



New York City

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

Data Set: [2005 American Community Survey](#)

Survey: American Community Survey

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	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	7,366,686	+/-656
Speak only English	3,872,832	+/-28,971
Spanish or Spanish Creole:	1,808,878	+/-15,698
Speak English "very well"	946,770	+/-17,568
Speak English less than "very well"	862,108	+/-14,539
French (incl. Patois, Cajun):	92,539	+/-7,280
Speak English "very well"	64,777	+/-6,657
Speak English less than "very well"	27,762	+/-4,934
French Creole:	88,420	+/-8,532
Speak English "very well"	56,025	+/-6,931
Speak English less than "very well"	32,395	+/-3,955
Italian:	103,109	+/-7,628
Speak English "very well"	65,562	+/-6,350
Speak English less than "very well"	37,547	+/-3,530
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole:	13,854	+/-2,903
Speak English "very well"	9,132	+/-2,047
Speak English less than "very well"	4,722	+/-1,401
German:	23,265	+/-3,582
Speak English "very well"	19,303	+/-3,230
Speak English less than "very well"	3,962	+/-913
Yiddish:	77,392	+/-9,454
Speak English "very well"	52,389	+/-7,027
Speak English less than "very well"	25,003	+/-6,740
Other West Germanic languages:	4,770	+/-1,332
Speak English "very well"	4,422	+/-1,242
Speak English less than "very well"	348	+/-318
Scandinavian languages:	3,882	+/-1,088
Speak English "very well"	3,246	+/-1,033
Speak English less than "very well"	636	+/-340
Greek:	47,157	+/-6,380
Speak English "very well"	33,160	+/-5,229
Speak English less than "very well"	13,997	+/-2,535
Russian:	198,969	+/-13,530
Speak English "very well"	76,212	+/-7,638
Speak English less than "very well"	122,757	+/-8,298
Polish:	54,442	+/-7,191
Speak English "very well"	21,003	+/-4,131
Speak English less than "very well"	33,439	+/-4,242
Serbo-Croatian:	19,429	+/-4,073
Speak English "very well"	10,094	+/-2,570
Speak English less than "very well"	9,335	+/-3,168
Other Slavic languages:	21,135	+/-5,409
Speak English "very well"	9,589	+/-2,715
Speak English less than "very well"	11,546	+/-3,816
Armenian:	3,616	+/-1,045
Speak English "very well"	2,173	+/-633
Speak English less than "very well"	1,443	+/-686
Persian:	8,503	+/-2,451
Speak English "very well"	5,289	+/-1,808
Speak English less than "very well"	3,214	+/-1,283
Gujarathi:	9,307	+/-2,649
Speak English "very well"	5,753	+/-2,302

Speak English less than "very well"	3,554	+/-1,120
Hindi:	28,727	+/-7,697
Speak English "very well"	18,758	+/-6,685
Speak English less than "very well"	9,969	+/-3,694
Urdu:	30,810	+/-5,852
Speak English "very well"	17,318	+/-4,329
Speak English less than "very well"	13,492	+/-2,820
Other Indic languages:	90,257	+/-10,448
Speak English "very well"	40,980	+/-5,232
Speak English less than "very well"	49,277	+/-7,482
Other Indo-European languages:	51,192	+/-7,940
Speak English "very well"	28,167	+/-5,054
Speak English less than "very well"	23,025	+/-4,575
Chinese:	359,839	+/-14,562
Speak English "very well"	128,171	+/-7,922
Speak English less than "very well"	231,668	+/-11,261
Japanese:	16,421	+/-2,582
Speak English "very well"	7,172	+/-1,657
Speak English less than "very well"	9,249	+/-1,908
Korean:	75,175	+/-8,974
Speak English "very well"	27,955	+/-4,804
Speak English less than "very well"	47,220	+/-6,602
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian:	810	+/-694
Speak English "very well"	423	+/-485
Speak English less than "very well"	387	+/-388
Hmong:	0	+/-274
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-274
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-274
Thai:	5,067	+/-2,129
Speak English "very well"	2,441	+/-1,148
Speak English less than "very well"	2,626	+/-1,305
Laotian:	200	+/-324
Speak English "very well"	200	+/-324
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-274
Vietnamese:	12,489	+/-3,551
Speak English "very well"	4,300	+/-1,514
Speak English less than "very well"	8,189	+/-2,725
Other Asian languages:	29,152	+/-4,986
Speak English "very well"	18,189	+/-3,675
Speak English less than "very well"	10,963	+/-2,429
Tagalog:	46,765	+/-6,183
Speak English "very well"	31,531	+/-5,179
Speak English less than "very well"	15,234	+/-3,167
Other Pacific Island languages:	3,499	+/-1,521
Speak English "very well"	2,675	+/-1,356
Speak English less than "very well"	824	+/-428
Navajo:	0	+/-274
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-274
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-274
Other Native North American languages:	2,312	+/-1,416
Speak English "very well"	1,606	+/-1,101
Speak English less than "very well"	706	+/-685
Hungarian:	9,485	+/-2,612
Speak English "very well"	4,876	+/-1,341
Speak English less than "very well"	4,609	+/-1,645
Arabic:	56,257	+/-9,082
Speak English "very well"	35,732	+/-6,513
Speak English less than "very well"	20,525	+/-3,897
Hebrew:	42,721	+/-5,758
Speak English "very well"	32,916	+/-5,002
Speak English less than "very well"	9,805	+/-2,371
African languages:	50,668	+/-7,243
Speak English "very well"	34,111	+/-5,745
Speak English less than "very well"	16,557	+/-2,781
Other and unspecified languages:	3,341	+/-1,135
Speak English "very well"	2,067	+/-811
Speak English less than "very well"	1,274	+/-722

