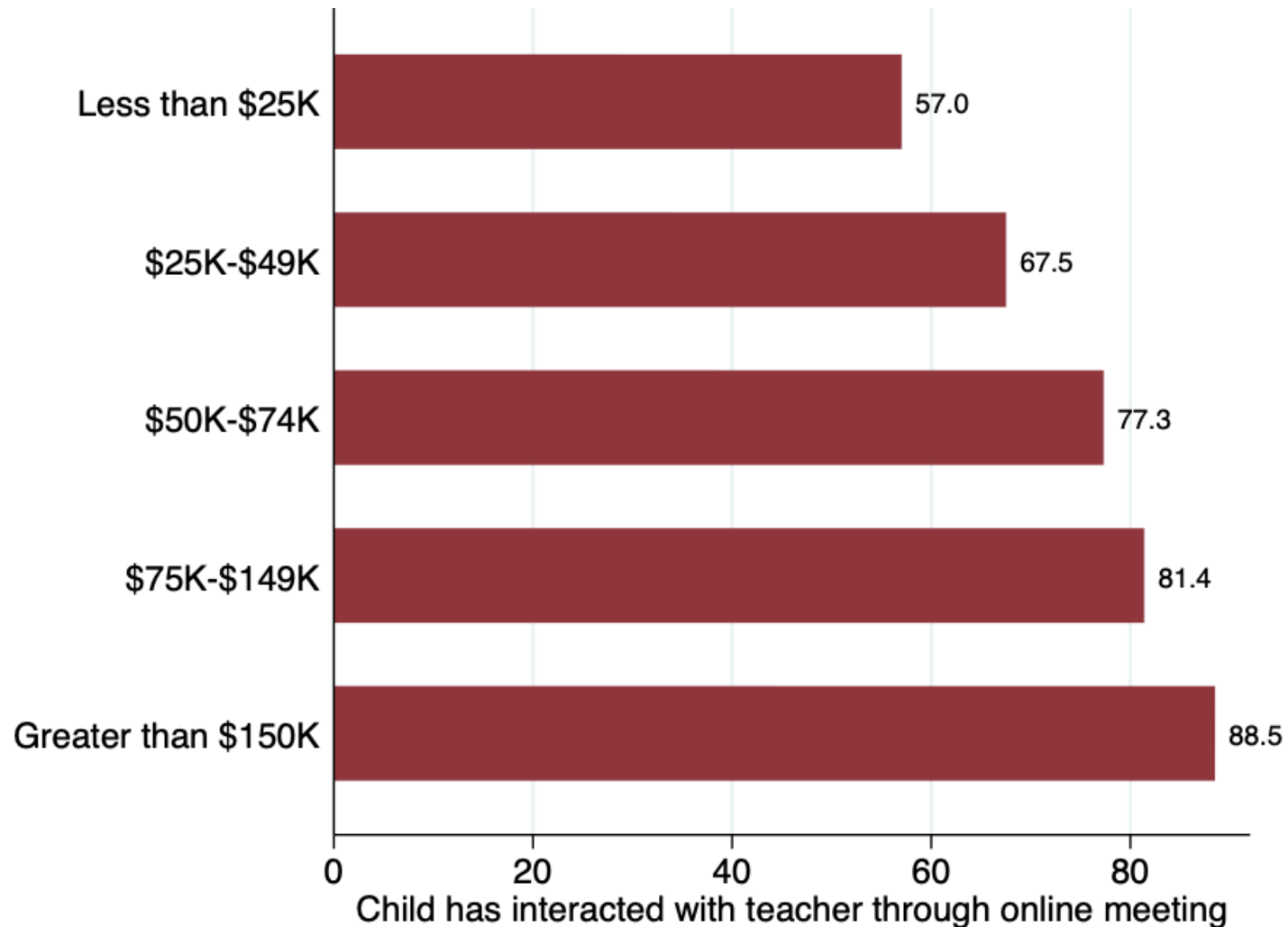


Household income

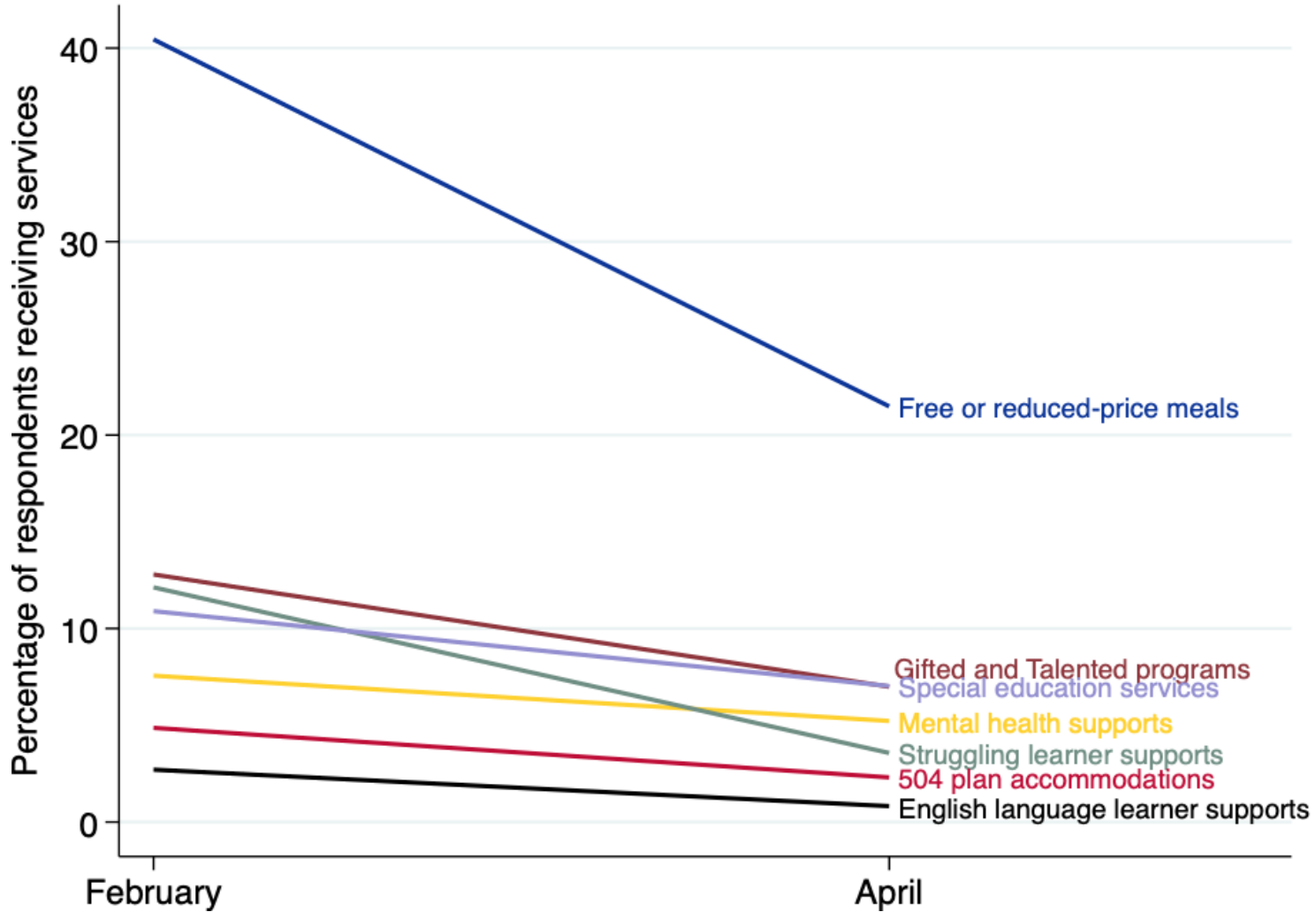


