B16001: LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME BY ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH FOR THE POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER
Universe: Population 5 years and over
2013 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates
New York City and Boroughs

Languages	New York City		Bronx		Brooklyn		Manhattan		Queens		Staten Island	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	**7,850,081**	**+/-854**	**1,310,144**	**+/-357**	**2,399,579**	**+/-211**	**1,541,806**	**+/-162**	**2,153,739**	**+/-756**		
Speak only English	**4,000,415**	**+/-32,912**	**552,715**	**+/-11,511**	**1,287,838**	**+/-14,180**	**915,428**	**+/-14,252**	**933,576**	**+/-16,586**		
Spanish or Spanish Creole:	**1,938,507**	**+/-15,956**	**618,261**	**+/-8,234**	**402,492**	**+/-6,685**	**350,330**	**+/-9,335**	**520,020**	**+/-7,256**	Subcategory sample too small; Refer to DP02: Social Profile or 5 Year Estimates	
Speak English "very well"	1,047,827	+/-17,079	337,149	+/-10,370	216,122	+/-6,761	203,954	+/-8,976	259,595	+/-8,388		
Speak English less than "very well"	890,680	+/-17,306	281,112	+/-10,954	186,370	+/-7,978	146,376	+/-7,589	260,425	+/-8,442		
French (incl. Patois, Cajun):	**88,716**	**+/-7,194**	**12,212**	**+/-2,857**	**22,136**	**+/-3,122**	**38,496**	**+/-4,755**	**13,382**	**+/-2,596**		
Speak English "very well"	63,198	+/-6,063	6,342	+/-1,986	14,847	+/-2,554	30,287	+/-4,198	9,589	+/-2,111		
Speak English less than "very well"	25,518	+/-3,422	5,870	+/-1,739	7,289	+/-1,434	8,209	+/-2,126	3,793	+/-1,126		
French Creole:	**111,411**	**+/-8,755**	**5,927**	**+/-2,178**	**71,704**	**+/-7,089**	**2,809**	**+/-1,234**	**29,281**	**+/-4,889**		
Speak English "very well"	64,220	+/-6,471	3,912	+/-1,406	38,553	+/-4,964	2,269	+/-1,157	18,238	+/-3,594		
Speak English less than "very well"	47,191	+/-4,258	2,015	+/-1,293	33,151	+/-3,809	540	+/-462	11,043	+/-2,332		
Italian:	**79,215**	**+/-4,852**	**8,997**	**+/-1,836**	**25,120**	**+/-2,783**	**10,577**	**+/-2,077**	**24,122**	**+/-2,893**		
Speak English "very well"	50,503	+/-3,846	4,956	+/-1,253	14,177	+/-1,944	8,566	+/-1,866	15,103	+/-2,352		
Speak English less than "very well"	28,712	+/-3,041	4,041	+/-1,102	10,943	+/-1,785	2,011	+/-944	9,019	+/-1,546		
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole:	**18,679**	**+/-3,101**	**364**	**+/-315**	**1,823**	**+/-647**	**8,600**	**+/-2,481**	**7,601**	**+/-2,003**		
Speak English "very well"	12,937	+/-2,495	254	+/-277	1,401	+/-565	6,231	+/-1,929	4,872	+/-1,599		
Speak English less than "very well"	5,742	+/-1,694	110	+/-161	422	+/-345	2,369	+/-1,433	2,729	+/-881		
German:	**21,923**	**+/-3,696**	**752**	**+/-347**	**3,620**	**+/-1,005**	**11,623**	**+/-3,179**	**5,557**	**+/-1,202**		
Speak English "very well"	18,143	+/-3,050	590	+/-309	3,243	+/-947	9,671	+/-2,492	4,304	+/-1,095		
Speak English less than "very well"	3,780	+/-1,693	162	+/-157	377	+/-275	1,952	+/-1,535	1,253	+/-484		
Yiddish:	**86,247**	**+/-7,192**	**136**	**+/-149**	**82,695**	**+/-6,900**	**1,103**	**+/-1,212**	**1,971**	**+/-871**		
Speak English "very well"	55,171	+/-5,869	0	+/-193	52,323	+/-5,663	1,050	+/-1,210	1,500	+/-766		
Speak English less than "very well"	31,076	+/-3,894	136	+/-149	30,372	+/-3,923	53	+/-85	471	+/-414		
Other West Germanic languages:	**4,957**	**+/-1,885**	**219**	**+/-198**	**1,439**	**+/-570**	**2,032**	**+/-1,360**	**1,109**	**+/-626**		
Speak English "very well"	4,092	+/-1,379	168	+/-180	1,198	+/-522	1,688	+/-1,010	880	+/-395		
Speak English less than "very well"	865	+/-647	51	+/-83	241	+/-178	344	+/-460	229	+/-370		
Scandinavian languages:	**5,944**	**+/-1,940**	**0**	**+/-193**	**1,765**	**+/-741**	**2,787**	**+/-1,610**	**1,310**	**+/-821**		
