# Language Projections: 2010 to 2020 

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#### Abstract

Language diversity in the United States has changed rapidly over the past three decades. The use of a language other than English at home increased by 148 percent between 1980 and 2009 and this increase was not evenly distributed among languages. Polish, German, and Italian actually had fewer speakers in 2009 compared to 1980. Other languages, such as Spanish, Vietnamese, and Russian, had considerable increases in their use. Using data on the language spoken at home from the American Community Survey and the U.S. Census Bureau's 2008 and 2009 National Population Projections, this paper presents projections of what the population speaking a language other than English might look like in 2020.


## INTRODUCTION

The changing landscape of the population living in the United States over the past several decades can be seen in many areas throughout the country. Whether it is a road sign written in Chinese or a Spanish-language television station, one can see that the language diversity in the United States is rapidly changing. In 2009, 57.1 million people ( 20 percent of the population 5 years and older) spoke a language other than English at home (LOTE). In 1980, there were 23.1 million (11 percent of the population 5 years and older) LOTE speakers.

Overall, the 148 percent increase from 1980 to 2009 in the number of LOTE speakers was not evenly distributed among languages. Polish, German, and Italian actually had fewer speakers in 2009 compared to 1980 (Table 1). Other languages, such as Spanish, Vietnamese, and Russian, however, had considerable increases in their use. This paper presents national-level projections of what the LOTE population might look like in 2020.

## BACKGROUND

The United States has always been a country noted for its linguistic diversity. Information on language use and proficiency collected from decennial censuses shows that there have been striking changes in the linguistic landscape. These changes have been driven in large part by a shift in the origins of immigration to the United States. During the late $19^{\text {th }}$ and early $20^{\text {th }}$ centuries, the majority of U.S. immigrants spoke either English or a European language such as German, Polish, or Italian (Stevens, 1999). Beginning in the middle of the $20^{\text {th }}$ century, patterns of immigration shifted to countries in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Asia (Bean and Stevens, 2005). As a result, the use of Spanish and Asian or Pacific Island languages began to
grow. By 2000, over 70 percent of the population speaking a LOTE spoke Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese, or Tagalog (Shin and Bruno, 2003).

Since 1980, the percentage of the population who reported speaking a language other than English at home rose from 23.1 million speakers to 57.1 million speakers in 2009 (Table 2). The largest numeric increase in the population speaking a language other than English at home was for Spanish speakers (increased by 24.4 million speakers) whereas the largest percent increase was for Vietnamese speakers (533 percent increase). ${ }^{3}$

Language use is an indicator of cultural assimilation (Rumbaut, 1997), which is measured by shifts to English as the language usually spoken by U.S. immigrants and their descendants (Stevens, 1994). For most U.S. immigrant groups, the shift to English monolingualism takes place within a few generations (Hurtado and Vega, 2004).

There are many incentives to learn and use English in American society. Economists have argued that the impetus for language acquisition was for human capital (Chiswick and Miller, 2001) or that potential earnings could be affected by not having a strong command of the English language and therefore motivates immigrants to learn English and increase potential earnings (Cohen-Goldner and Eckstein, 2008). Others have argued that the economic view overlooks the social and cultural aspects of learning English in the United States (Espenshade and Fu, 1997; Mouw and Xie, 1999; Stevens, 1992) such as communication within and outside of one's language group.

The U.S. Census Bureau has collected information about the language characteristics of U.S. residents in every decennial census from 1890 through 2000, with the exception of the 1950 census. Information was collected on English proficiency, mother tongue, and language spoken. The development of a consistent time series of data for the period between 1890 and 1980 is

[^1]hindered by the considerable variation across censuses in terms of question wording, coding of responses, and the subsets of the population that were asked these questions (Stevens, 1999).

Beginning in 1980, a series of three questions were introduced to gather data on language use and English speaking ability. These questions were developed to satisfy the legislative mandate of the minority language assistance provision of Section 203 in the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and, along with a few other variables, are used to determine which jurisdictions must provide voting rights materials in minority languages. ${ }^{4}$ The three questions were asked of the population 5 years and over. The first question asked "Does this person speak a language other than English at home?" If the respondent answered "Yes" to this question, they were then asked "What is this language?" with a write-in field for the answer and then asked "How well does this person speak English?" with the following four answer categories: "Very well," "Well," "Not well," and "Not at all."

These same three questions were asked in the 1980, 1990, and 2000 censuses, providing a consistent time series with which to study changes in language use and English-speaking ability among U.S. residents over time. Since 2001, the language questions, along with all of the other social, economic, and housing questions that were asked on the Census 2000 long-form census questionnaire, are now asked yearly in the American Community Survey. This change allows for these characteristics to be gathered yearly instead of every 10 years. Having the same three questions asked for the last 3 decades gives a good metric for comparing the relative growth or decline of individual languages.

