

Table 223. Children Who Speak a Language Other Than English at Home: 2000 to 2004

[In percent, except as indicated. For children 5 to 17 years old (9.5 represents 9,500,000). Based on the American Community Survey; see text Section 1, and Appendix III]

Characteristic	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Children who speak another language at home (mil.)	9.5	9.8	9.8	9.9	10.0
Percent of children 5 to 17 years old	18.1	18.5	18.5	18.6	18.9
Race and Hispanic origin:					
White alone, non-Hispanic.	5.7	5.7	5.6	5.1	5.3
Black alone, non-Hispanic.	4.4	4.5	4.5	5.0	4.7
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	19.9	23.8	22.5	20.8	17.0
Asian alone	68.4	67.9	65.8	64.5	63.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	36.2	42.9	39.2	34.2	32.6
Two or more races.	18.2	17.9	17.2	15.2	13.4
Hispanic ¹	68.6	68.7	67.8	67.6	67.4
Region: ²					
Northeast	19.1	18.7	18.4	19.0	19.0
Midwest	9.5	9.9	10.0	9.9	10.5
South	14.6	15.1	15.4	15.7	15.6
West	31.0	31.1	31.3	31.0	31.4
Living in linguistically isolated household ³ (mil.)	2.4	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.8
Percent of children 5 to 17 years old	4.6	4.9	4.9	5.3	5.5
Children who speak another language at home and have difficulty speaking English ⁴ (mil.)	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.8
Percent of children 5 to 17 years old	5.5	5.4	5.3	5.4	5.2
Race and Hispanic origin:					
White alone, non-Hispanic.	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3
Black alone, non-Hispanic.	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.2
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	4.6	4.5	4.2	3.9	3.1
Asian alone	20.4	21.1	19.3	17.9	16.9
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	10.2	8.8	9.2	5.9	7.1
Two or more races.	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.4	2.5
Hispanic ¹	22.8	21.3	20.5	20.9	19.7
Region: ²					
Northeast	5.0	5.1	5.0	5.5	4.8
Midwest	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.2
South	4.4	4.1	4.3	4.7	4.4
West	10.0	9.7	9.0	8.7	8.8

¹ Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. ² For composition of regions, see map, inside front cover. ³ No person in the household aged 14 or over speaks English at least "very well." ⁴ Children who speak English less than "very well."