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Amidst Disappointing Recovery, Latinos Contribute to Growth Industries

By almost every measure, the slow pace of recovery from the 2007–2009 recession continues to take a tremendous toll on millions of Americans. The impact on Latinos, in terms of unemployment to losses of benefits, income, and wealth, has been even more severe. Nevertheless, Latinos are helping to build a new economy. The Latino workforce is vital to several major industries that have added jobs in recent months. Overshadowing this progress, however, is the prevalence of low-wage jobs in these industries, which tend to employ the largest numbers of Latinos. A closer look at these trends and their implications for public policy is found in the Monthly Latino Employment Report series published by the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) in recent months.

Click on the links to view NCLR’s monthly industry snapshots:

- Steering Economic Recovery: Latinos in the Transportation Sector
- Feeding the Economic Recovery: Latinos in the Food Services Sector
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