

B16001: LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME BY ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH FOR THE POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER
Universe: Population 5 years and over
New York City and Boroughs
2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Language Spoken at Home	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:	7,672,177	+/-303	1,281,697	*****	2,332,684	+/-214	1,517,453	+/-64	2,100,240	+/-248	440,103	+/-84
Speak only English	3,936,698	+/-11,049	553,446	+/-4,968	1,253,925	+/-7,115	904,893	+/-3,903	916,581	+/-6,344	307,853	+/-2,688
Spanish or Spanish Creole:	1,888,031	+/-6,039	594,250	+/-3,337	396,897	+/-3,100	347,079	+/-2,799	502,928	+/-2,996	46,877	+/-1,682
Speak English "very well"	998,940	+/-7,725	326,486	+/-4,064	204,172	+/-3,817	187,506	+/-3,312	250,980	+/-4,064	29,796	+/-1,466
Speak English less than "very well"	889,091	+/-8,407	267,764	+/-3,975	192,725	+/-3,704	159,573	+/-3,154	251,948	+/-3,734	17,081	+/-1,391
French (incl. Patois, Cajun):	84,403	+/-2,846	12,439	+/-1,164	21,466	+/-1,415	33,954	+/-1,908	15,001	+/-1,260	1,543	+/-327
Speak English "very well"	62,108	+/-2,278	7,347	+/-881	14,807	+/-1,231	27,857	+/-1,534	10,773	+/-1,003	1,324	+/-310
Speak English less than "very well"	22,295	+/-1,541	5,092	+/-695	6,659	+/-601	6,097	+/-901	4,228	+/-563	219	+/-87
French Creole:	106,874	+/-4,157	4,600	+/-803	68,048	+/-3,199	3,958	+/-759	29,702	+/-2,348	566	+/-221
Speak English "very well"	59,447	+/-2,601	3,330	+/-669	34,390	+/-2,020	2,195	+/-519	19,155	+/-1,681	377	+/-175
Speak English less than "very well"	47,427	+/-2,392	1,270	+/-370	33,658	+/-1,886	1,763	+/-523	10,547	+/-1,169	189	+/-127
Italian:	91,101	+/-2,951	10,104	+/-826	28,579	+/-1,541	9,929	+/-864	29,597	+/-1,627	12,892	+/-1,057
Speak English "very well"	56,993	+/-2,293	6,238	+/-655	15,908	+/-1,113	8,260	+/-765	17,902	+/-1,124	8,685	+/-858
Speak English less than "very well"	34,108	+/-1,467	3,866	+/-456	12,671	+/-953	1,669	+/-329	11,695	+/-908	4,207	+/-505
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole:	17,430	+/-1,347	634	+/-240	2,216	+/-425	6,913	+/-845	7,487	+/-951	180	+/-122
Speak English "very well"	12,170	+/-1,023	407	+/-210	1,636	+/-354	5,366	+/-660	4,651	+/-771	110	+/-71
Speak English less than "very well"	5,260	+/-652	227	+/-140	580	+/-185	1,547	+/-425	2,836	+/-482	70	+/-66
German:	23,130	+/-1,328	1,420	+/-326	3,638	+/-455	11,110	+/-1,100	6,503	+/-642	459	+/-148
Speak English "very well"	19,588	+/-1,252	920	+/-240	3,140	+/-404	9,910	+/-1,002	5,198	+/-606	420	+/-135
Speak English less than "very well"	3,542	+/-434	500	+/-199	498	+/-191	1,200	+/-319	1,305	+/-230	39	+/-34
Yiddish:	85,472	+/-2,523	439	+/-116	81,240	+/-2,588	1,572	+/-383	1,997	+/-358	224	+/-100
Speak English "very well"	58,796	+/-2,235	364	+/-101	55,144	+/-2,286	1,435	+/-384	1,675	+/-325	178	+/-86
Speak English less than "very well"	26,676	+/-1,446	75	+/-47	26,096	+/-1,444	137	+/-80	322	+/-127	46	+/-40
Other West Germanic languages:	4,878	+/-553	598	+/-216	1,302	+/-265	1,999	+/-391	894	+/-286	85	+/-62
Speak English "very well"	4,097	+/-501	534	+/-208	964	+/-213	1,751	+/-368	763	+/-239	85	+/-62
Speak English less than "very well"	781	+/-222	64	+/-46	338	+/-122	248	+/-144	131	+/-98	0	+/-28
