






Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the culture and contributions of Americans tracing their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America and the Spanish-speaking nations of the Caribbean.

Hispanic Heritage Month always starts on **September 15**, a historically significant day marking the independence of **five** Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua.

 **Did you know?** People of Hispanic origin are the nation's second largest racial or ethnic group.

 The Hispanic population grew **2.4** percentage points over the decade from **16.3%** in 2010 to **18.7%** in 2020.

 **Over half** of Hispanics in the U.S. live in California, Texas, or Florida.

 **20.8%** of Hispanics age **25 and over** had a college degree in 2020.

Visit **[census.gov](https://www.census.gov)** throughout the month of September for the latest Hispanic Heritage Month facts and figures in English and Spanish.