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Number of countries world-wide with Spanish as one of their official languages. **Four continents boast having a Spanish-speaking country.**

500 million



**Number of people world-wide who
speak Spanish.**

Instituto Cervantes, 2018



**México is the largest Spanish-speaking country by population.
(130 million)**

United Nations January 1, 2018 estimates

Spanish-speaking population of the United States- making it the country with the 2nd largest Spanish-speaking population in the world.



52.6 million

30 A, B, C, CH...

**Number of letters
in the Spanish
alphabet.**

¿Spanish,

Latino, or

Hispanic?

Spanish:

A person from Spain (also someone with roots in Spain)

Something made or from Spain.

A romance language that has Latin roots.

Latino:

Actually, it's latino or latina- and it refers to someone from or with ties to any Spanish-speaking country in the Americas. This may purposely have a clear separation from any Spanish tie.

Hispanic:

Term referring to people from or having ties to a Spanish speaking country.

It has its origin in the term HISPANIA, which is the latin word for Spain.

Phonetic:

**Spanish, for the most part,
is a phonetic language!**

A E I O U

ROUGH

BOUGH

THOUGH

THROUGH

Cognates:

Words in multiple languages that have similar spelling and similar meaning.

Ex. = patio / patio