

Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English for the Population 5 Years and Over (Detailed Table)
 New York City and Boroughs, 2009 American Community Survey

	New York City		Bronx		Brooklyn		Manhattan		Queens		Staten Island*	
	Estimate	MOE	Estimate	MOE	Estimate	MOE	Estimate	MOE	Estimate	MOE	Estimate	MOE
Total:	7,810,720	853	1,285,671	6	2,370,310	474	1,535,170	172	2,157,251	641	Subcategory samples too small; data available in Abbreviated Table	
Speak only English	4,098,253	29,880	569,856	11,735	1,298,201	15,295	946,740	11,653	953,132	14,920		
Spanish or Spanish Creole:	1,869,995	15,507	580,627	7,607	400,428	7,297	329,365	6,808	512,741	6,180		
Speak English "very well"	961,209	18,385	320,074	9,910	197,644	7,560	174,546	8,325	241,749	8,021		
Speak English less than "very well"	908,786	17,516	260,553	10,275	202,784	8,599	154,819	7,135	270,992	8,737		
French (incl. Patois, Cajun):	86,220	7,366	13,601	2,760	21,788	3,293	34,430	4,485	14,622	2,642		
Speak English "very well"	62,590	6,084	6,723	1,850	15,367	2,647	29,378	4,315	9,560	1,911		
Speak English less than "very well"	23,630	3,708	6,878	2,017	6,421	1,514	5,052	1,607	5,062	1,260		
French Creole:	106,020	10,821	4,528	1,888	64,114	8,138	5,210	2,973	32,050	5,984		
Speak English "very well"	57,192	6,343	3,114	1,496	30,634	4,699	2,668	1,221	20,708	3,947		
Speak English less than "very well"	48,828	7,060	1,414	595	33,480	5,411	2,542	2,523	11,342	3,393		
Italian:	101,261	6,846	10,336	2,039	30,700	3,700	13,374	2,658	34,629	4,326		
Speak English "very well"	63,172	4,973	5,392	1,346	16,963	2,855	11,594	2,495	20,655	3,119		
Speak English less than "very well"	38,089	3,529	4,944	1,327	13,737	1,938	1,780	685	13,974	2,510		
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole:	16,404	3,413	375	420	2,221	977	6,062	1,758	7,437	2,398		
Speak English "very well"	11,133	2,527	34	55	1,520	705	5,240	1,602	4,165	1,613		
Speak English less than "very well"	5,271	1,554	341	416	701	529	822	504	3,272	1,199		
German:	25,212	3,042	1,835	930	4,698	1,437	12,005	2,349	6,056	1,229		
Speak English "very well"	21,676	2,743	1,233	688	4,186	1,295	10,891	2,263	4,790	1,080		
Speak English less than "very well"	3,536	878	602	430	512	428	1,114	458	1,266	656		
Yiddish:	85,341	7,201	584	294	81,355	7,040	1,620	1,019	1,671	457		
Speak English "very well"	58,178	6,087	520	244	54,538	5,942	1,583	1,016	1,426	463		
Speak English less than "very well"	27,163	3,880	64	106	26,817	3,855	37	62	245	194		
Other West Germanic languages:	4,630	1,479	418	257	1,193	781	1,596	1,035	1,199	747		
Speak English "very well"	3,896	1,440	364	232	867	682	1,596	1,035	845	567		
Speak English less than "very well"	734	535	54	89	326	358	0	277	354	383		
Scandinavian languages:	4,127	1,399	62	102	590	373	2,579	1,234	552	540		
Speak English "very well"	3,751	1,367	62	102	366	284	2,487	1,215	492	533		
Speak English less than "very well"	376	264	0	277	224	205	92	109	60	101		
Greek:	56,688	6,604	2,953	1,653	6,905	1,970	4,434	1,723	41,269	5,340		
Speak English "very well"	38,536	4,966	1,716	861	4,545	1,644	4,073	1,714	27,256	4,112		
Speak English less than "very well"	18,152	2,949	1,237	1,019	2,360	868	361	281	14,013	2,330		
Russian:	202,225	9,869	3,232	1,460	133,517	8,874	13,770	2,048	36,384	4,436		
Speak English "very well"	73,974	5,601	1,646	805	37,078	4,337	10,361	1,760	16,027	2,687		
Speak English less than "very well"	128,251	7,783	1,586	855	96,439	6,750	3,409	995	20,357	3,486		
Polish:	58,520	6,209	1,809	1,065	22,359	3,731	3,692	1,335	27,343	4,650		
Speak English "very well"	25,344	3,484	981	594	8,916	2,114	2,272	1,168	11,232	2,398		
Speak English less than "very well"	33,176	4,564	828	804	13,443	2,593	1,420	837	16,111	3,134		
Serbo-Croatian:	19,470	4,070	2,059	1,258	2,900	2,424	2,175	1,100	10,993	2,284		
Speak English "very well"	11,481	2,905	1,181	833	1,758	1,302	1,629	977	6,182	1,954		
Speak English less than "very well"	7,989	1,928	878	583	1,142	1,248	546	396	4,811	1,115		
Other Slavic languages:	15,974	3,512	921	659	6,169	2,153	1,898	818	4,093	1,539		
Speak English "very well"	8,497	2,323	329	473	2,455	1,179	1,519	753	2,560	1,080		
Speak English less than "very well"	7,477	1,954	592	460	3,714	1,504	379	345	1,533	804		
Armenian:	2,702	878	95	110	304	224	428	372	1,875	779		
Speak English "very well"	2,058	700	95	110	126	149	428	372	1,409	682		
Speak English less than "very well"	644	466	0	277	178	226	0	277	466	364		
Persian:	11,452	2,886	279	266	2,106	1,488	2,574	1,141	6,369	2,151		
Speak English "very well"	5,918	1,934	122	138	894	756	2,187	1,119	2,591	1,443		
Speak English less than "very well"	5,534	1,885	157	197	1,212	932	387	333	3,778	1,598		
Gujarati:	9,336	2,754	862	1,231	691	459	1,044	540	6,231	2,498		
Speak English "very well"	5,874	2,203	862	1,231	461	309	975	499	3,347	1,856		
Speak English less than "very well"	3,462	1,060	0	277	230	178	69	119	2,884	1,049		
Hindi:	34,908	5,277	1,188	1,001	2,524	1,307	7,384	1,949	22,218	4,549		
Speak English "very well"	24,951	4,311	995	745	1,275	869	7,100	1,882	14,296	3,273		
Speak English less than "very well"	9,957	2,579	193	318	1,249	870	284	294	7,922	2,362		
Urdu:	35,408	7,835	2,218	1,522	14,479	4,664	705	511	14,777	3,810		
Speak English "very well"	21,873	5,786	1,062	756	7,691	2,836	521	466	9,816	2,898		
Speak English less than "very well"	13,535	3,099	1,156	895	6,788	2,363	184	215	4,961	1,385		
Other Indic languages:	111,202	10,263	14,098	3,902	15,728	4,106	5,363	2,454	74,064	8,374		
Speak English "very well"	54,947	5,899	6,485	2,214	6,158	2,009	3,728	1,996	37,606	5,398		
Speak English less than "very well"	56,255	6,329	7,613	2,571	9,570	3,006	1,635	1,413	36,458	4,681		
Other Indo-European languages:	50,399	8,575	10,728	3,370	7,404	2,033	4,868	2,767	18,797	4,730		
Speak English "very well"	28,386	5,272	5,338	1,967	2,796	880	3,741	2,155	11,312	3,160		
Speak English less than "very well"	22,013	4,502	5,390	1,810	4,608	1,698	1,127	816	7,485	2,209		
Chinese:	405,105	15,606	7,966	2,462	143,142	7,210	76,428	5,984	167,748	11,491		
Speak English "very well"	131,855	7,721	2,598	1,267	37,567	3,743	31,429	3,485	55,774	5,217		
Speak English less than "very well"	273,250	12,327	5,368	1,645	105,575	6,097	44,999	4,740	111,974	8,521		
Japanese:	22,210	2,985	2,159	984	4,213	1,521	10,469	1,824	5,310	1,586		
Speak English "very well"	10,702	1,966	1,500	812	2,241	982	4,978	1,296	1,983	805		
Speak English less than "very well"	11,508	2,150	659	611	1,972	1,004	5,491	1,367	3,327	1,269		
Korean:	74,273	6,437	1,486	803	5,014	2,026	10,934	2,424	53,806	6,276		