Children have access to internet and laptop/desktop for learning

Disparities in educational activities and concerns



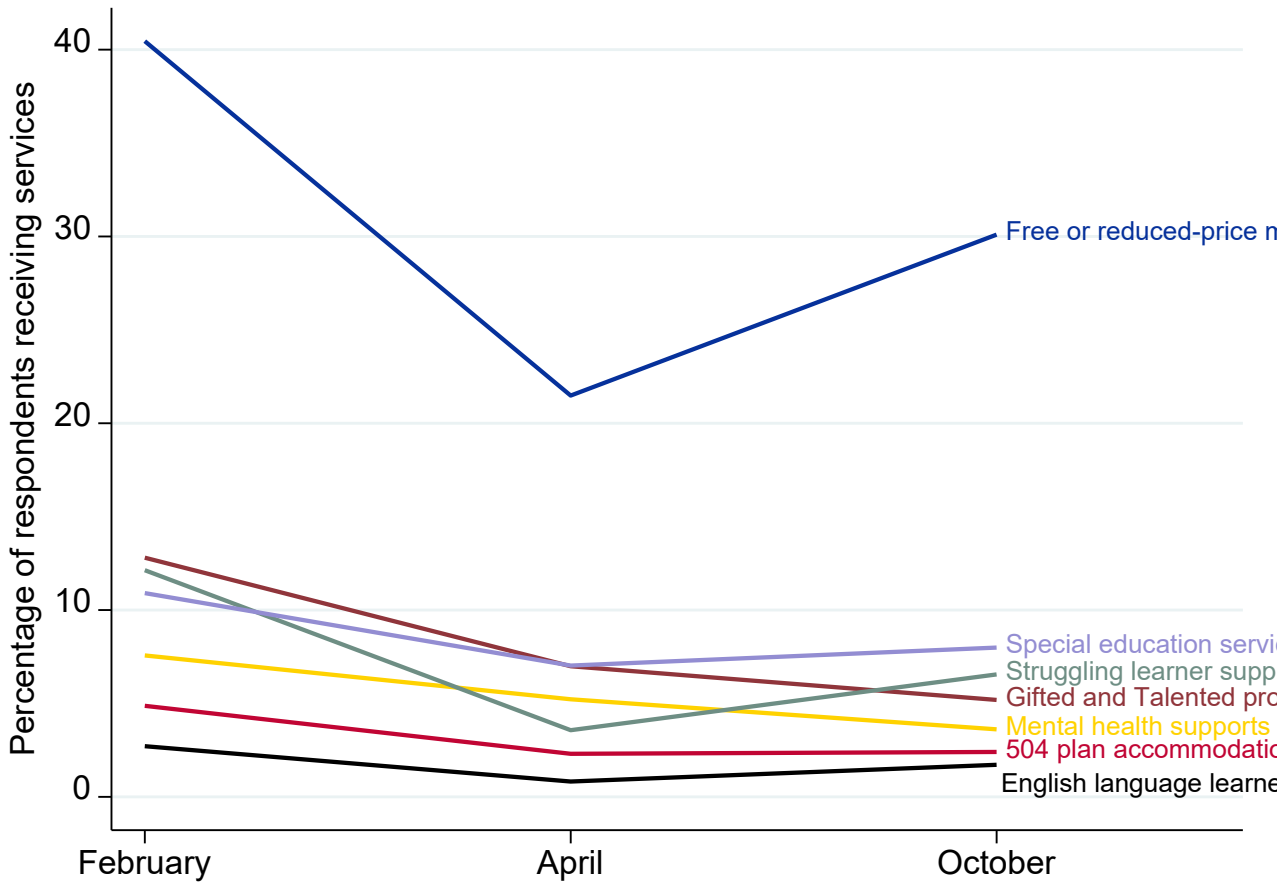
Drops in school services, especially drastic for meals