Scandinavian languages:	5,172	+/-700	120	+/-86	1,488	+/-320	2,878	+/-600	312	+/-108	374	+/-154
Speak English "very well"	4,516	+/-650	101	+/-69	1,219	+/-238	2,613	+/-577	303	+/-107	280	+/-135
Speak English less than "very well"	656	+/-260	19	+/-29	269	+/-135	265	+/-222	9	+/-13	94	+/-79
Greek:	46,765	+/-2,008	2,143	+/-590	7,900	+/-775	4,308	+/-586	30,965	+/-1,662	1,449	+/-419
Speak English "very well"	31,221	+/-1,636	1,240	+/-315	5,094	+/-631	3,595	+/-524	20,282	+/-1,297	1,010	+/-313
Speak English less than "very well"	15,544	+/-949	903	+/-329	2,806	+/-384	713	+/-179	10,683	+/-813	439	+/-173
Russian:	190,023	+/-4,619	3,312	+/-638	124,481	+/-2,931	12,054	+/-1,231	35,197	+/-1,948	14,979	+/-1,427
Speak English "very well"	72,279	+/-2,669	1,275	+/-386	38,462	+/-1,584	8,178	+/-990	16,033	+/-1,222	8,331	+/-980
Speak English less than "very well"	117,744	+/-3,010	2,037	+/-345	86,019	+/-2,358	3,876	+/-696	19,164	+/-1,326	6,648	+/-816
Polish:	55,672	+/-2,377	1,090	+/-351	22,256	+/-1,466	4,386	+/-832	23,875	+/-1,655	4,065	+/-696
Speak English "very well"	26,032	+/-1,633	570	+/-207	8,590	+/-854	2,848	+/-659	11,763	+/-971	2,261	+/-487
Speak English less than "very well"	29,640	+/-1,340	520	+/-260	13,666	+/-984	1,538	+/-499	12,112	+/-964	1,804	+/-386
Serbo-Croatian:	18,750	+/-1,790	1,463	+/-550	2,791	+/-720	3,209	+/-738	9,615	+/-904	1,672	+/-610
Speak English "very well"	11,858	+/-1,329	833	+/-363	1,614	+/-447	2,522	+/-607	5,855	+/-721	1,034	+/-394
Speak English less than "very well"	6,892	+/-846	630	+/-255	1,177	+/-392	687	+/-284	3,760	+/-511	638	+/-290
Other Slavic languages:	16,361	+/-1,352	1,226	+/-366	5,817	+/-796	3,212	+/-643	4,800	+/-602	1,306	+/-607
Speak English "very well"	8,579	+/-1,054	615	+/-242	2,030	+/-459	2,608	+/-563	2,602	+/-468	724	+/-399
Speak English less than "very well"	7,782	+/-794	611	+/-200	3,787	+/-540	604	+/-216	2,198	+/-379	582	+/-248
Armenian:	3,355	+/-533	95	+/-49	318	+/-148	611	+/-245	2,306	+/-452	25	+/-51
Speak English "very well"	2,219	+/-386	51	+/-38	149	+/-93	490	+/-187	1,529	+/-338	0	+/-28
Speak English less than "very well"	1,136	+/-268	44	+/-31	169	+/-106	121	+/-125	777	+/-207	25	+/-51
Persian:	10,633	+/-1,170	278	+/-120	1,992	+/-497	2,350	+/-483	5,883	+/-1,032	130	+/-97
Speak English "very well"	5,951	+/-744	153	+/-94	1,026	+/-309	1,808	+/-404	2,848	+/-625	116	+/-93
Speak English less than "very well"	4,682	+/-704	125	+/-79	966	+/-271	542	+/-249	3,035	+/-575	14	+/-18
Gujarati:	9,521	+/-1,143	525	+/-323	931	+/-267	1,460	+/-389	6,021	+/-957	584	+/-228
Speak English "very well"	6,098	+/-854	376	+/-274	642	+/-217	1,351	+/-389	3,330	+/-625	399	+/-186
Speak English less than "very well"	3,423	+/-483	149	+/-138	289	+/-155	109	+/-84	2,691	+/-440	185	+/-123
Hindi:	33,260	+/-2,256	1,172	+/-494	3,508	+/-687	7,106	+/-1,082	20,090	+/-1,550	1,384	+/-506
Speak English "very well"	23,437	+/-1,814	900	+/-366	2,085	+/-474	6,664	+/-1,050	12,693	+/-1,123	1,095	+/-449
Speak English less than "very well"	9,823	+/-924	272	+/-187	1,423	+/-458	442	+/-192	7,397	+/-803	289	+/-153
Urdu:	41,932	+/-2,574	2,446	+/-703	15,729	+/-1,607	1,707	+/-516	19,310	+/-1,812	2,740	+/-779
Speak English "very well"	24,306	+/-1,891	1,304	+/-422	7,256	+/-954	1,269	+/-400	12,371	+/-1,445	2,106	+/-682
Speak English less than "very well"	17,626	+/-1,224	1,142	+/-405	8,473	+/-926	438	+/-203	6,939	+/-782	634	+/-171
