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## Seniors struggling with survival

[MercuryNews.com](#) is reporting on information out of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research.

The report says that forty-seven percent of California senior citizens are unable to pay for their basic needs.

The problem is worse for some groups.

Deep disparities also exist for nonwhite elders, some tracing to historical injustices that kept minorities from union jobs that offered pensions or steered them to low-paying manual work, according to the study. Seven out of 10 Latino and African-American senior citizens, and six out of 10 Asians, live below the survival standard.

**EXTRA:** RAM Ohio is planning a 2 day health expedition on May 2nd and 3rd. Free health care will be provided with no financial restrictions or proof of citizenship required. You can get more information [RAMOhio.org](#).



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