Speak English "very well"	5,757	+/-1,922	0	+/-193	1,678	+/-726	2,787	+/-1,610	1,250	+/-802		
Speak English less than "very well"	187	+/-180	0	+/-193	87	+/-111	0	+/-193	60	+/-100		
Greek:	**41,241**	**+/-4,515**	**2,372**	**+/-1,115**	**7,052**	**+/-1,913**	**3,351**	**+/-1,707**	**28,189**	**+/-3,559**		
Speak English "very well"	27,140	+/-3,768	1,506	+/-891	5,411	+/-1,596	2,815	+/-1,583	17,173	+/-2,727		
Speak English less than "very well"	14,101	+/-2,072	866	+/-543	1,641	+/-666	536	+/-450	11,016	+/-1,883		
Russian:	**201,816**	**+/-10,554**	**2,982**	**+/-1,179**	**132,842**	**+/-7,210**	**12,676**	**+/-4,308**	**38,214**	**+/-5,021**		
Speak English "very well"	83,863	+/-6,808	1,804	+/-898	45,139	+/-4,221	9,973	+/-3,871	18,345	+/-3,418		
Speak English less than "very well"	117,953	+/-6,466	1,178	+/-452	87,703	+/-5,359	2,703	+/-1,146	19,869	+/-3,213		
Polish:	**52,540**	**+/-5,393**	**839**	**+/-535**	**18,626**	**+/-2,980**	**5,238**	**+/-2,277**	**24,709**	**+/-3,408**		
Speak English "very well"	25,149	+/-2,995	383	+/-332	7,364	+/-1,540	2,611	+/-1,141	12,951	+/-2,070		
Speak English less than "very well"	27,391	+/-3,724	456	+/-378	11,262	+/-2,364	2,627	+/-1,734	11,758	+/-2,144		
Serbo-Croatian:	**14,406**	**+/-3,051**	**1,859**	**+/-955**	**2,242**	**+/-1,181**	**1,574**	**+/-988**	**8,273**	**+/-2,054**		
Speak English "very well"	7,941	+/-1,817	966	+/-508	968	+/-567	819	+/-604	4,774	+/-1,453		
Speak English less than "very well"	6,465	+/-1,852	893	+/-612	1,274	+/-973	755	+/-642	3,499	+/-1,188		
Other Slavic languages:	**17,407**	**+/-3,418**	**560**	**+/-459**	**5,746**	**+/-1,826**	**4,161**	**+/-1,622**	**4,314**	**+/-1,289**		
Speak English "very well"	10,273	+/-2,423	495	+/-441	2,119	+/-943	3,642	+/-1,401	2,310	+/-867		
Speak English less than "very well"	7,134	+/-1,616	65	+/-107	3,627	+/-1,266	519	+/-512	2,004	+/-763		
Armenian:	**5,007**	**+/-2,107**	**290**	**+/-292**	**418**	**+/-459**	**910**	**+/-818**	**3,389**	**+/-2,026**		
Speak English "very well"	2,911	+/-1,686	290	+/-292	63	+/-91	520	+/-512	2,038	+/-1,744		
Speak English less than "very well"	2,096	+/-1,012	0	+/-193	355	+/-426	390	+/-656	1,351	+/-651		
Persian:	**10,857**	**+/-3,898**	**329**	**+/-320**	**2,293**	**+/-1,043**	**2,895**	**+/-1,350**	**5,184**	**+/-3,365**		
Speak English "very well"	6,788	+/-2,526	318	+/-318	1,251	+/-694	2,527	+/-1,278	2,692	+/-1,985		
Speak English less than "very well"	4,069	+/-1,741	11	+/-24	1,042	+/-589	368	+/-435	2,492	+/-1,482		
Gujarati:	**9,701**	**+/-2,422**	**40**	**+/-64**	**742**	**+/-479**	**2,281**	**+/-1,201**	**6,412**	**+/-1,985**		
Speak English "very well"	5,378	+/-1,541	40	+/-64	212	+/-185	2,020	+/-1,159	3,006	+/-1,038		
Speak English less than "very well"	4,323	+/-1,582	0	+/-193	530	+/-387	261	+/-250	3,406	+/-1,448		
Hindi:	**27,260**	**+/-4,296**	**666**	**+/-616**	**2,319**	**+/-859**	**6,375**	**+/-1,938**	**17,031**	**+/-3,284**		
Speak English "very well"	20,124	+/-3,389	355	+/-312	1,928	+/-811	5,908	+/-1,868	11,183	+/-2,354		
Speak English less than "very well"	7,136	+/-1,774	311	+/-320	391	+/-279	467	+/-379	5,848	+/-1,674		
Urdu:	**50,810**	**+/-7,885**	**5,153**	**+/-2,602**	**22,591**	**+/-4,586**	**1,222**	**+/-811**	**16,769**	**+/-4,450**		
Speak English "very well"	29,797	+/-5,302	3,190	+/-1,715	11,349	+/-2,460	1,197	+/-801	10,343	+/-3,720		
Speak English less than "very well"	21,013	+/-4,010	1,963	+/-1,037	11,242	+/-3,002	25	+/-42	6,426	+/-1,916		
Other Indic languages:	**137,153**	**+/-11,089**	**15,659**	**+/-3,684**	**21,747**	**+/-3,908**	**5,372**	**+/-2,331**	**92,419**	**+/-9,326**		
Speak English "very well"	69,572	+/-6,769	7,249	+/-2,041	9,952	+/-2,305	4,254	+/-2,035	46,809	+/-5,021		
Speak English less than "very well"	67,581	+/-6,725	8,410	+/-2,300	11,795	+/-2,600	1,118	+/-787	45,610	+/-5,815		

