

Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English for the Population 5 Years and Over
 New York City and Boroughs, 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:	7,787,901	614	1,281,913	*****	2,363,539	381	1,536,366	6	2,147,854	483		
Speak only English	4,052,837	29,837	565,034	12,924	1,279,835	17,807	918,786	11,721	964,286	16,372		
Spanish or Spanish Creole:	1,890,598	15,417	586,527	7,208	402,042	8,143	341,397	5,133	514,482	7,123		
Speak English "very well"	972,247	18,456	323,148	10,174	193,549	8,881	178,800	7,086	246,138	8,637		
Speak English less than "very well"	918,351	18,226	263,379	9,438	208,493	9,847	162,597	7,394	268,344	7,976		
French (incl. Patois, Cajun):	91,686	7,392	10,377	2,502	27,217	3,937	38,776	6,307	14,124	2,357		
Speak English "very well"	66,270	6,800	5,605	1,573	19,888	3,638	30,361	5,418	9,343	1,947		
Speak English less than "very well"	25,416	3,915	4,772	1,820	7,329	1,537	8,415	2,705	4,781	1,173		
French Creole:	99,611	7,973	3,404	1,601	62,786	6,486	3,774	1,536	28,614	5,084		
Speak English "very well"	57,841	5,823	3,183	1,569	32,838	4,273	2,196	1,061	18,993	3,629		
Speak English less than "very well"	41,770	4,959	221	213	29,948	4,128	1,578	891	9,621	2,640		
Italian:	109,928	7,153	9,458	2,166	39,752	3,979	10,679	2,852	36,905	4,603		
Speak English "very well"	66,030	5,640	5,174	1,323	21,164	2,977	9,415	2,692	21,192	3,343		
Speak English less than "very well"	43,898	3,410	4,284	1,216	18,588	2,329	1,264	531	15,713	2,530		
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole:	19,683	3,807	430	329	1,520	720	9,553	2,983	7,979	2,215		
Speak English "very well"	12,560	2,893	250	241	869	425	6,280	1,969	4,960	1,740		
Speak English less than "very well"	7,123	2,479	180	225	651	644	3,273	2,131	3,019	1,318		
German:	25,476	3,045	1,863	750	4,072	931	11,938	2,299	7,481	1,645		
Speak English "very well"	20,831	2,567	1,482	680	3,123	896	10,365	1,990	5,739	1,379		
Speak English less than "very well"	4,645	1,239	381	325	949	451	1,573	984	1,742	699		
Yiddish:	101,185	9,317	366	280	94,897	8,957	2,447	848	2,733	1,285		
Speak English "very well"	67,868	7,692	146	174	62,440	7,422	2,332	834	2,384	1,222		
Speak English less than "very well"	33,317	4,810	220	225	32,457	4,760	115	139	349	347		
Other West Germanic languages:	4,406	1,530	489	403	936	767	1,689	828	1,292	939		
Speak English "very well"	3,984	1,373	489	403	603	436	1,600	836	1,292	939		
Speak English less than "very well"	422	448	0	277	333	420	89	145	0	277		
Scandinavian languages:	5,678	1,918	0	277	1,635	654	3,315	1,794	174	167		
Speak English "very well"	4,409	1,456	0	277	1,426	616	2,573	1,360	174	167		
Speak English less than "very well"	1,269	1,193	0	277	209	335	742	1,110	0	277		
Greek:	50,853	5,620	2,271	1,431	7,283	2,021	4,974	1,820	35,393	4,269		
Speak English "very well"	32,496	4,211	1,178	664	4,619	1,384	4,126	1,604	21,743	3,358		
Speak English less than "very well"	18,357	2,853	1,093	892	2,664	1,070	848	494	13,650	2,423		
Russian:	207,424	12,098	4,483	1,979	132,439	7,709	15,382	4,528	39,600	5,556		
Speak English "very well"	74,836	7,351	1,708	1,060	39,770	4,258	10,333	3,799	16,345	3,183		
Speak English less than "very well"	132,588	7,782	2,775	1,142	92,669	5,751	5,049	1,639	23,255	3,160		
Polish:	60,153	6,262	1,535	855	26,470	3,895	4,552	1,757	23,483	3,819		
Speak English "very well"	24,994	3,689	1,045	834	9,630	2,090	2,029	926	10,486	2,262		
Speak English less than "very well"	35,159	4,281	490	287	16,840	2,936	2,523	1,481	12,997	2,642		
Serbo-Croatian:	21,359	4,610	969	1,231	2,730	1,562	4,883	1,839	11,106	3,864		
Speak English "very well"	14,216	3,814	348	571	1,587	1,287	3,862	1,344	7,610	3,277		
Speak English less than "very well"	7,143	1,454	621	693	1,143	722	1,021	870	3,496	1,128		
Other Slavic languages:	15,866	2,658	717	564	4,695	1,506	3,218	1,501	5,738	2,047		
Speak English "very well"	6,646	1,647	450	407	1,312	520	2,463	1,234	2,013	869		
Speak English less than "very well"	9,220	1,981	267	349	3,383	1,269	755	690	3,725	1,668		
Armenian:	5,218	1,762	131	158	664	616	820	675	3,603	1,522		
Speak English "very well"	3,928	1,397	131	158	425	484	820	675	2,552	1,135		
Speak English less than "very well"	1,290	604	0	277	239	229	0	277	1,051	558		
Persian:	10,247	2,960	159	264	1,554	875	976	668	7,518	2,704		
Speak English "very well"	5,611	1,719	159	264	968	579	900	624	3,584	1,489		
Speak English less than "very well"	4,636	1,642	0	277	586	427	76	125	3,934	1,575		
Gujarathi:	11,008	2,791	0	277	721	602	2,266	1,302	7,017	2,395		
Speak English "very well"	6,465	2,009	0	277	241	278	2,042	1,162	3,613	1,507		
Speak English less than "very well"	4,543	1,401	0	277	480	392	224	322	3,404	1,214		
Hindi:	28,317	4,047	284	249	4,242	1,812	4,812	1,515	17,911	3,385		

