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Indicator 8

Language Minority School-Age Children

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In 2007, some 20 percent of children ages 5–17 (or 10.8 million) spoke a language other than English at home, and 5 percent (or 2.7 million) spoke English with difficulty. Seventy-five percent of those who spoke English with difficulty spoke Spanish.

Between 1979 and 2007, the number of school-age children (children ages 5–17) who spoke a language other than English at home increased from 3.8 to 10.8 million, or from 9 to 20 percent of the population in this age range (see table A-8-1). An increase was also evident during the more recent period of 2000 through 2007 (from 18 to 20 percent). The percentage of school-age children who spoke a language other than English at home and spoke English with difficulty increased from 3 to 6 percent between 1979 and 2000, but did not change measurably between 2000 and 2007, remaining between 5 and 6 percent.

Among school-age children who spoke a non-English language at home, the percentage who spoke English with difficulty has decreased over time. For example, of the school-age children who spoke a language other than English at home, 34 percent spoke English with difficulty in 1979, compared with 31 percent in 2000, and 25 percent in 2007.

The percentage of school-age children who spoke a language other than English at home and who spoke English with difficulty varied by demographic characteristics in 2007, including race/ethnicity, poverty status, and age (see table A-8-2). Among school-age children, 18 percent of Hispanics and 16 percent of Asians spoke a non-English language at home and spoke English with difficulty, compared with 7 percent of Pacific Islanders, 3 percent of American Indians/Alaska Natives, and 1 percent each of Whites, Blacks, and children of more than one race. Differences were also seen among racial/ethnic subgroups of Hispanic and Asian school-age children. For example, 21 percent of Mexican school-age children spoke a non-English language at home and spoke English with difficulty versus 8 percent each of Puerto Rican and Other Hispanic school-age children.

For Asians, 24 percent of Vietnamese 5- to 17-year-olds spoke a non-English language at home and spoke English with difficulty, compared with 8 percent of their Filipino peers. In terms of poverty status, higher percentages of poor (10 percent) and near-poor (8 percent) 5- to 17-year-olds spoke a non-English language at home and spoke English with difficulty than did nonpoor 5- to 17-year-olds (3 percent). Concerning differences by age, a greater percentage of 5- to 9-year-olds spoke a language other than English at home and spoke English with difficulty than did 10- to 17-year-olds (7 vs. 4 percent). This pattern by age held across most demographic characteristics.

In terms of language spoken, in 2007, of the school-age children who spoke a language other than English at home and who spoke English with difficulty, about 2.1 million (or 75 percent) spoke Spanish; 320,000 (or 12 percent) of these children spoke Asian/Pacific Islander languages; 287,000 (or 10 percent) spoke other Indo-European languages; and 72,000 (or 3 percent) spoke another language (see table A-8-3).

English-speaking ability also varied by state and region of the country in 2007. The percentage of 5- to 17-year-olds who spoke a non-English language and who spoke English with difficulty was about 1 percent in several states, including Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, South Dakota, Mississippi, West Virginia, Montana, and Wyoming, but was higher in the southern state of Texas (10 percent) and in certain western states, including Arizona (9 percent) and California (11 percent).



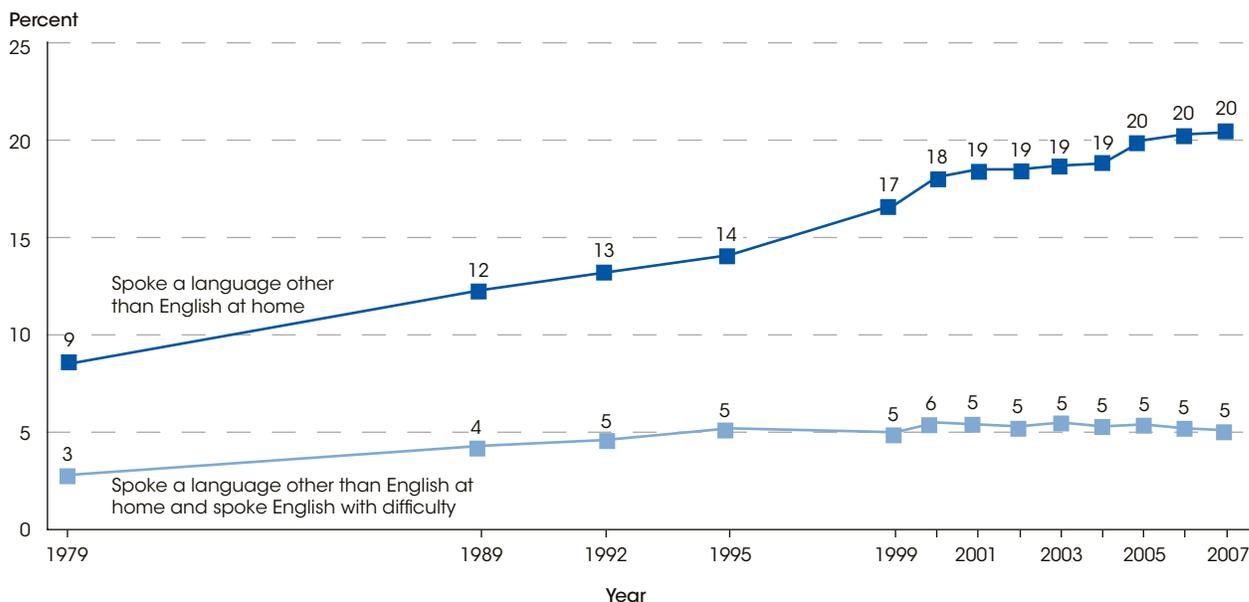
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Glossary: *Language minority students*
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Technical Notes

