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Language & Education	United States 2022		New Jersey 2022		New York 2022	
	Foreign Born	U.S. Born	Foreign Born	U.S. Born	Foreign Born	U.S. Born
<b>English Proficiency</b>						
<b>English Proficiency (age 5 and older) (%)</b>	45,898,485	269,030,878	2,165,606	6,582,760	4,439,275	14,182,421
Speak only English	16.9%	88.4%	17.1%	84.3%	23.9%	83.5%
Speak English "very well"	37.1%	9.6%	39.3%	13.0%	31.0%	12.9%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	46.0%	2.0%	43.6%	2.6%	45.1%	3.6%
<b>Limited English Proficient (LEP) Population: Change over Time</b>						
% change: 2000-2022	34.9%	-4.6%	39.8%	-12.7%	15.0%	-11.1%
% change: 1990-2000	71.8%	17.6%	63.3%	-0.6%	48.7%	-2.1%
<b>English Proficiency of the Foreign Born by U.S. Citizenship Status (age 5 and older)*</b>						
<b>Naturalized citizens</b>	24,463,356		1,262,203		2,707,308	
Speak only English	20.7%		20.1%		28.1%	
Speak English "very well"	42.4%		44.4%		33.5%	
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	36.9%		35.5%		38.4%	
<b>Noncitizens</b>	21,435,129		903,403		1,731,967	
Speak only English	12.5%		12.8%		17.2%	
Speak English "very well"	31.1%		32.1%		27.2%	
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	56.4%		55.1%		55.6%	
	<b>Population (age 5 and older)</b>		<b>Population (age 5 and older)</b>		<b>Population (age 5 and older)</b>	
<b>Language Spoken at Home (by age and English proficiency)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Ages 5-17</b>	53,967,403	100%	1,476,844	100%	2,925,783	100%
Speak only English	42,395,802	78.6%	1,035,504	70.1%	2,050,196	70.1%
Speak language other than English	11,571,601	21.4%	441,340	29.9%	875,587	29.9%
Speak English "very well"	8,976,300	16.6%	355,426	24.1%	619,863	21.2%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	2,595,301	4.8%	85,914	5.8%	255,724	8.7%
Speak Spanish	7,972,525	14.8%	264,120	17.9%	439,718	15.0%
Speak English "very well"	6,182,632	11.5%	201,634	13.7%	329,951	11.3%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	1,789,893	3.3%	62,486	4.2%	109,767	3.8%
<b>Ages 18-64</b>	203,139,645	100%	5,659,796	100%	12,131,317	100%
Speak only English	154,409,107	76.0%	3,673,745	64.9%	8,224,931	67.8%
Speak language other than English	48,730,538	24.0%	1,986,051	35.1%	3,906,386	32.2%
Speak English "very well"	29,848,324	14.7%	1,189,487	21.0%	2,253,987	18.6%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	18,882,214	9.3%	796,564	14.1%	1,652,399	13.6%
Speak Spanish	29,658,708	14.6%	1,024,316	18.1%	1,905,732	15.7%
Speak English "very well"	17,242,859	8.5%	521,636	9.2%	1,043,310	8.6%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	12,415,849	6.1%	502,680	8.9%	862,422	7.1%
<b>65 and Older</b>	57,822,315	100%	1,611,726	100%	3,564,596	100%

