**Fun Facts: Hispanic Heritage Month**

**Total Population of Hispanic Origin**

**About 60.6 million** The Hispanic population of the United States in 2019 constitutes roughly one out five (18.5%) of the nation’s total population. The Hispanic population grew from 16.4% in 2010 to 18.5% in 2019, a 2.1 percentage-point increase.

**Age Breakdown**

Approximate percentage of Hispanics in the United States in 2019:
- 8% - under 5 years of age
- 17% - 5 to 14 years of age
- 16% - 15 to 24 years of age
- 16% - 25 to 34 years of age
- 26% - 35 to 54 years of age
- 13% - 55 to 74 years of age
- 3% - 75 years and over

**Where They Live**

More than 50% of the 60.6 million Hispanics in the U.S. call themselves:
- Californians - About 4 out of 10 (15,574,882).
- Texans - About 4 out of 10 (11,524,842).
- Floridians - About 3 out of 10 (5,663,629).

**Spanish Speakers**

Roughly 14% of all people 5 years and over speak Spanish in the United States.

**Business Owners**

Approximately 6% or 322 thousand businesses in the United States were Hispanic-owned in 2018.

The top three sectors for Hispanic-owned businesses were:
- About 9% Accommodation and food services. These businesses had a total of 710,095 employees. (Includes restaurants and food services.)
- Roughly 8% Construction. These businesses had a total of 326,423 employees.
- Approximately 4% Professional, scientific, and technical services. These businesses had a total of 186,918 employees. (Includes accounting, engineering, architectural, veterinary services.)

**Educational Attainment**

For Hispanics 25 years and over, approximately...
- 7 out of 10 (74%) have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- 4 out of 10 (43%) have some college.
- 2 out of 10 (21%) have a bachelor’s degree or higher.

**Birthplace Populations of Famous Hispanics**

- **Ellen Ochoa** – Los Angeles City, California (Pop. – 3,979,576)
  The first Hispanic American woman astronaut to go to space with a nine-day mission.
- **Sonia Sotomayor** – Bronx, New York (Pop. – 1,418,207)
  The first Hispanic American to sit on the Supreme Court.
- **Roberto Clemente** – Carolina, Puerto Rico (Pop. – 146,984)
  The first Hispanic American to win a World Series as a starting baseball player.
- **Selena** – Lake Jackson City, Texas (Pop. – 27,220)
  One of the most celebrated Mexican American entertainers.

Note: *The numbers in the Business Owners section only represent Hispanic-owned businesses with employees.