

Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English for the Population 5 Years and Over
 New York City and Boroughs, 2006-2008 American Community Survey

	New York City		Bronx		Brooklyn		Manhattan		Queens		Staten Island	
	Estimate	MOE	Estimate	MOE	Estimate	MOE	Estimate	MOE	Estimate	MOE	Estimate	MOE
Total:	7,737,621	548	1,273,883	347	2,348,747	*****	1,526,770	207	2,134,167	368	454,054	51
Speak only English	4,037,006	16,642	564,340	6,050	1,267,658	10,045	925,820	6,263	958,235	9,065	320,953	3,904
Spanish or Spanish Creole:	1,881,741	6,725	583,656	3,578	406,860	4,160	342,598	3,381	505,429	3,876	43,198	2,437
Speak English "very well"	965,344	9,070	322,387	5,021	205,731	4,798	177,210	4,009	233,289	5,016	26,727	2,325
Speak English less than "very well"	916,397	9,421	261,269	5,057	201,129	5,065	165,388	4,085	272,140	4,762	16,471	1,555
French (incl. Patois, Cajun):	84,997	4,902	11,575	1,693	24,745	2,373	32,105	2,892	15,355	1,611	1,217	421
Speak English "very well"	58,630	3,931	6,086	1,036	16,806	1,785	24,381	2,388	10,253	1,247	1,104	410
Speak English less than "very well"	26,367	2,220	5,489	1,057	7,939	1,130	7,724	1,269	5,102	845	113	86
French Creole:	97,652	4,594	3,090	860	63,745	4,294	3,669	873	26,528	2,434	620	320
Speak English "very well"	59,741	3,355	2,509	716	36,834	3,281	2,448	706	17,539	1,855	411	263
Speak English less than "very well"	37,911	2,689	581	296	26,911	2,297	1,221	462	8,989	1,295	209	159
Italian:	113,033	4,137	13,698	1,283	37,610	2,516	9,654	1,093	37,669	2,410	14,402	1,778
Speak English "very well"	69,335	3,195	8,080	894	19,742	1,641	8,207	1,080	22,772	1,830	10,534	1,451
Speak English less than "very well"	43,698	2,560	5,618	891	17,868	1,581	1,447	371	14,897	1,355	3,868	606
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole:	18,031	2,009	662	228	2,197	793	7,318	1,357	7,725	1,173	129	123
Speak English "very well"	11,189	1,324	378	127	1,478	526	4,917	899	4,320	891	96	108
Speak English less than "very well"	6,842	1,254	284	167	719	392	2,401	877	3,405	694	33	38
German:	23,938	1,855	1,346	356	3,871	639	10,712	1,446	7,301	756	708	274
Speak English "very well"	19,839	1,796	1,064	316	3,303	591	9,195	1,357	5,616	646	661	263
Speak English less than "very well"	4,099	662	282	154	568	241	1,517	505	1,685	347	47	50
Yiddish:	93,803	4,489	570	251	88,268	4,576	1,959	492	2,588	560	418	238
Speak English "very well"	64,966	4,003	404	174	60,515	4,055	1,812	464	1,928	490	307	173
Speak English less than "very well"	28,837	2,189	166	130	27,753	2,200	147	92	660	297	111	88
Other West Germanic languages:	4,006	765	198	142	832	334	1,638	440	1,282	457	56	93
Speak English "very well"	3,463	652	198	142	580	215	1,377	340	1,252	455	56	93
Speak English less than "very well"	543	316	0	158	252	192	261	267	30	48	0	158
Scandinavian languages:	4,140	843	63	62	1,321	338	2,274	754	251	118	231	174
Speak English "very well"	3,514	640	43	52	1,218	354	1,901	531	228	103	124	85
Speak English less than "very well"	626	446	20	32	103	119	373	421	23	37	107	121
Greek:	53,248	3,722	2,271	844	9,283	1,649	4,688	1,040	35,675	2,856	1,331	559
Speak English "very well"	34,250	2,791	1,158	511	5,976	1,259	3,973	927	22,073	2,182	1,070	481
Speak English less than "very well"	18,998	1,681	1,113	455	3,307	699	715	273	13,602	1,409	261	161
Russian:	199,776	6,160	4,211	921	129,359	4,385	11,427	1,644	41,511	3,665	13,268	1,643
Speak English "very well"	76,335	3,652	1,710	560	41,635	2,542	7,275	1,310	18,640	2,165	7,075	1,172
Speak English less than "very well"	123,441	4,260	2,501	574	87,724	3,198	4,152	885	22,871	2,256	6,193	1,158
Polish:	63,628	4,090	1,095	336	26,380	2,381	4,294	989	26,774	2,325	5,085	1,143
Speak English "very well"	27,780	2,236	630	333	9,286	1,262	2,686	802	12,522	1,380	2,656	853
Speak English less than "very well"	35,848	2,736	465	172	17,094	1,643	1,608	520	14,252	1,450	2,429	777
Serbo-Croatian:	21,401	2,911	1,714	869	3,487	1,118	3,755	1,189	10,803	1,710	1,642	876
Speak English "very well"	12,985	2,105	836	470	2,103	812	2,802	875	6,064	1,372	1,180	774
Speak English less than "very well"	8,416	1,297	878	441	1,384	437	953	441	4,739	821	462	271
Other Slavic languages:	16,837	1,902	794	345	5,036	995	2,855	782	6,502	1,158	1,650	693
Speak English "very well"	8,046	1,130	439	230	1,986	547	1,993	531	2,780	585	848	471
Speak English less than "very well"	8,791	1,224	355	213	3,050	700	862	410	3,722	940	802	390
Armenian:	4,581	1,123	59	51	579	436	830	331	3,113	975	0	158
Speak English "very well"	3,179	864	45	52	274	219	759	300	2,101	762	0	158
Speak English less than "very well"	1,402	592	14	22	305	335	71	84	1,012	472	0	158
Persian:	12,498	2,052	168	126	1,214	379	2,172	742	8,928	1,910	16	26
Speak English "very well"	6,440	1,071	145	121	600	243	1,657	478	4,038	919	0	158
Speak English less than "very well"	6,058	1,267	23	38	614	250	515	463	4,890	1,198	16	26
Gujarathi:	10,146	1,542	82	79	784	400	1,651	694	7,203	1,226	426	312
Speak English "very well"	6,241	1,169	37	61	397	226	1,546	664	4,026	808	235	194
Speak English less than "very well"	3,905	714	45	52	387	221	105	108	3,177	724	191	191
Hindi:	25,566	2,308	1,212	484	2,440	832	4,314	894	16,372	2,082	1,228	545

