



Languages Spoken by English Learners (ELs)

Fact

States annually report the five most common languages spoken by ELs and the number of ELs who speak each of those languages. Approximately 50 languages appear in one or more states' top five lists. In SY 2013-14, the most common languages included Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Haitian/Haitian Creole.

Twenty Most Common EL Languages, as Reported in States' Top Five Lists: SY 2013-14

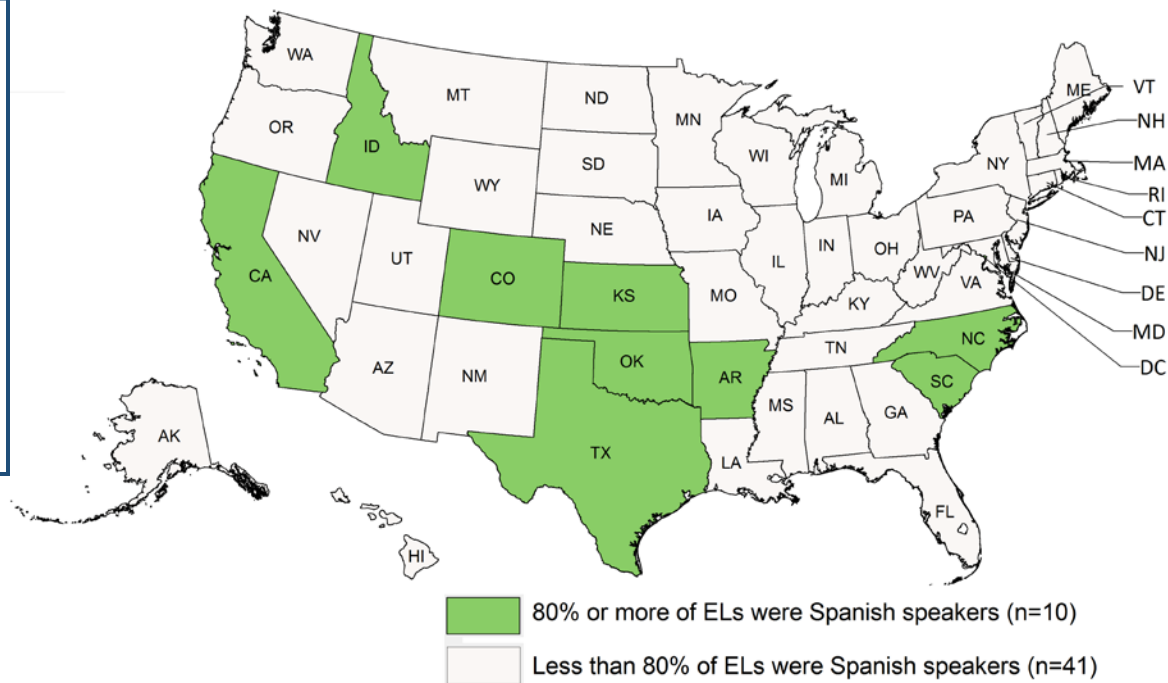
Languages	Reported Number of EL Speakers
1. Spanish	3,770,816
2. Arabic	100,461
3. Chinese	99,943
4. Vietnamese	80,283
5. Haitian/Haitian Creole	35,467
6. Somali	25,278
7. Tagalog	24,370
8. Hmong	23,473
9. Portuguese	10,102
10. Bengali	9,371
11. Russian	9,111
12. Navajo	8,914
13. Urdu	8,438
14. Yupik languages	6,629
15. Polish	5,347
16. Karen languages	5,195
17. Korean	5,011
18. Marshallese	4,327
19. Creoles and pidgins, Portuguese-based (Other)	3,893
20. Nepali	3,633

Note: Figures reflect the combined number of reported speakers of a language in states where that language was one of the state's five most common EL languages. This list includes only those languages for which specified data were listed. "Undetermined" and "not applicable" languages were not included in the list above.
Source: U.S. Department of Education, Consolidated State Performance Reports, SY 2013-14.

States, Including D.C., With 80 Percent or More Spanish-Speaking ELs: SY 2013-14

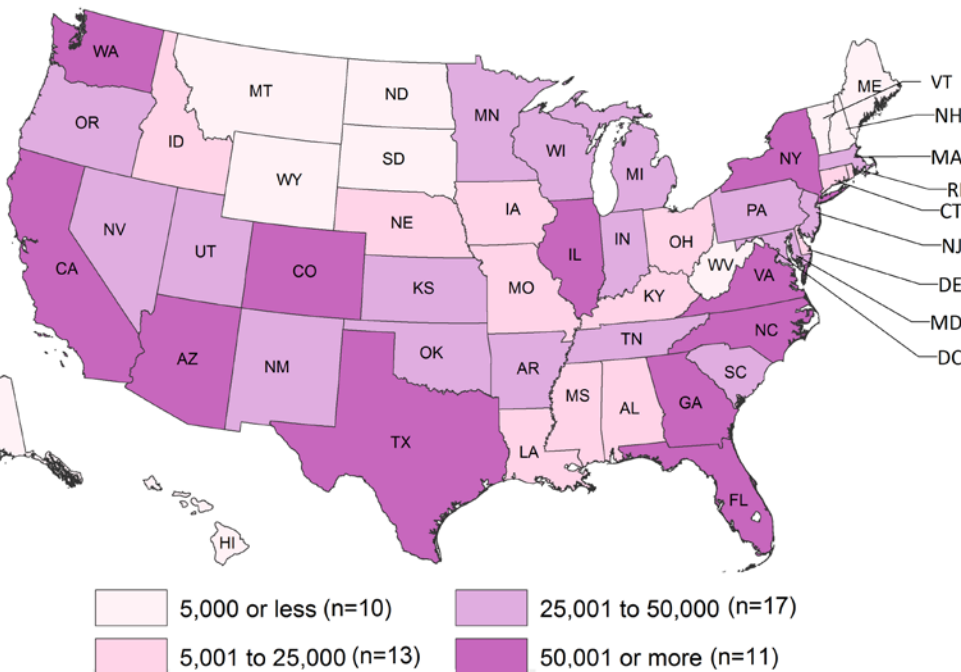
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Nine states and the District of Columbia reported that 80 percent or more of ELs in the state spoke Spanish in SY 2013-14.



Source: U.S. Department of Education, Consolidated State Performance Reports, SY 2013-14.

Number of Spanish-Speaking ELs, by State, Including D.C.: SY 2013-14



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In SY 2013-14, Spanish-speaking ELs were concentrated in 11 states. Five of these states—California, Texas, Florida, New York, and Illinois—also reported the highest numbers of ELs overall.

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