Respondents were asked whether each child in the household spoke a language other than English at home. If they answered “yes,” they were asked how well each child could speak English using the following categories: “very well,” “well,” “not well,” and “not at all.” All those who reported speaking English less than “very well” were considered to have difficulty speaking English. Spanish-language versions of both the Current Population Survey (CPS) and the American Community Survey (ACS) were available to respondents. Due to differences between the CPS and the ACS, use caution when comparing data before 2000 (CPS) with data from 2000 onward

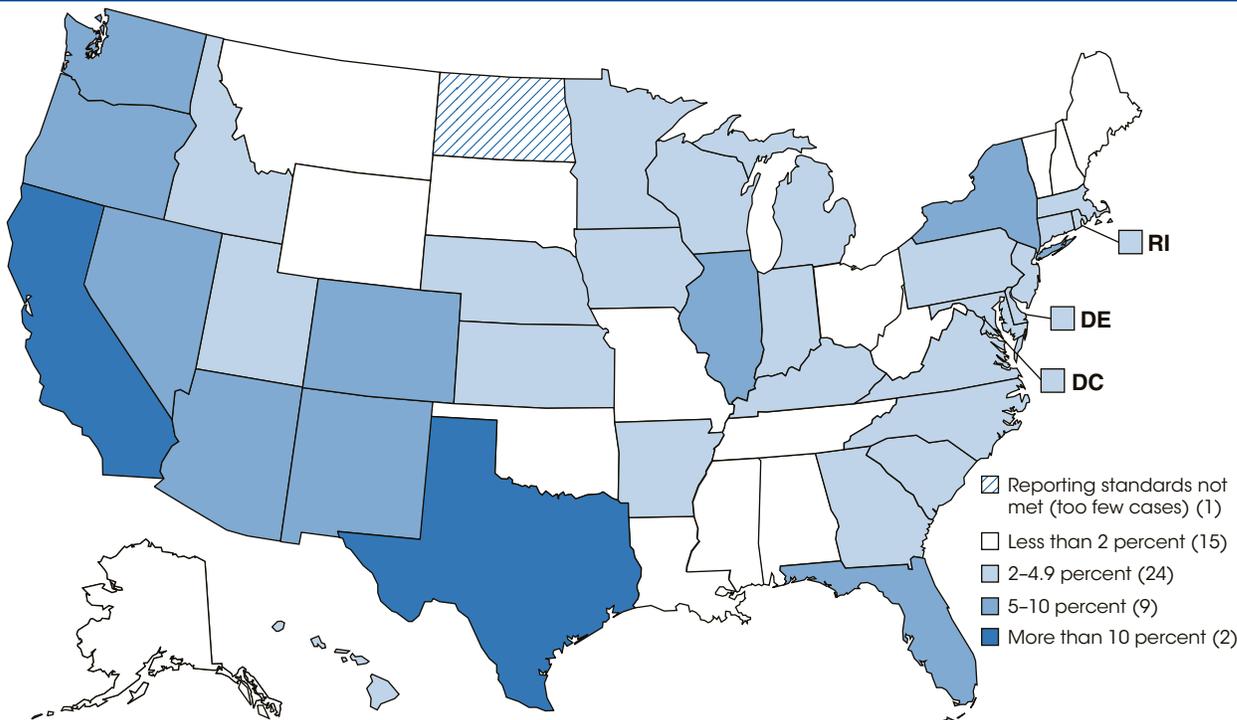
(ACS). For more information on the CPS and the ACS, see *supplemental notes 2* and *3*, respectively. Asian/Pacific Islander languages include any native languages spoken by Asians or Pacific Islanders, which linguists classify variously as Sino-Tibetan, Austroasiatic, or Austronesian languages. Other Indo-European includes Indo-European languages other than Spanish (e.g., French, German, Portuguese, etc.). Race categories exclude persons of Hispanic ethnicity. For more information on race/ethnicity, poverty status, and geographic region, see *supplemental note 1*.

Figure 8-1. Percentage of children ages 5-17 who spoke a language other than English at home and who spoke English with difficulty: Selected years, 1979-2007



NOTE: Respondents were asked whether each child in the household spoke a language other than English at home. If they answered "yes," they were asked how well each child could speak English using the following categories: "very well," "well," "not well," and "not at all." All those who reported speaking English less than "very well" were considered to have difficulty speaking English. Spanish-language versions of both the Current Population Survey (CPS) and the American Community Survey (ACS) were available to respondents. Due to differences between the CPS and the ACS, use caution when comparing data before 2000 (CPS) with data from 2000 onward (ACS). For more information on CPS and the ACS, see *supplemental notes 2 and 3*, respectively.
 SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, Current Population Survey (CPS) 1979 and 1989 November Supplement and 1992, 1995, and 1999 October Supplement, and American Community Survey (ACS), 2000-2007.

Figure 8-2. Percentage of children ages 5-17 who spoke a language other than English at home and who spoke English with difficulty, by state: 2007



NOTE: Respondents were asked whether each child in the household spoke a language other than English at home. If they answered "yes," they were asked how well each child could speak English using the following categories: "very well," "well," "not well," and "not at all." All those who reported speaking English less than "very well" were considered to have difficulty speaking English. For more information on the American Community Survey (ACS), see *supplemental note 3*.
 SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS), 2007.

