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Spain



Most **Spaniards** in the US consider themselves Hispanic.

Hispanic

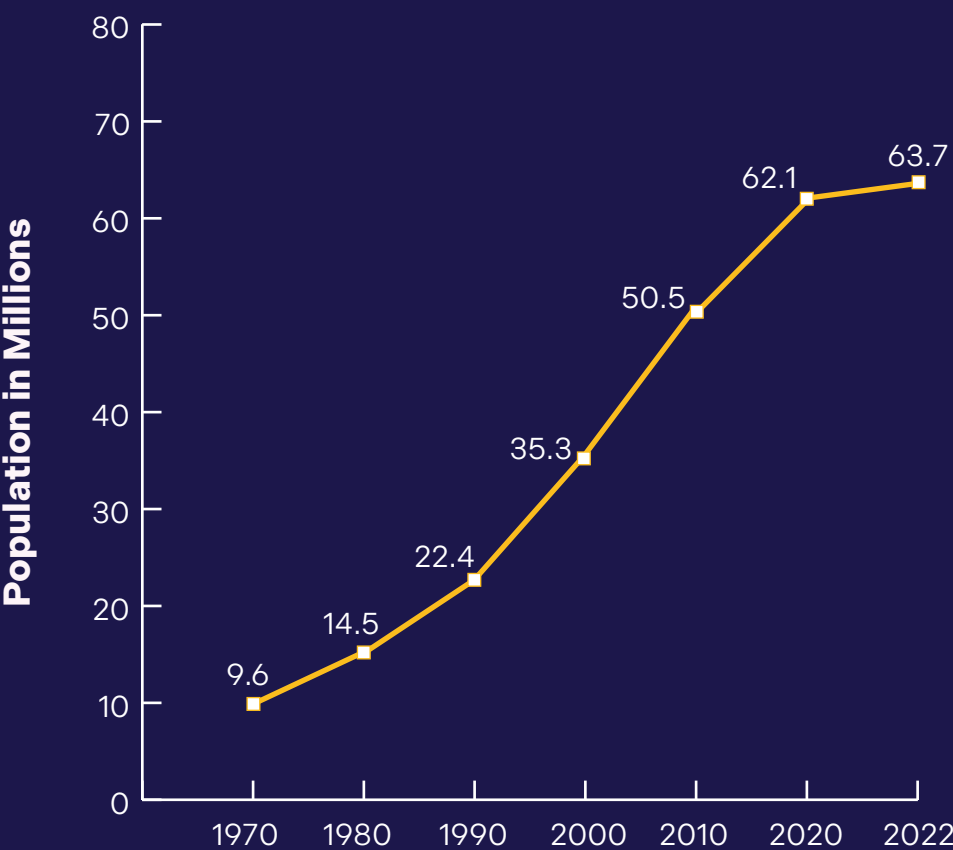
“Hispanic” is derived from the Latin word *Hispanicus*. Historically, the Romans referred to Spain as *Hispania*, which is the origin of the Spanish word *Hispano*, meaning “Spaniard.”

In the US, “Hispanic” refers to someone from a Spanish-speaking country. However, because of the word’s meaning in Spanish, usually only people from Spain consider themselves Hispanic.

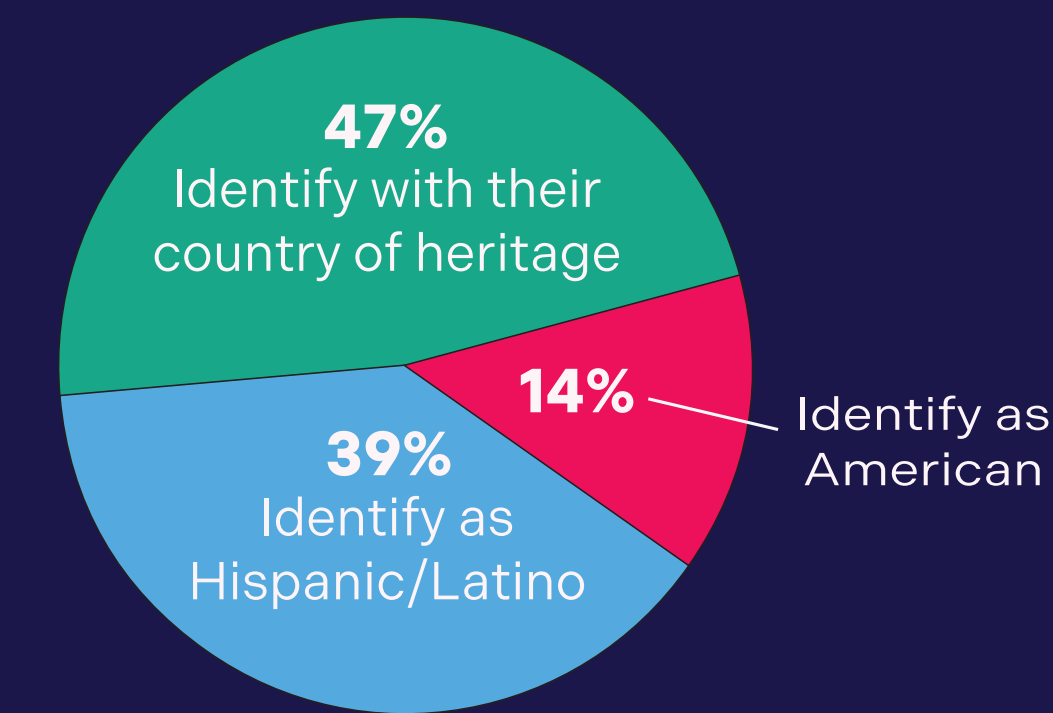
“...being Hispanic or Latino means different things to different people.”

