Nearly 1 in 5 U.S. children going hungry as unemployment surges to Great Depression levels



New York, May 8 (RHC)-- A new report finds the U.S. private sector lost more than 20 million jobs in April as coronavirus lockdowns came into effect — by far the worst one-month surge in job losses ever recorded.

The U.S. unemployment rate is now at levels not seen since the Great Depression.

On Thursday, the Labor Department reported another 3.2 million U.S. workers filed unemployment claims in the week ending May 2.

Meanwhile, an alarming new report by the Brookings Institution finds nearly 20% of U.S. children ages 12 and under are going without enough food during the coronavirus crisis. And The Washington Post reports not all U.S. residents are impacted equally: A poll found that 20% of Latino workers and 16% of African-Americans report being laid off or furloughed, compared with 11% of Whites.

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