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Other Indo-European languages:	**56,806**	**+/-7,535**	**9,063**	**+/-2,680**	**12,478**	**+/-3,342**	**4,219**	**+/-2,388**	**22,438**	**+/-5,003**		
Speak English "very well"	33,203	+/-4,747	4,942	+/-1,835	6,754	+/-1,882	3,481	+/-2,363	11,336	+/-2,628		
Speak English less than "very well"	23,603	+/-4,417	4,121	+/-1,195	5,724	+/-1,874	738	+/-419	11,102	+/-3,230		
Chinese:	**470,412**	**+/-13,192**	**4,824**	**+/-1,712**	**170,584**	**+/-7,013**	**77,153**	**+/-6,087**	**204,865**	**+/-9,855**		
Speak English "very well"	144,149	+/-6,697	1,391	+/-604	50,775	+/-4,026	31,013	+/-3,935	54,386	+/-4,494		
Speak English less than "very well"	326,263	+/-10,337	3,433	+/-1,364	119,809	+/-5,297	46,140	+/-4,330	150,479	+/-8,938		
Japanese:	**23,141**	**+/-4,057**	**1,276**	**+/-863**	**2,880**	**+/-1,076**	**11,410**	**+/-2,519**	**7,346**	**+/-2,886**		
Speak English "very well"	12,087	+/-2,281	501	+/-523	1,269	+/-555	7,017	+/-1,947	3,071	+/-1,132		
Speak English less than "very well"	11,054	+/-2,884	775	+/-556	1,611	+/-917	4,393	+/-1,353	4,275	+/-2,290		
Korean:	**69,793**	**+/-7,124**	**2,918**	**+/-1,290**	**4,691**	**+/-1,700**	**13,818**	**+/-2,646**	**45,905**	**+/-5,859**		
Speak English "very well"	25,234	+/-3,172	755	+/-484	2,637	+/-992	8,462	+/-1,860	12,280	+/-2,388		
Speak English less than "very well"	44,559	+/-5,779	2,163	+/-1,072	2,054	+/-897	5,356	+/-1,946	33,625	+/-5,035		
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian:	**3,050**	**+/-1,668**	**987**	**+/-959**	**1,254**	**+/-1,042**	**175**	**+/-250**	**521**	**+/-673**		
Speak English "very well"	1,867	+/-1,171	812	+/-889	712	+/-685	145	+/-244	125	+/-180		
Speak English less than "very well"	1,183	+/-941	175	+/-290	542	+/-645	30	+/-51	396	+/-648		
Hmong:	**0**	**+/-193**	**0**	**+/-193**	**0**	**+/-193**	**0**	**+/-193**	**0**	**+/-193**		
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-193	0	+/-193	0	+/-193	0	+/-193	0	+/-193		
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-193	0	+/-193	0	+/-193	0	+/-193	0	+/-193		
Thai:	**6,714**	**+/-2,121**	**184**	**+/-207**	**1,257**	**+/-753**	**1,367**	**+/-702**	**3,906**	**+/-1,833**		
Speak English "very well"	3,318	+/-1,313	43	+/-70	630	+/-440	845	+/-520	1,800	+/-1,098		
Speak English less than "very well"	3,396	+/-1,128	141	+/-173	627	+/-440	522	+/-398	2,106	+/-1,010		
Laotian:	**31**	**+/-52**	**0**	**+/-193**	**31**	**+/-52**	**0**	**+/-193**	**0**	**+/-193**		
Speak English "very well"	31	+/-52	0	+/-193	31	+/-52	0	+/-193	0	+/-193		
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-193	0	+/-193	0	+/-193	0	+/-193	0	+/-193		
Vietnamese:	**9,908**	**+/-2,336**	**2,274**	**+/-1,112**	**3,924**	**+/-1,967**	**962**	**+/-412**	**2,663**	**+/-1,141**		
Speak English "very well"	5,264	+/-1,425	1,028	+/-700	1,932	+/-867	894	+/-393	1,325	+/-886		
Speak English less than "very well"	4,644	+/-1,397	1,246	+/-607	1,992	+/-1,215	68	+/-115	1,338	+/-686		
Other Asian languages:	**35,635**	**+/-4,124**	**1,231**	**+/-603**	**10,625**	**+/-2,405**	**4,369**	**+/-1,419**	**15,353**	**+/-3,043**		