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	Bronx		Brooklyn		Manhattan		Queens	
	Estimate	Margin of Error						
Total:	1,192,178	+/-554	2,250,965	+/-150	1,430,231	+/-266	2,066,791	+/-321
Speak only English	512,408	+/-9,836	1,210,617	+/-19,552	884,296	+/-11,380	967,536	+/-17,007
Spanish or Spanish Creole:	556,951	+/-6,673	398,837	+/-7,944	321,861	+/-8,154	487,565	+/-8,060
Speak English "very well"	305,674	+/-9,247	229,731	+/-10,577	159,672	+/-8,749	226,740	+/-9,748
Speak English less than "very well"	251,277	+/-9,321	169,106	+/-8,543	162,189	+/-8,458	260,825	+/-10,212
French (incl. Patois, Cajun):	12,145	+/-2,480	31,583	+/-5,467	30,390	+/-4,669	17,687	+/-3,162
Speak English "very well"	7,222	+/-1,946	21,360	+/-4,039	23,507	+/-3,970	12,181	+/-2,768
Speak English less than "very well"	4,923	+/-1,322	10,223	+/-4,525	6,883	+/-2,305	5,506	+/-1,114
French Creole:	4,119	+/-1,722	61,519	+/-7,840	1,353	+/-861	20,904	+/-4,129
Speak English "very well"	3,336	+/-1,626	40,172	+/-6,472	618	+/-537	11,505	+/-3,118
Speak English less than "very well"	783	+/-462	21,347	+/-3,381	735	+/-657	9,399	+/-2,027
Italian:	13,098	+/-2,796	31,917	+/-5,259	8,995	+/-1,527	33,995	+/-4,580
Speak English "very well"	7,616	+/-1,946	19,738	+/-3,869	7,775	+/-1,492	19,623	+/-3,302
Speak English less than "very well"	5,482	+/-1,524	12,179	+/-2,452	1,220	+/-465	14,372	+/-2,295
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole:	482	+/-375	1,812	+/-959	4,257	+/-1,240	7,007	+/-2,243
Speak English "very well"	335	+/-258	1,060	+/-503	2,812	+/-936	4,831	+/-1,763
Speak English less than "very well"	147	+/-171	752	+/-644	1,445	+/-683	2,176	+/-872
German:	1,938	+/-797	4,118	+/-1,657	10,484	+/-2,493	6,125	+/-1,341
Speak English "very well"	1,353	+/-727	3,377	+/-1,608	9,251	+/-2,405	4,856	+/-1,093
Speak English less than "very well"	585	+/-342	741	+/-470	1,233	+/-466	1,269	+/-523
Yiddish:	425	+/-465	72,562	+/-9,267	1,550	+/-1,154	2,473	+/-771
Speak English "very well"	425	+/-465	48,179	+/-6,971	1,352	+/-1,034	2,103	+/-670
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-274	24,383	+/-6,710	198	+/-226	370	+/-342
Other West Germanic languages:	608	+/-634	587	+/-385	2,134	+/-806	1,441	+/-710
Speak English "very well"	608	+/-634	500	+/-328	2,134	+/-806	1,180	+/-589
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-274	87	+/-146	0	+/-274	261	+/-284
Scandinavian languages:	67	+/-112	782	+/-411	2,383	+/-1,012	201	+/-240
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-274	474	+/-349	2,253	+/-972	201	+/-240
Speak English less than "very well"	67	+/-112	308	+/-240	130	+/-153	0	+/-274
Greek:	2,221	+/-1,122	4,456	+/-1,442	3,762	+/-1,422	35,809	+/-5,496
Speak English "very well"	1,063	+/-654	3,192	+/-1,191	3,225	+/-1,290	24,919	+/-4,685
Speak English less than "very well"	1,158	+/-622	1,264	+/-541	537	+/-429	10,890	+/-2,153
Russian:	5,774	+/-2,036	137,872	+/-10,609	8,719	+/-2,529	30,548	+/-4,485
Speak English "very well"	2,875	+/-1,414	46,996	+/-5,781	5,370	+/-2,237	11,312	+/-2,524
Speak English less than "very well"	2,899	+/-1,215	90,876	+/-7,304	3,349	+/-1,078	19,236	+/-3,263
Polish:	659	+/-374	26,911	+/-6,252	2,263	+/-846	20,557	+/-3,603
Speak English "very well"	186	+/-178	9,022	+/-3,897	1,250	+/-577	8,937	+/-1,963
Speak English less than "very well"	473	+/-336	17,889	+/-3,377	1,013	+/-560	11,620	+/-2,610
Serbo-Croatian:	1,302	+/-721	3,315	+/-2,156	3,428	+/-1,462	10,310	+/-2,908
Speak English "very well"	841	+/-572	852	+/-572	2,349	+/-1,121	5,584	+/-1,808
Speak English less than "very well"	461	+/-364	2,463	+/-2,158	1,079	+/-717	4,726	+/-1,705
Other Slavic languages:	2,549	+/-1,703	7,467	+/-2,817	3,019	+/-975	7,671	+/-3,414
Speak English "very well"	670	+/-410	3,208	+/-1,614	1,987	+/-769	3,435	+/-1,622
Speak English less than "very well"	1,879	+/-1,505	4,259	+/-1,855	1,032	+/-646	4,236	+/-2,575
Armenian:	171	+/-209	777	+/-576	402	+/-254	2,266	+/-953
Speak English "very well"	122	+/-199	520	+/-457	402	+/-254	1,129	+/-550
Speak English less than "very well"	49	+/-77	257	+/-223	0	+/-274	1,137	+/-623
Persian:	261	+/-259	1,785	+/-1,040	1,600	+/-953	4,817	+/-1,863
Speak English "very well"	160	+/-191	1,133	+/-813	1,480	+/-941	2,516	+/-1,326
Speak English less than "very well"	101	+/-119	652	+/-540	120	+/-142	2,301	+/-1,057
Gujarathi:	51	+/-86	2,821	+/-2,159	703	+/-448	5,375	+/-1,603