- Pew Research Center

US Hispanic/Latino Population



Of all Hispanic/Latinos in the US in 2019...



Source: Pew Research Center (2019)
3,030 US Hispanic/Latinos were surveyed.

Hispanic/Latino Origin in the US, 2021

Hispanic Origin	Population
Mexicans	37,200,000
Puerto Ricans	5,800,000
Salvadorans	2,500,000
Dominicans	2,400,000
Cubans	2,400,000
Guatemalans	1,800,000
Colombians	1,400,000
Hondurans	1,100,000
Spaniards	990,000
Ecuadorians	830,000
Peruvians	710,000
Venezuelans	640,000
Nicaraguans	450,000
Argentines	290,000
Panamanians	240,000

Latin America

Latino & Latina

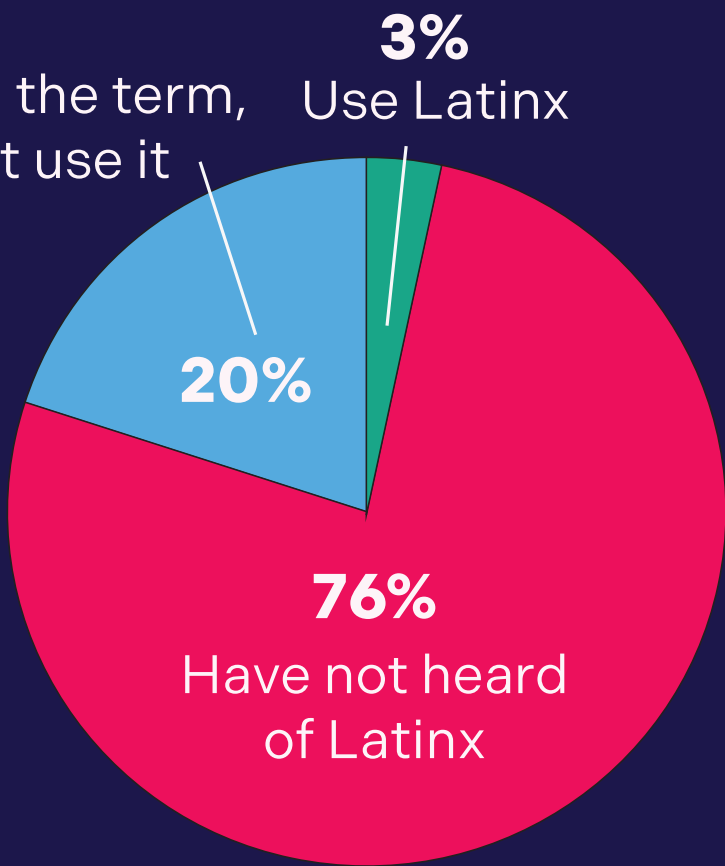
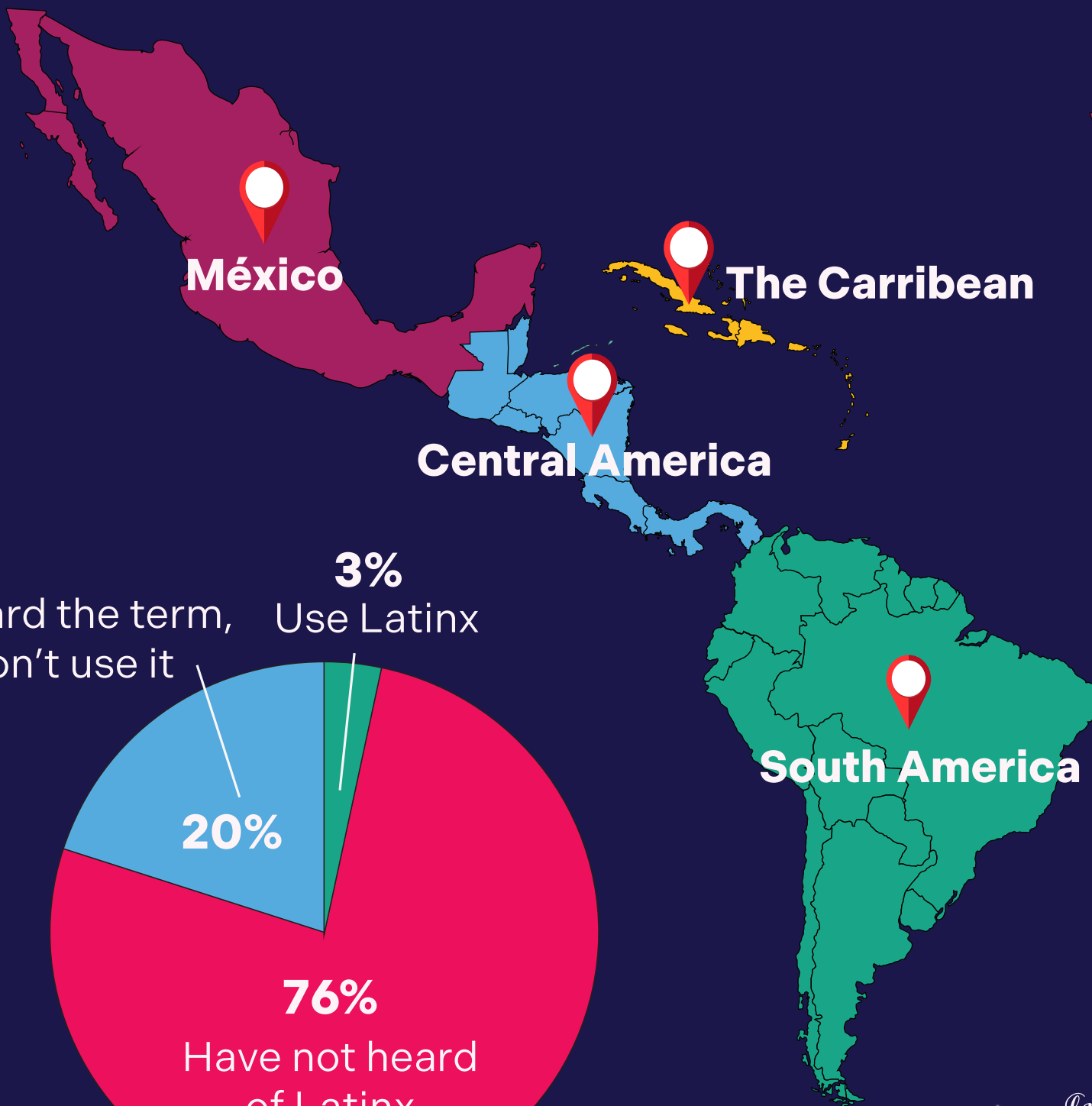
“Latino” comes from the Spanish word *latinoamericano*, or “Latin American.” In the US, it denotes heritage from a Latin American country. Most US Latin Americans identify as Latino but may not identify as Hispanic because of the word’s meaning in Spanish.

Latinx

Latinx is a US-created term, used mostly in academia as the gender neutral form of Latino/a. Most Latin Americans in the US do not identify as Latinx, and do not know the term.

Sources: Pew Research Center, Center for Puerto Rican Studies, National Geographic, “Ethnicity and Ethnically ‘Mixed’ Identity in Belize: A Study of Primary School-Aged Children”

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México



Latin Americans from México may also identify as **Mexican**.

Some **Mexicans** identify as **Chicano**, someone who is descended from, or native to México, but lives in the US.



La Pollera de Panamá

The Caribbean



Puerto Rico

Some Latin Americans from the Caribbean may also identify as **Caribbean**.

Puerto Rico is a US territory whose inhabitants are officially US citizens, but many still identify as **Puerto Rican** rather than **American**.

Central America



Belize

English is the official language of Belize, but they also speak Spanish, Creole, Yucatec, Mopán, and Kekchí.

Belize’s Mayan connections and history as a British colony are why many **Belizeans** identify as **Creole, Mestizo, Garifuna, and Mopán, Kekchí, or Yucaten Maya**.

South America



Brasil

The primary language spoken in Brasil is Portuguese. For this reason, the US census does not consider **Brazilians** to be **Latino/Hispanic**, however, many still self-identify as such because of the country’s location in Latin America.



La Catrina de Día de Muertos