Supplemental Tables to Indicator 8

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Table A-8-1. Number and percentage of children ages 5–17 who spoke a language other than English at home and who spoke English with difficulty: Selected years, 1979–2007

[Numbers in millions]

Year	Total population	Spoke a language other than English at home					Percent of those who spoke a language other than English at home
		Number	Percent of total population	Spoke English with difficulty		Percent of total population	
				Number	Percent of total population		
1979	44.7	3.8	8.5	1.3	2.8		34.2
1989	42.3	5.2	12.3	1.8	4.3		34.6
1992	47.7	6.3	13.2	2.2	4.6		34.9
1995	47.5	6.7	14.1	2.4	5.2		35.8
1999	52.7	8.8	16.7	2.6	5.0		29.5
2000	52.5	9.5	18.1	2.9	5.5		30.5
2001	53.0	9.8	18.5	2.8	5.4		28.6
2002	53.0	9.8	18.5	2.8	5.3		28.6
2003	53.0	9.9	18.7	2.9	5.5		29.4
2004	52.9	9.9	18.8	2.8	5.3		27.9
2005	52.8	10.6	20.0	2.8	5.4		26.8
2006	53.4	10.8	20.3	2.8	5.2		25.4
2007	53.2	10.8	20.4	2.7	5.1		25.2
			Percentage change compared with 1979				
2007	19.0	185.5	139.9	110.7	83.8!		-26.2
			Percentage change compared with 2000				
2007	1.4	14.2	12.6	-5.6!	-6.4!		-17.3

! Interpret data with caution (estimates are unstable).

NOTE: Respondents were asked whether each child in the household spoke a language other than English at home. If they answered "yes," they were asked how well each child could speak English using the following categories: "very well," "well," "not well," and "not at all." All those who reported speaking English less than "very well" were considered to have difficulty speaking English. Spanish-language versions of both the Current Population Survey (CPS) and the American Community Survey (ACS) were available to respondents. Due to differences between the CPS and the ACS, use caution when comparing data before 2000 (CPS) with data from 2000 onward (ACS). For more information on the CPS and the ACS, see *supplemental notes 2* and *3*, respectively.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, Current Population Survey (CPS), 1979 and 1989 November Supplement and 1992, 1995, and 1999 October Supplement, and American Community Survey (ACS), 2000–07.

Table A-8-2. Number and percentage of children ages 5-17 who spoke a language other than English at home and who spoke English with difficulty, by selected characteristics: 2007

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Spoke a language other than English at home								
	Total population	Spoke English with difficulty							
		Number	Percent of total population	Total		Ages 5-9		Ages 10-17	
				Number	Percent of total population	Number	Percent of population ¹	Number	Percent of population ¹
Total	53,217	10,850	20.4	2,739	5.2	1,368	6.9	1,371	4.1
Language spoken at home									
Spanish	7,826	7,826	100.0	2,060	26.3	1,048	35.4	1,012	20.8
Other Indo-European ²	1,455	1,455	100.0	287	19.7	134	24.9	153	16.7
Asian/Pacific Islander ³	1,174	1,174	100.0	320	27.3	151	34.2	169	23.1
Other	395	395	100.0	72	18.3	35	22.8	37	15.4
Race/ethnicity ⁴									
White	30,825	1,729	5.6	371	1.2	141	1.3	230	1.2
Black	7,719	413	5.4	96	1.3	39	1.4	57	1.2
Hispanic	10,438	7,133	68.3	1,886	18.1	1,005	24.2	882	14.0
Mexican	7,163	5,103	71.2	1,486	20.8	819	28.0	667	15.7
Puerto Rican	946	456	48.2	76	8.0	27	7.8	49	8.2
Cuban	231	159	69.2	30	12.9	12	15.0	17	11.6
Dominican	268	233	86.9	48	17.8	20	21.7	27	15.7
Central American	664	543	81.8	133	20.1	70	27.0	63	15.6
South American	416	326	78.4	57	13.8	27	17.6	30	11.5
Other Hispanic	749	312	41.7	56	7.5	28	9.7	28	6.2
Asian	2,060	1,312	63.7	338	16.4	162	20.0	177	14.1
Asian Indian	399	264	66.2	41	10.3	23	13.1	18	8.2
Chinese	438	306	69.9	88	20.0	43	24.9	44	16.8
Filipino	352	118	33.5	29	8.3	11	8.7	18	8.1
Japanese	60	31	51.8	13	22.7	8	34.9	6	15.2
Korean	218	161	73.7	44	20.0	15	21.7	28	19.2
Vietnamese	265	209	78.7	64	24.1	34	29.8	30	19.9
Other Asian	328	223	68.0	59	18.0	27	22.0	32	15.6
Pacific Islander	79	27	34.4	5	6.8	3	10.1	3	5.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	416	65	15.6	11	2.5	4	2.7	7	2.5
More than one race	1,508	114	7.6	17	1.1	7	1.1	10	1.2
Citizenship									
U.S.-born citizen	50,548	8,619	17.1	1,842	3.6	1,070	5.6	771	2.5
Naturalized U.S. citizen	558	342	61.3	71	12.8	18	13.7	53	12.5
Non-U.S. citizen	2,110	1,888	89.5	826	39.1	279	48.8	547	35.6
Poverty status ⁵									
Poor	8,833	2,678	30.3	857	9.7	451	12.7	407	7.7
Near-poor	10,889	3,267	30.0	892	8.2	460	10.8	432	6.5
Nonpoor	32,570	4,759	14.6	939	2.9	430	3.7	509	2.4

¹ Percentage of the total subgroup population for that particular subgroup. For example, 2.7 percent of all American Indians/Alaska Natives ages 5-9 spoke a language other than English at home and spoke English with difficulty.

