



HISPANIC HERITAGE FACT SHEET



THE CINCINNATI REDS

have representatives from four Hispanic countries/territories: Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico and Venezuela. Below is a breakdown of what current Reds players are native to each Hispanic country/territory and some baseball fun facts about these four locales.



CUBA

José García (INF)
Raisel Iglesias (RHP)
Alfredo Rodríguez (INF)



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Aristides Aquino (OF)
Luis Castillo (RHP)
Robel García (INF)
Francisco Peña (C)



PUERTO RICO

Christian Colón (INF)
José De León (RHP)



VENEZUELA

José Duarte (Bullpen Catcher)
Freddy Galvis (INF)
Eugenio Suárez (3B)
Rolando Valles (Associate Coach)

BASEBALL FUN FACTS

CUBA

First Cuban-born MLB Player: Armando Marsans (1911, Cincinnati Reds)

Notable Cuban Players: Luis Tiant, Rafael Palmeiro, Tony Oliva, Tony Pérez, Jose Conseco, Dolf Luque, Minnie Miñoso

Did You Know: Because baseball in Cuba is not a commercial enterprise (a business with the intention to earn money), players earn salaries that are just slightly above the average \$24 salary in Cuba. Tickets to games cost 5 cents and instead of hot dog stands, candy is sold for a penny. With this being the case, the sport is much more accessible to the everyday Cuban, so fans are able to get up close to their favorite players.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

First Dominican-born MLB Player: Osvaldo José Virgil Pichardo (1956, New York Giants)

Notable Dominican Republic Players: Albert Pujols, Pedro Martínez, David Ortiz, Juan Marichal, Sammy Sosa, Manny Ramírez, Vladimir Guerrero

Did You Know: Over 800,000 children play organized baseball in the Dominican Republic. The DR has produced more than 500 Major League Baseball players, making it the country with the biggest representation of MLB players outside of the United States.

PUERTO RICO

First Puerto Rican-born MLB Player: Hiram Bithorn (1942, Chicago Cubs)

Notable Puerto Rican Players: Roberto Clemente, Ivan Rodríguez, Roberto Alomar, Carlos Beltrán, Orlando Cepeda, Carlos Delgado, Juan González

Did You Know: In addition to being a National Baseball Hall of Famer, member of the 3,000-hit club and one of the greatest players of all-time, Roberto Clemente was awarded three civilian awards by the United States government: Congressional Gold Medal, Presidential Citizens Medal and Presidential Medal of Freedom. As great a player as he was, Clemente's impact was felt even more off the field. Since 1971, MLB has presented the Roberto Clemente Award every year to a player with outstanding baseball playing skills who is personally involved in community work.

VENEZUELA

First Venezuelan-born MLB Player: Alex Carrasquel (1939, Washington Senators)

Notable Venezuelan Players: Miguel Cabrera, Omar Vizquel, Andrés Galarraga, Félix Hernández, Luis Aparicio, David Concepción, Johan Santana

Did You Know: When the Reds' own Eugenio Suárez hit 49 home runs in 2019, he passed "The Big Cat" Andrés Galarraga for the most home runs hit in a single season by a Venezuelan-born player. Galarraga hit 47 homers with the Colorado Rockies in 1996.

