

B16001: LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME BY ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH FOR THE POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER

Universe: Population 5 years and over

2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

New York City and Boroughs

Languages	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:	7,732,887	+/-394	1,291,504	+/-96	2,355,264	+/-234	1,525,012	+/-87	2,118,993	+/-268	442,114	+/-13
Speak only English	3,956,803	+/-12,186	553,909	+/-4,950	1,263,975	+/-5,677	909,662	+/-5,515	921,093	+/-6,391	308,164	+/-3,235
Spanish or Spanish Creole:	1,901,007	+/-6,253	600,928	+/-3,694	398,266	+/-2,668	346,086	+/-2,842	509,025	+/-2,819	46,702	+/-2,105
Speak English "very well"	1,011,526	+/-7,427	328,204	+/-4,297	208,576	+/-3,254	190,607	+/-3,521	254,642	+/-4,075	29,497	+/-1,691
Speak English less than "very well"	889,481	+/-7,002	272,724	+/-3,953	189,690	+/-3,259	155,479	+/-3,112	254,383	+/-3,540	17,205	+/-1,191
French (incl. Patois, Cajun):	84,196	+/-2,918	12,814	+/-1,197	20,492	+/-1,256	34,796	+/-2,103	14,274	+/-1,295	1,820	+/-377
Speak English "very well"	61,195	+/-2,338	7,031	+/-835	13,705	+/-868	28,633	+/-1,699	10,325	+/-1,093	1,501	+/-342
Speak English less than "very well"	23,001	+/-1,501	5,783	+/-734	6,787	+/-695	6,163	+/-854	3,949	+/-534	319	+/-119
French Creole:	109,871	+/-3,618	4,884	+/-805	69,927	+/-2,904	4,066	+/-940	30,280	+/-2,058	714	+/-264
Speak English "very well"	61,338	+/-2,464	3,308	+/-643	35,607	+/-1,825	2,331	+/-604	19,607	+/-1,567	485	+/-198
Speak English less than "very well"	48,533	+/-2,067	1,576	+/-404	34,320	+/-1,744	1,735	+/-654	10,673	+/-1,055	229	+/-129
Italian:	86,509	+/-2,804	10,185	+/-978	26,487	+/-1,114	10,326	+/-1,135	27,294	+/-1,509	12,217	+/-1,029
Speak English "very well"	55,170	+/-2,227	6,410	+/-797	14,939	+/-875	8,561	+/-1,035	17,063	+/-1,090	8,197	+/-781
Speak English less than "very well"	31,339	+/-1,333	3,775	+/-440	11,548	+/-801	1,765	+/-342	10,231	+/-789	4,020	+/-564
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole:	17,988	+/-1,338	575	+/-216	2,202	+/-317	6,869	+/-864	8,117	+/-873	225	+/-132
Speak English "very well"	12,425	+/-1,039	338	+/-173	1,624	+/-271	5,324	+/-712	5,007	+/-575	132	+/-77
Speak English less than "very well"	5,563	+/-682	237	+/-124	578	+/-166	1,545	+/-413	3,110	+/-557	93	+/-66
German:	22,183	+/-1,355	1,165	+/-251	3,607	+/-371	10,887	+/-1,225	6,017	+/-603	507	+/-143
Speak English "very well"	18,746	+/-1,304	688	+/-168	3,200	+/-333	9,636	+/-1,170	4,760	+/-502	462	+/-135
Speak English less than "very well"	3,437	+/-448	477	+/-162	407	+/-139	1,251	+/-396	1,257	+/-250	45	+/-31
Yiddish:	85,181	+/-3,011	409	+/-128	81,288	+/-3,042	1,415	+/-457	1,861	+/-319	208	+/-90
Speak English "very well"	58,177	+/-2,476	345	+/-111	54,889	+/-2,518	1,276	+/-433	1,498	+/-287	169	+/-85
Speak English less than "very well"	27,004	+/-1,682	64	+/-49	26,399	+/-1,678	139	+/-76	363	+/-140	39	+/-28
Other West Germanic languages:	4,991	+/-557	529	+/-203	1,481	+/-302	1,940	+/-403	930	+/-242	111	+/-70
Speak English "very well"	4,120	+/-510	464	+/-195	1,124	+/-275	1,671	+/-336	750	+/-203	111	+/-70
Speak English less than "very well"	871	+/-213	65	+/-50	357	+/-111	269	+/-131	180	+/-111	0	+/-28
Scandinavian languages:	4,932	+/-600	65	+/-44	1,400	+/-294	2,691	+/-557	549	+/-197	227	+/-89
Speak English "very well"	4,546	+/-579	65	+/-44	1,190	+/-246	2,564	+/-559	535	+/-196	192	+/-83