The language data collected are obtained from the second language question that asks "What is this language?" The languages written in this box are put through a coding procedure

[^2]that assigns a language code for individual language or groups of languages. There are 382 language codes and from this list, a standard classification of 39 detailed language groups is available. These 39 languages are further collapsed into four major language groups; Spanish, Other Indo-European languages, Asian and Pacific Island languages, and all other languages. Table 1 shows the data from The 2009 American Community Survey for the four- and 39language groups by English-speaking ability.

## DATA AND METHODS

This paper presents a series of national-level language projections developed using data on the language spoken at home from the American Community Survey and the Census Bureau's 2008 and 2009 National Projections.

## American Community Survey Data

The American Community Survey (ACS) collects data on social, housing, and economic characteristics for demographic groups in the United States. The ACS was tested from 2000 through 2004 and expanded to full sample size for housing units in 2005 and for group quarters in 2006. To have a complete sample, comparable to Census 2000, we chose to use the ACS data files from 2006 through 2009. ${ }^{5}$

## National Projections Data

The U.S. Census Bureau's 2008 and 2009 National Projections were created using the cohort-component method and provide projections of the resident population of the United States

[^3]and demographic components of change (births, deaths, and net international migration). ${ }^{6}$ These projections are based on Census 2000 data. These data are provided by age, sex, race and Hispanic origin for each year from July 1, 2000 to July 1, 2050. The projection series released in 2009 provided four supplemental series of projections with results for different international migration assumptions. The supplemental series included: (1) high migration, (2) low migration, (3) constant migration, and (4) zero migration. Assumptions about future rates of mortality and fertility are the same in all five series. This paper uses data for the years 2010 through 2020 from the 2008 series (U.S. Census Bureau, 2008) and the high, low, and constant series from the 2009 release (U.S. Census Bureau, 2009).

## Language Projection Methodology

We produce projections of both the total number of people speaking a language other than English at home (LOTE speakers) and the number of speakers for individual languages with at least 500,000 speakers in 2009. The 13 languages that meet this condition are: Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese, German, Russian, Polish, Hindi, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog, and Arabic. These are the most commonly spoken non-English languages and for some, such as Vietnamese and Russian, there has been tremendous growth in the number of speakers in the last few decades. The projections are produced by projecting future LOTE use based on trends in the ACS data and then applying the projected distribution of LOTE speakers to the projected population from the Census Bureau's 2008 and 2009 National Projections.

The distributions of LOTE speakers are projected by demographic characteristics. For projections of the overall population speaking a LOTE and the population speaking Spanish, we

[^4]project by age (single years 5-49 and 50 years and over) and Hispanic origin, resulting in a total of 92 groups for which we project the percent speaking a LOTE and Spanish. Projections of the individual languages other than Spanish are developed by age, resulting in a total of 46 groups for which we project the percent speaking other individual languages.

We project future language use using a logistic model, which is based on the assumption that language use can change over time and is based on trends in LOTE use observed in the four years of ACS data (2006-2009). The logistic model assumes that growth is constrained by an upper and lower bound. The model is represented by equation 1 , where $P_{t}$ represents the percent speaking a LOTE at time $t ; a, b$, and $c$ are estimated parameters, and $t$ is the year of data being projected.

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\begin{equation*}
P_{t}=a /\left[1+(b)\left(e^{-c t}\right)\right] \tag{1}
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In previous work, we developed two additional projection models (Shin and Ortman, 2011). The first was a constant model, which assumed that future LOTE use will remain constant at recently estimated levels, and consequently that there is no change in the distribution of LOTE speakers within age and Hispanic groups. Changes in the number of speakers are driven solely by changes in the population projections. The second model was a linear model, which assumes that language use in the future will change by the same amount as in the past. Unlike the logistic model, the linear model has the potential to exceed the bounds of the percent distribution, rising above 100 percent or falling below zero. Changes in the number of speakers in both the linear and logistic models will be driven by both changes in the projected percentages of LOTE speakers within each group and by changes in the population projections.

Evaluation of these additional models led us to conclude that the assumption of constant levels of language use is likely overly simplistic, as it results in an increase in LOTE use for all
languages, even those that are shown to decline in Census and in ACS data. The linear and logistic assumptions were found to be more realistic, following observed trends, and also yielded results that were very similar. Since the logistic model is constrained within upper and lower bounds, and cannot produce projected percentages below zero or above 100, we have chosen to adopt the logistic model for use in our current work.

## RESULTS

The overall number of LOTE speakers is projected to increase in all four projection series. Table 3 presents the projections of the total population ages 5 and over by language spoken for each series of population projections (the 2008 series and the 2009 high, low, and constant net international migration series). The population projected to speak a LOTE increases in all four series. The magnitude of the increase in LOTE use corresponds to the amount of population growth, driven by different assumptions about the level of international migration, in the different population projection series. The smallest increase is for the 2009 Constant Net International Migration series, where the number of LOTE speakers is projected to be 57.2 million in 2010 and increase to 63.9 million in 2020. The largest increase is for the 2009 High Net International Migration series, where the number of LOTE speakers is projected to be 58.9 million in 2010 and increase to 68.1 million in 2020.

