

Top Languages Spoken at Home
Universe: Population 5 years and over
2012-2016 American Community Survey Public Use Microdata 5-Year Sample
New York City and Boroughs

New York City		
	Total	Percent
Total	7,907,987	100.0
Speak only English	4,029,927	51.0
Language other than English	3,878,060	49.0
Language other than English	3,878,060	100.0
Spanish	1,940,655	50.0
Chinese*	470,910	12.1
Russian	192,390	5.0
Haitian	109,567	2.8
Bengali	99,216	2.6
Yiddish	86,097	2.2
French	82,861	2.1
Italian	76,877	2.0
Korean	71,680	1.8
Arabic	68,815	1.8
Niger-Congo languages**	53,285	1.4
Polish	52,217	1.3

Bronx		
	Total	Percent
Total	1,329,995	100.0
Speak only English	546,080	41.1
Language other than English	783,915	58.9
Language other than English	783,915	100.0
Spanish	633,099	80.8
Niger-Congo languages**	31,429	4.0
French	14,670	1.9
Bengali	14,528	1.9
Albanian	9,419	1.2
Italian	8,263	1.1
Mande	8,227	1.0
Arabic	7,698	1.0
Chinese*	5,950	0.8
Haitian	4,752	0.6
Filipino, Tagalog	4,263	0.5
Fulah	3,695	0.5

Brooklyn		
	Total	Percent
Total	2,413,298	100.0
Speak only English	1,294,682	53.6
Language other than English	1,118,616	46.4
Language other than English	1,118,616	100.0
Spanish	397,784	35.6
Chinese*	171,852	15.4
Russian	126,568	11.3
Yiddish	82,166	7.3
Haitian	73,374	6.6
Arabic	29,845	2.7
Hebrew	26,918	2.4
Italian	23,928	2.1
Urdu	21,454	1.9
French	19,753	1.8
Bengali	18,696	1.7
Polish	18,257	1.6

Manhattan		
	Total	Percent
Total	1,552,531	100.0
Speak only English	932,466	60.1
Language other than English	620,065	39.9
Language other than English	620,065	100.0
Spanish	346,700	55.9
Chinese*	82,498	13.3
French	34,429	5.6
Korean	13,226	2.1
Russian	11,872	1.9
Japanese	10,799	1.7
Italian	10,596	1.7
Hebrew	10,424	1.7
German	10,052	1.6
Arabic	8,365	1.3
Portuguese	7,137	1.2
Hindi	5,473	0.9

Queens		
	Total	Percent
Total	2,166,161	100.0
Speak only English	949,447	43.8
Language other than English	1,216,714	56.2
Language other than English	1,216,714	100.0
Spanish	514,294	42.3
Chinese*	199,051	16.4
Bengali	62,063	5.1
Korean	47,711	3.9
Russian	35,298	2.9
Filipino, Tagalog	30,971	2.5
Haitian	28,032	2.3
Greek	26,150	2.1
Polish	24,956	2.1
Punjabi	23,186	1.9
Italian	22,667	1.9
Hindi	20,690	1.7

Staten Island		
	Total	Percent
Total	446,002	100.0
Speak only English	307,252	68.9
Language other than English	138,750	31.1
Language other than English	138,750	100.0
Spanish	48,778	35.2
Russian	15,393	11.1
Chinese*	11,559	8.3
Italian	11,423	8.2
Albanian	8,340	6.0
Arabic	8,119	5.9
Polish	4,102	3.0
Filipino, Tagalog	4,052	2.9
Korean	3,287	2.4
Urdu	2,728	2.0
Malayalam	1,916	1.4
Hebrew	1,747	1.3

* Includes Mandarin, Min Nan, and Cantonese.

**Includes Wolof, Akan, Twi, Ga, Gbe, Yoruba, Edoid, 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	1,819,855	100.0
Spanish	883,406	48.5
Chinese*	324,319	17.8
Russian	111,271	6.1
Bengali	53,146	2.9
Haitian	47,995	2.6
Korean	44,184	2.4
Yiddish	30,180	1.7
Arabic	28,839	1.6
Italian	27,200	1.5
Polish	25,331	1.4
Urdu	21,795	1.2
French	20,995	1.2

Bronx		
	Total	Percent
Total LEP	347,105	100.0
Spanish	287,831	82.9
Bengali	7,661	2.2
Niger-Congo languages**	7,616	2.2
French	5,701	1.6
Albanian	4,364	1.3
Arabic	4,214	1.2
Chinese*	3,999	1.2
Italian	3,619	1.0
Mande	3,034	0.9
Vietnamese	1,883	0.5
Russian	1,628	0.5
Korean	1,512	0.4

Brooklyn		
	Total	Percent
Total LEP	562,428	100.0
Spanish	175,920	31.3
Chinese*	123,433	21.9
Russian	83,426	14.8
Haitian	36,807	6.5
Yiddish	29,496	5.2
Arabic	14,043	2.5
Urdu	12,086	2.1
Polish	10,539	1.9
Bengali	10,336	1.8
Italian	9,912	1.8
Hebrew	6,745	1.2
French	5,501	1.0

Manhattan		
	Total	Percent
Total LEP	240,299	100.0
Spanish	148,049	61.6
Chinese*	48,721	20.3
French	6,381	2.7
Japanese	5,258	2.2
Korean	4,741	2.0
Russian	3,198	1.3
Arabic	2,300	1.0
Polish	1,770	0.7
Italian	1,596	0.7
Portuguese	1,545	0.6
Albanian	1,200	0.5
Bengali	1,065	0.4

Queens		
	Total	Percent
Total LEP	622,304	100.0
Spanish	255,908	41.1
Chinese*	141,208	22.7
Korean	33,879	5.4
Bengali	33,679	5.4
Russian	16,920	2.7
Polish	11,401	1.8
Punjabi	10,796	1.7
Filipino, Tagalog	10,538	1.7
Greek	9,517	1.5
Haitian	9,091	1.5
Hindi	8,429	1.4
Italian	8,390	1.3

Staten Island		
	Total	Percent
Total LEP	47,719	100.0
Spanish	15,698	32.9
Chinese*	6,958	14.6
Russian	6,099	12.8
Italian	3,683	7.7
Arabic	2,407	5.0
Albanian	2,297	4.8
Korean	1,790	3.8
Polish	1,277	2.7
Filipino, Tagalog	962	2.0
Urdu	763	1.6
Malayalam	699	1.5
Bengali	405	0.8

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