² An Indo-European language other than Spanish (e.g., French, German, Portuguese, etc.).

³ Any native language spoken by Asians or Pacific Islanders, which linguists classify variously as Sino-Tibetan, Austroasiatic, or Austronesian languages.

⁴ Race categories exclude persons of Hispanic ethnicity. Totals may include some racial/ethnic categories not shown separately.

⁵ *Poor* is defined to include families below the poverty threshold, *near-poor* is defined to include families at 100-199 percent of the poverty threshold, and *nonpoor* is defined to include families at 200 percent or more than the poverty threshold. Detail may not sum to totals because of missing values for poverty.

NOTE: Respondents were asked whether each child in the household spoke a language other than English at home. If they answered "yes," they were asked how well each child could speak English using the following categories: "very well," "well," "not well," and "not at all." All those who reported speaking English less than "very well" were considered to have difficulty speaking English. A Spanish-language version of the American Community Survey (ACS) was available to respondents. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding. For more information on race/ethnicity and poverty status, see *supplemental note 1*. For more information on the ACS, see *supplemental note 3*.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS), 2007.

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Table A-8-3. Number and percentage of children ages 5–17 who spoke a language other than English at home and who spoke English with difficulty, by language spoken, region, and state: 2007

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Total population	Spoke a language other than English at home					
		Number	Percent of total population	Spoke English with difficulty			
				Total		Spanish	
				Number	Percent of total population	Number	Percent of population ³
United States	53,217	10,850	20.4	2,739	5.2	2,060	75.2
Northeast	9,156	1,859	20.3	397	4.3	209	52.8
Connecticut	595	106	17.9	18	3.0	12	67.9
Maine	213	12	5.8	2	1.1	#	18.3!
Massachusetts	1,060	198	18.7	45	4.3	24	53.1
New Hampshire	224	13	5.7	3	1.1	1!	57.2
New Jersey	1,502	388	25.8	66	4.4	42	63.3
New York	3,225	879	27.3	198	6.2	101	51.0
Pennsylvania	2,063	218	10.6	55	2.7	23	41.6
Rhode Island	176	40	22.9	8	4.7	5	65.0
Vermont	97	4	4.4	1	1.1	‡	‡
Midwest	11,761	1,310	11.1	339	2.9	222	65.3
Illinois	2,310	524	22.7	124	5.4	98	79.1
Indiana	1,149	92	8.0	26	2.3	17	67.2
Iowa	514	41	8.0	10	2.0	8	73.7
Kansas	504	57	11.3	13	2.6	10	76.4
Michigan	1,824	171	9.4	44	2.4	24	54.0
Minnesota	900	100	11.2	28	3.1	11	40.2
Missouri	1,023	67	6.6	20	2.0	11	52.3
Nebraska	329	36	11.1	11	3.2	8	79.5
North Dakota	100	4	4.0	1	1.0	‡	‡
Ohio	1,997	112	5.6	33	1.7	16	47.2
South Dakota	139	9	6.3	2	1.3	‡	60.9!
Wisconsin	971	96	9.9	28	2.9	18	65.5
South	19,559	3,407	17.4	920	4.7	765	83.2
Alabama	817	37	4.6	14	1.7	10	68.7
Arkansas	506	40	7.9	13	2.5	11	86.0
Delaware	145	16	11.1	4	3.1	3	56.4
District of Columbia	76	11	14.2	3	3.6	2!	74.2
Florida	2,886	747	25.9	154	5.3	121	78.8
Georgia	1,812	218	12.0	61	3.4	50	81.7
Kentucky	730	35	4.8	15	2.1	7	49.4
Louisiana	789	45	5.7	12	1.5	6	47.6
Maryland	985	134	13.6	32	3.2	20	61.9
Mississippi	545	16	3.0	5	0.9	4	72.8
North Carolina	1,579	175	11.1	55	3.5	45	82.1
Oklahoma	646	57	8.9	12	1.9	10	82.3
South Carolina	768	50	6.6	16	2.1	11	72.1
Tennessee	1,055	74	7.0	21	2.0	15	70.6
Texas	4,613	1,579	34.2	465	10.1	430	92.5
Virginia	1,322	167	12.6	36	2.7	20	54.1
West Virginia	285	7	2.4	2	0.6	1!	65.2

See notes at end of table.

