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