

**B16001: LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME BY ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH FOR THE POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER**  
**New York City and Boroughs**  
**2010-2012 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates**

	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:	7,733,457	+/-179	1,291,782	+/-130	2,355,870	+/-6	1,524,570	+/-94	2,118,961	+/-41	442,274	+/-3
Speak only English	3,936,621	+/-14,333	551,183	+/-7,646	1,254,660	+/-8,710	907,283	+/-6,821	918,214	+/-8,269	305,281	+/-4,548
Spanish or Spanish Creole:	1,908,826	+/-8,514	601,379	+/-4,636	401,545	+/-4,205	348,879	+/-3,954	509,734	+/-3,766	47,289	+/-2,290
Speak English "very well"	1,014,439	+/-9,171	328,322	+/-4,789	210,753	+/-4,660	191,750	+/-3,980	255,105	+/-4,548	30,509	+/-1,959
Speak English less than "very well"	894,387	+/-9,781	275,057	+/-5,195	190,792	+/-4,207	157,129	+/-4,782	254,629	+/-4,358	16,780	+/-1,790
French (incl. Patois, Cajun):	84,173	+/-3,300	13,213	+/-1,510	19,818	+/-1,642	34,480	+/-2,345	15,044	+/-1,234	1,618	+/-387
Speak English "very well"	63,089	+/-2,626	8,061	+/-1,153	13,456	+/-1,194	28,729	+/-2,013	11,547	+/-1,143	1,296	+/-361
Speak English less than "very well"	21,084	+/-1,955	5,152	+/-947	6,362	+/-976	5,751	+/-1,098	3,497	+/-519	322	+/-142
French Creole:	113,305	+/-6,699	5,081	+/-1,085	73,278	+/-5,194	3,671	+/-1,094	30,728	+/-2,807	547	+/-310
Speak English "very well"	63,719	+/-4,382	3,280	+/-725	37,425	+/-3,035	2,209	+/-762	20,440	+/-2,139	365	+/-262
Speak English less than "very well"	49,586	+/-3,406	1,801	+/-742	35,853	+/-3,062	1,462	+/-596	10,288	+/-1,306	182	+/-123
Italian:	87,319	+/-3,699	10,711	+/-1,419	25,874	+/-1,740	9,473	+/-1,294	27,731	+/-2,149	13,530	+/-1,315
Speak English "very well"	56,092	+/-2,872	7,156	+/-1,157	14,624	+/-1,225	7,772	+/-1,192	17,470	+/-1,730	9,070	+/-1,046
Speak English less than "very well"	31,227	+/-1,898	3,555	+/-554	11,250	+/-1,064	1,701	+/-539	10,261	+/-1,083	4,460	+/-661
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole:	17,695	+/-1,681	602	+/-273	2,343	+/-545	6,987	+/-1,486	7,529	+/-942	234	+/-143
Speak English "very well"	12,465	+/-1,412	446	+/-251	1,784	+/-455	5,507	+/-1,255	4,583	+/-697	145	+/-94
Speak English less than "very well"	5,230	+/-704	156	+/-167	559	+/-212	1,480	+/-422	2,946	+/-522	89	+/-83
German:	21,395	+/-1,746	993	+/-307	3,283	+/-415	10,422	+/-1,593	6,172	+/-768	525	+/-186
Speak English "very well"	18,280	+/-1,757	593	+/-204	2,833	+/-379	9,432	+/-1,602	4,945	+/-742	477	+/-182
Speak English less than "very well"	3,115	+/-532	400	+/-206	450	+/-175	990	+/-328	1,227	+/-349	48	+/-42
Yiddish:	87,457	+/-4,068	418	+/-147	83,489	+/-4,094	1,538	+/-564	1,836	+/-508	176	+/-101
Speak English "very well"	61,252	+/-3,823	374	+/-134	57,925	+/-3,766	1,350	+/-543	1,472	+/-418	131	+/-91
Speak English less than "very well"	26,205	+/-2,056	44	+/-52	25,564	+/-2,051	188	+/-111	364	+/-199	45	+/-43
Other West Germanic languages:	5,366	+/-793	647	+/-332	1,550	+/-354	2,421	+/-571	710	+/-257	38	+/-36
Speak English "very well"	4,385	+/-734	563	+/-335	1,145	+/-314	2,040	+/-506	599	+/-231	38	+/-36
Speak English less than "very well"	981	+/-300	84	+/-68	405	+/-172	381	+/-228	111	+/-73	0	+/-113