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Speak English "very well"	28,546	3,202	616	489	2,511	1,449	6,566	1,489	17,920	2,987		
Speak English less than "very well"	45,727	4,914	870	547	2,503	1,393	4,368	1,496	35,886	4,605		
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian:	2,387	1,428	1,377	1,229	221	263	66	109	723	1,080		
Speak English "very well"	1,735	1,255	853	801	93	153	66	109	723	1,080		
Speak English less than "very well"	652	572	524	529	128	212	0	277	0	277		
Hmong:	51	83	0	277	51	83	0	277	0	277		
Speak English "very well"	51	83	0	277	51	83	0	277	0	277		
Speak English less than "very well"	0	277	0	277	0	277	0	277	0	277		
Thai:	3,774	1,738	445	499	553	367	746	470	2,030	1,456		
Speak English "very well"	1,407	721	0	277	262	223	343	340	802	582		
Speak English less than "very well"	2,367	1,217	445	499	291	227	403	264	1,228	1,017		
Laotian:	299	286	0	277	25	41	0	277	274	282		
Speak English "very well"	258	233	0	277	25	41	0	277	233	229		
Speak English less than "very well"	41	68	0	277	0	277	0	277	41	68		
Vietnamese:	9,849	2,896	1,491	984	4,352	2,398	1,586	1,084	1,542	996		
Speak English "very well"	4,288	1,653	104	125	2,330	1,496	859	442	492	399		
Speak English less than "very well"	5,561	1,901	1,387	973	2,022	1,368	727	999	1,050	725		
Other Asian languages:	37,404	5,587	1,380	692	9,676	2,939	4,095	1,385	20,150	4,508		
Speak English "very well"	18,620	3,395	1,254	675	2,832	1,404	2,934	1,011	10,507	2,846		
Speak English less than "very well"	18,784	4,141	126	162	6,844	2,518	1,161	985	9,643	2,950		
Tagalog:	57,209	6,360	4,915	1,965	5,395	1,421	6,891	1,822	34,926	4,883		
Speak English "very well"	43,138	4,855	3,825	1,379	3,248	1,130	5,329	1,547	26,601	3,797		
Speak English less than "very well"	14,071	2,921	1,090	860	2,147	746	1,562	966	8,325	2,100		
Other Pacific Island languages:	5,809	2,924	0	277	304	261	320	247	4,890	2,779		
Speak English "very well"	3,081	2,219	0	277	148	180	252	218	2,575	2,154		
Speak English less than "very well"	2,728	1,589	0	277	156	185	68	113	2,315	1,549		
Navajo:	0	277	0	277	0	277	0	277	0	277		
Speak English "very well"	0	277	0	277	0	277	0	277	0	277		
Speak English less than "very well"	0	277	0	277	0	277	0	277	0	277		
Other Native North American languages:	779	467	270	277	280	292	0	277	42	72		
Speak English "very well"	509	378	270	277	176	230	0	277	0	277		
Speak English less than "very well"	270	271	0	277	104	172	0	277	42	72		
Hungarian:	9,409	2,084	159	156	3,730	1,269	1,873	887	3,578	1,292		
Speak English "very well"	5,140	1,428	68	113	1,253	509	1,600	830	2,219	965		
Speak English less than "very well"	4,269	1,277	91	107	2,477	1,040	273	234	1,359	654		
Arabic:	55,474	6,961	4,425	2,600	27,137	4,725	3,376	1,444	15,915	4,248		
Speak English "very well"	26,658	4,562	1,612	1,342	10,847	2,551	2,373	1,049	9,005	3,154		
Speak English less than "very well"	28,816	4,753	2,813	1,787	16,290	3,562	1,003	700	6,910	2,167		
Hebrew:	52,424	6,477	1,766	892	32,896	5,700	8,213	2,392	8,744	2,546		
Speak English "very well"	37,746	4,996	1,354	681	21,854	4,110	7,752	2,405	6,206	1,937		
Speak English less than "very well"	14,678	3,536	412	483	11,042	3,297	461	353	2,538	1,135		
African languages:	63,890	7,936	34,519	5,559	11,388	3,140	7,299	2,911	8,210	2,478		
Speak English "very well"	42,501	6,458	21,641	4,576	7,290	2,731	5,233	2,041	6,420	1,922		
Speak English less than "very well"	21,389	3,923	12,878	2,769	4,098	1,594	2,066	1,663	1,790	986		
Other and unspecified languages:	4,627	1,889	649	590	1,559	1,083	1,558	1,291	861	746		
Speak English "very well"	2,738	1,226	266	253	642	521	1,203	846	627	653		
Speak English less than "very well"	1,889	1,106	383	503	917	871	355	509	234	229		

