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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.¹ 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.

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Steering Economic Recovery: Latinos in the Transportation Sector



Feeding the Economic Recovery: Latinos in the Food Services Sector



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The Price of Luxury: Latinos in the Hotel and Accommodation Sector

¹ Lawrence Mishel and Heidi Shierholz, *Sustained, high joblessness causes lasting damage to wages, benefits, income, and wealth* (Washington, DC: Economic Policy Institute, August 31, 2011), <http://www.epi.org/> (accessed September 1, 2011).