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## LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME BY ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH FOR THE POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER

Universe: Population 5 years and over

2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

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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.

	Bronx		Brooklyn		Manhattan	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	1,320,398	+/-143	2,401,850	*****	1,546,609	+/-67
Speak only English	551,127	+/-5,165	1,283,679	+/-5,549	923,812	+/-5,579
Spanish or Spanish Creole:	622,687	+/-3,474	399,247	+/-2,855	348,058	+/-3,399
Speak English "very well"	342,074	+/-4,139	218,964	+/-3,297	196,226	+/-4,146
Speak English less than "very well"	280,613	+/-3,621	180,283	+/-3,082	151,832	+/-3,064
French (incl. Patois, Cajun):	14,456	+/-1,317	20,800	+/-1,319	36,436	+/-2,481
Speak English "very well"	8,454	+/-911	14,671	+/-912	29,529	+/-2,081
Speak English less than "very well"	6,002	+/-768	6,129	+/-727	6,907	+/-937
French Creole:	4,719	+/-765	73,844	+/-3,170	3,421	+/-717
Speak English "very well"	3,580	+/-655	37,227	+/-1,862	2,227	+/-487
Speak English less than "very well"	1,139	+/-286	36,617	+/-1,893	1,194	+/-399
Italian:	9,445	+/-855	23,890	+/-1,254	9,858	+/-1,212
Speak English "very well"	5,869	+/-752	14,030	+/-933	8,068	+/-1,041
Speak English less than "very well"	3,576	+/-389	9,860	+/-696	1,790	+/-520
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole:	993	+/-388	2,433	+/-403	7,543	+/-1,057
Speak English "very well"	781	+/-329	1,808	+/-294	5,803	+/-919
Speak English less than "very well"	212	+/-120	625	+/-191	1,740	+/-500
German:	780	+/-178	4,296	+/-572	10,364	+/-1,357

	Bronx		Brooklyn		Manhattan	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Speak English "very well"	600	+/-145	3,820	+/-546	9,334	+/-1,167
Speak English less than "very well"	180	+/-108	476	+/-132	1,030	+/-423
Yiddish:	343	+/-115	84,155	+/-2,725	1,164	+/-338
Speak English "very well"	236	+/-84	55,805	+/-2,554	1,020	+/-315
Speak English less than "very well"	107	+/-64	28,350	+/-1,448	144	+/-95
Other West Germanic languages:	408	+/-202	1,542	+/-304	1,924	+/-352
Speak English "very well"	361	+/-198	1,272	+/-240	1,664	+/-324
Speak English less than "very well"	47	+/-41	270	+/-117	260	+/-131
Scandinavian languages:	60	+/-44	1,703	+/-310	2,643	+/-499
Speak English "very well"	60	+/-44	1,513	+/-279	2,476	+/-494
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-27	190	+/-80	167	+/-90
Greek:	1,940	+/-420	7,842	+/-758	3,700	+/-733
Speak English "very well"	1,395	+/-346	5,406	+/-589	3,065	+/-641
Speak English less than "very well"	545	+/-203	2,436	+/-340	635	+/-233
Russian:	2,623	+/-502	128,108	+/-2,914	12,713	+/-1,762
Speak English "very well"	1,031	+/-304	43,760	+/-1,854	8,884	+/-1,342
Speak English less than "very well"	1,592	+/-319	84,348	+/-2,006	3,829	+/-867
Polish:	1,006	+/-399	20,245	+/-1,480	4,118	+/-852
Speak English "very well"	583	+/-240	8,500	+/-796	3,026	+/-714
Speak English less than "very well"	423	+/-199	11,745	+/-1,096	1,092	+/-321
Serbo-Croatian:	1,316	+/-404	2,749	+/-528	2,715	+/-965
Speak English "very well"	696	+/-219	1,636	+/-384	1,702	+/-566
Speak English less than "very well"	620	+/-235	1,113	+/-304	1,013	+/-497
Other Slavic languages:	1,415	+/-443	7,330	+/-1,040	3,007	+/-763
Speak English "very well"	778	+/-281	2,559	+/-417	2,291	+/-538
Speak English less than "very well"	637	+/-246	4,771	+/-813	716	+/-334
Armenian:	163	+/-68	635	+/-205	645	+/-346
Speak English "very well"	101	+/-60	160	+/-79	488	+/-263
Speak English less than "very well"	62	+/-40	475	+/-171	157	+/-174
Persian:	455	+/-196	2,411	+/-382	2,444	+/-620
Speak English "very well"	318	+/-143	1,334	+/-268	2,002	+/-522
Speak English less than "very well"	137	+/-92	1,077	+/-198	442	+/-259
Gujarati:	264	+/-164	807	+/-234	1,855	+/-506
Speak English "very well"	128	+/-96	555	+/-188	1,713	+/-502
Speak English less than "very well"	136	+/-114	252	+/-111	142	+/-110
Hindi:	1,219	+/-404	3,264	+/-527	6,864	+/-964
Speak English "very well"	813	+/-271	2,367	+/-381	6,118	+/-862
Speak English less than "very well"	406	+/-212	897	+/-284	746	+/-289
Urdu:	3,127	+/-821	20,129	+/-1,631	1,994	+/-558
Speak English "very well"	1,978	+/-571	9,561	+/-1,073	1,619	+/-453
Speak English less than "very well"	1,149	+/-341	10,568	+/-1,022	375	+/-243
Other Indic languages:	14,997	+/-1,286	22,401	+/-1,891	5,062	+/-977
Speak English "very well"	6,800	+/-607	10,312	+/-1,156	3,596	+/-689
Speak English less than "very well"	8,197	+/-948	12,089	+/-1,156	1,466	+/-470

