

**Table 262. Foreign Language Enrollment in Public High Schools: 1970 to 2000**

[In thousands (13,301.9 represents 13,301,900), except percent. As of fall, for grades 9 through 12]

Language	1970	1974	1978	1982	1985	1990	1994	2000
<b>Total enrollment</b> . . . . .	<b>13,301.9</b>	<b>13,648.9</b>	<b>13,941.4</b>	<b>12,879.3</b>	<b>12,466.5</b>	<b>11,099.6</b>	<b>11,847.5</b>	<b>13,457.8</b>
<b>Enrolled in all foreign languages.</b> . . .	<b>3,779.3</b>	<b>3,294.5</b>	<b>3,200.1</b>	<b>2,909.8</b>	<b>4,028.9</b>	<b>4,256.9</b>	<b>5,001.9</b>	<b>5,899.4</b>
Percent of all students . . . . .	28.4	24.1	23.0	22.6	32.3	38.4	42.2	43.8
Enrolled in modern foreign languages <sup>1</sup> . . .	3,514.1	3,127.3	3,048.3	2,740.2	3,852.0	4,093.0	4,813.0	5,721.9
Spanish . . . . .	1,810.8	1,678.1	1,631.4	1,562.8	2,334.4	2,611.4	3,219.8	4,057.6
French . . . . .	1,230.7	977.9	856.0	858.0	1,133.7	1,089.4	1,105.9	1,075.4
German . . . . .	410.5	393.0	330.6	266.9	312.2	295.4	326.0	283.3
Italian . . . . .	27.3	40.2	45.5	44.1	47.3	40.4	43.8	64.1
Japanese . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	6.2	8.6	24.1	42.3	50.9
Russian . . . . .	20.2	15.1	8.8	5.7	6.4	16.5	16.4	10.6
Percent of all students <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	26.4	22.9	21.9	21.3	30.9	36.9	40.6	42.5
Spanish . . . . .	13.6	12.3	11.7	12.1	18.7	23.5	27.2	30.2
French . . . . .	9.3	7.2	6.1	6.7	9.1	9.8	9.3	8.0
German . . . . .	3.1	2.9	2.4	2.1	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.1
Italian . . . . .	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
Japanese . . . . .	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.4
Russian . . . . .	0.2	0.1	0.1	(Z)	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1

NA Not available. Z Less than 0.05 percent. <sup>1</sup> Includes other foreign languages, not shown separately.

Source: The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Alexandria, VA, *Foreign Language Enrollments in Public Secondary Schools, fall 1994 and fall 2000*.