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## Caribbean-American Heritage Month: June 2013

In June 2005, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted a resolution recognizing the significance of Caribbean immigrants and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States. In February 2006, the resolution passed the Senate. Since that time, the White House has issued an annual proclamation recognizing June as National Caribbean-American Heritage Month. This month's commemoration marks the eighth Caribbean-American Heritage Month. In celebration of this observance, the Census Bureau presents a variety of data it publishes related to people of Caribbean heritage.

### How Many of Caribbean Ancestry in the United States?

#### 2.7 million

The estimated U.S. population of West Indian ancestry. Some of the largest West Indian ancestry groups in the United States include:

- Jamaican (1.0 million)
- Haitian (908,000)
- Trinidadian and Tobagonian (196,000)
- Barbadian (62,000)
- Bahamian (53,000)
- U.S. Virgin Islander (17,000)

Note: The estimates for Barbadian and Bahamian are not significantly different from each other.

**In addition, there are Hispanic or Latino origin groups in the United States who can trace their heritage to this part of the world:**

- Puerto Rican (4.9 million)
- Cuban (1.9 million)
- Dominican (1.6 million)

Note that these populations are not mutually exclusive, as people may be of more than one ancestry or ethnic group.

Source: 1-year 2011 American Community Survey, Tables [B04006](#) and [B03001](#)

**A wide range of data on the social, economic and housing characteristics for a number of West Indian and Hispanic or Latino groups is available via the 2006-2010 American Community Survey Selected Population Tables.**

- Jamaican ([social](#)) ([economic](#)) ([housing](#))
- Haitian ([social](#)) ([economic](#)) ([housing](#))
- Trinidadian and Tobagonian ([social](#)) ([economic](#)) ([housing](#))
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Following is a list of observances typically covered by the Census Bureau's *Facts for Features* series:

Black History Month (February)

Super Bowl

Valentine's Day (Feb. 14)

Women's History Month (March)

Irish-American Heritage Month (March)/

St. Patrick's Day (March 17)

Earth Day (April 22)

Older Americans Month (May)

Cinco de Mayo (May 5)

Mother's Day

Hurricane Season Begins (June 1)

Father's Day

The Fourth of July (July 4)

Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act (July 26)

Back to School (August)

Labor Day

Grandparents Day

Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct.15)

Unmarried Single Americans Week

Halloween (Oct. 31)

American Indian/Alaska Native Heritage  
Month (November)

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month  
(May)

Veterans Day (Nov. 11)

Thanksgiving Day

The Holiday Season (December)

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