Speak English "very well"	51	+/-86	2,194	+/-2,016	703	+/-448	2,448	+/-912
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-274	627	+/-541	0	+/-274	2,927	+/-1,049
Hindi:	1,011	+/-626	6,581	+/-5,740	3,664	+/-1,681	15,664	+/-4,237
Speak English "very well"	812	+/-529	5,702	+/-5,747	3,126	+/-1,503	7,492	+/-1,933
Speak English less than "very well"	199	+/-191	879	+/-625	538	+/-599	8,172	+/-3,601
Urdu:	1,503	+/-849	9,481	+/-3,054	1,353	+/-849	15,702	+/-3,792
Speak English "very well"	1,322	+/-813	4,348	+/-1,660	1,119	+/-756	8,054	+/-2,502
Speak English less than "very well"	181	+/-184	5,133	+/-1,903	234	+/-193	7,648	+/-2,154
Other Indic languages:	7,643	+/-2,094	14,490	+/-4,691	3,373	+/-1,505	61,782	+/-8,474
Speak English "very well"	3,327	+/-1,356	7,460	+/-2,847	2,149	+/-995	27,042	+/-4,078
Speak English less than "very well"	4,316	+/-1,291	7,030	+/-2,506	1,224	+/-849	34,740	+/-6,508
Other Indo-European languages:	10,544	+/-3,118	9,422	+/-3,196	3,967	+/-1,688	21,433	+/-5,190
Speak English "very well"	5,833	+/-2,211	4,576	+/-1,689	2,766	+/-1,298	10,914	+/-2,787
Speak English less than "very well"	4,711	+/-1,796	4,846	+/-2,330	1,201	+/-744	10,519	+/-2,986
Chinese:	7,902	+/-2,199	125,123	+/-8,917	72,931	+/-4,263	144,632	+/-10,634
Speak English "very well"	2,632	+/-1,031	40,666	+/-4,917	26,834	+/-3,128	53,009	+/-5,283
Speak English less than "very well"	5,270	+/-1,516	84,457	+/-6,575	46,097	+/-3,899	91,623	+/-7,906
Japanese:	264	+/-226	2,581	+/-1,322	7,929	+/-1,874	5,647	+/-1,488
Speak English "very well"	97	+/-163	1,310	+/-870	3,353	+/-1,165	2,412	+/-854
Speak English less than "very well"	167	+/-151	1,271	+/-740	4,576	+/-1,389	3,235	+/-1,143
Korean:	4,308	+/-1,835	3,604	+/-1,681	12,249	+/-3,356	50,571	+/-7,159
Speak English "very well"	1,132	+/-654	1,494	+/-800	7,965	+/-2,902	14,692	+/-2,769
Speak English less than "very well"	3,176	+/-1,423	2,110	+/-1,213	4,284	+/-1,463	35,879	+/-5,887
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian:	448	+/-567	362	+/-404	0	+/-274	0	+/-274
Speak English "very well"	263	+/-406	160	+/-254	0	+/-274	0	+/-274
Speak English less than "very well"	185	+/-204	202	+/-327	0	+/-274	0	+/-274
Hmong:	0	+/-274	0	+/-274	0	+/-274	0	+/-274
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-274	0	+/-274	0	+/-274	0	+/-274
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-274	0	+/-274	0	+/-274	0	+/-274
Thai:	643	+/-584	382	+/-387	395	+/-297	3,519	+/-1,909
Speak English "very well"	394	+/-391	66	+/-108	316	+/-269	1,665	+/-1,035
Speak English less than "very well"	249	+/-224	316	+/-369	79	+/-130	1,854	+/-1,145
Laotian:	0	+/-274	0	+/-274	200	+/-324	0	+/-274
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-274	0	+/-274	200	+/-324	0	+/-274
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-274	0	+/-274	0	+/-274	0	+/-274
