

Latino/Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15- October 15

FUN FACTS

- 62.1 million Latinos/Hispanics in the US in 2020 (18.9% of US population) (US Census)
- 39% of California’s population was Latino/Hispanic in 2020, among the highest shares in the country (Pew Research Center)
- 17% of students in Albany Unified School District are Latino (2021 California School Dashboard)

LATINO ≠ HISPANIC ≠ SPANISH



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH HISTORY

- Started as Hispanic Heritage Week in 1968 under President Johnson
- Expanded to one month in 1988 under President Reagan
- It begins on Sept. 15 to coincide with the national independence days of Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua & Costa Rica
- Followed by Mexico on Sept. 16, Chile on Sept. 18 & Belize on Sept. 21.

The Difference Between Hispanic & Latino

Hispanic:

Spanish-speaking people from Spanish-speaking countries
Refers to the language spoken

Latino:

People from Latin America including Central America, South America, and the Caribbean
Focuses on the geography of where someone comes from



LINKS FOR MORE INFORMATION

Latino vs latinx/latine - Learn about these terms with this comic-like article

Latino, Hispanic, Latinx, Chicano: The History Behind the Terms

Hispanic Heritage Month - Collaborative national effort to share resources and events related to Hispanic Heritage Month

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Richmond Art Center: Opening Reception 9/17

- Fall Exhibitions Opening Reception
- From the Pueblo, For the Pueblo
- De Fantasías y Realidades

Join Our Next Event

Latino Heritage Celebration
Saturday, October 15th
@ AMS | 12pm-4pm