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## Latin American



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- » The Spanish were the first Europeans to establish a permanent settlement in what is today the United States, in St. Augustine, Florida.





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- » 32 million Latinos lived in the US, representing 12 percent of the total population



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- **55 million.** The Hispanic population of the United States as of July 1, 2014, making people of Hispanic origin the nation's largest ethnic or racial minority. Hispanics constituted 17 percent of the nation's total population.
- US Census bureau





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» What are Latin countries??



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- » The vast majority of Latinos are at least nominally Roman Catholic.



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- » According to the Census Bureau, 26.4 percent are below the poverty level in 1996.
  
- » National Poverty numbers :
- » Single income between 11k to 17K per year
- » Household income (3) between 20K to 27K per year
  - What is the number today??





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- » Among Hispanics, from 2007 to 2011, national poverty rates ranged from a low of 16.2 percent for Cubans to a high of 26.3 percent for Dominicans.
- » The **Hispanic poverty rate** stood at 21.4% in 2015, down from 23.6% in 2014, according to the Census Bureau. Non-**Hispanic** whites (9.1%) and Asians (11.4%) had far lower **poverty rates** than **Hispanics** in 2015, while that of blacks (24.1%) was slightly higher. Nov 21, 2016





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» What is Latin Music??

» [what is latin music](#)





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- » Mexican American Music:
  - Music of Mexican origin that are practiced in the US including regional traditions of Mexican Mestizo folk music, folk-rooted popular Mexican music.
  - Internationally popular urban musics created by communities historically associated with Mexico, including regional music cultures.





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» Mexican styles and ensembles:

– Mariachi Band

- 2 trumpets, two violins different sizes of guitars, vocals and dances

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yuNI50hUrs0>

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MrD\\_JNSkwpE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MrD_JNSkwpE)





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- » Mestizo
  - » A person of mixed cultural heritage
- » Tejano
  - » People of the Texas-Mexican border region
- » Chicano
  - » Mexican American





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- » Quinceanera
  - » Literally “15 years old”; coming of age celebration for young girls in Latino cultures
- » Cinco de Mayo
  - » Literally, “the fifth of May”; commemorates the Battle of Puebla in 1860s Mexican struggle against the occupying French





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## » Conjunto Music

» Mexican popular ensembles, usually led by an accordion player, normally performing dance music

» The word, “conjunto” means “group”





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- » In Texas, Conjunto music had been a source of embarrassment to many Chicanos in the mid 20th century, especially to those in the emerging middle class eager to disassociate themselves from their Mexican roots and become Americanized.
- » In recent decades, however, interest in all aspects of conjunto music has proliferated, and it has enjoyed a great resurgence in popularity among Chicanos as well as among non-Chicanos.





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## Conjunto Music

### Los Texmaniacs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yP1WSgyzWtA>

