



Monthly Learning
Topic
September 2025

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Hispanic Heritage Month is a month-long celebration of Hispanic and Latino history and culture. While we celebrate Hispanic and Latino communities beyond this month, from September 15 to October 15 we give extra recognition to the many contributions made to the history and culture of the United States, including important advocacy work, vibrant art, popular and traditional foods and much more.

Hispanic Heritage Month began as a week-long celebration in 1968 under President Johnson and was expanded to a month by President Reagan 20 years later in 1988.



The timeframe of Hispanic Heritage Month is significant because many Central American countries celebrate their independence days within these dates, beginning on September 15 with Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. By aligning with these independence dates, Hispanic Heritage Month honors the resilience and determination of the Hispanic community.

Know the Facts: Latino or Hispanic? What's the Difference? BBC News: (2:16 video)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5RN9DQMrgSg>

24 Influential Hispanic Americans Who Have Made History: (10-15 minute read)
<https://www.biography.com/notable-hispanic-americans>

Hispanic Heritage Month by the Numbers: (1:36 video)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c1flEN714A8>

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HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH, CONT'D

12 Ways Hispanic Culture is Changing America: (5 minute read)

<https://www.spanish.academy/blog/12-ways-hispanic-culture-is-changing-america/>

Understanding Hispanic Traditions: the Values Behind the Celebrations: (3:43 video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSQGZWw2gnc&t=111s>

What Does Hispanic Heritage Month Mean to You? (2:27 video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZieZ0VzLzEg>

Hispanic Heritage Month for Kids: Why We Celebrate: (5:20 video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DbxIsJmZNw8>

Pittsburgh Hispanic Development Corporation website

<https://phdcincubator.org/en/home/>