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Speak English "very well"	18,186	3,021	245	227	1,932	914	4,591	1,541	10,622	2,488		
Speak English less than "very well"	10,131	2,655	39	67	2,310	1,362	221	278	7,289	2,184		
Urdu:	38,630	6,035	2,428	1,408	13,688	3,043	994	573	19,500	5,016		
Speak English "very well"	22,000	4,498	1,390	901	5,781	1,914	790	512	12,483	3,768		
Speak English less than "very well"	16,630	3,014	1,038	583	7,907	2,224	204	194	7,017	2,074		
Other Indic languages:	100,078	9,271	9,281	2,668	17,404	4,094	5,849	3,350	65,470	7,496		
Speak English "very well"	47,658	6,088	4,551	1,503	7,876	2,547	4,017	2,136	30,307	4,883		
Speak English less than "very well"	52,420	5,346	4,730	1,478	9,528	2,200	1,832	1,511	35,163	4,684		
Other Indo-European languages:	48,663	6,359	14,328	3,686	8,981	2,982	2,154	918	16,805	3,194		
Speak English "very well"	27,921	4,168	8,392	2,703	4,406	1,991	1,799	788	8,937	2,120		
Speak English less than "very well"	20,742	3,634	5,936	2,140	4,575	1,665	355	361	7,868	1,822		
Chinese:	406,307	13,743	8,977	2,493	141,425	5,598	86,152	5,415	156,948	10,495		
Speak English "very well"	124,161	7,560	3,315	1,444	36,578	3,673	31,599	3,691	48,831	5,174		
Speak English less than "very well"	282,146	11,235	5,662	1,598	104,847	4,892	54,553	4,256	108,117	7,554		
Japanese:	22,039	3,182	414	351	3,400	1,213	11,088	2,327	6,988	1,878		
Speak English "very well"	10,476	1,956	342	328	1,983	691	5,530	1,553	2,472	970		
Speak English less than "very well"	11,563	2,300	72	99	1,417	858	5,558	1,656	4,516	1,409		
Korean:	74,016	6,919	2,797	1,497	3,719	1,334	8,731	2,050	55,936	6,740		
Speak English "very well"	24,432	3,204	641	569	2,044	986	5,115	1,214	15,774	2,749		
Speak English less than "very well"	49,584	5,676	2,156	1,085	1,675	618	3,616	1,391	40,162	5,519		
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian:	1,917	1,041	339	349	1,308	928	220	234	50	83		
Speak English "very well"	918	555	179	198	469	441	220	234	50	83		
Speak English less than "very well"	999	726	160	172	839	692	0	277	0	277		
Hmong:	0	277	0	277	0	277	0	277	0	277		
Speak English "very well"	0	277	0	277	0	277	0	277	0	277		
Speak English less than "very well"	0	277	0	277	0	277	0	277	0	277		
Thai:	3,367	1,275	250	368	295	230	597	457	2,225	1,141		
Speak English "very well"	1,385	608	144	243	162	189	469	335	610	426		
Speak English less than "very well"	1,982	932	106	150	133	127	128	215	1,615	937		
Laotian:	869	641	0	277	444	521	195	247	230	288		
Speak English "very well"	294	297	0	277	99	165	195	247	0	277		
Speak English less than "very well"	575	556	0	277	345	465	0	277	230	288		
Vietnamese:	10,508	3,352	4,769	2,715	1,636	891	512	370	2,798	1,107		
Speak English "very well"	3,901	1,401	1,500	1,082	842	489	381	337	862	439		
