

The **YWCA** is

#SHATTERING STEREOTYPES

for

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

FIRST, LET'S DEFINE:

HISPANIC

Someone living in America having origins in a Spanish-speaking country.

This includes Spain, but not Brazil because they speak Portuguese.

LATINO & LATINA

male or neutral

female

Someone living in America having origins in a Latin American country.

This includes Brazil, but not Spain because it is in Europe.

These terms describe ETHNICITY, not RACE.

LATIN AMERICA



Someone living in Latin America is
LATIN-AMERICAN, not Latino/a.

STEREOTYPE

“THEY’RE ALL ILLEGAL!”

17.6% of the US population consists of Hispanics/Latinos who are here legally.

Of these **56.6 million** people,

65% were born in the US, making them **CITIZENS**, in addition to many who have been granted citizenship after immigration.

THE MAJORITY OF HISPANICS/LATINOS IN THE UNITED STATES ARE HERE LEGALLY.

STEREOTYPE

“THEY’RE ALL MEXiCANS”

While 63.9% of Hispanic/Latinos in the US are of Mexican heritage, they come from many other countries:

- 1.6% from Puerto Rico,
- .6% from El Salvador,
- .6% from Cuba,
- .5% from Dominican Republic,
- .4 % from Guatemala,
- and other Central and South American nations.

LATiNOS/AS ARE DiVERSE!

STEREOTYPE

“THEY’RE ALL CRIMINALS”

Immigrants are generally **less** involved in crime than others in similar contexts.

“WHAT ABOUT NON-IMMIGRANTS?”

There are striking similarities in crime rates between second-generation immigrants and native-born Americans. This shows that Hispanics/Latinos commit crimes at similar rates to any other Americans.

THEY COMMIT THE SAME OR LESS AMOUNT OF CRIMES AS ANY OTHER AMERICANS.

STEREOTYPE

“THEY TAKE ALL OUR JOBS”

Latino immigrants do not displace Americans in the workforce, but typically have different occupational goals than Americans.

IMMIGRANTS TYPICALLY SEEK DIFFERENT JOBS.

“WHAT ABOUT NON-IMMIGRANTS?”

Latinos born in the U.S. are American, and they have as much right to American jobs as anyone else.

IT'S THEIR AMERICAN RIGHT.