Scandinavian languages:	5,116	+/-962	95	+/-77	1,540	+/-437	2,957	+/-830	301	+/-129	223	+/-166
Speak English "very well"	4,648	+/-927	95	+/-77	1,286	+/-375	2,771	+/-824	301	+/-129	195	+/-156
Speak English less than "very well"	468	+/-197	0	+/-113	254	+/-152	186	+/-116	0	+/-113	28	+/-45
Greek:	45,669	+/-2,722	1,882	+/-578	8,354	+/-1,346	4,342	+/-747	29,141	+/-2,131	1,950	+/-832
Speak English "very well"	30,181	+/-1,863	1,196	+/-345	5,188	+/-840	3,498	+/-602	19,086	+/-1,556	1,213	+/-553
Speak English less than "very well"	15,488	+/-1,675	686	+/-313	3,166	+/-746	844	+/-355	10,055	+/-1,145	737	+/-380
Russian:	194,007	+/-5,103	2,629	+/-655	127,503	+/-3,270	11,967	+/-1,778	36,820	+/-3,106	15,088	+/-2,065
Speak English "very well"	75,419	+/-3,692	830	+/-343	39,949	+/-2,183	7,842	+/-1,311	17,887	+/-2,091	8,911	+/-1,467
Speak English less than "very well"	118,588	+/-3,845	1,799	+/-461	87,554	+/-2,788	4,125	+/-1,406	18,933	+/-1,645	6,177	+/-1,011
Polish:	58,416	+/-3,143	736	+/-338	23,270	+/-2,104	4,468	+/-1,618	25,253	+/-2,099	4,689	+/-1,080
Speak English "very well"	29,109	+/-2,378	345	+/-171	9,186	+/-1,215	3,281	+/-1,239	13,595	+/-1,418	2,702	+/-759
Speak English less than "very well"	29,307	+/-1,677	391	+/-252	14,084	+/-1,420	1,187	+/-646	11,658	+/-1,134	1,987	+/-471
Serbo-Croatian:	19,095	+/-2,316	1,449	+/-889	2,782	+/-844	3,316	+/-949	9,798	+/-1,433	1,750	+/-739
Speak English "very well"	12,327	+/-1,695	941	+/-672	1,589	+/-528	2,599	+/-815	6,020	+/-1,082	1,178	+/-514
Speak English less than "very well"	6,768	+/-980	508	+/-286	1,193	+/-445	717	+/-460	3,778	+/-615	572	+/-419
Other Slavic languages:	16,694	+/-1,818	1,539	+/-613	6,036	+/-864	3,562	+/-994	4,732	+/-835	825	+/-385
Speak English "very well"	8,956	+/-1,411	766	+/-388	2,993	+/-482	2,858	+/-883	2,740	+/-675	499	+/-256
Speak English less than "very well"	7,738	+/-864	773	+/-311	3,043	+/-632	704	+/-322	1,992	+/-375	326	+/-192
Armenian:	3,558	+/-835	94	+/-73	242	+/-174	676	+/-387	2,482	+/-652	64	+/-106
Speak English "very well"	2,181	+/-585	26	+/-29	80	+/-66	471	+/-263	1,604	+/-464	0	+/-113
Speak English less than "very well"	1,377	+/-446	68	+/-57	162	+/-160	205	+/-208	878	+/-318	64	+/-106
Persian:	10,621	+/-1,730	373	+/-230	1,470	+/-362	2,801	+/-986	5,810	+/-1,273	167	+/-181
Speak English "very well"	6,373	+/-1,128	204	+/-159	805	+/-243	2,033	+/-716	3,170	+/-813	161	+/-181
Speak English less than "very well"	4,248	+/-901	169	+/-134	665	+/-236	768	+/-459	2,640	+/-646	6	+/-13
Gujarati:	8,838	+/-1,104	570	+/-319	898	+/-423	1,367	+/-591	5,560	+/-1,048	443	+/-215
Speak English "very well"	5,854	+/-853	268	+/-151	762	+/-387	1,291	+/-588	3,233	+/-689	300	+/-178
Speak English less than "very well"	2,984	+/-582	302	+/-253	136	+/-107	76	+/-64	2,327	+/-549	143	+/-82
Hindi:	32,710	+/-2,952	1,439	+/-654	3,089	+/-825	7,744	+/-1,384	19,008	+/-2,011	1,430	+/-729
Speak English "very well"	23,506	+/-2,491	1,076	+/-475	2,092	+/-507	7,111	+/-1,325	12,122	+/-1,594	1,105	+/-679
Speak English less than "very well"	9,204	+/-1,237	363	+/-275	997	+/-483	633	+/-337	6,886	+/-1,073	325	+/-180
Urdu:	44,519	+/-4,059	2,678	+/-831	15,701	+/-2,159	2,189	+/-938	20,080	+/-2,832	3,871	+/-1,356
Speak English "very well"	25,587	+/-2,685	1,680	+/-593	7,002	+/-1,170	1,592	+/-714	12,343	+/-2,217	2,970	+/-1,122