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Speak English "very well"	17,561	1,776	900	425	1,388	432	3,828	752	10,631	1,540	814	378
Speak English less than "very well"	8,005	1,329	312	163	1,052	565	486	331	5,741	1,024	414	292
Urdu:	41,525	3,765	2,520	936	16,234	2,653	1,775	579	19,378	2,524	1,618	842
Speak English "very well"	22,182	2,365	1,490	615	7,171	1,370	1,248	346	11,024	1,725	1,249	677
Speak English less than "very well"	19,343	2,361	1,030	402	9,063	1,806	527	408	8,354	1,387	369	230
Other Indic languages:	105,555	5,736	10,644	1,979	18,966	2,450	5,305	1,614	67,741	4,282	2,899	982
Speak English "very well"	48,797	3,112	4,827	1,190	8,031	1,580	3,203	935	31,038	2,577	1,698	755
Speak English less than "very well"	56,758	3,796	5,817	1,113	10,935	1,620	2,102	935	36,703	2,838	1,201	493
Other Indo-European languages:	50,797	4,015	10,431	1,878	10,285	1,846	3,467	916	17,639	2,191	8,975	1,781
Speak English "very well"	28,477	2,768	6,152	1,327	5,323	1,123	2,632	816	8,552	1,374	5,818	1,245
Speak English less than "very well"	22,320	2,204	4,279	1,032	4,962	985	835	314	9,087	1,334	3,157	865
Chinese:	385,884	7,028	6,140	1,117	132,687	3,955	82,677	2,648	152,796	5,009	11,584	1,524
Speak English "very well"	117,646	3,635	2,107	554	35,367	2,139	28,156	1,627	47,997	2,794	4,019	836
Speak English less than "very well"	268,238	5,763	4,033	813	97,320	3,297	54,521	2,661	104,799	3,450	7,565	1,242
Japanese:	22,519	1,931	386	211	3,008	605	12,389	1,600	6,528	1,069	208	172
Speak English "very well"	9,644	1,127	177	112	1,660	362	5,478	921	2,184	511	145	121
Speak English less than "very well"	12,875	1,450	209	154	1,348	396	6,911	1,199	4,344	811	63	100
Korean:	75,707	4,429	2,594	705	4,336	924	9,459	1,263	55,589	3,978	3,729	1,060
Speak English "very well"	26,670	2,133	621	278	2,225	600	5,748	840	16,439	1,588	1,637	662
Speak English less than "very well"	49,037	3,251	1,973	531	2,111	449	3,711	775	39,150	3,042	2,092	583
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian:	2,325	658	1,306	618	743	385	78	82	68	75	130	146
Speak English "very well"	1,155	340	591	264	418	242	78	82	68	75	0	158
Speak English less than "very well"	1,170	456	715	406	325	245	0	158	0	158	130	146
Hmong:	0	158	0	158	0	158	0	158	0	158	0	158
Speak English "very well"	0	158	0	158	0	158	0	158	0	158	0	158
Speak English less than "very well"	0	158	0	158	0	158	0	158	0	158	0	158
Thai:	4,477	986	532	355	289	182	991	361	2,665	737	0	158
Speak English "very well"	1,770	415	270	150	81	80	562	258	857	290	0	158
Speak English less than "very well"	2,707	709	262	236	208	161	429	208	1,808	561	0	158
Laotian:	455	236	0	158	274	229	62	66	119	110	0	158
Speak English "very well"	175	97	0	158	83	61	62	66	30	49	0	158
Speak English less than "very well"	280	228	0	158	191	211	0	158	89	98	0	158
Vietnamese:	9,750	1,490	2,975	984	2,456	683	950	399	2,927	816	442	448
