

Census Report: Almost 30% of U.S. Latinos Live in Poverty

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More than one in four U.S. Latinos is living in poverty, according to 2010 U.S.

Census bureau figures released this week. That's nearly 27 percent of the country's 50.5 million Latinos—13.2 million people—and an increase from 12.3 million in 2009.

And according to the Annie E. Casey Foundation's 2011 Kids Count Data Book, 31 percent of Latino kids live in poverty.

The disturbing overall Latino figures are part of a larger report stating that more Americans—15.1 percent or 46.2 million—are living in poverty now than in the 52 years the Census Bureau has been collecting poverty data.

Though Hispanic household income slipped only slightly between 2009 and 2010, the poverty figures reflect the larger reality that between 2005 and 2009 the median wealth among Latino households plummeted by 66 percent.

The new report, "Income, Poverty and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2010," highlights a sole area of improvement for Hispanics: Those of us without health insurance dropped from

nearly 15.5 million, or 31.6 percent, in 2009 to 15.3 million, or 30.7 percent, in 2010.

Lawrence Katz, an economics professor



at Harvard, told the New York Times that the report confirmed that "this is truly a lost decade," he said. "We think of America as a place where every generation is doing better, but we're looking at a period when the median family is in worse shape than it was in the late 1990s."

"We need to continue make sure that safety net is there for people who are falling into poverty," says Leticia Miranda, Associate Director of the National Council of La Raza's Economic Policy Project. "Things like tax credits, unemployment insurance and food stamps are really important while people still don't have a job. But it's still important to focus on job creation."

The 2nd Annual Pan African Global Trade & Investment Conference

Unifying Africa and the African Diaspora via Bilateral Trade and Investment

As part of an international campaign to raise awareness of the continent of Africa's developing economies, the Africa-USA Chamber of Commerce and the California African American Political and Economic Institute at California State University, Dominguez Hills in association with The African Marketplace, Inc. and California African American Political Institute is gearing up for the 2nd Annual Pan African Global Trade & Investment Conference (PAGTIC). This informative and interactive event will take place Friday - Saturday, October 14-15, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at California State University Dominguez Hills, located at 1000 E. Victoria Street, Carson, CA 90747.

Small business owners, high school students, women, college and university students, corporate leaders and policy makers are encouraged to attend and hear from local and international experts as they discuss the Pan-African business, investment, social entrepreneurship and

career opportunities in international trade and commerce.

Amina Salum Ali, African Union Ambassador to the United States, will be featured as this year's keynote speaker. She will speak on "The Tripartite Free Trade Agreement."

The schedule of events includes a banking symposium panel presented by the UCLA Globalization Center-Africa on October 12, 2011, at UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles).

The three-day business conference will also feature regional representatives from the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the East African Community (EAC) and the South African Development Community (SADC) will discuss how their upcoming Tripartite Free Trade Agreement will create a single economic space with a larger market and a more attractive business and trade environment for bilateral trade and investment with the U.S. and the African Diaspora. An African Busi-

Compton Community College District Track and Football Field Reopen

The community is already enjoying the recently reopened Compton Community College District track and football field. The track was temporarily closed last month to allow staff to make much needed improvements and upgrades to

ready the football field for the Tartar football season. Work completed includes turf maintenance and leveling, watering, irrigation system repair, outdoor lighting replacement and refurbishment near the restrooms.



Past Apollo Theatre Alumni Reminisce at 'Workin' The Apollo' A Panel Discussion at CAAM

The California African American Museum (CAAM) recently presented "Workin' the Apollo" – a panel discussion with legendary, musical director/composer/musical director Cornelius Grant, guitarist Marvin Marshall and singer Brenda Lee Eager, along with, moderator, producer/writer/editor Ruth Adkins Robinson. Also in attendance were Marvin Marshall, who

worked the Apollo with the Four Tops, James Brown and many more and Brenda Lee Eager who often sang on the Apollo stage with her legendary duet partner Jerry Butler. "Workin' the Apollo" was part of the programming connected to CAAM's exhibit Ain't Nothing Like The Real Thing: How the Apollo Shape American Entertainment



(L-R) "Workin' the Apollo" panelist, guitarist Marvin Marshall, singer Brenda Lee Eager, Showtime at the Apollo writer and producer Ruth Adkins Robinson and The Temptations' musical director Cornelius Grant. Photo Courtesy of Woody Schofield

ness Opportunities showcase will also be provided to preview current business and investment opportunities in Africa.

The 2nd Annual Pan African Global Trade & Investment Conference is offering an Independent Study, one unit course. To receive full credit, students must register for the course, attend the conference sessions and write a report on at least two sessions explaining the extent to which the conference succeeded in addressing the critical issues listed

in the course description. To register for the course and for more information on this segment of the conference, contact Dr. Munashe Furusa at mfurusa@csudh.edu.

Admission to the conference is \$25 per day. Student admission is \$30 for a 3-day conference pass. Early registration is available at the PAGTIC website www.panafricanglobaltradeconference.com. Registration will also be available on site at the conference.

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