COVID-19 has exposed long-time disparities in food insecurity with 47% of Latino families with children being impacted as of June 2020.

Our nation’s social and economic success depends on the stability, vibrancy, and health of every person. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) plays a vital role in helping nearly 40 million Americans—including 6.5 million Latinos—put food on the table every day.

**WHY SNAP?**

The program promotes food security and stimulates the economy by:

- **Improving dietary intake and overall health:** Families can purchase better food—the foundation for health—for their children.

- **Fighting poverty:** In 2017, SNAP benefits lifted about 904,292 Latinos, including 595,371 Latino children, out of poverty.

- **Making economic sense.** Each $1.00 in federal SNAP benefits generates between $1.50 and $1.80 in economic activity.

- **Helping the economy:** The SNAP benefits received by Latinos contributes to $67.2 billion in related economic activity. This economic benefit could be higher since nearly 4 million eligible Latinos do not participate in the program.

In 2018, UnidosUS’s Comprando Rico y Sano program helped enroll 23,626 eligible Latinos in SNAP.

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