Speak English "very well"	17,771	+/-2,523	757	+/-421	4,711	+/-1,445	3,446	+/-1,164	6,469	+/-1,476		
Speak English less than "very well"	17,864	+/-2,961	474	+/-328	5,914	+/-1,544	923	+/-765	8,884	+/-2,192		
Tagalog:	**43,393**	**+/-4,988**	**4,335**	**+/-1,410**	**3,419**	**+/-1,064**	**5,050**	**+/-1,645**	**27,286**	**+/-3,818**		
Speak English "very well"	31,348	+/-3,590	3,402	+/-1,198	2,201	+/-875	4,167	+/-1,507	19,064	+/-2,701		
Speak English less than "very well"	12,045	+/-2,257	933	+/-477	1,218	+/-610	883	+/-574	8,222	+/-1,745		
Other Pacific Island languages:	**8,604**	**+/-2,889**	**859**	**+/-591**	**1,181**	**+/-626**	**2,023**	**+/-1,512**	**3,951**	**+/-2,325**		
Speak English "very well"	4,528	+/-1,570	323	+/-313	756	+/-469	1,479	+/-1,227	1,649	+/-991		
Speak English less than "very well"	4,076	+/-1,803	536	+/-467	425	+/-287	544	+/-520	2,302	+/-1,537		
Navajo:	**0**	**+/-193**	**0**	**+/-193**	**0**	**+/-193**	**0**	**+/-193**	**0**	**+/-193**		
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-193	0	+/-193	0	+/-193	0	+/-193	0	+/-193		
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-193	0	+/-193	0	+/-193	0	+/-193	0	+/-193		
Other Native North American	**1,737**	**+/-1,025**	**335**	**+/-350**	**338**	**+/-277**	**0**	**+/-193**	**856**	**+/-863**		
Speak English "very well"	1,290	+/-830	260	+/-270	307	+/-263	0	+/-193	575	+/-704		
Speak English less than "very well"	447	+/-429	75	+/-124	31	+/-52	0	+/-193	281	+/-351		
Hungarian:	**8,068**	**+/-1,805**	**447**	**+/-263**	**3,273**	**+/-1,064**	**1,412**	**+/-844**	**2,776**	**+/-978**		
Speak English "very well"	4,422	+/-1,221	322	+/-243	1,327	+/-669	1,106	+/-664	1,566	+/-585		
Speak English less than "very well"	3,646	+/-1,104	125	+/-121	1,946	+/-774	306	+/-412	1,210	+/-663		
Arabic:	**57,122**	**+/-7,082**	**4,474**	**+/-1,986**	**27,131**	**+/-4,412**	**6,627**	**+/-2,423**	**13,729**	**+/-3,617**		
Speak English "very well"	33,431	+/-5,191	1,455	+/-785	13,816	+/-2,725	4,827	+/-1,991	9,556	+/-3,014		
Speak English less than "very well"	23,691	+/-3,615	3,019	+/-1,738	13,315	+/-2,914	1,800	+/-1,162	4,173	+/-1,223		
Hebrew:	**42,381**	**+/-5,837**	**1,883**	**+/-1,207**	**22,486**	**+/-3,631**	**10,417**	**+/-2,735**	**6,969**	**+/-3,224**		
Speak English "very well"	34,974	+/-5,344	1,883	+/-1,207	16,810	+/-3,333	9,859	+/-2,676	5,885	+/-3,136		
Speak English less than "very well"	7,407	+/-1,728	0	+/-193	5,676	+/-1,535	558	+/-482	1,084	+/-810		
African languages:	**84,198**	**+/-11,516**	**43,837**	**+/-7,256**	**14,948**	**+/-3,170**	**12,184**	**+/-6,772**	**10,961**	**+/-3,368**		
Speak English "very well"	61,694	+/-10,240	30,841	+/-5,924	11,824	+/-2,728	9,552	+/-6,462	7,528	+/-1,970		
Speak English less than "very well"	22,504	+/-4,315	12,996	+/-3,443	3,124	+/-1,058	2,632	+/-1,388	3,433	+/-2,284		
Other and unspecified languages:	**4,876**	**+/-1,704**	**885**	**+/-851**	**1,829**	**+/-773**	**780**	**+/-697**	**1,382**	**+/-967**		
Speak English "very well"	2,662	+/-1,237	603	+/-749	929	+/-422	283	+/-345	847	+/-702		
Speak English less than "very well"	2,214	+/-1,051	282	+/-316	900	+/-541	497	+/-577	535	+/-416		