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Language Spoken at Home (by age and English proficiency)	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Speak only English	48,882,668	84.5%	1,212,395	75.2%	2,633,815	73.9%
Speak language other than English	8,939,647	15.5%	399,331	24.8%	930,781	26.1%
Speak English "very well"	3,896,213	6.7%	164,692	10.2%	330,095	9.3%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	5,043,434	8.7%	234,639	14.6%	600,686	16.9%
Speak Spanish	4,401,305	7.6%	168,406	10.4%	379,252	10.6%
Speak English "very well"	1,849,181	3.2%	55,302	3.4%	130,642	3.7%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	2,552,124	4.4%	113,104	7.0%	248,610	7.0%
	Population (age 5 and older)		Population (age 5 and older)		Population (age 5 and older)	
Language Spoken at Home (detailed, by English proficiency)	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Total Household Population, Age 5 and Older</b>	314,929,363	100%	8,748,366	100%	18,621,696	100%
<b>Speak only English</b>	245,687,577	78.0%	5,921,644	67.7%	12,908,942	69.3%
<b>Speak language other than English</b>	69,241,786	22.0%	2,826,722	32.3%	5,712,754	30.7%
<b>Spanish</b>	42,032,538	100%	1,456,842	100%	2,724,702	100%
Speak English "very well"	25,274,672	60.1%	778,572	53.4%	1,503,903	55.2%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	16,757,866	39.9%	678,270	46.6%	1,220,799	44.8%
<b>French (Including Cajun)</b>	1,222,970	100%	29,201	100%	142,480	100%
Speak English "very well"	964,753	78.9%	25,400	87.0%	111,011	77.9%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	258,217	21.1%	3,801	13.0%	31,469	22.1%
<b>Haitian</b>	910,380	100%	59,696	100%	142,042	100%
Speak English "very well"	572,320	62.9%	37,337	62.5%	93,170	65.6%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	338,060	37.1%	22,359	37.5%	48,872	34.4%
<b>Italian</b>	521,786	100%	50,838	100%	128,014	100%
Speak English "very well"	393,668	75.4%	36,582	72.0%	87,939	68.7%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	128,118	24.6%	14,256	28.0%	40,075	31.3%
<b>Portuguese</b>	997,882	100%	100,631	100%	48,148	100%
Speak English "very well"	631,121	63.2%	53,322	53.0%	34,014	70.6%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	366,761	36.8%	47,309	47.0%	14,134	29.4%
<b>German</b>	876,103	100%	17,746	100%	48,296	100%
Speak English "very well"	740,485	84.5%	15,922	89.7%	41,788	86.5%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	135,618	15.5%	1,824	10.3%	6,508	13.5%
<b>Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or Other West Germanic Languages</b>	620,027	100%	11,603	100%	218,437	100%
Speak English "very well"	416,556	67.2%	10,729	92.5%	106,886	48.9%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	203,471	32.8%	874	7.5%	111,551	51.1%
<b>Russian</b>	974,829	100%	57,837	100%	213,614	100%
Speak English "very well"	583,052	59.8%	38,596	66.7%	103,561	48.5%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	391,777	40.2%	19,241	33.3%	110,053	51.5%
<b>Polish</b>	482,519	100%	55,665	100%	62,315	100%
Speak English "very well"	302,366	62.7%	33,529	60.2%	33,850	54.3%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	180,153	37.3%	22,136	39.8%	28,465	45.7%
<b>Other Slavic Languages</b>	680,594	100%	33,981	100%	78,482	100%
Speak English "very well"	432,348	63.5%	21,743	64.0%	46,337	59.0%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	248,246	36.5%	12,238	36.0%	32,145	41.0%
<b>Armenian</b>	239,731	100%	4,320	100%	6,471	100%
Speak English "very well"	147,828	61.7%	3,799	87.9%	3,938	60.9%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	91,903	38.3%	521	12.1%	2,533	39.1%
<b>Persian (including Farsi, Dari)</b>	514,547	100%	7,752	100%	25,088	100%
Speak English "very well"	319,040	62.0%	5,399	69.6%	16,832	67.1%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	195,507	38.0%	2,353	30.4%	8,256	32.9%
<b>Gujarati</b>	456,887	100%	83,064	100%	16,562	100%
Speak English "very well"	310,934	68.1%	54,335	65.4%	12,542	75.7%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	145,953	31.9%	28,729	34.6%	4,020	24.3%