Speak English less than "very well"	386	+/-133	0	+/-28	210	+/-95	127	+/-68	14	+/-18	35	+/-42
Greek:	46,246	+/-2,275	2,121	+/-546	7,914	+/-800	4,222	+/-743	30,680	+/-1,993	1,309	+/-451
Speak English "very well"	30,845	+/-1,831	1,333	+/-313	5,239	+/-601	3,537	+/-676	19,844	+/-1,493	892	+/-335
Speak English less than "very well"	15,401	+/-1,027	788	+/-309	2,675	+/-443	685	+/-261	10,836	+/-849	417	+/-186
Russian:	193,138	+/-3,545	3,019	+/-648	127,790	+/-2,642	11,833	+/-1,491	35,197	+/-2,060	15,299	+/-1,439
Speak English "very well"	75,934	+/-2,450	1,318	+/-408	40,534	+/-1,575	8,348	+/-1,249	16,788	+/-1,365	8,946	+/-1,082
Speak English less than "very well"	117,204	+/-2,622	1,701	+/-367	87,256	+/-2,143	3,485	+/-716	18,409	+/-1,052	6,353	+/-718
Polish:	55,927	+/-2,561	1,006	+/-273	21,569	+/-1,320	4,708	+/-994	24,622	+/-1,706	4,022	+/-813
Speak English "very well"	27,092	+/-1,567	493	+/-172	8,701	+/-785	3,036	+/-681	12,591	+/-998	2,271	+/-548
Speak English less than "very well"	28,835	+/-1,663	513	+/-212	12,868	+/-938	1,672	+/-569	12,031	+/-1,016	1,751	+/-398
Serbo-Croatian:	17,914	+/-1,761	1,729	+/-661	2,621	+/-559	2,771	+/-768	9,498	+/-1,091	1,295	+/-553
Speak English "very well"	11,072	+/-1,169	1,010	+/-447	1,390	+/-338	2,133	+/-628	5,663	+/-770	876	+/-373
Speak English less than "very well"	6,842	+/-874	719	+/-264	1,231	+/-366	638	+/-279	3,835	+/-529	419	+/-245
Other Slavic languages:	17,093	+/-1,420	1,157	+/-328	6,219	+/-864	3,331	+/-606	4,666	+/-550	1,720	+/-601
Speak English "very well"	9,388	+/-991	600	+/-213	2,283	+/-478	2,760	+/-553	2,645	+/-414	1,100	+/-464
Speak English less than "very well"	7,705	+/-777	557	+/-180	3,936	+/-525	571	+/-246	2,021	+/-332	620	+/-225
Armenian:	3,448	+/-624	139	+/-63	278	+/-139	568	+/-256	2,438	+/-567	25	+/-54
Speak English "very well"	2,133	+/-446	97	+/-61	93	+/-53	389	+/-143	1,554	+/-404	0	+/-28
Speak English less than "very well"	1,315	+/-309	42	+/-28	185	+/-130	179	+/-180	884	+/-256	25	+/-54
Persian:	10,941	+/-1,443	311	+/-139	1,807	+/-376	2,747	+/-631	5,935	+/-1,131	141	+/-93
Speak English "very well"	6,364	+/-974	163	+/-83	958	+/-270	2,102	+/-540	3,030	+/-602	111	+/-86
Speak English less than "very well"	4,577	+/-757	148	+/-98	849	+/-218	645	+/-284	2,905	+/-664	30	+/-43
Gujarati:	9,452	+/-1,107	587	+/-309	947	+/-301	1,606	+/-425	5,821	+/-858	491	+/-194
Speak English "very well"	6,026	+/-849	393	+/-245	686	+/-243	1,476	+/-410	3,149	+/-558	322	+/-163
Speak English less than "very well"	3,426	+/-514	194	+/-175	261	+/-132	130	+/-79	2,672	+/-486	169	+/-81
Hindi:	32,617	+/-2,015	1,197	+/-437	2,925	+/-520	7,643	+/-977	19,441	+/-1,706	1,411	+/-485
Speak English "very well"	23,570	+/-1,645	906	+/-294	1,992	+/-374	7,130	+/-921	12,425	+/-1,263	1,117	+/-456
Speak English less than "very well"	9,047	+/-826	291	+/-209	933	+/-278	513	+/-240	7,016	+/-797	294	+/-133
Urdu:	44,988	+/-2,950	3,113	+/-889	17,425	+/-1,438	1,724	+/-501	19,055	+/-2,349	3,671	+/-938
Speak English "very well"	26,362	+/-2,048	1,899	+/-638	8,500	+/-946	1,289	+/-365	11,883	+/-1,568	2,791	+/-723
Speak English less than "very well"	18,626	+/-1,443	1,214	+/-362	8,925	+/-828	435	+/-231	7,172	+/-1,168	880	+/-303
Other Indic languages:	124,989	+/-5,254	13,876	+/-1,354	20,551	+/-1,514	5,955	+/-1,101	82,377	+/-4,296	2,230	+/-532
Speak English "very well"	61,717	+/-2,773	6,635	+/-826	8,625	+/-925	4,141	+/-788	40,952	+/-2,422	1,364	+/-347
Speak English less than "very well"	63,272	+/-3,250	7,241	+/-1,013	11,926	+/-1,128	1,814	+/-557	41,425	+/-2,662	866	+/-290