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	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Other Indo-European languages:	11,697	+/-1,513	11,470	+/-1,175	4,610	+/-1,259
Speak English "very well"	6,734	+/-933	5,700	+/-654	3,446	+/-1,040
Speak English less than "very well"	4,963	+/-802	5,770	+/-764	1,164	+/-419
Chinese:	6,450	+/-815	173,804	+/-2,827	82,244	+/-2,608
Speak English "very well"	2,185	+/-371	49,607	+/-1,662	33,314	+/-1,641
Speak English less than "very well"	4,265	+/-657	124,197	+/-2,516	48,930	+/-2,195
Japanese:	746	+/-283	3,698	+/-549	11,591	+/-1,262
Speak English "very well"	293	+/-123	2,165	+/-410	6,057	+/-900
Speak English less than "very well"	453	+/-214	1,533	+/-354	5,534	+/-854
Korean:	2,219	+/-452	5,728	+/-820	13,691	+/-1,271
Speak English "very well"	686	+/-217	2,922	+/-411	9,357	+/-956
Speak English less than "very well"	1,533	+/-337	2,806	+/-547	4,334	+/-758
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian:	1,001	+/-452	571	+/-262	217	+/-97
Speak English "very well"	546	+/-336	291	+/-142	123	+/-65
Speak English less than "very well"	455	+/-178	280	+/-180	94	+/-84
Hmong:	0	+/-27	0	+/-27	8	+/-14
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-27	0	+/-27	0	+/-27
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-27	0	+/-27	8	+/-14
Thai:	350	+/-154	728	+/-295	760	+/-272
Speak English "very well"	109	+/-75	357	+/-170	473	+/-182
Speak English less than "very well"	241	+/-115	371	+/-166	287	+/-203
Laotian:	38	+/-69	70	+/-49	47	+/-61
Speak English "very well"	18	+/-32	62	+/-51	47	+/-61
Speak English less than "very well"	20	+/-37	8	+/-12	0	+/-27
Vietnamese:	2,873	+/-691	3,272	+/-697	1,365	+/-396
Speak English "very well"	880	+/-308	1,359	+/-305	1,027	+/-313
Speak English less than "very well"	1,993	+/-463	1,913	+/-475	338	+/-187
Other Asian languages:	1,818	+/-441	12,147	+/-1,325	5,391	+/-935
Speak English "very well"	1,153	+/-336	4,701	+/-645	4,355	+/-686
Speak English less than "very well"	665	+/-228	7,446	+/-975	1,036	+/-405
Tagalog:	4,602	+/-731	4,718	+/-599	6,216	+/-768
Speak English "very well"	3,363	+/-573	3,311	+/-469	5,166	+/-702
Speak English less than "very well"	1,239	+/-322	1,407	+/-276	1,050	+/-287
Other Pacific Island languages:	361	+/-188	913	+/-211	974	+/-370
Speak English "very well"	218	+/-135	533	+/-136	727	+/-293
Speak English less than "very well"	143	+/-100	380	+/-127	247	+/-140
Navajo:	0	+/-27	0	+/-27	13	+/-17
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-27	0	+/-27	13	+/-17
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-27	0	+/-27	0	+/-27
Other Native North American languages:	242	+/-143	352	+/-165	59	+/-41
Speak English "very well"	127	+/-81	337	+/-161	50	+/-39
Speak English less than "very well"	115	+/-98	15	+/-15	9	+/-13
Hungarian:	786	+/-465	3,006	+/-473	1,433	+/-435
Speak English "very well"	409	+/-230	1,337	+/-253	1,219	+/-401