*Data for Staten Island cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases for subcategories is too small.

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French (including Patois, Creole, Cajun)	192,240	11,983	18,129	3,329	85,902	8,630	39,640	5,740	46,672	6,229	1,897	930
German or other West Germanic languages	115,183	7,666	2,837	1,004	87,246	7,280	15,221	2,699	8,926	1,353	953	453
Slavic languages	296,189	11,354	8,021	2,272	164,945	10,090	21,535	2,846	78,813	6,410	22,875	4,725
Other Indo-European languages	433,887	17,588	43,194	5,577	83,652	7,663	48,815	6,096	228,218	14,680	30,008	4,768
Korean	74,273	6,437	1,486	803	5,014	2,026	10,934	2,424	53,806	6,276	3,033	1,668
Chinese	405,105	15,606	7,966	2,462	143,142	7,210	76,428	5,984	167,748	11,491	9,821	2,462
Vietnamese	9,849	2,896	1,491	984	4,352	2,398	1,586	1,084	1,542	996	878	811
Tagalog	57,209	6,360	4,915	1,965	5,395	1,421	6,891	1,822	34,926	4,883	5,082	1,916
Other Asian and Pacific Island languages	71,934	7,048	5,361	1,910	15,043	3,162	15,696	2,272	33,377	5,622	2,457	1,448
Other and unspecified languages	186,603	11,940	41,788	6,316	76,990	8,078	22,319	4,212	37,350	5,911	8,156	2,537

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***** Entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.

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