



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: 2006 American Community Survey

Survey: American Community Survey

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	New York City	
	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	7,637,820	+/-458
Speak only English	3,981,767	+/-28,903
Spanish or Spanish Creole:	1,883,804	+/-13,185
Speak English "very well"	970,719	+/-15,927
Speak English less than "very well"	913,085	+/-16,634
French (incl. Patois, Cajun):	86,112	+/-6,332
Speak English "very well"	58,377	+/-5,293
Speak English less than "very well"	27,735	+/-3,403
French Creole:	88,028	+/-7,405
Speak English "very well"	54,169	+/-5,882
Speak English less than "very well"	33,859	+/-3,521
Italian:	109,817	+/-7,036
Speak English "very well"	67,739	+/-5,650
Speak English less than "very well"	42,078	+/-4,114
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole:	18,435	+/-3,389
Speak English "very well"	11,100	+/-2,217
Speak English less than "very well"	7,335	+/-1,926
German:	23,686	+/-2,813
Speak English "very well"	19,988	+/-2,595
Speak English less than "very well"	3,698	+/-1,110
Yiddish:	82,089	+/-7,541
Speak English "very well"	57,070	+/-6,039
Speak English less than "very well"	25,019	+/-3,563
Other West Germanic languages:	3,389	+/-1,544
Speak English "very well"	2,630	+/-1,089
Speak English less than "very well"	759	+/-760
Scandinavian languages:	3,756	+/-1,052
Speak English "very well"	3,432	+/-973
Speak English less than "very well"	324	+/-290
Greek:	59,192	+/-6,433
Speak English "very well"	39,345	+/-4,962
Speak English less than "very well"	19,847	+/-2,805
Russian:	193,563	+/-10,748
Speak English "very well"	73,160	+/-7,569
Speak English less than "very well"	120,403	+/-7,385
Polish:	57,288	+/-5,768
Speak English "very well"	27,631	+/-4,205
Speak English less than "very well"	29,657	+/-3,647
Serbo-Croatian:	23,223	+/-5,134
Speak English "very well"	13,043	+/-3,596
Speak English less than "very well"	10,180	+/-2,358
Other Slavic languages:	15,825	+/-2,905
Speak English "very well"	7,301	+/-1,997
Speak English less than "very well"	8,524	+/-2,337
Armenian:	4,909	+/-2,294
Speak English "very well"	2,894	+/-1,675
Speak English less than "very well"	2,015	+/-1,391
Persian:	11,772	+/-2,914
Speak English "very well"	6,923	+/-1,749
Speak English less than "very well"	4,849	+/-1,850
Gujarathi:	8,414	+/-3,077
Speak English "very well"	5,513	+/-2,279
Speak English less than "very well"	2,901	+/-1,251

Hindi:	23,012	+/-4,286
Speak English "very well"	16,313	+/-3,166
Speak English less than "very well"	6,699	+/-2,016
Urdu:	46,904	+/-6,013
Speak English "very well"	25,672	+/-4,763
Speak English less than "very well"	21,232	+/-3,410
Other Indic languages:	94,737	+/-8,521
Speak English "very well"	41,992	+/-5,058
Speak English less than "very well"	52,745	+/-5,804
Other Indo-European languages:	44,203	+/-5,907
Speak English "very well"	23,473	+/-3,822
Speak English less than "very well"	20,730	+/-3,469
Chinese:	381,506	+/-13,449
Speak English "very well"	116,873	+/-7,392
Speak English less than "very well"	264,633	+/-10,437
Japanese:	22,071	+/-3,854
Speak English "very well"	9,375	+/-2,193
Speak English less than "very well"	12,696	+/-2,537
Korean:	82,620	+/-8,912
Speak English "very well"	29,021	+/-4,585
Speak English less than "very well"	53,599	+/-6,109
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian:	2,991	+/-1,759
Speak English "very well"	1,930	+/-1,031
Speak English less than "very well"	1,061	+/-963
Hmong:	0	+/-269
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-269
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-269
Thai:	3,792	+/-1,355
Speak English "very well"	1,469	+/-753
Speak English less than "very well"	2,323	+/-908
Laotian:	383	+/-346
Speak English "very well"	171	+/-204
Speak English less than "very well"	212	+/-212
Vietnamese:	8,966	+/-2,384
Speak English "very well"	3,263	+/-1,250
Speak English less than "very well"	5,703	+/-1,851
Other Asian languages:	33,925	+/-4,510
Speak English "very well"	19,618	+/-3,608
Speak English less than "very well"	14,307	+/-2,572
Tagalog:	51,258	+/-6,163
Speak English "very well"	36,421	+/-4,371
Speak English less than "very well"	14,837	+/-3,364
Other Pacific Island languages:	8,962	+/-2,196
Speak English "very well"	3,573	+/-1,328
Speak English less than "very well"	5,389	+/-1,787
Navajo:	0	+/-269
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-269
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-269
Other Native North American languages:	429	+/-401
Speak English "very well"	265	+/-290
Speak English less than "very well"	164	+/-272
Hungarian:	8,631	+/-1,704
Speak English "very well"	5,602	+/-1,451
Speak English less than "very well"	3,029	+/-1,037
Arabic:	49,264	+/-6,630
Speak English "very well"	26,531	+/-5,253
Speak English less than "very well"	22,733	+/-3,606
Hebrew:	60,069	+/-7,389
Speak English "very well"	44,502	+/-6,304
Speak English less than "very well"	15,567	+/-3,266
African languages:	55,912	+/-7,502
Speak English "very well"	34,870	+/-6,144
Speak English less than "very well"	21,042	+/-3,262
Other and unspecified languages:	3,116	+/-1,142
Speak English "very well"	2,029	+/-827
Speak English less than "very well"	1,087	+/-570