	Bronx		Brooklyn		Manhattan	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Speak English less than "very well"	377	+/-253	1,669	+/-351	214	+/-129
Arabic:	5,711	+/-1,041	29,341	+/-2,135	6,250	+/-1,106
Speak English "very well"	2,487	+/-545	15,731	+/-1,401	4,406	+/-756
Speak English less than "very well"	3,224	+/-717	13,610	+/-1,250	1,844	+/-571
Hebrew:	931	+/-280	24,358	+/-1,534	10,634	+/-1,233
Speak English "very well"	737	+/-254	17,725	+/-1,308	9,897	+/-1,182
Speak English less than "very well"	194	+/-100	6,633	+/-750	737	+/-224
African languages:	46,138	+/-2,778	13,438	+/-1,384	10,044	+/-2,463
Speak English "very well"	31,651	+/-2,097	9,668	+/-1,062	7,033	+/-2,170
Speak English less than "very well"	14,487	+/-1,435	3,770	+/-551	3,011	+/-606
Other and unspecified languages:	892	+/-350	2,726	+/-456	722	+/-257
Speak English "very well"	383	+/-192	1,324	+/-277	510	+/-190
Speak English less than "very well"	509	+/-249	1,402	+/-274	212	+/-155

	Queens		Staten Island		New York City	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	2,157,441	+/-200	444,634	+/-53	7,870,932	+/-250
Speak only English	941,888	+/-6,287	309,316	+/-3,561	4,009,822	+/-11,425
Spanish or Spanish Creole:	515,900	+/-3,123	46,429	+/-1,709	1,932,321	+/-7,298
Speak English "very well"	256,007	+/-3,380	30,286	+/-1,498	1,043,557	+/-8,344
Speak English less than "very well"	259,893	+/-3,701	16,143	+/-1,062	888,764	+/-6,782
French (incl. Patois, Cajun):	14,001	+/-1,282	1,697	+/-435	87,390	+/-3,260
Speak English "very well"	10,496	+/-1,067	1,399	+/-388	64,549	+/-2,733
Speak English less than "very well"	3,505	+/-604	298	+/-106	22,841	+/-1,478
French Creole:	28,054	+/-2,008	807	+/-311	110,845	+/-4,012
Speak English "very well"	18,574	+/-1,641	539	+/-228	62,147	+/-2,672
Speak English less than "very well"	9,480	+/-784	268	+/-130	48,698	+/-2,104
Italian:	24,500	+/-1,692	11,358	+/-918	79,051	+/-2,880
Speak English "very well"	15,732	+/-1,333	7,549	+/-669	51,248	+/-2,262
Speak English less than "very well"	8,768	+/-703	3,809	+/-528	27,803	+/-1,271
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole:	6,894	+/-771	229	+/-142	18,092	+/-1,484
Speak English "very well"	4,178	+/-598	120	+/-71	12,690	+/-1,244
Speak English less than "very well"	2,716	+/-333	109	+/-82	5,402	+/-712
German:	5,496	+/-502	609	+/-173	21,545	+/-1,597
Speak English "very well"	4,428	+/-435	530	+/-163	18,712	+/-1,411
Speak English less than "very well"	1,068	+/-200	79	+/-52	2,833	+/-488
Yiddish:	1,875	+/-357	206	+/-91	87,743	+/-2,807
Speak English "very well"	1,515	+/-286	183	+/-85	58,759	+/-2,599
Speak English less than "very well"	360	+/-150	23	+/-20	28,984	+/-1,499
Other West Germanic languages:	951	+/-279	50	+/-46	4,875	+/-608
Speak English "very well"	816	+/-234	50	+/-46	4,163	+/-521
Speak English less than "very well"	135	+/-95	0	+/-27	712	+/-217
Scandinavian languages:	653	+/-289	135	+/-79	5,194	+/-665
Speak English "very well"	596	+/-241	89	+/-54	4,734	+/-640
Speak English less than "very well"	57	+/-76	46	+/-44	460	+/-142
Greek:	27,602	+/-1,783	1,550	+/-545	42,634	+/-2,120
Speak English "very well"	18,182	+/-1,332	1,103	+/-365	29,151	+/-1,617
Speak English less than "very well"	9,420	+/-798	447	+/-241	13,483	+/-898
Russian:	36,783	+/-2,145	15,392	+/-1,382	195,619	+/-4,132
Speak English "very well"	17,796	+/-1,328	9,344	+/-1,118	80,815	+/-2,941
Speak English less than "very well"	18,987	+/-1,308	6,048	+/-704	114,804	+/-2,614
Polish:	25,170	+/-1,825	4,554	+/-808	55,093	+/-2,363
Speak English "very well"	13,658	+/-1,154	2,861	+/-573	28,628	+/-1,518
Speak English less than "very well"	11,512	+/-953	1,693	+/-373	26,465	+/-1,328
Serbo-Croatian:	9,019	+/-962	1,121	+/-440	16,920	+/-1,594
Speak English "very well"	5,385	+/-644	868	+/-345	10,287	+/-1,109
Speak English less than "very well"	3,634	+/-516	253	+/-148	6,633	+/-862
Other Slavic languages:	5,688	+/-724	1,849	+/-506	19,289	+/-1,556
Speak English "very well"	3,361	+/-466	1,081	+/-344	10,070	+/-933
Speak English less than "very well"	2,327	+/-432	768	+/-231	9,219	+/-1,006