Table A-8-3. Number and percentage of children ages 5-17 who spoke a language other than English at home and who spoke English with difficulty, by language spoken, region, and state: 2007—Continued
[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Spoke a language other than English at home					
	Spoke English with difficulty					
	Asian/Pacific Islander ¹		Other Indo-European ²		Other	
	Number	Percent of population ³	Number	Percent of population ³	Number	Percent of population ³
United States	320	11.7	287	10.5	72	2.6
Northeast	63	15.8	103	25.9	22	5.5
Connecticut	2!	10.5	3	17.0	‡	‡
Maine	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡
Massachusetts	9	19.8	10	22.0	2!	5.1!
New Hampshire	‡	‡	1!	24.3!	‡	‡
New Jersey	9	14.1	12	18.6	3	4.1
New York	30	15.2	53	26.6	14	7.2
Pennsylvania	9	16.3	23	40.9	‡	‡
Rhode Island	2!	25.4!	‡	‡	‡	‡
Vermont	‡	‡	1!	75.2	‡	‡
Midwest	40	11.7	62	18.2	16	4.9
Illinois	9	7.2	14	11.4	3	2.3!
Indiana	2	7.1	7	25.6	‡	‡
Iowa	1!	7.1!	1!	11.4!	‡	‡
Kansas	2!	11.8!	1!	9.1!	‡	‡
Michigan	6	14.1	9	21.4	5	10.5
Minnesota	9	33.0	3	9.1	5	17.7
Missouri	3!	14.9	6	29.6	‡	‡
Nebraska	‡	‡	1!	13.0!	‡	‡
North Dakota	‡	‡	‡	75.7	‡	‡
Ohio	2	7.2	14	43.0	1!	2.7!
South Dakota	‡	‡	1!	‡	‡	‡
Wisconsin	5	18.1	4	13.1	‡	‡
South	68	7.4	71	7.7	16	1.8
Alabama	3!	21.0	‡	‡	‡	‡
Arkansas	1!	6.5!	1!	7.5!	‡	‡
Delaware	‡	‡	1!	27.0	‡	‡
District of Columbia	‡	‡	#	15.0!	‡	‡
Florida	8	5.2	24	15.3	1!	0.7!
Georgia	6	9.4	5	8.0	1!	1.0!
Kentucky	2!	12.7!	5	34.0	‡	‡
Louisiana	3	25.4	3	22.5	‡	‡
Maryland	7	21.8	3	11.0	2	5.3
Mississippi	1!	14.6!	1!	10.6!	‡	‡
North Carolina	5	9.2	3	6.4	1!	2.4!
Oklahoma	1!	11.2!	‡	‡	‡	‡
South Carolina	2	11.8	2!	14.7!	‡	‡
Tennessee	2!	7.8!	4	18.9	‡	‡
Texas	19	4.1	10	2.2	5	1.2
Virginia	7	19.6	7	18.3	3	8.0
West Virginia	‡	25.7!	‡	‡	‡	‡

See notes at end of table.

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Table A-8-3. Number and percentage of children ages 5–17 who spoke a language other than English at home and who spoke English with difficulty, by language spoken, region, and state: 2007—Continued

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Total population	Spoke a language other than English at home					
		Number	Percent of total population	Spoke English with difficulty			
				Total		Spanish	
				Number	Percent of total population	Number	Percent of population ³
United States	53,217	10,850	20.4	2,739	5.2	2,060	75.2
West	12,742	4,273	33.5	1,083	8.5	863	79.8
Alaska	129	18	13.9	3	2.0	‡	14.8!
Arizona	1,163	374	32.2	106	9.1	96	90.6
California	6,735	2,983	44.3	736	10.9	592	80.5
Colorado	840	150	17.9	48	5.7	40	82.8
Hawaii	194	35	17.8	7	3.8	‡	‡
Idaho	295	35	11.7	7	2.5	6	80.3
Montana	168	6	3.5	1	0.7	1!	45.1!
Nevada	472	145	30.7	34	7.2	29	85.5
New Mexico	355	113	31.8	23	6.4	19	86.2
Oregon	628	122	19.4	33	5.3	24	73.3
Utah	560	69	12.3	20	3.5	17	86.1
Washington	1,115	219	19.7	64	5.8	38	59.5
Wyoming	88	6	6.3	1	0.9	1!	84.4

See notes at end of table.

Table A-8-3. Number and percentage of children ages 5-17 who spoke a language other than English at home and who spoke English with difficulty, by language spoken, region, and state: 2007—Continued

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Spoke a language other than English at home					
	Spoke English with difficulty					
	Asian/Pacific Islander ¹		Other Indo-European ²		Other	
	Number	Percent of population ³	Number	Percent of population ³	Number	Percent of population ³
United States	320	11.7	287	10.5	72	2.6
West	150	13.9	51	4.7	18	1.6
Alaska	1!	27.9!	‡	14.0!	1	43.4
Arizona	5	4.3	2!	1.8!	4	3.4
California	110	15.0	28	3.8	6	0.8
Colorado	4	9.3	‡	‡	‡	‡
Hawaii	7	88.6	‡	‡	‡	‡
Idaho	‡	9.6!	‡	‡	‡	‡
Montana	‡	17.3!	‡	‡	‡	‡
Nevada	3	9.3	1!	3.9!	#	1.3!
New Mexico	1!	2.9!	‡	‡	2!	10.1!
Oregon	4	13.5	4	11.3	‡	‡
Utah	2!	8.0!	1!	2.6!	1!	3.3!
Washington	13	20.3	11	16.8	‡	‡
Wyoming	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡	‡

Rounds to zero.

! Interpret data with caution (estimates are unstable).

‡ Reporting standards not met (too few cases).

¹ Any native language spoken by Asians or Pacific Islanders, which linguists classify variously as Sino-Tibetan, Austroasiatic, or Austronesian languages.

² An Indo-European language other than Spanish (e.g., French, German, Portuguese, etc.).