Speak English "very well"	3,815	805	1,085	505	676	247	632	285	1,224	513	198	198
Speak English less than "very well"	5,935	1,069	1,890	732	1,780	582	318	192	1,703	450	244	258
Other Asian languages:	35,085	3,126	2,280	841	9,340	1,500	3,947	1,020	16,159	2,429	3,359	898
Speak English "very well"	19,084	2,197	1,580	621	3,876	817	2,819	669	9,005	1,711	1,804	521
Speak English less than "very well"	16,001	1,949	700	383	5,464	1,139	1,128	630	7,154	1,412	1,555	558
Tagalog:	48,380	2,833	4,260	963	4,677	990	5,124	1,025	30,551	2,569	3,768	980
Speak English "very well"	33,089	2,468	2,990	740	3,180	781	3,714	765	20,241	2,056	2,964	868
Speak English less than "very well"	15,291	1,595	1,270	439	1,497	403	1,410	452	10,310	1,358	804	299
Other Pacific Island languages:	7,306	1,633	720	416	1,094	517	848	437	4,490	1,371	154	190
Speak English "very well"	3,787	974	354	337	613	304	481	194	2,248	813	91	102
Speak English less than "very well"	3,519	1,003	366	280	481	376	367	287	2,242	867	63	97
Navajo:	17	29	0	158	17	29	0	158	0	158	0	158
Speak English "very well"	0	158	0	158	0	158	0	158	0	158	0	158
Speak English less than "very well"	17	29	0	158	17	29	0	158	0	158	0	158
Other Native North American languages:	1,611	656	311	299	332	224	379	237	589	437	0	158
Speak English "very well"	1,467	629	311	299	332	224	235	156	589	437	0	158
Speak English less than "very well"	144	168	0	158	0	158	144	168	0	158	0	158
Hungarian:	8,791	1,163	526	268	3,067	590	1,616	469	3,337	809	245	150
Speak English "very well"	5,072	763	257	161	1,308	348	1,103	387	2,179	601	225	140
Speak English less than "very well"	3,719	665	269	171	1,759	396	513	225	1,158	399	20	33
Arabic:	50,831	4,382	3,720	1,354	22,747	2,760	5,475	1,478	12,724	2,238	6,165	1,529
Speak English "very well"	27,546	2,949	1,660	833	11,351	1,678	3,390	1,031	6,841	1,479	4,304	1,193
Speak English less than "very well"	23,285	2,802	2,060	795	11,396	1,784	2,085	894	5,883	1,332	1,861	699
Hebrew:	54,359	4,000	1,756	604	29,380	3,304	9,869	1,544	11,633	2,176	1,721	621

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Speak English "very well"	40,756	3,121	1,566	566	20,519	2,399	8,984	1,446	8,426	1,826	1,261	410
Speak English less than "very well"	13,603	2,071	190	142	8,861	1,783	885	539	3,207	706	460	263
African languages:	62,124	5,012	31,440	3,192	11,777	1,801	7,785	1,663	8,743	1,737	2,379	788
Speak English "very well"	39,240	3,833	19,369	2,461	7,748	1,186	4,146	880	6,199	1,411	1,778	659
Speak English less than "very well"	22,884	2,414	12,071	1,336	4,029	1,093	3,639	1,139	2,544	867	601	334
Other and unspecified languages:	4,095	887	538	329	1,369	550	841	431	1,247	628	100	77
Speak English "very well"	2,252	579	201	195	528	256	683	401	740	348	100	77
Speak English less than "very well"	1,843	515	337	258	841	388	158	124	507	309	0	158

***** Entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.

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