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	Bronx		Brooklyn		Manhattan		Queens	
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Total:	1,253,286	*****	2,316,066	+/-233	1,513,177	+/-173	2,107,078	+/-278
Speak only English	551,848	+/-9,608	1,256,185	+/-14,775	914,770	+/-9,241	936,284	+/-18,146
Spanish or Spanish Creole:	578,809	+/-6,325	412,313	+/-7,084	348,802	+/-5,132	504,469	+/-6,471
Speak English "very well"	316,080	+/-9,602	217,659	+/-7,478	178,947	+/-7,237	235,049	+/-8,206
Speak English less than "very well"	262,729	+/-9,682	194,654	+/-8,371	169,855	+/-6,948	269,420	+/-7,485
French (incl. Patois, Cajun):	11,854	+/-3,308	28,558	+/-3,944	27,840	+/-3,597	16,826	+/-3,035
Speak English "very well"	5,935	+/-2,015	18,274	+/-3,134	21,298	+/-3,046	11,937	+/-2,436
Speak English less than "very well"	5,919	+/-1,954	10,284	+/-1,902	6,542	+/-1,745	4,889	+/-1,132
French Creole:	2,598	+/-1,012	54,532	+/-5,728	4,267	+/-1,703	26,473	+/-4,610
Speak English "very well"	1,735	+/-738	32,759	+/-4,967	2,926	+/-1,612	16,749	+/-3,298
Speak English less than "very well"	863	+/-538	21,773	+/-2,763	1,341	+/-749	9,724	+/-2,203
Italian:	16,803	+/-2,952	33,203	+/-3,816	10,255	+/-2,017	37,498	+/-3,820
Speak English "very well"	10,194	+/-2,079	17,372	+/-2,764	8,466	+/-1,692	22,550	+/-3,059
Speak English less than "very well"	6,609	+/-1,511	15,831	+/-2,530	1,789	+/-795	14,948	+/-1,970
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole:	924	+/-510	3,364	+/-1,761	6,397	+/-1,915	7,643	+/-1,778
Speak English "very well"	533	+/-339	2,523	+/-1,246	4,180	+/-1,498	3,816	+/-1,070
Speak English less than "very well"	391	+/-322	841	+/-622	2,217	+/-1,245	3,827	+/-1,143
German:	1,582	+/-676	2,931	+/-950	10,628	+/-2,029	7,426	+/-1,255
Speak English "very well"	1,409	+/-650	2,619	+/-879	9,450	+/-1,946	5,483	+/-1,038
Speak English less than "very well"	173	+/-174	312	+/-269	1,178	+/-618	1,943	+/-726
Yiddish:	849	+/-481	76,863	+/-7,180	1,111	+/-716	2,937	+/-993
Speak English "very well"	623	+/-381	53,624	+/-5,768	865	+/-681	1,679	+/-708
Speak English less than "very well"	226	+/-264	23,239	+/-3,363	246	+/-210	1,258	+/-643
Other West Germanic languages:	51	+/-85	621	+/-313	1,952	+/-1,019	765	+/-726
Speak English "very well"	51	+/-85	504	+/-279	1,405	+/-580	670	+/-706
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-269	117	+/-138	547	+/-790	95	+/-157
Scandinavian languages:	104	+/-124	1,534	+/-733	1,735	+/-790	335	+/-287
Speak English "very well"	62	+/-104	1,407	+/-697	1,657	+/-773	258	+/-193
Speak English less than "very well"	42	+/-71	127	+/-210	78	+/-131	77	+/-126
Greek:	3,450	+/-1,884	11,122	+/-3,127	3,921	+/-1,086	39,791	+/-5,506
Speak English "very well"	1,693	+/-1,159	7,282	+/-2,663	3,209	+/-1,026	26,313	+/-4,179
Speak English less than "very well"	1,757	+/-935	3,840	+/-1,269	712	+/-388	13,478	+/-2,367
Russian:	2,582	+/-854	128,970	+/-8,420	8,245	+/-1,716	41,445	+/-5,221
Speak English "very well"	1,129	+/-557	42,268	+/-5,210	5,146	+/-1,164	16,743	+/-3,499
Speak English less than "very well"	1,453	+/-646	86,702	+/-5,708	3,099	+/-990	24,702	+/-4,009
Polish:	940	+/-459	21,386	+/-3,543	4,392	+/-1,595	25,234	+/-3,518
Speak English "very well"	458	+/-323	8,036	+/-1,906	3,133	+/-1,421	12,811	+/-2,340
Speak English less than "very well"	482	+/-298	13,350	+/-2,621	1,259	+/-690	12,423	+/-2,224
Serbo-Croatian:	2,751	+/-1,929	4,814	+/-2,830	3,109	+/-1,979	10,632	+/-2,695
Speak English "very well"	1,350	+/-1,254	3,164	+/-2,133	2,470	+/-1,697	4,611	+/-1,442
Speak English less than "very well"	1,401	+/-871	1,650	+/-882	639	+/-465	6,021	+/-1,898
Other Slavic languages:	1,117	+/-645	4,763	+/-1,638	2,274	+/-1,010	6,039	+/-1,853
Speak English "very well"	495	+/-415	2,104	+/-1,200	1,414	+/-706	2,022	+/-631
Speak English less than "very well"	622	+/-447	2,659	+/-1,071	860	+/-681	4,017	+/-1,574
Armenian:	46	+/-77	815	+/-1,077	739	+/-556	3,309	+/-2,051
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-269	185	+/-242	671	+/-491	2,038	+/-1,637
Speak English less than "very well"	46	+/-77	630	+/-1,053	68	+/-112	1,271	+/-938
Persian:	199	+/-197	1,118	+/-689	3,483	+/-1,484	6,972	+/-2,678
Speak English "very well"	199	+/-197	377	+/-266	2,954	+/-1,311	3,393	+/-1,687
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-269	741	+/-581	529	+/-510	3,579	+/-1,597
Gujarathi:	126	+/-148	500	+/-431	1,577	+/-1,418	6,211	+/-2,617
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-269	198	+/-197	1,577	+/-1,418	3,738	+/-1,740