³ Percentage of children ages 5-17 who spoke a language other than English at home and who spoke English with difficulty that spoke a given language. For example, 75.2 percent of all school-age children who spoke a language other than English at home and who spoke English with difficulty spoke Spanish, and 2.6 percent of all school-age children who spoke a language other than English at home and spoke English with difficulty spoke another language.

NOTE: Respondents were asked whether each child in the household spoke a language other than English at home. If they answered "yes," they were asked how well each child could speak English using the following categories: "very well," "well," "not well," and "not at all." All those who reported speaking English less than "very well" were considered to have difficulty speaking English. A Spanish-language version of the American Community Survey (ACS) was available to respondents. Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding. For more information on geographic region, see *supplemental note 1*. For more information on the ACS, see *supplemental note 3*.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS), 2007.

Standard Error Tables to Indicator 8

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Table S-8-1. Standard errors for the number and percentage of children ages 5-17 who spoke a language other than English at home and who spoke English with difficulty: Selected years, 1979-2007

[Numbers in millions]

Year	Spoke a language other than English at home						Percent of those who spoke a language other than English at home
	Total population	Number	Percent of total population	Spoke English with difficulty		Percent of total population	
1979	—	0.06	0.53	0.04	0.53	1.21	
1989	—	0.09	0.58	0.05	0.61	1.18	
1992	—	0.10	0.55	0.06	0.57	1.08	
1995	—	0.10	0.52	0.06	0.55	1.02	
1999	—	0.12	0.53	0.07	0.57	0.87	
2000	—	0.12	0.21	0.07	0.13	0.60	
2001	—	0.08	0.14	0.04	0.08	0.37	
2002	—	0.08	0.14	0.04	0.08	0.37	
2003	—	0.08	0.14	0.04	0.08	0.37	
2004	0.17	0.08	0.14	0.04	0.08	0.37	
2005	0.12	0.12	0.06	0.03	0.06	0.25	
2006	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.02	0.04	0.20	
2007	0.06	0.04	0.08	0.03	0.05	0.21	
			Percentage change compared with 1979				
2007	—	3.68	10.73	5.03	24.97	3.70	
			Percentage change compared with 2000				
2007	—	1.37	1.27	2.51	2.48	2.12	

— Not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, Current Population Survey (CPS), 1979 and 1989 November Supplement and 1992, 1995, and 1999 October Supplement, and American Community Survey (ACS), 2000-07.

Table S-8-2. Standard errors for the number and percentage of children ages 5–17 who spoke a language other than English at home and who spoke English with difficulty, by selected characteristics: 2007

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Spoke a language other than English at home								
	Total population	Spoke English with difficulty							
		Number	Percent of total population	Total		Ages 5–9		Ages 10–17	
				Number	Percent of total population	Number	Percent of population	Number	Percent of population
Total	57.1	42.6	0.08	25.1	0.05	14.0	0.07	17.3	0.05
Language spoken at home									
Spanish	33.5	33.5	†	21.9	0.26	12.0	0.32	15.2	0.30
Other Indo-European	17.5	17.5	†	7.1	0.42	5.0	0.80	4.5	0.45
Asian/Pacific Islander	13.6	13.6	†	7.3	0.60	5.1	1.03	4.6	0.60
Other	11.3	11.3	†	4.5	1.00	2.6	1.49	3.1	1.15
Race/ethnicity									
White	45.5	21.6	0.07	9.0	0.03	4.6	0.04	6.3	0.03
Black	29.2	9.8	0.12	5.3	0.07	2.8	0.10	4.0	0.08
Hispanic	29.7	30.3	0.23	20.3	0.19	11.8	0.26	13.4	0.21
Mexican	29.9	30.1	0.28	18.7	0.24	11.1	0.31	12.7	0.29
Puerto Rican	14.7	11.2	0.91	4.1	0.41	2.1	0.56	3.0	0.46
Cuban	6.9	5.5	1.54	2.5	1.06	1.4	1.57	2.0	1.30
Dominican	8.7	8.3	1.15	3.4	1.22	1.8	1.97	2.5	1.32
Central American	14.2	11.4	0.64	5.2	0.72	3.4	1.19	3.7	0.86
South American	10.6	9.7	1.05	3.9	0.80	2.3	1.31	2.4	0.81
Other Hispanic	10.6	7.4	0.75	3.0	0.41	1.8	0.62	2.3	0.48
Asian	14.0	14.0	0.46	8.1	0.37	5.4	0.60	4.7	0.36
Asian Indian	9.9	8.0	1.04	3.3	0.77	2.0	1.05	2.0	0.82
Chinese	8.7	7.3	0.93	3.6	0.70	2.8	1.33	2.3	0.74
Filipino	9.1	4.8	1.07	2.2	0.58	1.2	0.88	1.8	0.77
Japanese	3.4	2.6	2.77	1.6	2.42	1.1	3.92	1.1	2.78
Korean	7.6	6.6	1.48	2.9	1.24	1.7	2.12	2.3	1.49
Vietnamese	8.4	7.9	1.23	3.9	1.19	2.3	1.65	2.6	1.36
Other Asian	9.5	8.5	1.42	4.4	1.16	2.4	1.59	2.7	1.19
Pacific Islander	3.5	1.9	2.05	1.1	1.38	0.7	2.44	0.6	1.18
American Indian/Alaska Native	7.5	3.4	0.79	1.2	0.30	0.8	0.54	0.8	0.30
More than one race	15.5	5.3	0.36	1.7	0.11	1.0	0.16	1.3	0.15
Citizenship									
U.S.-born citizen	61.4	41.5	0.08	20.3	0.04	12.3	0.06	13.8	0.04
Naturalized U.S. citizen	11.3	9.4	1.01	3.9	0.64	1.7	1.22	3.0	0.66
Non-U.S. citizen	20.7	19.6	0.30	13.1	0.51	7.2	0.96	10.5	0.57
Poverty status									
Poor	63.2	30.5	0.31	14.9	0.17	10.0	0.29	9.1	0.17
Near-poor	68.7	32.9	0.22	16.1	0.14	8.6	0.20	10.6	0.15
Nonpoor	72.2	35.3	0.10	14.4	0.04	8.2	0.07	9.5	0.04