Other Indic languages:	116,214	+/-3,599	12,373	+/-1,290	19,126	+/-1,618	5,596	+/-997	77,059	+/-3,267	2,060	+/-436
Speak English "very well"	56,589	+/-2,441	5,904	+/-854	8,006	+/-1,078	3,805	+/-783	37,675	+/-1,880	1,199	+/-269
Speak English less than "very well"	59,625	+/-2,454	6,469	+/-842	11,120	+/-1,213	1,791	+/-434	39,384	+/-2,218	861	+/-313
Other Indo-European languages:	48,101	+/-2,627	11,250	+/-1,384	9,502	+/-1,081	4,190	+/-821	16,665	+/-1,326	6,494	+/-1,124
Speak English "very well"	28,173	+/-2,055	6,088	+/-893	4,577	+/-762	3,270	+/-653	9,895	+/-1,066	4,343	+/-880
Speak English less than "very well"	19,928	+/-1,377	5,162	+/-821	4,925	+/-652	920	+/-326	6,770	+/-658	2,151	+/-466
Chinese:	432,483	+/-6,430	6,970	+/-857	160,491	+/-2,835	80,013	+/-2,434	174,210	+/-4,341	10,799	+/-986
Speak English "very well"	140,006	+/-3,202	2,470	+/-396	45,224	+/-1,597	31,693	+/-1,299	56,445	+/-2,352	4,174	+/-564
Speak English less than "very well"	292,477	+/-5,228	4,500	+/-620	115,267	+/-2,687	48,320	+/-1,893	117,765	+/-3,180	6,625	+/-782
Japanese:	22,086	+/-1,363	734	+/-229	3,692	+/-539	11,343	+/-906	6,108	+/-689	209	+/-114
Speak English "very well"	11,476	+/-864	421	+/-159	2,111	+/-361	5,818	+/-606	3,003	+/-430	123	+/-83
Speak English less than "very well"	10,610	+/-839	313	+/-130	1,581	+/-322	5,525	+/-637	3,105	+/-472	86	+/-51
Korean:	81,394	+/-3,307	2,412	+/-505	5,880	+/-893	12,432	+/-1,176	57,270	+/-3,150	3,400	+/-566
Speak English "very well"	33,562	+/-1,668	889	+/-284	2,934	+/-583	8,634	+/-940	19,610	+/-1,400	1,495	+/-368
Speak English less than "very well"	47,832	+/-2,495	1,523	+/-332	2,946	+/-563	3,798	+/-648	37,660	+/-2,297	1,905	+/-423
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian:	2,404	+/-572	1,005	+/-445	702	+/-307	183	+/-96	361	+/-271	153	+/-159
Speak English "very well"	1,362	+/-402	553	+/-287	300	+/-157	129	+/-77	301	+/-266	79	+/-120
Speak English less than "very well"	1,042	+/-304	452	+/-194	402	+/-206	54	+/-57	60	+/-54	74	+/-110

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Hmong:	13	+/-20	0	+/-28	13	+/-20	0	+/-28	0	+/-28	0	+/-28
Speak English "very well"	13	+/-20	0	+/-28	13	+/-20	0	+/-28	0	+/-28	0	+/-28
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-28	0	+/-28	0	+/-28	0	+/-28	0	+/-28	0	+/-28
Thai:	5,006	+/-782	236	+/-149	706	+/-305	653	+/-236	3,336	+/-687	75	+/-75
Speak English "very well"	2,053	+/-433	48	+/-41	461	+/-279	375	+/-165	1,169	+/-287	0	+/-28
Speak English less than "very well"	2,953	+/-516	188	+/-144	245	+/-122	278	+/-121	2,167	+/-452	75	+/-75
Laotian:	495	+/-242	45	+/-99	55	+/-60	118	+/-117	277	+/-146	0	+/-28
Speak English "very well"	331	+/-175	21	+/-46	36	+/-44	118	+/-117	156	+/-101	0	+/-28
Speak English less than "very well"	164	+/-102	24	+/-53	19	+/-21	0	+/-28	121	+/-85	0	+/-28
Vietnamese:	10,441	+/-1,282	2,961	+/-604	2,792	+/-612	1,493	+/-417	2,520	+/-456	675	+/-320
Speak English "very well"	4,868	+/-740	1,112	+/-351	1,281	+/-295	1,058	+/-348	1,128	+/-221	289	+/-186
Speak English less than "very well"	5,573	+/-774	1,849	+/-379	1,511	+/-418	435	+/-273	1,392	+/-322	386	+/-195
Other Asian languages:	38,949	+/-2,068	1,995	+/-596	10,335	+/-1,189	4,830	+/-637	18,433	+/-1,687	3,356	+/-632
Speak English "very well"	20,975	+/-1,480	1,235	+/-353	3,736	+/-618	3,712	+/-556	10,142	+/-1,136	2,150	+/-438
