

Top Languages Spoken at Home
Universe: Population 5 years and over
2016 American Community Survey Public Use Microdata 1-Year Sample
New York City and Boroughs

New York City		
	Total	Percent
Total	7,984,728	100.0
Speak only English	4,075,244	51.0
Language other than English	3,909,484	49.0
Language other than English	3,909,484	100.0
Spanish	1,924,268	49.2
Chinese*	507,747	13.0
Russian	172,387	4.4
Haitian	112,767	2.9
Bengali	106,375	2.7
French	92,359	2.4
Arabic	86,979	2.2
Yiddish	85,787	2.2
Italian	73,845	1.9
Korean	71,241	1.8
Hebrew	55,043	1.4
Niger-Congo languages**	54,854	1.4

Bronx		
	Total	Percent
Total	1,349,606	100.0
Speak only English	547,362	40.6
Language other than English	802,244	59.4
Language other than English	802,244	100.0
Spanish	642,174	80.0
Niger-Congo languages**	30,707	3.8
French	23,596	2.9
Arabic	15,643	1.9
Bengali	14,696	1.8
Albanian	8,719	1.1
Chinese*	6,954	0.9
Italian	6,642	0.8
Fulah	4,895	0.6
Mande	4,754	0.6
Jamaican Creole English	4,668	0.6
Russian	3,725	0.5

Brooklyn		
	Total	Percent
Total	2,434,805	100.0
Speak only English	1,326,528	54.5
Language other than English	1,108,277	45.5
Language other than English	1,108,277	100.0
Spanish	387,557	35.0
Chinese*	179,226	16.2
Russian	110,985	10.0
Yiddish	81,214	7.3
Haitian	76,595	6.9
Arabic	34,102	3.1
Hebrew	28,561	2.6
Urdu	21,566	1.9
French	21,560	1.9
Bengali	21,251	1.9
Italian	20,808	1.9
Polish	16,224	1.5

Manhattan		
	Total	Percent
Total	1,559,309	100.0
Speak only English	924,686	59.3
Language other than English	634,623	40.7
Language other than English	634,623	100.0
Spanish	340,742	53.7
Chinese*	91,067	14.3
French	31,949	5.0
Korean	16,166	2.5
Russian	11,991	1.9
Italian	11,530	1.8
Arabic	11,122	1.8
Hebrew	11,067	1.7
Japanese	10,636	1.7
German	8,557	1.3
Niger-Congo languages**	7,705	1.2
Croatian, Serbian, Bosnian, Serbocroatian	6,719	1.1

Queens		
	Total	Percent
Total	2,191,189	100.0
Speak only English	972,077	44.4
Language other than English	1,219,112	55.6
Language other than English	1,219,112	100.0
Spanish	502,049	41.2
Chinese*	217,654	17.9
Bengali	65,838	5.4
Korean	46,562	3.8
Filipino, Tagalog	33,366	2.7
Polish	29,988	2.5
Haitian	29,504	2.4
Russian	28,225	2.3
Hindi	23,428	1.9
Italian	23,143	1.9
Punjabi	22,867	1.9
Greek	22,164	1.8

Staten Island		
	Total	Percent
Total	449,819	100.0
Speak only English	304,591	67.7
Language other than English	145,228	32.3
Language other than English	145,228	100.0
Spanish	51,746	35.6
Russian	17,461	12.0
Chinese*	12,846	8.8
Italian	11,722	8.1
Albanian	10,823	7.5
Arabic	10,216	7.0
Filipino, Tagalog	2,754	1.9
Malayalam	2,618	1.8
Polish	2,569	1.8
Urdu	2,279	1.6
Bengali	2,124	1.5
Greek	1,975	1.4

* Includes Mandarin, Min Nan, and Cantonese.

**Includes Wolof, Akan, Twi, Ga, Gbe, Yoruba, Edo, and Igbo

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**Top Languages Spoken at Home by Limited English Proficiency (LEP)
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New York City		
	Total	Percent
Total LEP	1,838,286	100.0
Spanish	878,677	47.8
Chinese*	351,149	19.1
Russian	100,286	5.5
Bengali	58,006	3.2
Korean	47,351	2.6
Haitian	41,550	2.3
Yiddish	36,059	2.0
Arabic	35,528	1.9
Polish	27,491	1.5
Italian	25,260	1.4
French	21,227	1.2
Urdu	18,468	1.0

Bronx		
	Total	Percent
Total LEP	366,995	100.0
Spanish	304,070	82.9
Bengali	8,150	2.2
Niger-Congo languages**	7,806	2.1
Arabic	7,678	2.1
French	7,594	2.1
Chinese*	4,090	1.1
Albanian	3,984	1.1
Italian	3,022	0.8
Mande	2,019	0.6
Russian	1,914	0.5
Vietnamese	1,872	0.5
Khmer	1,829	0.5

Brooklyn		
	Total	Percent
Total LEP	541,036	100.0
Spanish	163,615	30.2
Chinese*	127,254	23.5
Russian	76,440	14.1
Yiddish	35,664	6.6
Haitian	30,992	5.7
Arabic	15,787	2.9
Urdu	13,391	2.5
Bengali	10,549	1.9
Polish	9,368	1.7
Italian	8,112	1.5
Hebrew	5,392	1.0
French	4,879	0.9

Manhattan		
	Total	Percent
Total LEP	248,645	100.0
Spanish	152,307	61.3
Chinese*	52,662	21.2
Korean	6,620	2.7
Japanese	6,037	2.4
French	4,568	1.8
Arabic	2,997	1.2
Russian	2,992	1.2
Polish	2,122	0.9
Niger-Congo languages	1,943	0.8
Croatian, Serbian, Bosnian, Serbocroatian	1,440	0.6
Portuguese	1,020	0.4
Mande	975	0.4

Queens		
	Total	Percent
Total LEP	637,181	100.0
Spanish	247,191	38.8
Chinese*	159,443	25.0
Bengali	37,539	5.9
Korean	36,383	5.7
Polish	15,266	2.4
Filipino, Tagalog	13,302	2.1
Russian	12,694	2.0
Italian	10,130	1.6
Punjabi	10,128	1.6
Haitian	9,197	1.4
Greek	9,168	1.4
Hindi	8,104	1.3

Staten Island		
	Total	Percent
Total LEP	44,429	100.0
Spanish	11,494	25.9
Chinese*	7,700	17.3
Russian	6,246	14.1
Italian	3,164	7.1
Arabic	2,978	6.7
Albanian	2,337	5.3
Malayalam	1,305	2.9
Korean	979	2.2
Urdu	882	2.0
Bengali	840	1.9
Filipino, Tagalog	806	1.8
Burmese	745	1.7

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