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Other Indo-European languages:	50,322	+/-2,793	10,727	+/-1,467	10,085	+/-1,158	4,459	+/-922	17,720	+/-1,434	7,331	+/-964
Speak English "very well"	29,643	+/-1,899	5,748	+/-940	4,868	+/-676	3,526	+/-844	10,451	+/-949	5,050	+/-699
Speak English less than "very well"	20,679	+/-1,444	4,979	+/-721	5,217	+/-684	933	+/-259	7,269	+/-743	2,281	+/-510
Chinese:	443,245	+/-5,298	6,303	+/-803	164,625	+/-2,617	79,167	+/-2,370	182,475	+/-3,749	10,675	+/-831
Speak English "very well"	142,375	+/-2,601	2,071	+/-399	46,866	+/-1,727	31,927	+/-1,683	56,788	+/-1,835	4,723	+/-497
Speak English less than "very well"	300,870	+/-5,113	4,232	+/-570	117,759	+/-2,495	47,240	+/-1,894	125,687	+/-3,103	5,952	+/-635
Japanese:	22,028	+/-1,439	846	+/-251	3,489	+/-425	11,515	+/-1,046	5,920	+/-740	258	+/-114
Speak English "very well"	11,409	+/-990	462	+/-180	1,895	+/-350	5,945	+/-701	2,929	+/-473	178	+/-95
Speak English less than "very well"	10,619	+/-1,023	384	+/-155	1,594	+/-348	5,570	+/-716	2,991	+/-541	80	+/-45
Korean:	77,737	+/-3,690	2,271	+/-494	5,403	+/-797	12,736	+/-977	54,003	+/-3,110	3,324	+/-763
Speak English "very well"	31,549	+/-2,065	728	+/-232	2,776	+/-476	8,833	+/-814	17,733	+/-1,461	1,479	+/-411
Speak English less than "very well"	46,188	+/-2,427	1,543	+/-385	2,627	+/-483	3,903	+/-627	36,270	+/-2,194	1,845	+/-449
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian:	2,365	+/-646	883	+/-409	671	+/-269	169	+/-85	506	+/-309	136	+/-135
Speak English "very well"	1,354	+/-458	501	+/-285	370	+/-186	103	+/-75	309	+/-262	71	+/-97
Speak English less than "very well"	1,011	+/-342	382	+/-179	301	+/-164	66	+/-47	197	+/-172	65	+/-84
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:	5,678	+/-817	281	+/-157	863	+/-327	808	+/-226	3,680	+/-737	46	+/-63
Speak English "very well"	2,492	+/-489	59	+/-54	540	+/-302	460	+/-175	1,433	+/-395	0	+/-28
Speak English less than "very well"	3,186	+/-546	222	+/-144	323	+/-133	348	+/-144	2,247	+/-474	46	+/-63
Laotian:	407	+/-210	129	+/-177	34	+/-30	58	+/-78	186	+/-112	0	+/-28
Speak English "very well"	279	+/-135	62	+/-83	27	+/-30	58	+/-78	132	+/-92	0	+/-28
Speak English less than "very well"	128	+/-105	67	+/-94	7	+/-11	0	+/-28	54	+/-41	0	+/-28
Vietnamese:	10,027	+/-1,197	2,317	+/-563	3,027	+/-625	1,602	+/-414	2,514	+/-496	567	+/-324
Speak English "very well"	4,712	+/-707	894	+/-330	1,320	+/-322	1,099	+/-326	1,147	+/-311	252	+/-184
Speak English less than "very well"	5,315	+/-749	1,423	+/-312	1,707	+/-444	503	+/-273	1,367	+/-300	315	+/-196
Other Asian languages:	39,283	+/-2,151	1,813	+/-415	10,771	+/-1,353	4,718	+/-565	18,608	+/-1,565	3,373	+/-609
Speak English "very well"	20,109	+/-1,272	1,065	+/-289	3,950	+/-592	3,613	+/-431	9,344	+/-855	2,137	+/-454
Speak English less than "very well"	19,174	+/-1,550	748	+/-274	6,821	+/-1,000	1,105	+/-337	9,264	+/-1,223	1,236	+/-376
Tagalog:	52,332	+/-2,445	4,478	+/-801	5,375	+/-730	6,228	+/-870	32,777	+/-2,001	3,474	+/-527
Speak English "very well"	37,218	+/-1,926	3,344	+/-584	3,488	+/-546	5,024	+/-794	22,899	+/-1,492	2,463	+/-401
Speak English less than "very well"	15,114	+/-1,287	1,134	+/-379	1,887	+/-383	1,204	+/-353	9,878	+/-1,004	1,011	+/-252
Other Pacific Island languages:	7,084	+/-1,003	684	+/-313	840	+/-208	776	+/-316	4,534	+/-869	250	+/-188
Speak English "very well"	3,672	+/-671	203	+/-114	424	+/-128	567	+/-271	2,327	+/-596	151	+/-110
