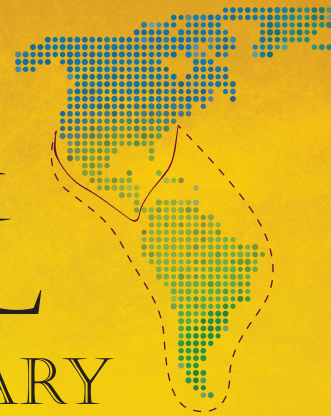


PANAMA CANAL 100TH ANNIVERSARY



On Aug. 15, 1914, the Panama Canal was opened for world commerce, dramatically shortening the time ships took to travel between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Construction of this vital waterway, one of the world's engineering wonders, was started in 1880 by France and finished by the U.S. in 1914. Since 1999, it has been operated by the Republic of Panama.

Panama population (2014)

3.6 million

Panama Canal Zone population

From 1920-1970, when the canal and zone were operated and controlled exclusively by the U.S., the population was included in U.S. censuses.

1920 = 22,858

1970 = 44,198

Panamanians in the U.S. (2012)

Residents born
in Panama **103,300**

Hispanics of
Panamanian
origin **183,700**

U.S. trade with Panama (2013)

**\$10.6
billion**