Speak English less than "very well"	18,932	+/-2,205	998	+/-496	8,699	+/-1,427	597	+/-347	7,737	+/-1,257	901	+/-417
Other Indic languages:	124,788	+/-6,414	12,259	+/-1,487	20,761	+/-2,586	5,742	+/-1,494	83,635	+/-5,012	2,391	+/-795
Speak English "very well"	61,809	+/-4,383	6,044	+/-959	9,060	+/-1,309	3,751	+/-990	41,433	+/-3,554	1,521	+/-626
Speak English less than "very well"	62,979	+/-3,711	6,215	+/-1,059	11,701	+/-1,875	1,991	+/-727	42,202	+/-2,806	870	+/-333
Other Indo-European languages:	50,942	+/-3,443	12,207	+/-2,021	10,266	+/-1,361	4,689	+/-1,211	17,179	+/-1,866	6,601	+/-1,128
Speak English "very well"	29,961	+/-2,375	6,536	+/-1,188	4,997	+/-867	3,573	+/-933	10,397	+/-1,470	4,458	+/-879
Speak English less than "very well"	20,981	+/-1,892	5,671	+/-1,184	5,269	+/-737	1,116	+/-549	6,782	+/-867	2,143	+/-517
Chinese:	438,466	+/-7,042	6,602	+/-1,044	165,681	+/-3,913	78,283	+/-2,976	178,024	+/-5,157	9,876	+/-1,365
Speak English "very well"	140,837	+/-4,551	2,308	+/-471	46,628	+/-2,111	30,973	+/-2,164	56,732	+/-2,934	4,196	+/-805
Speak English less than "very well"	297,629	+/-5,335	4,294	+/-782	119,053	+/-3,191	47,310	+/-1,969	121,292	+/-3,916	5,680	+/-882
Japanese:	20,384	+/-1,781	411	+/-205	3,283	+/-589	11,329	+/-1,415	5,062	+/-846	299	+/-175
Speak English "very well"	11,025	+/-1,279	209	+/-147	1,912	+/-444	5,852	+/-896	2,850	+/-623	202	+/-128
Speak English less than "very well"	9,359	+/-1,127	202	+/-110	1,371	+/-394	5,477	+/-988	2,212	+/-505	97	+/-67
Korean:	82,194	+/-4,923	2,170	+/-546	5,655	+/-1,012	13,580	+/-1,546	57,049	+/-4,501	3,740	+/-989
Speak English "very well"	35,817	+/-2,639	740	+/-311	2,759	+/-582	10,066	+/-1,355	20,379	+/-2,247	1,873	+/-632
Speak English less than "very well"	46,377	+/-3,168	1,430	+/-404	2,896	+/-763	3,514	+/-655	36,670	+/-2,734	1,867	+/-562

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Mon-Khmer, Cambodian:	2,781	+/-922	1,397	+/-813	633	+/-343	204	+/-127	320	+/-219	227	+/-262
Speak English "very well"	1,537	+/-637	754	+/-537	351	+/-233	96	+/-84	222	+/-197	114	+/-182
Speak English less than "very well"	1,244	+/-401	643	+/-357	282	+/-165	108	+/-105	98	+/-90	113	+/-180
Hmong:	0	+/-113	0	+/-113	0	+/-113	0	+/-113	0	+/-113	0	+/-113
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-113	0	+/-113	0	+/-113	0	+/-113	0	+/-113	0	+/-113
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-113	0	+/-113	0	+/-113	0	+/-113	0	+/-113	0	+/-113
Thai:	5,326	+/-1,162	193	+/-163	750	+/-433	616	+/-258	3,675	+/-972	92	+/-93
Speak English "very well"	2,139	+/-603	71	+/-57	544	+/-423	353	+/-164	1,171	+/-408	0	+/-113
Speak English less than "very well"	3,187	+/-849	122	+/-151	206	+/-168	263	+/-168	2,504	+/-746	92	+/-93
Laotian:	434	+/-290	119	+/-185	31	+/-36	67	+/-86	217	+/-168	0	+/-113
Speak English "very well"	277	+/-203	58	+/-94	15	+/-25	67	+/-86	137	+/-136	0	+/-113
Speak English less than "very well"	157	+/-116	61	+/-92	16	+/-25	0	+/-113	80	+/-68	0	+/-113
Vietnamese:	10,464	+/-1,459	2,511	+/-901	2,690	+/-682	1,631	+/-503	3,037	+/-715	595	+/-331
Speak English "very well"	5,108	+/-904	1,088	+/-558	1,032	+/-355	1,268	+/-488	1,466	+/-406	254	+/-272
Speak English less than "very well"	5,356	+/-817	1,423	+/-440	1,658	+/-491	363	+/-190	1,571	+/-416	341	+/-198