Speak English less than "very well"	126	+/-148	302	+/-331	0	+/-269	2,473	+/-1,204
Hindi:	1,406	+/-921	1,285	+/-610	4,016	+/-1,590	14,780	+/-3,339
Speak English "very well"	977	+/-673	1,135	+/-560	3,139	+/-1,016	10,030	+/-2,484
Speak English less than "very well"	429	+/-362	150	+/-144	877	+/-911	4,750	+/-1,612
Urdu:	4,032	+/-2,148	18,867	+/-4,202	2,560	+/-1,352	20,085	+/-3,895
Speak English "very well"	2,501	+/-1,268	8,647	+/-2,683	1,971	+/-967	11,385	+/-2,860
Speak English less than "very well"	1,531	+/-1,074	10,220	+/-2,602	589	+/-586	8,700	+/-2,649
Other Indic languages:	8,801	+/-2,257	19,220	+/-4,391	4,183	+/-1,785	59,861	+/-6,750
Speak English "very well"	4,018	+/-1,183	7,423	+/-2,164	2,370	+/-1,084	26,649	+/-4,401
Speak English less than "very well"	4,783	+/-1,634	11,797	+/-3,598	1,813	+/-1,267	33,212	+/-4,301
Other Indo-European languages:	7,399	+/-2,674	10,358	+/-3,511	2,942	+/-1,365	14,876	+/-3,072
Speak English "very well"	4,615	+/-1,562	5,339	+/-2,245	2,064	+/-933	6,248	+/-1,477
Speak English less than "very well"	2,784	+/-1,618	5,019	+/-2,073	878	+/-616	8,628	+/-2,141
Chinese:	3,102	+/-1,370	126,269	+/-6,845	86,180	+/-5,297	155,573	+/-9,315
Speak English "very well"	1,074	+/-592	36,707	+/-4,065	27,611	+/-3,326	47,983	+/-4,938
Speak English less than "very well"	2,028	+/-920	89,562	+/-5,049	58,569	+/-4,615	107,590	+/-7,040
Japanese:	325	+/-404	3,706	+/-976	13,396	+/-3,224	4,466	+/-1,464
Speak English "very well"	153	+/-180	1,819	+/-686	5,497	+/-1,794	1,728	+/-746
Speak English less than "very well"	172	+/-232	1,887	+/-679	7,899	+/-2,206	2,738	+/-1,162
Korean:	2,733	+/-1,351	4,849	+/-2,017	8,587	+/-1,733	61,014	+/-7,734
Speak English "very well"	618	+/-563	2,161	+/-1,325	5,562	+/-1,280	17,887	+/-3,556
Speak English less than "very well"	2,115	+/-987	2,688	+/-1,036	3,025	+/-1,011	43,127	+/-5,384
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian:	2,146	+/-1,720	694	+/-615	0	+/-269	151	+/-244
Speak English "very well"	1,085	+/-842	694	+/-615	0	+/-269	151	+/-244
Speak English less than "very well"	1,061	+/-963	0	+/-269	0	+/-269	0	+/-269
Hmong:	0	+/-269	0	+/-269	0	+/-269	0	+/-269
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-269	0	+/-269	0	+/-269	0	+/-269
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-269	0	+/-269	0	+/-269	0	+/-269
Thai:	449	+/-256	194	+/-200	952	+/-677	2,197	+/-1,251
Speak English "very well"	172	+/-224	0	+/-269	556	+/-508	741	+/-527
