

**HISPANIC
HERITAGE MONTH**

Spanish is among the world's top five languages in terms of number of speakers, number of countries where it is official, and geographic extension.



With nearly 493 million native speakers, it is the world's second largest mother tongue, ranking third overall.



Adding together native speakers, those with a more limited knowledge, and students of the Spanish language, the number tops 591 million Spanish speakers.





The 2021 census reports that in Canada approximately 320,000 people speak Spanish at home as an additional language.

**The month of October was designated as
Latin American Heritage Month
by the Parliament of Canada
in 2018.**



This commemorative month highlights the significant contribution of Latin American and Hispanic communities to the social, economic, political, and cultural fabric of Canada.



This month learn more about Hispanic heritage and culture and honour the rich traditions of Canadians of Latin American origin.



Do you know in which countries Spanish is one of the official language?