Vietnamese:	2,658	+/-1,512	3,362	+/-1,456	1,922	+/-1,448	3,840	+/-2,093
Speak English "very well"	983	+/-778	1,140	+/-531	705	+/-839	1,274	+/-848
Speak English less than "very well"	1,675	+/-1,075	2,222	+/-1,227	1,217	+/-1,166	2,566	+/-1,584
Other Asian languages:	1,940	+/-1,015	7,217	+/-3,025	3,344	+/-1,072	14,063	+/-4,037
Speak English "very well"	973	+/-515	3,823	+/-2,340	3,094	+/-1,011	8,882	+/-2,944
Speak English less than "very well"	967	+/-587	3,394	+/-1,491	250	+/-265	5,181	+/-1,709
Tagalog:	4,459	+/-1,745	4,357	+/-1,874	5,363	+/-1,418	30,530	+/-5,517
Speak English "very well"	2,537	+/-1,194	3,301	+/-1,611	4,036	+/-1,088	20,534	+/-4,597
Speak English less than "very well"	1,922	+/-955	1,056	+/-617	1,327	+/-737	9,996	+/-2,740
Other Pacific Island languages:	131	+/-102	348	+/-283	517	+/-325	2,312	+/-1,254
Speak English "very well"	131	+/-102	208	+/-269	373	+/-305	1,772	+/-1,083
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-274	140	+/-168	144	+/-125	540	+/-383
Navajo:	0	+/-274	0	+/-274	0	+/-274	0	+/-274
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-274	0	+/-274	0	+/-274	0	+/-274
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-274	0	+/-274	0	+/-274	0	+/-274
Other Native North American languages:	604	+/-826	311	+/-242	135	+/-231	1,175	+/-1,089
Speak English "very well"	604	+/-826	204	+/-170	135	+/-231	576	+/-617
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-274	107	+/-123	0	+/-274	599	+/-671
Hungarian:	1,231	+/-934	3,359	+/-1,137	1,628	+/-883	3,222	+/-1,682
Speak English "very well"	633	+/-483	1,414	+/-665	1,315	+/-758	1,469	+/-869
Speak English less than "very well"	598	+/-574	1,945	+/-1,009	313	+/-314	1,753	+/-1,008
Arabic:	4,398	+/-1,925	27,351	+/-6,709	6,327	+/-3,389	12,865	+/-4,501
Speak English "very well"	3,075	+/-1,543	16,717	+/-4,477	3,991	+/-2,218	8,369	+/-3,492
Speak English less than "very well"	1,323	+/-871	10,634	+/-2,994	2,336	+/-1,574	4,496	+/-1,647
Hebrew:	309	+/-508	22,088	+/-3,682	8,165	+/-1,761	10,520	+/-4,307
Speak English "very well"	309	+/-508	16,940	+/-3,369	7,018	+/-1,554	7,581	+/-3,399
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-274	5,148	+/-1,814	1,147	+/-879	2,939	+/-1,253
African languages:	26,786	+/-4,798	9,193	+/-2,643	4,225	+/-1,536	6,620	+/-2,359
Speak English "very well"	16,316	+/-3,546	6,321	+/-1,890	3,012	+/-1,147	5,416	+/-2,168
Speak English less than "very well"	10,470	+/-2,437	2,872	+/-1,404	1,213	+/-824	1,204	+/-719
Other and unspecified languages:	167	+/-224	1,615	+/-920	945	+/-809	407	+/-364
Speak English "very well"	44	+/-73	675	+/-399	775	+/-695	366	+/-359
Speak English less than "very well"	123	+/-211	940	+/-698	170	+/-210	41	+/-67

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Geography:

Richmond County, New York

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