

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated annually September 15 - October 15 to honor the history, culture, and achievements of U.S. Latine and Hispanic communities. Hispanic Heritage Month actually began as a commemorative week when it was first introduced in June of 1968 by California Congressman George E. Brown.

The timing of Hispanic Heritage Month coincides with the Independence Day celebrations of several Latin American nations:

- Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica on September 15
- Mexico on September 16
- Chile on September 18
- Belize on September 21
- “Dia de la Raza” on October 12

Fast Facts

- National Hispanic Heritage Month proclamations have been made by every sitting president of the United States.
- Approximately 6% or 347,000 businesses in the United States were Hispanic-owned in 2019.
- About 62.6 million, the Hispanic population of the United States in 2021, made up about one out of five (18.9%) of the total population.
- Roughly 13% of all people 5 years and over speak Spanish in the United States.



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