† Not applicable.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS), 2007.

Standard Error Tables to Indicator 8

Language Minority School-Age Children

Table S-8-3. Standard errors for the number and percentage of children ages 5-17 who spoke a language other than English at home and who spoke English with difficulty, by language spoken, region, and state: 2007

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Spoke a language other than English at home						
	Total population	Number	Percent of total population	Spoke English with difficulty			
				Total		Spanish	
				Number	Percent of total population	Number	Percent of population
United States	57.1	42.6	0.08	25.1	0.05	21.9	0.38
Northeast	21.9	19.5	0.21	9.4	0.10	6.3	0.99
Connecticut	4.2	4.8	0.77	1.8	0.31	1.4	4.59
Maine	4.1	2.4	1.13	0.8	0.39	†	9.02
Massachusetts	6.0	4.9	0.46	2.7	0.26	2.2	3.25
New Hampshire	3.9	1.3	0.58	0.7	0.32	0.6	14.34
New Jersey	8.4	8.0	0.51	3.4	0.22	2.9	2.30
New York	13.1	12.0	0.34	6.6	0.20	4.9	1.65
Pennsylvania	13.8	8.1	0.39	4.1	0.20	2.1	2.55
Rhode Island	2.6	2.5	1.36	1.6	0.89	1.1	8.92
Vermont	2.8	0.9	0.89	0.4	0.40	†	†
Midwest	32.9	16.2	0.13	8.4	0.07	7.0	1.42
Illinois	10.4	9.5	0.38	4.9	0.21	4.6	1.67
Indiana	8.2	4.6	0.39	2.3	0.20	2.1	4.09
Iowa	6.1	3.1	0.60	1.5	0.29	1.2	7.02
Kansas	6.1	3.5	0.67	1.6	0.31	1.4	5.30
Michigan	12.0	6.3	0.34	3.2	0.18	2.3	3.43
Minnesota	10.0	5.3	0.58	3.5	0.39	1.8	5.19
Missouri	8.4	4.1	0.39	2.2	0.21	1.5	4.96
Nebraska	6.1	3.4	1.01	1.9	0.59	1.8	5.11
North Dakota	3.6	1.0	0.99	0.5	0.54	†	†
Ohio	10.4	5.5	0.28	3.0	0.15	2.1	5.02
South Dakota	4.2	1.5	1.07	0.6	0.44	†	18.75
Wisconsin	10.2	4.7	0.46	2.8	0.29	2.4	4.68
South	31.5	22.4	0.11	12.9	0.07	12.0	0.64
Alabama	5.5	2.5	0.29	2.0	0.24	1.3	7.24
Arkansas	5.5	2.3	0.46	1.7	0.35	1.7	4.45
Delaware	3.0	1.7	1.15	0.9	0.61	0.6	9.93
District of Columbia	1.4	1.1	1.38	0.7	0.96	0.7	9.91
Florida	8.6	9.7	0.33	5.3	0.18	4.3	1.74
Georgia	8.4	6.0	0.33	3.0	0.17	2.8	2.11
Kentucky	5.9	3.1	0.43	2.1	0.29	1.2	6.03
Louisiana	5.9	3.2	0.39	1.5	0.19	1.0	5.94
Maryland	6.0	4.0	0.41	2.5	0.25	2.0	3.30
Mississippi	4.8	1.8	0.32	0.8	0.14	0.7	7.21
North Carolina	7.1	4.9	0.32	3.0	0.19	2.8	2.11
Oklahoma	6.6	3.6	0.55	1.5	0.24	1.3	5.19
South Carolina	5.7	2.8	0.35	1.7	0.22	1.2	6.22
Tennessee	6.8	3.8	0.37	1.9	0.18	1.6	4.65
Texas	12.4	12.7	0.29	9.4	0.21	8.9	0.58
Virginia	6.8	5.5	0.40	2.7	0.20	1.9	3.60
West Virginia	4.1	0.9	0.31	0.5	0.18	0.4	12.95

See notes at end of table.

