

Hispanic Workers in the Midwest: A Decade of Economic Contrast, 1970-1980

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ABSTRACT

This paper examines how Latinos in the Midwest have fared in the labor market during the changing economic conditions of the last decade. In the economic downturn of the 1970s, Latinos experienced higher rates of unemployment than whites. Latinos continued to be especially vulnerable to a decline in industrial jobs. Although Latinos will benefit from efforts to revitalize basic industries, revitalization of industrial America will not by itself guarantee jobs for Latinos. Unless revitalization involves addressing the low educational attainment of Latinos, these new industrial jobs will be beyond their grasp.