

Hispanic vs. Latino Identities

Are they the same?

No! These are broad umbrella terms that encompass many regions, cultures, ethnicities, races, and more! And despite the definitions shared here, different families and cultures may identify in different ways.

These differences represent the identities and experiences of millions of people.



For example, Dr. Trepte, being from Brazil, a Portuguese speaking country, identifies as Latina but not Hispanic.

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!



Over 65 million Hispanic people live in the US as of 2023! From Sept. 15- Oct. 15, we celebrate Hispanic heritage, through festivals, food, and education.

What does Hispanic mean?

This identity is based more on language. Hispanic describes people that come from a primarily Spanish - speaking country or community. This includes Spain, and the nations it colonized.



What does Latino/a mean?

This identity is based more on geography and a shared cultural heritage, rather than language. Latino/a refers to people from Latin America, consisting of Central and South America, and islands in the Caribbean.