Table S-8-3. Standard errors for the number and percentage of children ages 5–17 who spoke a language other than English at home and who spoke English with difficulty, by language spoken, region, and state: 2007—Continued

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Spoke a language other than English at home					
	Spoke English with difficulty					
	Asian/Pacific Islander		Other Indo-European		Other	
	Number	Percent of population	Number	Percent of population	Number	Percent of population
United States	7.3	0.25	7.1	0.25	4.5	0.16
Northeast	2.8	0.66	4.3	0.93	3.0	0.71
Connecticut	0.6	3.01	0.7	3.53	†	†
Maine	†	†	†	†	†	†
Massachusetts	1.3	2.60	1.2	2.38	0.7	1.65
New Hampshire	†	†	0.3	11.30	†	†
New Jersey	1.2	1.71	1.3	1.90	0.7	1.08
New York	2.0	1.02	3.4	1.48	2.3	1.10
Pennsylvania	1.3	2.34	2.6	2.94	†	†
Rhode Island	1.0	9.12	†	†	†	†
Vermont	†	†	0.3	14.97	†	†
Midwest	3.6	0.96	3.6	1.02	2.2	0.63
Illinois	1.3	1.00	1.4	1.10	0.8	0.69
Indiana	0.5	1.93	1.1	3.80	†	†
Iowa	0.4	3.30	0.4	3.98	†	†
Kansas	0.7	4.65	0.4	3.18	†	†
Michigan	0.9	2.09	1.4	2.59	1.2	2.64
Minnesota	2.2	5.37	0.6	2.05	1.4	4.30
Missouri	1.0	4.41	1.1	4.75	†	†
Nebraska	†	†	0.5	4.48	†	†
North Dakota	†	†	†	19.41	†	†
Ohio	0.6	1.81	2.4	5.38	0.3	0.96
South Dakota	†	†	0.3	†	†	†
Wisconsin	1.2	3.88	0.8	2.84	†	†
South	3.4	0.35	4.6	0.49	2.0	0.22
Alabama	0.9	5.73	†	†	†	†
Arkansas	0.4	2.87	0.5	3.70	†	†
Delaware	†	†	0.4	7.93	†	†
District of Columbia	†	†	†	7.31	†	†
Florida	1.1	0.68	2.8	1.62	0.4	0.28
Georgia	0.9	1.44	1.2	1.85	0.2	0.37
Kentucky	0.6	3.93	1.4	6.59	†	†
Louisiana	0.8	5.55	0.6	5.26	†	†
Maryland	1.1	2.95	0.6	1.88	0.5	1.41
Mississippi	0.3	5.87	0.2	4.78	†	†
North Carolina	0.9	1.62	0.6	1.13	0.5	0.87
Oklahoma	0.6	4.35	†	†	†	†
South Carolina	0.5	3.11	1.1	6.07	†	†
Tennessee	0.5	2.44	0.9	3.88	†	†
Texas	2.1	0.44	1.6	0.35	1.4	0.30
Virginia	1.2	2.87	1.3	3.06	0.8	2.26
West Virginia	†	12.16	†	†	†	†

See notes at end of table.

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Table S-8-3. Standard errors for the number and percentage of children ages 5-17 who spoke a language other than English at home and who spoke English with difficulty, by language spoken, region, and state: 2007—Continued

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Spoke a language other than English at home						
	Total population	Number	Percent of total population	Spoke English with difficulty			
				Total		Spanish	
				Number	Percent of total population	Number	Percent of population
United States	57.1	42.6	0.08	25.1	0.05	21.9	0.38
West	25.3	25.5	0.18	15.8	0.12	13.7	0.50
Alaska	3.5	1.7	1.25	0.5	0.40	†	7.29
Arizona	6.2	7.2	0.59	4.8	0.41	4.4	1.14
California	15.3	18.4	0.26	12.5	0.18	11.4	0.69
Colorado	6.1	5.8	0.67	3.8	0.45	3.1	3.75
Hawaii	3.3	2.5	1.25	1.0	0.55	†	†
Idaho	4.0	2.8	0.93	1.2	0.42	1.1	6.36
Montana	4.1	1.1	0.63	0.4	0.22	0.2	17.28
Nevada	3.8	3.7	0.72	2.1	0.45	1.9	2.00
New Mexico	5.2	4.1	1.10	1.9	0.54	1.8	3.50
Oregon	5.4	4.7	0.70	2.2	0.34	2.0	3.56
Utah	6.0	4.2	0.73	2.2	0.40	2.2	3.50
Washington	8.1	6.3	0.51	4.8	0.42	3.6	3.06
Wyoming	2.8	1.1	1.24	0.3	0.37	0.3	14.53

See notes at end of table.

Table S-8-3. Standard errors for the number and percentage of children ages 5–17 who spoke a language other than English at home and who spoke English with difficulty, by language spoken, region, and state: 2007—Continued

[Numbers in thousands]

Characteristic	Spoke a language other than English at home					
	Spoke English with difficulty					
	Asian/Pacific Islander		Other Indo-European		Other	
	Number	Percent of population	Number	Percent of population	Number	Percent of population
United States	7.3	0.25	7.1	0.25	4.5	0.16
West	4.8	0.42	4.6	0.41	1.9	0.17
Alaska	0.3	10.31	†	6.36	0.3	9.67
Arizona	1.0	0.96	0.6	0.58	0.6	0.57
California	4.6	0.58	2.8	0.36	1.2	0.16
Colorado	0.8	1.59	†	†	†	†
Hawaii	0.9	5.15	†	†	†	†
Idaho	†	4.54	†	†	†	†
Montana	†	8.65	†	†	†	†
Nevada	0.6	1.61	0.5	1.44	†	0.63
New Mexico	0.3	1.35	†	†	0.8	3.25
Oregon	0.7	2.00	1.0	2.85	†	†
Utah	0.6	3.00	0.2	1.08	0.2	1.18
Washington	1.6	2.34	2.0	2.80	†	†
Wyoming	†	†	†	†	†	†

† Not applicable.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS), 2007.