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REFERENCE NOTES:

Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the ACS estimates are subject to nonsampling error (for a discussion of nonsampling variability, see Accuracy of the Data). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

In data year 2013, there were a series of changes to data collection operations that could have affected some estimates. These changes include the addition of Internet as a mode of data collection, the end of the content portion of Failed Edit Follow-Up interviewing, and the loss of one monthly panel due to the Federal Government shut down in October 2013. For more information, see: User Notes

Due to methodological changes to data collection for data year 2013, comparisons of current-year language estimates to past years' language estimates should be made with caution. For more information, see: http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/user_notes/

While the 2013 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the February 2013 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) definitions of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas; in certain instances the names, codes, and boundaries of the principal cities shown in ACS tables may differ from the OMB definitions due to differences in the effective dates of the geographic entities.

Estimates of urban and rural population, housing units, and characteristics reflect boundaries of urban areas defined based on Census 2010 data. As a result, data for urban and rural areas from the ACS do not necessarily reflect the results of ongoing urbanization.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 American Community Survey

Explanation of Symbols:

1. An '**' entry in the margin of error column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the margin of error. A statistical test is not appropriate.
2. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
3. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
4. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
5. An '***' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
6. An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.
7. An 'N' entry in the estimate and margin of error columns indicates that data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.
8. An '(X)' means that the estimate is not applicable or not available.

Supporting documentation on code lists, subject definitions, data accuracy, and statistical testing can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Data and Documentation section.

Sample size and data quality measures (including coverage rates, allocation rates, and response rates) can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Methodology section.

Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties.