

HISPANIC AMERICANS . . .

. . . *are* Americans of European, American Indian, African, Asian, and mixed ancestry who share certain historical background and cultural traditions – in particular, the Spanish language.

. . . *have diverse roots* and whose ancestors, or who themselves, came to the U.S. from:

Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Spain, the Dominican Republic, or Spanish-speaking countries of Central and South America

. . . *represent* almost 13.5% of the U.S. population or over 38.8 million people, and as the world's fifth largest Spanish-speaking nation, rank as the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population.

Census Data

<http://www.census.gov/pubinfo/www/NEWhispML1.html>