Language Spoken at Home (detailed, by English proficiency)	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Hindi</b>	881,242	100%	90,309	100%	51,114	100%
Speak English "very well"	734,763	83.4%	75,137	83.2%	39,306	76.9%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	146,479	16.6%	15,172	16.8%	11,808	23.1%
<b>Urdu</b>	518,759	100%	35,021	100%	75,261	100%
Speak English "very well"	375,294	72.3%	26,128	74.6%	45,514	60.5%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	143,465	27.7%	8,893	25.4%	29,747	39.5%
<b>Punjabi</b>	342,635	100%	15,330	100%	45,063	100%
Speak English "very well"	209,065	61.0%	9,622	62.8%	23,304	51.7%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	133,570	39.0%	5,708	37.2%	21,759	48.3%
<b>Bengali</b>	416,062	100%	30,690	100%	145,845	100%
Speak English "very well"	245,121	58.9%	20,125	65.6%	71,940	49.3%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	170,941	41.1%	10,565	34.4%	73,905	50.7%
<b>Nepali, Marathi, or Other Indic Languages</b>	510,267	100%	25,072	100%	40,959	100%
Speak English "very well"	345,942	67.8%	20,420	81.4%	20,693	50.5%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	164,325	32.2%	4,652	18.6%	20,266	49.5%
<b>Other Indo-European Languages</b>	914,710	100%	44,862	100%	146,680	100%
Speak English "very well"	645,534	70.6%	32,409	72.2%	102,021	69.6%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	269,176	29.4%	12,453	27.8%	44,659	30.4%
<b>Telugu</b>	506,033	100%	39,855	100%	7,069	100%
Speak English "very well"	413,507	81.7%	31,724	79.6%	5,720	80.9%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	92,526	18.3%	8,131	20.4%	1,349	19.1%
<b>Tamil</b>	341,204	100%	29,264	100%	9,207	100%
Speak English "very well"	287,364	84.2%	24,242	82.8%	7,132	77.5%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	53,840	15.8%	5,022	17.2%	2,075	22.5%
<b>Malayalam, Kannada, or Other Dravidian Languages</b>	294,033	100%	19,926	100%	29,326	100%
Speak English "very well"	233,881	79.5%	16,905	84.8%	20,312	69.3%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	60,152	20.5%	3,021	15.2%	9,014	30.7%
<b>Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese)</b>	3,507,304	100%	123,283	100%	607,713	100%
Speak English "very well"	1,715,209	48.9%	70,847	57.5%	221,874	36.5%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	1,792,095	51.1%	52,436	42.5%	385,839	63.5%
<b>Japanese</b>	431,996	100%	12,545	100%	33,462	100%
Speak English "very well"	260,496	60.3%	5,892	47.0%	18,620	55.6%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	171,500	39.7%	6,653	53.0%	14,842	44.4%
<b>Korean</b>	1,110,875	100%	74,414	100%	94,761	100%
Speak English "very well"	543,851	49.0%	34,248	46.0%	47,916	50.6%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	567,024	51.0%	40,166	54.0%	46,845	49.4%
<b>Hmong</b>	234,119	100%	1	100%	253	100%
Speak English "very well"	143,533	61.3%	1	100.0%	193	76.3%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	90,586	38.7%	N	N	60	23.7%
<b>Vietnamese</b>	1,537,826	100%	20,130	100%	23,139	100%
Speak English "very well"	660,474	42.9%	9,349	46.4%	10,486	45.3%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	877,352	57.1%	10,781	53.6%	12,653	54.7%
<b>Khmer</b>	198,275	100%	3,292	100%	4,770	100%
Speak English "very well"	90,561	45.7%	1,956	59.4%	2,522	52.9%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	107,714	54.3%	1,336	40.6%	2,248	47.1%
<b>Thai, Lao, or Other Tai-Kadai Languages</b>	301,544	100%	2,070	100%	10,158	100%
Speak English "very well"	153,393	50.9%	1,231	59.5%	4,300	42.3%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	148,151	49.1%	839	40.5%	5,858	57.7%
<b>Other Languages of Asia</b>	503,224	100%	29,687	100%	69,331	100%
Speak English "very well"	266,361	52.9%	18,924	63.7%	34,797	50.2%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	236,863	47.1%	10,763	36.3%	34,534	49.8%