	Queens		Staten Island		New York City	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Armenian:	2,958	+/-615	0	+/-27	4,401	+/-739
Speak English "very well"	1,890	+/-530	0	+/-27	2,639	+/-593
Speak English less than "very well"	1,068	+/-265	0	+/-27	1,762	+/-334
Persian:	5,214	+/-1,019	210	+/-120	10,734	+/-1,313
Speak English "very well"	2,830	+/-643	145	+/-105	6,629	+/-914
Speak English less than "very well"	2,384	+/-485	65	+/-60	4,105	+/-585
Gujarati:	5,441	+/-782	631	+/-229	8,998	+/-975
Speak English "very well"	2,899	+/-535	413	+/-170	5,708	+/-763
Speak English less than "very well"	2,542	+/-457	218	+/-94	3,290	+/-470
Hindi:	19,646	+/-1,871	1,575	+/-494	32,568	+/-2,275
Speak English "very well"	11,969	+/-1,417	1,260	+/-443	22,527	+/-1,772
Speak English less than "very well"	7,677	+/-881	315	+/-157	10,041	+/-1,015
Urdu:	19,314	+/-1,638	2,900	+/-730	47,464	+/-2,667
Speak English "very well"	11,493	+/-1,097	2,280	+/-589	26,931	+/-1,891
Speak English less than "very well"	7,821	+/-866	620	+/-233	20,533	+/-1,441
Other Indic languages:	93,103	+/-3,584	2,977	+/-696	138,540	+/-4,307
Speak English "very well"	44,717	+/-1,958	1,965	+/-520	67,390	+/-2,348
Speak English less than "very well"	48,386	+/-2,243	1,012	+/-261	71,150	+/-2,700
Other Indo-European languages:	18,164	+/-1,582	7,372	+/-1,111	53,313	+/-3,188
Speak English "very well"	10,366	+/-1,103	4,972	+/-828	31,218	+/-2,149
Speak English less than "very well"	7,798	+/-848	2,400	+/-457	22,095	+/-1,530
Chinese:	191,928	+/-4,555	11,482	+/-1,092	465,908	+/-6,070
Speak English "very well"	56,381	+/-1,823	4,799	+/-562	146,286	+/-2,889
Speak English less than "very well"	135,547	+/-3,837	6,683	+/-761	319,622	+/-5,404
Japanese:	5,780	+/-763	283	+/-133	22,098	+/-1,627
Speak English "very well"	2,777	+/-464	234	+/-120	11,526	+/-1,080
Speak English less than "very well"	3,003	+/-528	49	+/-38	10,572	+/-1,046
Korean:	51,004	+/-2,579	3,348	+/-732	75,990	+/-3,263
Speak English "very well"	15,353	+/-1,176	1,446	+/-436	29,764	+/-1,526
Speak English less than "very well"	35,651	+/-1,967	1,902	+/-403	46,226	+/-2,258
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian:	366	+/-192	91	+/-110	2,246	+/-624
Speak English "very well"	178	+/-130	82	+/-105	1,220	+/-413
Speak English less than "very well"	188	+/-147	9	+/-14	1,026	+/-327
Hmong:	15	+/-22	0	+/-27	23	+/-27
Speak English "very well"	15	+/-22	0	+/-27	15	+/-22
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-27	0	+/-27	8	+/-14
Thai:	3,499	+/-682	119	+/-117	5,456	+/-863
Speak English "very well"	1,236	+/-346	31	+/-46	2,206	+/-427
Speak English less than "very well"	2,263	+/-473	88	+/-76	3,250	+/-561
Laotian:	149	+/-124	19	+/-30	323	+/-152
Speak English "very well"	90	+/-91	0	+/-27	217	+/-117
Speak English less than "very well"	59	+/-51	19	+/-30	106	+/-72
Vietnamese:	2,712	+/-478	507	+/-354	10,729	+/-1,054
Speak English "very well"	983	+/-270	229	+/-174	4,478	+/-542

