

**Table 232. Children Who Speak a Language Other Than English at Home by Region: 2008**

[In thousands (10,872 represents 10,872,000), except percent. For children 5 to 17 years old. For more on languages spoken at home, see Tables 54–55. Based on the American Community Survey; see text, Section 1 and Appendix III. For composition of regions, see map, inside front cover]

Characteristic	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Children who speak another language at home	10,872	1,867	1,324	3,471	4,209
Percent of children 5 to 17 years old	20.5	20.6	11.4	17.7	33.1
Speak Spanish	7,781	1,002	796	2,733	3,251
Speak English "very well"	5,774	790	577	1,973	2,434
Speak English less than "very well"	2,008	211	219	760	818
Speak other Indo-European languages	1,513	538	290	375	309
Speak English "very well"	1,237	435	229	312	260
Speak English less than "very well"	276	103	61	63	49
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	1,153	232	145	255	522
Speak English "very well"	839	164	102	192	380
Speak English less than "very well"	314	67	43	63	141
Speak other languages	424	96	93	107	127
Speak English "very well"	342	79	74	89	100
Speak English less than "very well"	82	17	20	19	27
Have difficulty speaking English <sup>1</sup>	2,680	399	342	905	1,035
Language spoken at home in linguistically isolated households <sup>2</sup>	2,889	453	322	952	1,162
Speak only English	164	39	18	54	52
Speak Spanish	2,120	243	205	757	915
Speak other Indo-European languages	217	79	42	55	42
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	320	76	38	70	135
Speak other languages	68	15	18	17	18

<sup>1</sup> Children aged 5 to 17 who speak English less than "very well." <sup>2</sup> A household in which no person aged 14 or over speaks English at least "very well."

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey, B16003, "Age by Language Spoken at Home for the Population 5 Years and Over," and C16004, "Age By Language Spoken at Home For the Population 5 Years and Over in Linguistically Isolated Households," <<http://factfinder.census.gov>>, accessed February 2010.

**Table 233. Preprimary School Enrollment—Summary: 1970 to 2008**

[As of October. Civilian noninstitutional population (10,949 represents 10,949,000). Includes public and nonpublic nursery school and kindergarten programs. Excludes 5-year-olds enrolled in elementary school. Based on Current Population Survey. See text, Section 1 and Appendix III]

Item	1970	1980	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008
NUMBER OF CHILDREN (1,000)									
<b>Population, 3 to 5 years old</b>	<b>10,949</b>	<b>9,284</b>	<b>11,207</b>	<b>12,518</b>	<b>11,858</b>	<b>12,134</b>	<b>12,187</b>	<b>12,325</b>	<b>12,583</b>
<b>Total enrolled<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>4,104</b>	<b>4,878</b>	<b>6,659</b>	<b>7,739</b>	<b>7,592</b>	<b>7,801</b>	<b>8,009</b>	<b>8,056</b>	<b>7,928</b>
Nursery	1,094	1,981	3,378	4,331	4,326	4,529	4,636	4,569	4,570
Public	332	628	1,202	1,950	2,146	2,409	2,481	2,532	2,609
Private	762	1,353	2,177	2,381	2,180	2,120	2,156	2,037	1,961
Kindergarten	3,010	2,897	3,281	3,408	3,266	3,272	3,373	3,487	3,358
Public	2,498	2,438	2,767	2,799	2,701	2,804	2,960	3,087	2,982
Private	511	459	513	608	565	468	413	400	376
White <sup>2</sup>	3,443	3,994	5,389	6,144	5,861	6,025	6,145	6,191	6,011
Black <sup>2</sup>	586	725	964	1,236	1,265	1,148	1,225	1,213	1,231
Hispanic <sup>3</sup>	(NA)	370	642	1,040	1,155	1,494	1,624	1,751	1,645
3 years old	454	857	1,205	1,489	1,540	1,715	1,716	1,717	1,654
4 years old	1,007	1,423	2,086	2,553	2,556	2,668	2,817	2,774	2,804
5 years old	2,643	2,598	3,367	3,697	3,496	3,418	3,476	3,565	3,470
ENROLLMENT RATE									
<b>Total enrolled<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>59.4</b>	<b>61.8</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>64.3</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>63.0</b>
White <sup>2</sup>	37.8	52.7	59.7	63.0	63.2	65.1	66.0	68.7	65.1
Black <sup>2</sup>	34.9	51.8	57.8	58.9	68.5	62.0	66.7	69.7	66.2
Hispanic <sup>3</sup>	(NA)	43.3	49.0	51.1	52.6	56.1	59.8	63.0	57.6
3 years old	12.9	27.3	32.6	35.9	39.2	41.3	42.4	41.5	39.3
4 years old	27.8	46.3	56.0	61.6	64.9	66.2	68.8	67.8	66.1
5 years old	69.3	84.7	88.8	87.5	87.6	86.4	85.8	87.1	83.8

NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> Includes races not shown separately. <sup>2</sup> Beginning 2005, for persons who selected this race group only. See footnote 2, Table 225. <sup>3</sup> Persons of Hispanic origin may be any race. The method of identifying Hispanic children was changed in 1980 from allocation based on status of mother to status reported for each child. The number of Hispanic children using the new method is larger.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Reports, PPL-148; earlier PPL and P-20 reports and unpublished data; and "School Enrollment," <<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/school.html>>.