Language Spoken at Home (detailed, by English proficiency)	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Tagalog (including Filipino)</b>	1,757,649	100%	78,852	100%	82,295	100%
Speak English "very well"	1,225,111	69.7%	57,615	73.1%	61,885	75.2%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	532,538	30.3%	21,237	26.9%	20,410	24.8%
<b>Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or Other Austronesian Languages</b>	485,099	100%	5,367	100%	14,188	100%
Speak English "very well"	314,587	64.9%	4,616	86.0%	9,316	65.7%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	170,512	35.1%	751	14.0%	4,872	34.3%
<b>Arabic</b>	1,428,025	100%	80,840	100%	135,861	100%
Speak English "very well"	950,212	66.5%	56,108	69.4%	88,397	65.1%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	477,813	33.5%	24,732	30.6%	47,464	34.9%
<b>Hebrew</b>	221,173	100%	20,989	100%	54,825	100%
Speak English "very well"	185,203	83.7%	17,023	81.1%	43,573	79.5%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	35,970	16.3%	3,966	18.9%	11,252	20.5%
<b>Amharic, Somali, or Other Afro-Asiatic Languages</b>	623,546	100%	5,291	100%	19,813	100%
Speak English "very well"	380,507	61.0%	2,740	51.8%	14,695	74.2%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	243,039	39.0%	2,551	48.2%	5,118	25.8%
<b>Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or Other Languages of Western Africa</b>	673,386	100%	41,066	100%	94,941	100%
Speak English "very well"	538,204	79.9%	33,735	82.1%	70,930	74.7%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	135,182	20.1%	7,331	17.9%	24,011	25.3%
<b>Swahili or Other Languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa</b>	342,318	100%	8,472	100%	15,809	100%
Speak English "very well"	236,146	69.0%	7,751	91.5%	10,705	67.7%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	106,172	31.0%	721	8.5%	5,104	32.3%
<b>Native Languages of North America</b>	311,685	100%	1,249	100%	3,994	100%
Speak English "very well"	252,763	81.1%	1,205	96.5%	3,551	88.9%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	58,922	18.9%	44	3.5%	443	11.1%
<b>Other and Unspecified Languages</b>	318,004	100%	19,669	100%	42,266	100%
Speak English "very well"	224,612	70.6%	14,387	73.1%	28,472	67.4%
Speak English less than "very well" (LEP)	93,392	29.4%	5,282	26.9%	13,794	32.6%
<b>Educational Attainment</b>	<b>Foreign Born</b>	<b>U.S. Born</b>	<b>Foreign Born</b>	<b>U.S. Born</b>	<b>Foreign Born</b>	<b>U.S. Born</b>
<b>Population (age 25 and older)</b>	40,782,938	188,924,199	1,928,142	4,554,081	4,008,938	9,883,303
Less than high school diploma	24.9%	7.2%	18.2%	5.5%	23.1%	7.7%
High school diploma or GED	22.1%	26.9%	23.2%	26.1%	24.7%	24.5%
Some college or associate's degree	18.3%	30.0%	17.4%	23.9%	18.2%	25.4%
Bachelor's degree	19.1%	22.2%	22.9%	27.2%	18.9%	23.7%
Graduate or professional degree	15.6%	13.7%	18.4%	17.3%	15.2%	18.7%
<b>% Foreign Born among Adults with</b>						
Less than high school diploma	42.7%		58.2%		55.0%	
Bachelor's degree or higher	17.3%		28.2%		24.6%	
<b>Educational Attainment: Change over Time</b>						
<b>Adults with no high school diploma</b>						
% change: 2000-2022	9.4%	-48.3%	2.1%	-62.6%	-13.0%	-51.5%
% change: 1990-2000	47.9%	-19.8%	19.5%	-26.5%	18.3%	-24.1%
<b>Adults with a bachelor's degree or higher</b>						
% change: 2000-2022	141.3%	75.7%	114.4%	54.1%	77.7%	57.1%
% change: 1990-2000	88.9%	32.4%	87.2%	21.5%	68.6%	17.1%
<b>Educational Attainment by U.S. Citizenship Status (foreign-born adults, age 25 and older)</b>						
<b>Naturalized citizens (%)</b>	22,939,352		1,191,647		2,553,339	
Less than high school diploma	17.9%		13.6%		18.6%	
High school diploma or GED	21%		21.9%		23.6%	

