

Top Languages Spoken at Home
Universe: Population 5 years and over
2017 American Community Survey Summary File
New York City and Boroughs

New York City		
	Total	Percent
Total	8,070,122	100.0
Speak only English	4,126,982	51.1
Language other than English	3,943,140	48.9
Language other than English	3,943,140	100.0
Spanish	1,958,005	49.7
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	531,822	13.5
Russian	186,546	4.7
Bengali	124,209	3.2
Haitian	95,000	2.4
Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or other West Germanic languages	88,553	2.2
French (incl. Cajun)	83,445	2.1
Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or other languages of Western Africa	78,881	2.0
Korean	68,468	1.7
Italian	68,061	1.7
Arabic	67,994	1.7
Urdu	49,130	1.2

Bronx		
	Total	Percent
Total	1,365,209	100.0
Speak only English	546,563	40.0
Language other than English	818,646	60.0
Language other than English	818,646	100.0
Spanish	654,972	80.0
Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or other languages of Western Africa	44,969	5.5
Bengali	18,934	2.3
French (incl. Cajun)	17,223	2.1
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	8,043	1.0
Arabic	7,608	0.9
Italian	7,194	0.9
Tagalog (incl. Filipino)	5,097	0.6
Haitian	4,025	0.5
Vietnamese	3,756	0.5
Russian	3,682	0.4
Amharic, Somali, or other Afro-Asiatic languages	3,344	0.4

Brooklyn		
	Total	Percent
Total	2,455,361	100.0
Speak only English	1,349,018	54.9
Language other than English	1,106,343	45.1
Language other than English	1,106,343	100.0
Spanish	380,509	34.4
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	184,988	16.7
Russian	119,678	10.8
Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or other West Germanic languages	82,351	7.4
Haitian	60,857	5.5
Arabic	39,676	3.6
Hebrew	27,354	2.5
Urdu	23,088	2.1
French (incl. Cajun)	20,926	1.9
Italian	18,753	1.7
Bengali	17,359	1.6
Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or other languages of Western Africa	15,909	1.4

Manhattan		
	Total	Percent
Total	1,584,704	100.0
Speak only English	953,656	60.2
Language other than English	631,048	39.8
Language other than English	631,048	100.0
Spanish	348,249	55.2
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	97,123	15.4
French (incl. Cajun)	32,591	5.2
Italian	13,984	2.2
Korean	13,479	2.1
Russian	10,744	1.7
Japanese	10,725	1.7
Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or other languages of Western Africa	9,110	1.4
Hindi	8,853	1.4
German	8,670	1.4
Hebrew	8,562	1.4
Portuguese	7,027	1.1

Queens		
	Total	Percent
Total	2,212,772	100.0
Speak only English	980,570	44.3
Language other than English	1,232,202	55.7
Language other than English	1,232,202	100.0
Spanish	520,216	42.2
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	221,263	18.0
Bengali	80,049	6.5
Korean	43,202	3.5
Russian	33,540	2.7
Tagalog (incl. Filipino)	32,120	2.6
Haitian	24,944	2.0
Punjabi	24,124	2.0
Greek	23,469	1.9
Polish	22,783	1.8
Italian	19,558	1.6
Hindi	18,277	1.5

Staten Island		
	Total	Percent
Total	452,076	100.0
Speak only English	297,175	65.7
Language other than English	154,901	34.3
Language other than English	154,901	100.0
Spanish	54,059	34.9
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	20,405	13.2
Russian	18,902	12.2
Italian	8,572	5.5
Arabic	6,416	4.1
Polish	6,404	4.1
Urdu	3,965	2.6
Korean	3,370	2.2
Tagalog (incl. Filipino)	2,568	1.7
Hebrew	2,380	1.5
Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or other languages of Western Africa	2,269	1.5
Bengali	1,490	1.0

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New York City		
	Total	Percent
Total LEP	1,851,850	100.0
Spanish	884,170	47.7
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	373,308	20.2
Russian	110,334	6.0
Bengali	65,102	3.5
Korean	39,302	2.1
Haitian	36,676	2.0
Arabic	28,187	1.5
Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or other West Germanic languages	24,543	1.3
French (incl. Cajun)	23,805	1.3
Urdu	23,033	1.2
Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or other languages of Western Africa	22,496	1.2
Italian	22,454	1.2

Bronx		
	Total	Percent
Total LEP	359,758	100.0
Spanish	288,423	80.2
Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or other languages of Western Africa	13,947	3.9
Bengali	12,990	3.6
French (incl. Cajun)	8,065	2.2
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	4,460	1.2
Arabic	3,678	1.0
Italian	2,617	0.7
Vietnamese	2,489	0.7
Tagalog (incl. Filipino)	2,361	0.7
Russian	2,104	0.6
Korean	1,421	0.4
Haitian	1,135	0.3

Brooklyn		
	Total	Percent
Total LEP	531,605	100.0
Spanish	163,261	30.7
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	129,068	24.3
Russian	80,777	15.2
Haitian	24,659	4.6
Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or other West Germanic languages	23,373	4.4
Arabic	17,563	3.3
Urdu	12,325	2.3
Bengali	8,270	1.6
Polish	8,044	1.5
Italian	7,042	1.3
French (incl. Cajun)	6,656	1.3
Hebrew	5,499	1.0

Manhattan		
	Total	Percent
Total LEP	243,789	100.0
Spanish	144,556	59.3
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	61,361	25.2
French (incl. Cajun)	5,963	2.4
Japanese	5,809	2.4
Russian	3,991	1.6
Korean	3,829	1.6
Bengali	2,125	0.9
Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or other languages of Western Africa	1,898	0.8
Italian	1,835	0.8
Portuguese	1,447	0.6
Serbo-Croatian	1,269	0.5
Hindi	1,174	0.5

Queens		
	Total	Percent
Total LEP	658,994	100.0
Spanish	271,585	41.2
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	164,876	25.0
Bengali	41,061	6.2
Korean	29,142	4.4
Russian	15,590	2.4
Punjabi	11,230	1.7
Tagalog (incl. Filipino)	11,077	1.7
Hindi	10,065	1.5
Polish	9,892	1.5
Haitian	9,768	1.5
Greek	8,979	1.4
Urdu	8,065	1.2

Staten Island		
	Total	Percent
Total LEP	57,704	100.0
Spanish	16,345	28.3
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	13,543	23.5
Russian	7,872	13.6
Italian	3,028	5.2
Polish	2,835	4.9
Korean	2,050	3.6
Arabic	1,662	2.9
Urdu	1,134	2.0
Bengali	656	1.1
Tagalog (incl. Filipino)	574	1.0
Ukrainian or other Slavic languages	549	1.0
Vietnamese	528	0.9

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