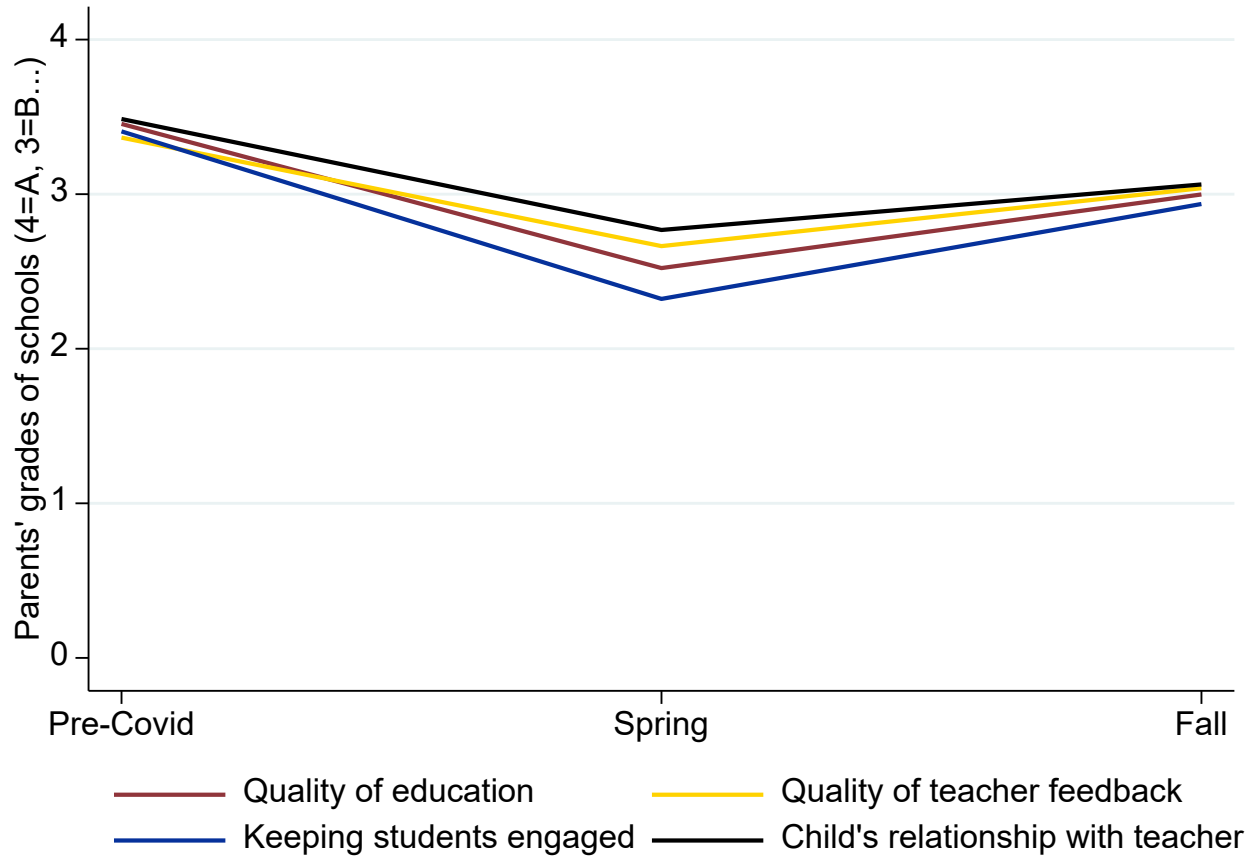


**Parents report improvements since
Spring 2020, but we still have a long
way to go**

Schools are delivering more services than in April, but not at pre-COVID levels



Parent grades of schools dropped in the spring but partially recovered in the fall



We are finding many other interesting trends in our most recent data

- In October, only **4 percent** of respondents report having no computer/device for children to participate in distance learning, and only **3 percent** report having no internet for distance learning
- Support for requiring students to wear face coverings all day in school increased **45 percent** over the summer to **69 percent** in October
- Support for canceling all standardized tests increased from **43 percent** in the spring, to **60 percent** over the summer to **63 percent** in October

This is part of ongoing work



- In addition to the work presented here, we are also tracking:
 - Educational access and supports for learning
 - Parents' experiences and concerns about of education during the pandemic
 - Parents' experiences talking to their children about racism
 - Parents' support for policy proposals, including school re-openings and mask wearing
 - Impacts on higher education
- We are able to link these variables across the UAS dataset and examine differences by race, parental education, income, political party, urbanity, health data, and many more
- Stay tuned for future work as we continue to explore this rich dataset!