

HISPANIC

— SEP 15 TO OCT 15 —

HERITAGE

MONTH



Did you know?

Hispanics make up 18.5% of the nation's total population, making it the largest ethnic or racial minority of 60.6 million people?



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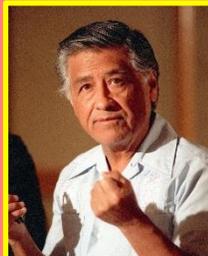
Hispanic Heritage Month recognizes and celebrates the contributions Hispanic Americans tracing their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America and the Spanish-speaking nations of the Caribbean have made to American society culture. The observance was born in 1968 when Congress authorized President Johnson to issue an annual proclamation designating National Hispanic Heritage Week. Just two decades later, President Ronald Reagan expanded it to a monthlong celebration, from September 15 to October 15.

Hispanic Heritage Month always starts on September 15, a historically significant day that marks the anniversary of independence of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. The designated period is also a nod to those from Mexico, which celebrate their independence on September 16th, and Chile on September 18th.



Hispanic countries are rich in culture and have gifted the world with some delicious [Hispanic Cultural Cuisine - click for recipes](#)

To honor Hispanic culture, and its impact on America, we look at some important Hispanic Americans past and present.



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