Speak English less than "very well"	277	+/-121	194	+/-200	396	+/-336	1,456	+/-844
Laotian:	0	+/-269	268	+/-316	0	+/-269	115	+/-139
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-269	98	+/-164	0	+/-269	73	+/-121
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-269	170	+/-202	0	+/-269	42	+/-69
Vietnamese:	1,300	+/-816	3,958	+/-1,574	990	+/-552	2,571	+/-1,418
Speak English "very well"	358	+/-335	960	+/-540	627	+/-416	1,270	+/-969
Speak English less than "very well"	942	+/-640	2,998	+/-1,493	363	+/-327	1,301	+/-787
Other Asian languages:	2,552	+/-1,532	8,952	+/-2,776	2,658	+/-1,015	16,263	+/-2,931
Speak English "very well"	2,272	+/-1,496	4,091	+/-1,568	2,293	+/-939	9,068	+/-2,393
Speak English less than "very well"	280	+/-233	4,861	+/-1,748	365	+/-286	7,195	+/-1,738
Tagalog:	4,955	+/-1,878	4,429	+/-1,482	5,615	+/-1,846	32,921	+/-5,047
Speak English "very well"	3,322	+/-1,148	3,199	+/-1,236	4,012	+/-1,460	23,021	+/-3,506
Speak English less than "very well"	1,633	+/-1,008	1,230	+/-599	1,603	+/-903	9,900	+/-2,837
Other Pacific Island languages:	1,451	+/-876	1,505	+/-1,238	650	+/-683	5,196	+/-1,606
Speak English "very well"	244	+/-303	474	+/-398	398	+/-418	2,297	+/-1,034
Speak English less than "very well"	1,207	+/-794	1,031	+/-1,136	252	+/-310	2,899	+/-1,316
Navajo:	0	+/-269	0	+/-269	0	+/-269	0	+/-269
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-269	0	+/-269	0	+/-269	0	+/-269
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-269	0	+/-269	0	+/-269	0	+/-269
Other Native North American languages:	0	+/-269	0	+/-269	244	+/-303	185	+/-259
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-269	0	+/-269	80	+/-131	185	+/-259
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-269	0	+/-269	164	+/-272	0	+/-269
Hungarian:	300	+/-251	2,071	+/-830	1,916	+/-980	4,096	+/-1,110
Speak English "very well"	157	+/-186	790	+/-470	1,635	+/-931	2,772	+/-885
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Hebrew:	1,713	+/-1,194	32,807	+/-6,074	8,412	+/-1,904	14,354	+/-4,508
Speak English "very well"	1,670	+/-1,160	24,065	+/-5,500	7,629	+/-1,725	9,389	+/-3,027
Speak English less than "very well"	43	+/-72	8,742	+/-2,429	783	+/-504	4,965	+/-2,027
African languages:	30,073	+/-4,807	10,367	+/-3,426	7,505	+/-2,350	5,935	+/-2,786
Speak English "very well"	17,855	+/-3,916	7,694	+/-3,013	4,727	+/-1,646	3,441	+/-2,007
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Geography:

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