



NCR Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Cultural Observances, Awareness Information and Events

National Hispanic Heritage Month

15 September – 15 October

DEI News #30
September 2022

Did You Know

The American Hispanic/Latinx history is a rich, diverse and long one, with immigrants, refugees and Spanish-speaking or Indigenous people living in the United States since long before the nation was established. America's Hispanic population quadrupled in the past four decades. It is also becoming more diverse. More than 62 million Americans, 19% of the total population identified as Hispanic or Latino in the 2020 census.

Terms Latino and Hispanic refer to ethnicity, not race, there are Hispanic Americans in every racial group. Two-thirds of Hispanic Americans identify as white or some other race.

Mexican Americans represent the most Prominent Hispanic origin with a population, about 61% of all Hispanics. Puerto Ricans are the second-largest Hispanic group.

North and South Dakota led all states in Hispanic population growth between 2010 and 2020.

Spotlight

Contributions Hispanic Americans have made to the US.

Born in Guadalajara, Mexico, Guillermo Gonzalez granted US patent for a Chronoscopic adapter for television equipment, an early color television transmission system. This invention was used in NASA's Voyager mission in 1979 to take pictures and video of Jupiter.

Born in Peru, Claudio Castillon Levano was granted US patent for a Neonatal Artificial Bubble that improves the intensive care of high-risk newborns.

Born in Puerto Rico, Olga D. Gonzalez-Sanabria was granted a US patent for Alkaline Battery containing a Separator of a Cross-linked Polymer of vinyl Alcohol and Unsaturated Carboxylic Acid. Gonzalez-Sanabria becomes the highest ranking Hispanic at NASA's Glenn Research Center in 2002.

Born in Puerto Rico, Guanglou Cheng, Carols A. Ramirez, and Maria Aponte were granted US patent for Degradable Polyimides for in medical applications.

Born in Spain, Jesus Maria Sanchez-Perez is a neurosurgeon that was granted a patent for Serial Roentgenography circulatory system x-rays.

Born in California, Ellen Ochoa was granted a US patent for Position, Rotation and intensity Invariant Recognizing Method and two other optical-related patents. Ochoa was the first Hispanic woman to go to space when she served on a non-day mission aboard the shuttle Discovery in 1993.

Born in Uruguay, Alejandro Zaffaroni has been granted over 45 patents to date, including US patent Bandage for Administering Drugs. He was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2012.

Born in Nicaragua, Fernando Torres has four patents, including US Patent for Automatic Selection of SIM cards in Mobile Devices.