	Queens		Staten Island		New York City	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Speak English less than "very well"	1,729	+/-355	278	+/-241	6,251	+/-764
Other Asian languages:	18,101	+/-1,556	3,136	+/-522	40,593	+/-2,380
Speak English "very well"	8,940	+/-946	1,960	+/-381	21,109	+/-1,502
Speak English less than "very well"	9,161	+/-992	1,176	+/-291	19,484	+/-1,431
Tagalog:	30,827	+/-1,781	3,708	+/-609	50,071	+/-2,142
Speak English "very well"	21,373	+/-1,424	2,817	+/-523	36,030	+/-1,730
Speak English less than "very well"	9,454	+/-834	891	+/-262	14,041	+/-1,042
Other Pacific Island languages:	4,516	+/-854	227	+/-193	6,991	+/-1,046
Speak English "very well"	2,145	+/-473	150	+/-117	3,773	+/-656
Speak English less than "very well"	2,371	+/-515	77	+/-91	3,218	+/-561
Navajo:	0	+/-27	24	+/-32	37	+/-36
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-27	24	+/-32	37	+/-36
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-27	0	+/-27	0	+/-27
Other Native North American languages:	608	+/-283	105	+/-85	1,366	+/-417
Speak English "very well"	330	+/-207	85	+/-79	929	+/-322
Speak English less than "very well"	278	+/-179	20	+/-32	437	+/-213
Hungarian:	2,373	+/-360	137	+/-79	7,735	+/-763
Speak English "very well"	1,474	+/-272	94	+/-63	4,533	+/-567
Speak English less than "very well"	899	+/-192	43	+/-41	3,202	+/-451
Arabic:	14,621	+/-1,294	6,645	+/-1,023	62,568	+/-3,153
Speak English "very well"	8,783	+/-990	4,466	+/-793	35,873	+/-2,227
Speak English less than "very well"	5,838	+/-581	2,179	+/-440	26,695	+/-1,567
Hebrew:	9,305	+/-1,272	1,315	+/-587	46,543	+/-2,288
Speak English "very well"	7,684	+/-1,204	1,215	+/-570	37,258	+/-2,111
Speak English less than "very well"	1,621	+/-346	100	+/-63	9,285	+/-800
African languages:	11,758	+/-1,369	2,465	+/-653	83,843	+/-4,679
Speak English "very well"	8,505	+/-972	2,069	+/-578	58,926	+/-3,734
Speak English less than "very well"	3,253	+/-750	396	+/-194	24,917	+/-1,929
Other and unspecified languages:	1,565	+/-517	56	+/-66	5,961	+/-827
Speak English "very well"	956	+/-380	35	+/-44	3,208	+/-557
Speak English less than "very well"	609	+/-227	21	+/-32	2,753	+/-442

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.

Methodological changes to data collection in 2013 may have affected language data for 2013. Users should be aware of these changes when using multi-year data containing data from 2013. For more information, see: Language User Note.

While the 2011-2015 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, 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

#### 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.
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.