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

Universe: Population 5 years and over

2014 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

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.

	United States	
	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	299,084,046	+/-17,395
Speak only English	235,905,559	+/-151,665
Spanish or Spanish Creole:	39,254,342	+/-97,599
Speak English "very well"	22,866,024	+/-83,023
Speak English less than "very well"	16,388,318	+/-88,377
French (incl. Patois, Cajun):	1,219,825	+/-24,288
Speak English "very well"	977,200	+/-20,762
Speak English less than "very well"	242,625	+/-10,338
French Creole:	795,521	+/-28,306
Speak English "very well"	468,327	+/-19,559
Speak English less than "very well"	327,194	+/-14,729
Italian:	641,352	+/-14,737
Speak English "very well"	477,681	+/-11,990
Speak English less than "very well"	163,671	+/-7,533
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole:	680,563	+/-20,978
Speak English "very well"	437,612	+/-14,518
Speak English less than "very well"	242,951	+/-11,112
German:	934,438	+/-18,487
Speak English "very well"	788,919	+/-16,823
Speak English less than "very well"	145,519	+/-7,127
Yiddish:	154,660	+/-9,841
Speak English "very well"	88,555	+/-7,406
Speak English less than "very well"	66,105	+/-5,682
Other West Germanic languages:	318,049	+/-13,329
Speak English "very well"	237,572	+/-10,139
Speak English less than "very well"	80,477	+/-6,241
Scandinavian languages:	120,626	+/-7,191
Speak English "very well"	106,520	+/-6,540
Speak English less than "very well"	14,106	+/-1,717
Greek:	289,389	+/-13,195
Speak English "very well"	217,674	+/-10,551
Speak English less than "very well"	71,715	+/-5,193
Russian:	890,120	+/-21,099
Speak English "very well"	482,766	+/-14,296
Speak English less than "very well"	407,354	+/-11,968
Polish:	533,942	+/-18,293

	United States	
	Estimate	Margin of Error
Speak English "very well"	326,040	+/-12,877
Speak English less than "very well"	207,902	+/-8,333
Serbo-Croatian:	246,196	+/-13,117
Speak English "very well"	152,056	+/-9,880
Speak English less than "very well"	94,140	+/-5,563
Other Slavic languages:	318,670	+/-13,735
Speak English "very well"	198,506	+/-10,018
Speak English less than "very well"	120,164	+/-8,037
Armenian:	240,623	+/-12,255
Speak English "very well"	136,821	+/-9,383
Speak English less than "very well"	103,802	+/-6,893
Persian:	416,119	+/-17,363
Speak English "very well"	255,743	+/-12,555
Speak English less than "very well"	160,376	+/-9,377
Gujarati:	388,871	+/-17,769
Speak English "very well"	252,998	+/-11,318
Speak English less than "very well"	135,873	+/-9,227
Hindi:	723,829	+/-26,178
Speak English "very well"	567,238	+/-21,643
Speak English less than "very well"	156,591	+/-9,387
Urdu:	477,701	+/-20,703
Speak English "very well"	331,564	+/-13,942
Speak English less than "very well"	146,137	+/-10,221
Other Indic languages:	955,086	+/-29,161
Speak English "very well"	567,505	+/-18,652
Speak English less than "very well"	387,581	+/-17,111
Other Indo-European languages:	462,873	+/-18,530
Speak English "very well"	304,525	+/-13,055
Speak English less than "very well"	158,348	+/-9,597
Chinese:	3,139,432	+/-36,780
Speak English "very well"	1,388,299	+/-23,853
Speak English less than "very well"	1,751,133	+/-27,128
Japanese:	437,541	+/-12,740
Speak English "very well"	248,212	+/-8,228
Speak English less than "very well"	189,329	+/-8,801
Korean:	1,131,339	+/-26,984
Speak English "very well"	511,411	+/-15,796
Speak English less than "very well"	619,928	+/-17,840
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian:	216,522	+/-15,620
Speak English "very well"	108,415	+/-10,044
Speak English less than "very well"	108,107	+/-8,124
Hmong:	236,377	+/-13,468
Speak English "very well"	132,516	+/-8,932
Speak English less than "very well"	103,861	+/-6,753
Thai:	157,421	+/-9,056
Speak English "very well"	74,707	+/-5,913
Speak English less than "very well"	82,714	+/-5,493
Laotian:	146,156	+/-11,161
Speak English "very well"	76,420	+/-6,979
Speak English less than "very well"	69,736	+/-6,089
Vietnamese:	1,458,173	+/-30,834
Speak English "very well"	594,603	+/-16,159
Speak English less than "very well"	863,570	+/-21,454
Other Asian languages:	1,092,684	+/-25,845
Speak English "very well"	749,972	+/-19,928
Speak English less than "very well"	342,712	+/-15,061
Tagalog:	1,688,494	+/-29,739
Speak English "very well"	1,159,861	+/-22,565
Speak English less than "very well"	528,633	+/-16,253

	United States	
	Estimate	Margin of Error
Other Pacific Island languages:	430,732	+/-17,924
Speak English "very well"	261,143	+/-11,455
Speak English less than "very well"	169,589	+/-10,964
Navajo:	164,363	+/-5,780
Speak English "very well"	134,325	+/-5,699
Speak English less than "very well"	30,038	+/-1,990
Other Native North American languages:	201,289	+/-7,548
Speak English "very well"	169,688	+/-6,483
Speak English less than "very well"	31,601	+/-3,357
Hungarian:	78,175	+/-5,285
Speak English "very well"	55,306	+/-4,268
Speak English less than "very well"	22,869	+/-2,614
Arabic:	1,117,304	+/-33,163
Speak English "very well"	692,494	+/-23,400
Speak English less than "very well"	424,810	+/-16,240
Hebrew:	213,185	+/-10,527
Speak English "very well"	176,707	+/-10,021
Speak English less than "very well"	36,478	+/-3,837
African languages:	1,060,567	+/-28,384
Speak English "very well"	725,616	+/-22,141
Speak English less than "very well"	334,951	+/-14,692
Other and unspecified languages:	145,938	+/-10,192
Speak English "very well"	84,188	+/-7,556
Speak English less than "very well"	61,750	+/-5,439

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.

Due to methodological changes to data collection that began in data year 2013, comparisons of language estimates from that point to estimates from 2013 forward should be made with caution. For more information, see: Language User Note.

While the 2014 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, 2014 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

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.