

Table 231. Children Who Speak a Language Other Than English at Home by Region: 2007

[In thousands (10,918 represents 10,918,000), 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]

Characteristic	U.S.	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Children who speak another language at home	10,918	1,853	1,339	3,443	4,284
Percent of children 5 to 17 years old	20.5	20.3	11.4	17.6	33.6
Speak Spanish	7,872	1,005	804	2,735	3,328
Speak English "very well"	5,804	801	578	1,969	2,457
Speak English less than "very well"	2,068	204	226	766	872
Speak other Indo-European languages	1,479	525	288	374	291
Speak English "very well"	1,189	420	225	303	241
Speak English less than "very well"	289	105	63	71	50
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	1,173	226	156	250	542
Speak English "very well"	853	165	112	183	393
Speak English less than "very well"	320	60	44	68	148
Speak other languages	394	97	92	83	122
Speak English "very well"	323	77	74	68	104
Speak English less than "very well"	71	20	17	15	19
Have difficulty speaking English ¹	2,748	389	350	920	1,089
Language spoken at home in linguistically isolated ² households	3,046	456	345	990	1,255
Speak only English	156	35	20	52	50
Speak Spanish	2,263	247	226	794	995
Speak other Indo-European languages	230	82	42	59	47
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	335	73	40	70	152
Speak other languages	62	18	17	14	12

¹ Children ages 5 to 17 who speak English less than "very well." ² A household in which no person age 14 or over speaks English at least "very well."

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey; Table B16003 "Age by Language Spoken at Home for the Population 5 Years and Over" and Table C16004 "Age By Language Spoken at Home For the Population 5 Years and Over in Linguistically Isolated Households," using American Factfinder; <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>> (accessed 29 September 2008).