<b>Educational Attainment</b>	<b>Foreign Born</b>	<b>U.S. Born</b>	<b>Foreign Born</b>	<b>U.S. Born</b>	<b>Foreign Born</b>	<b>U.S. Born</b>
Some college or associate's degree	21.8%		19.9%		20.9%	
Bachelor's degree	22.1%		25.3%		20.9%	
Graduate or professional degree	17.1%		19.4%		16%	
<b>Noncitizens (%)</b>	<b>17,843,586</b>		<b>736,495</b>		<b>1,455,599</b>	
Less than high school diploma	34%		25.6%		30.9%	
High school diploma or GED	23.5%		25.3%		26.5%	
Some college or associate's degree	13.6%		13.3%		13.4%	
Bachelor's degree	15.3%		19%		15.3%	
Graduate or professional degree	13.6%		16.8%		13.9%	

*Sources:* Migration Policy Institute tabulations of the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) and Decennial Census. Unless stated otherwise, 2022 data are from the one-year ACS file. For information about ACS definitions, [click here](#). For ACS methodology, sampling error, and nonsampling error, [click here](#). Estimates from 1990 and 2000 Decennial Census data as well as ACS microdata are from Steven Ruggles, Sarah Flood, Matthew Sobek, Daniel Backman, Annie Chen, Grace Cooper, Stephanie Richards, Renae Rogers, and Megan Schouweiler. IPUMS USA: Version 14.0 [dataset]. Minneapolis, MN: IPUMS, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.18128/D010.V14.0>.

#### Definitions

- The term "foreign born" refers to people residing in the United States at the time of the population survey who were not U.S. citizens at birth. The foreign-born population includes naturalized U.S. citizens, lawful permanent immigrants (or green-card holders), refugees and asylees, certain legal nonimmigrants (including those on student, work, or some other temporary visas), and persons residing in the country without authorization.
- The term "U.S. born" refers to people residing in the United States who were U.S. citizens in one of three categories: people born in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia; people born in U.S. Insular Areas such as Puerto Rico or Guam; or people who were born abroad to at least one U.S. citizen parent.
- The term limited English proficient (LEP) refers to any person age 5 and older who reported speaking English "not at all," "not well," or "well" on their survey questionnaire. Persons who speak only English or who report speaking English "very well" are considered proficient in English.

#### Data-related notes

- The letter N indicates that an estimate could not be provided by the Census Bureau because the number of sample cases was too small for this state.
- For "English proficiency of the foreign born by U.S. citizenship status" and "Educational Attainment by U.S. Citizenship Status": Data for Alaska, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming are from the Census Bureau's pooled 2018-2022 American Community Survey (ACS). Data for the United States overall and for the remaining states are from the 2022 ACS.
- For "Language Spoken at Home (detailed, by English proficiency)": Data for Alaska, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Maine, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming are from the U.S. Census Bureau's pooled 2018-2022 American Community Survey (ACS). Data for the United States overall and for the remaining states are from the 2022 ACS.

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