**Mexican Illegal Aliens Have Hard Time in the US**

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| **A1** | * Situation of immigrants in the US (Los Angeles) → titre du document * No furniture but only some pictures of the family (like Pedro Pablo) * Poverty / hard life for the immigrants from Hispanic countries |
| **A2** | * Day labors gather and wait for work in Los Angeles at 6 a.m. * 9 hours later, they are still waiting… * Manuel is desperate, he wants to go home but can’t even afford a ticket * Pedro Pablo is out of money ; he has a wife and 5 sons in Guatemala ; he lives with other people in a room |
| **B1** | * Manuel says he is in the country illegally, it’s his brother who helps to support him * The other workers from the Day Labor Centre have the same problems * They come to Jeronimo’s office and ask him to help them because they want to go back to their country (they beg him to do so) * Pedro Pablo is out of money and can’t even afford his rent ($117 a month) ; he lives with 7 other workers in a one bedroom apartment ; he hasn’t been able to send any money home for 4 months |
| **B2** | * Employment has fallen off by as much as 75% this past year (*c’est la raison implicite de la situation des immigrés clandestins*) * Pedro Pablo is one of these desperate illegal workers ; he is **undocumented** ; he hasn’t been able to send any money home for 4 months and that weighs heavily on him |

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“On the corner of this busy Los Angeles intersection, day labors gather and wait for work. Manuel Bararas arrived at 6 a.m., so did Pedro Pablo and about a hundred others. Nine hours later, they are still waiting. Manuel who says he is in the country illegally, tells me he is desperate because he has two small children to feed in Mexico City, rent to pay here and he hasn’t work more than 3 days in the past year. His brother helps to support him. He says he wants to go home but can’t even afford a ticket. When I ask them in, at the Day Labor Center if they’re having similar problems, all raise their hands. Jeronimo Salgero, director of the Day labor Center, says employment has fallen off by as much as 75% this past year. When they come to the office and say, Jeronimo, please, help me, I want to go back to my country. Pedro Pablo, also undocumented, is one of them. He says he is out of money and can’t even afford rent which is $117 a month. He took us to his one bedroom apartment, which he shares with 7 other workers. This is where they sleep and each of them has their space. This is his, right here in the corner, along with his picture of his family. Pablo says he supports a wife and 5 sons in Guatemala but he hasn’t been able to send any money home for 4 months and that weighs heavily on him.”