Speak English less than "very well"	17,974	+/-1,317	760	+/-354	6,599	+/-894	1,118	+/-324	8,291	+/-905	1,206	+/-370
Tagalog:	52,346	+/-2,442	4,329	+/-669	5,691	+/-838	6,063	+/-714	32,612	+/-2,026	3,651	+/-622
Speak English "very well"	37,026	+/-1,920	3,152	+/-503	3,669	+/-619	4,858	+/-649	22,821	+/-1,517	2,526	+/-478
Speak English less than "very well"	15,320	+/-1,240	1,177	+/-319	2,022	+/-382	1,205	+/-332	9,791	+/-1,118	1,125	+/-336
Other Pacific Island languages:	6,597	+/-943	516	+/-323	784	+/-239	530	+/-228	4,629	+/-819	138	+/-96
Speak English "very well"	3,423	+/-643	154	+/-107	431	+/-167	322	+/-144	2,445	+/-582	71	+/-67
Speak English less than "very well"	3,174	+/-583	362	+/-270	353	+/-126	208	+/-135	2,184	+/-489	67	+/-51
Navajo:	18	+/-24	0	+/-28	10	+/-16	8	+/-19	0	+/-28	0	+/-28
Speak English "very well"	8	+/-19	0	+/-28	0	+/-28	8	+/-19	0	+/-28	0	+/-28
Speak English less than "very well"	10	+/-16	0	+/-28	10	+/-16	0	+/-28	0	+/-28	0	+/-28
Other Native North American languages:	1,105	+/-307	333	+/-185	369	+/-178	185	+/-150	181	+/-127	37	+/-40
Speak English "very well"	875	+/-292	271	+/-142	348	+/-179	132	+/-113	109	+/-100	15	+/-18
Speak English less than "very well"	230	+/-149	62	+/-82	21	+/-31	53	+/-83	72	+/-71	22	+/-35
Hungarian:	7,647	+/-682	480	+/-185	2,988	+/-458	1,480	+/-304	2,604	+/-474	95	+/-64
Speak English "very well"	4,373	+/-543	303	+/-136	1,333	+/-303	1,126	+/-245	1,538	+/-338	73	+/-58
Speak English less than "very well"	3,274	+/-415	177	+/-85	1,655	+/-307	354	+/-170	1,066	+/-251	22	+/-24
Arabic:	56,849	+/-3,176	4,206	+/-874	26,420	+/-2,651	5,429	+/-910	14,414	+/-1,454	6,380	+/-1,003
Speak English "very well"	31,555	+/-2,155	1,771	+/-625	13,374	+/-1,675	3,815	+/-652	8,293	+/-1,019	4,302	+/-720
Speak English less than "very well"	25,294	+/-1,626	2,435	+/-551	13,046	+/-1,410	1,614	+/-494	6,121	+/-799	2,078	+/-421
Hebrew:	46,202	+/-2,476	1,366	+/-352	24,666	+/-1,908	10,492	+/-1,325	8,789	+/-1,067	889	+/-322
Speak English "very well"	35,874	+/-2,255	1,148	+/-310	17,339	+/-1,660	9,486	+/-1,211	7,109	+/-980	792	+/-288
Speak English less than "very well"	10,328	+/-1,129	218	+/-107	7,327	+/-988	1,006	+/-341	1,680	+/-366	97	+/-80
African languages:	68,779	+/-3,178	37,854	+/-2,489	12,038	+/-1,454	6,597	+/-999	10,069	+/-1,299	2,221	+/-498
Speak English "very well"	47,093	+/-2,071	25,064	+/-1,745	8,142	+/-1,062	4,140	+/-663	7,981	+/-1,106	1,766	+/-392
Speak English less than "very well"	21,686	+/-1,713	12,790	+/-1,347	3,896	+/-700	2,457	+/-681	2,088	+/-449	455	+/-194
Other and unspecified languages:	5,587	+/-995	832	+/-325	1,902	+/-521	1,130	+/-426	1,639	+/-530	84	+/-99
Speak English "very well"	3,215	+/-597	322	+/-182	869	+/-236	832	+/-303	1,148	+/-401	44	+/-46
Speak English less than "very well"	2,372	+/-555	510	+/-248	1,033	+/-362	298	+/-193	491	+/-204	40	+/-62

*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.

While the 2008-2012 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the December 2009 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 2000 data. Boundaries for urban areas have not been updated since Census 2000. 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, 2008-2012 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.
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.