Speak English less than "very well"	6,607	2,427	3,269	2,043	794	536	131	154	1,936	800		
Other Asian languages:	37,263	5,486	3,109	1,656	11,788	3,339	3,660	1,345	15,077	3,989		
Speak English "very well"	21,032	3,907	1,780	869	4,047	1,465	2,824	1,076	10,120	2,996		
Speak English less than "very well"	16,231	2,800	1,329	986	7,741	2,449	836	652	4,957	1,897		
Tagalog:	47,736	6,095	4,595	1,793	5,387	1,584	4,372	1,278	29,872	5,058		
Speak English "very well"	31,671	4,498	3,431	1,473	3,120	1,274	2,775	960	19,946	3,868		
Speak English less than "very well"	16,065	3,178	1,164	599	2,267	972	1,597	854	9,926	2,622		
Other Pacific Island languages:	6,096	1,686	599	871	720	397	939	823	3,838	1,668		
Speak English "very well"	3,655	1,454	599	871	568	351	420	329	2,068	1,288		
Speak English less than "very well"	2,441	1,009	0	277	152	184	519	565	1,770	853		
Navajo:	47	76	0	277	47	76	0	277	0	277		
Speak English "very well"	0	277	0	277	0	277	0	277	0	277		
Speak English less than "very well"	47	76	0	277	47	76	0	277	0	277		
Other Native North American languages:	1,857	944	418	487	707	524	499	486	233	299		
Speak English "very well"	1,619	859	418	487	707	524	261	303	233	299		
Speak English less than "very well"	238	389	0	277	0	277	238	389	0	277		
Hungarian:	8,477	1,818	467	366	2,964	1,014	1,409	782	3,479	1,418		
Speak English "very well"	4,871	1,275	301	311	1,343	578	824	534	2,245	1,043		
Speak English less than "very well"	3,606	1,046	166	198	1,621	713	585	392	1,234	731		
Arabic:	50,488	7,041	2,707	1,974	19,692	4,403	5,450	3,165	16,072	4,644		
Speak English "very well"	28,791	4,848	998	784	10,643	3,113	3,298	1,709	9,502	3,414		
Speak English less than "very well"	21,697	3,916	1,709	1,521	9,049	2,435	2,152	2,107	6,570	2,095		
Hebrew:	45,851	6,771	2,088	987	22,081	4,839	11,512	3,862	8,948	2,465		

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Speak English "very well"	34,074	5,258	1,908	986	14,536	3,369	9,766	2,851	6,748	2,054		
Speak English less than "very well"	11,777	3,196	180	148	7,545	2,372	1,746	1,857	2,200	879		
African languages:	67,382	8,976	35,174	6,728	10,889	2,968	6,550	3,063	12,585	3,510		
Speak English "very well"	46,434	6,622	23,803	5,413	7,072	1,955	3,813	1,637	10,162	3,196		
Speak English less than "very well"	20,948	4,264	11,371	2,525	3,817	1,832	2,737	1,952	2,423	1,250		
Other and unspecified languages:	4,777	1,676	676	603	1,474	708	1,246	1,298	1,361	889		
Speak English "very well"	2,842	1,412	216	210	540	412	1,246	1,298	820	536		
Speak English less than "very well"	1,935	795	460	620	934	447	0	277	541	410		

*Data for Staten Island cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.

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

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey
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