Other Asian languages:	40,209	+/-3,192	1,809	+/-549	11,047	+/-1,730	5,175	+/-799	18,746	+/-2,132	3,432	+/-961
Speak English "very well"	20,939	+/-2,005	853	+/-308	4,018	+/-730	4,051	+/-686	9,700	+/-1,537	2,317	+/-732
Speak English less than "very well"	19,270	+/-2,025	956	+/-434	7,029	+/-1,359	1,124	+/-377	9,046	+/-1,120	1,115	+/-499
Tagalog:	51,281	+/-2,931	4,274	+/-709	5,679	+/-1,112	6,289	+/-1,013	31,744	+/-2,610	3,295	+/-742
Speak English "very well"	35,894	+/-2,313	3,144	+/-623	3,784	+/-808	5,197	+/-815	21,624	+/-1,940	2,145	+/-515
Speak English less than "very well"	15,387	+/-1,581	1,130	+/-392	1,895	+/-478	1,092	+/-438	10,120	+/-1,515	1,150	+/-422
Other Pacific Island languages:	6,806	+/-1,256	559	+/-378	866	+/-346	486	+/-243	4,718	+/-1,048	177	+/-148
Speak English "very well"	3,526	+/-798	173	+/-143	416	+/-238	308	+/-194	2,496	+/-657	133	+/-131
Speak English less than "very well"	3,280	+/-661	386	+/-321	450	+/-169	178	+/-129	2,222	+/-558	44	+/-44
Navaio:	10	+/-22	0	+/-113	0	+/-113	10	+/-22	0	+/-113	0	+/-113
Speak English "very well"	10	+/-22	0	+/-113	0	+/-113	10	+/-22	0	+/-113	0	+/-113
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-113	0	+/-113	0	+/-113	0	+/-113	0	+/-113	0	+/-113
Other Native North American languages:	1,195	+/-479	404	+/-251	485	+/-312	140	+/-149	157	+/-161	9	+/-15
Speak English "very well"	977	+/-419	259	+/-160	485	+/-312	140	+/-149	84	+/-142	9	+/-15
Speak English less than "very well"	218	+/-150	145	+/-141	0	+/-113	0	+/-113	73	+/-78	0	+/-113
Hungarian:	7,244	+/-910	661	+/-284	2,827	+/-575	1,342	+/-365	2,341	+/-549	73	+/-63
Speak English "very well"	4,172	+/-682	403	+/-215	1,292	+/-415	1,048	+/-307	1,371	+/-446	58	+/-69
Speak English less than "very well"	3,072	+/-502	258	+/-151	1,535	+/-364	294	+/-179	970	+/-288	15	+/-23
Arabic:	61,608	+/-4,224	5,126	+/-1,222	28,059	+/-2,855	5,976	+/-1,431	13,998	+/-1,778	8,449	+/-1,708
Speak English "very well"	35,785	+/-2,867	2,394	+/-803	15,023	+/-1,826	4,444	+/-973	7,847	+/-1,169	6,077	+/-1,367
Speak English less than "very well"	25,823	+/-2,335	2,732	+/-834	13,036	+/-1,695	1,532	+/-749	6,151	+/-1,044	2,372	+/-576
Hebrew:	47,722	+/-2,998	1,269	+/-396	25,123	+/-2,288	10,510	+/-1,476	10,083	+/-1,664	737	+/-379
Speak English "very well"	37,989	+/-2,849	1,011	+/-368	18,425	+/-2,018	9,401	+/-1,449	8,501	+/-1,555	651	+/-362
Speak English less than "very well"	9,733	+/-1,038	258	+/-138	6,698	+/-900	1,109	+/-359	1,582	+/-439	86	+/-77
African languages:	74,126	+/-4,864	41,082	+/-3,589	13,180	+/-1,915	7,043	+/-1,594	10,392	+/-1,566	2,429	+/-684
Speak English "very well"	51,179	+/-3,959	27,435	+/-2,997	9,142	+/-1,393	4,439	+/-1,060	8,096	+/-1,226	2,067	+/-664
Speak English less than "very well"	22,947	+/-2,104	13,647	+/-1,700	4,038	+/-784	2,604	+/-871	2,296	+/-572	362	+/-195
Other and unspecified languages:	6,077	+/-1,241	1,018	+/-489	2,129	+/-549	915	+/-369	1,901	+/-843	114	+/-131
Speak English "very well"	3,669	+/-865	413	+/-253	1,089	+/-326	698	+/-314	1,401	+/-686	68	+/-80
Speak English less than "very well"	2,408	+/-658	605	+/-395	1,040	+/-360	217	+/-158	500	+/-300	46	+/-74

\*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 2010-2012 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, 2010-2012 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.