Speak English less than "very well"	3,412	+/-587	481	+/-274	416	+/-130	209	+/-104	2,207	+/-509	99	+/-95
Navajo:	6	+/-13	0	+/-28	0	+/-28	6	+/-13	0	+/-28	0	+/-28
Speak English "very well"	6	+/-13	0	+/-28	0	+/-28	6	+/-13	0	+/-28	0	+/-28
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-28	0	+/-28	0	+/-28	0	+/-28	0	+/-28	0	+/-28
Other Native North American	1,216	+/-314	372	+/-156	382	+/-177	92	+/-102	260	+/-168	110	+/-91
Speak English "very well"	918	+/-271	259	+/-117	346	+/-175	92	+/-102	143	+/-131	78	+/-86
Speak English less than "very well"	298	+/-131	113	+/-81	36	+/-40	0	+/-28	117	+/-82	32	+/-41
Hungarian:	7,843	+/-785	505	+/-182	3,128	+/-518	1,487	+/-326	2,632	+/-383	91	+/-63
Speak English "very well"	4,416	+/-541	326	+/-136	1,322	+/-327	1,192	+/-303	1,520	+/-267	56	+/-52
Speak English less than "very well"	3,427	+/-498	179	+/-91	1,806	+/-371	295	+/-147	1,112	+/-250	35	+/-35
Arabic:	58,273	+/-2,997	4,722	+/-968	27,622	+/-2,207	5,569	+/-1,061	13,604	+/-1,539	6,756	+/-1,037
Speak English "very well"	32,582	+/-1,939	2,164	+/-651	13,776	+/-1,368	4,069	+/-778	7,836	+/-1,047	4,737	+/-840
Speak English less than "very well"	25,691	+/-1,767	2,558	+/-623	13,846	+/-1,438	1,500	+/-493	5,768	+/-886	2,019	+/-396
Hebrew:	46,419	+/-2,410	1,326	+/-355	25,212	+/-1,846	10,571	+/-1,124	8,476	+/-1,167	834	+/-308
Speak English "very well"	36,475	+/-2,026	1,168	+/-357	18,007	+/-1,268	9,731	+/-1,117	6,863	+/-1,076	706	+/-272
Speak English less than "very well"	9,944	+/-1,050	158	+/-100	7,205	+/-966	840	+/-206	1,613	+/-371	128	+/-99
African languages:	72,361	+/-3,530	39,195	+/-2,433	12,602	+/-1,468	7,944	+/-1,471	10,311	+/-1,216	2,309	+/-468
Speak English "very well"	50,127	+/-2,915	26,114	+/-2,052	8,834	+/-1,088	5,386	+/-1,238	7,849	+/-946	1,944	+/-431
Speak English less than "very well"	22,234	+/-1,374	13,081	+/-1,074	3,768	+/-636	2,558	+/-582	2,462	+/-543	365	+/-171
Other and unspecified languages:	5,834	+/-1,062	934	+/-311	1,951	+/-429	1,261	+/-526	1,617	+/-549	71	+/-87
Speak English "very well"	3,352	+/-658	432	+/-198	936	+/-231	815	+/-331	1,130	+/-395	39	+/-45
Speak English less than "very well"	2,482	+/-583	502	+/-230	1,015	+/-278	446	+/-258	487	+/-238	32	+/-51

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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.

Methodological changes to data collection in 2013 may have affected language data for 2013. Users should be aware of these changes when using multi-year data containing data from 2013.

While the 2009-2013 American Community Survey (ACS) data generally reflect the February 2013 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 2010 data. 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, 2009-2013 5-Year 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.

Supporting documentation on code lists, subject definitions, data accuracy, and statistical testing can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Data and Documentation section.

Sample size and data quality measures (including coverage rates, allocation rates, and response rates) can be found on the American Community Survey website in the Methodology section.

Although the American Community Survey (ACS) produces population, demographic and housing unit estimates, it is the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program that produces and disseminates the official estimates of the population for the nation, states, counties, cities and towns and estimates of housing units for states and counties.