

## Our Top 5 Blog Posts of 2021

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After another busy year at PolicyLab, we're taking time to reflect back on 2021 by highlighting our most-read blog posts of the year.

We weren't surprised to see our blog posts focused on COVID-19 rise to the top as families across the country faced another year of challenging pandemic impacts. Count down the five most-read 2021 PolicyLab blog posts below:

5. [Social Distancing to Virtual Learning: Breaking Down COVID-19's Impact on Mental Health Across Youth Developmental Stages](#)
4. [The Impact of Paid Leave on School Functioning During COVID-19](#)
3. [Q&A: Exploring COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy in Young Adults With Sickle Cell Disease](#)
2. [Pressing Issues Facing Children and Families: Reflections One Year into the Pandemic](#)

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- **Modeling the Pandemic:** Our COVID-Lab forecasting model updates and accompanying weekly blog posts continued to be widely read over the course of the year. The top COVID-Lab post was from January —[COVID-19 Outlook: At the Height of the Pandemic, A Race Against Time](#).
- **Honorable Mention:** As the year comes to a close, we also recognize posts from past years that continue to be among our most-read. At the top of this list was a 2020 post by PolicyLab researchers Tara Dechert, Sherita Williams, and Dr. Marsha Gerdes, from our "...in 200 words" series, [Safety of Child Care During COVID-19 in 200 Words](#).

We look forward to continuing this important work together with our partners and hosting our [Forum](#) in 2022, addressing these issues and many others to support the health and well-being of children, teens and families.  
**Happy New Year!**



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