The number of Spanish speakers is projected to increase in all series. The largest increase was in the 2009 High Net International Migration series, where the number of Spanish speakers is projected to be 36.9 million in 2010 and increase to 43.1 million in 2020. In the other three series, the number of Spanish speakers is projected to reach between 39 and 42 million in 2020.

The percentage of the population ages 5 and over that is projected to speak a LOTE remains at about 20 percent in all four series. English is projected to remain the only language spoken by a majority of U.S. residents. Spanish is projected to remain the most commonly spoken LOTE over the next ten years in all series. Spanish speakers are projected to represent about 13 percent of the total population ages 5 and over and to account for over 60 percent of the population that speaks a LOTE in 2020.

There is little change in the percentage of LOTE speakers projected to speak languages other than Spanish. Chinese remains the second most commonly spoken LOTE, followed by French, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. In all four series, the population projected to speak Portuguese, Russian, Hindi, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, and Arabic increases from 2010 to 2020. In contrast, the population projected to speak French, Italian, German, Polish, and Korean is projected to decrease (see Table 3).

Table 4 presents the projections of the population speaking only English, a LOTE, and Spanish by Hispanic origin for each projection series. The use of a LOTE is much more prevalent for the Hispanic population. In 2010, 33.5 million Hispanics were projected to speak a LOTE in the 2008 National Projections, which increased to 39.6 million in 2020. While the number of Hispanic LOTE speakers is projected to increase, the proportion of Hispanic LOTE speakers is projected to decline over the next ten years. In 2010, about 75 percent of the Hispanic population ages 5 and over were projected to speak a LOTE. In 2020, about 66 percent of the Hispanic population is projected to speak a LOTE.

For the non-Hispanic population, there are small increases in the number of LOTE speakers. In all four series, the number of non-Hispanic LOTE speakers was projected to increase by about 2 million over the ten-year period. The percent of the non-Hispanic population
ages 5 and over that was projected to speak a LOTE remained stable at just over 10 percent in all four series.

Table 5 presents the number and percent distributions of the population projected to speak only English, a LOTE, or Spanish by age and Hispanic origin. The number of LOTE speakers is projected to increase for all age groups except for the population ages 18 to 24 years, which is projected to decrease from 6.5 million LOTE speakers in 2010 and to 6.3 million in 2020.

The percentage of LOTE speakers under the age of 45 is projected to decrease slightly over the next 10 years, while the percentage of LOTE speakers 45 years and over is projected to increase slightly. The percentage of the Spanish-speaking population is also projected to show increases for those ages 45 and over. The percent of Spanish speakers in the age groups under 45 years is projected to decrease slightly.

Declines in LOTE and Spanish use are also projected for the Hispanic population under 45 years, which corresponds to increases in the percentage of LOTE and Spanish speakers for the population 45 years and over. For the non-Hispanic population, the percentage of LOTE speakers under the age of 25 is projected to decrease slightly, while all ages 25 to 44 years and 65 years and over are projected to increase slightly. Overall, the patterns of LOTE and Spanish use by age suggest that if recently observed patterns of LOTE use continue over the next 10 years, there will be a small shift to the use of LOTE by increasingly older segments of the population.

Tables 6 and 7 present the projected number of speakers of the other 12 languages. The European languages, French, Italian, Portuguese, German, Russian, and Polish, are shown in Table 6. The projections show a decline in the use of French and Russian by the population
between the ages of 5 and 24 years. In contrast, there were increases for Italian, Portuguese, German, and Polish speakers in the youngest age group (5-17 year olds). There are fluctuations in the older age groups in the use of European languages.

The non-European languages, Hindi, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog, and Arabic are provided in Table 7. Hindi, Chinese, and Arabic speakers under 45 years of age are projected to be fewer. For Korean and Vietnamese speakers, there are fewer projected speakers for those under 25 years. Tagalog, while overall is projected to have more speakers in 2020, the slight increase appears to fluctuate among the age groups.

For all of these European and non-European languages, with the exception of Italian, the oldest age group (65 years and over) is projected to have an increasingly higher proportion of speakers.

## CONCLUSIONS

This research suggests that the United States will continue to be a linguistically diverse nation in the coming years. The projections we produced show that the use of LOTE is projected to increase over the next ten years, though English is expected to continue to be the only language spoken by a substantial majority of all U.S. residents 5 years and over. The population speaking Spanish, as well as the population speaking Portuguese, Russian, Hindi, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, and Arabic are projected to increase. Spanish is projected to remain the most commonly spoken non-English language. The populations speaking French, Italian, German, Polish, and Korean are expected to decrease over the next decade.

Hispanic and non-Hispanic LOTE speakers showed increases for those 45 years and over. This same pattern appears for Hispanic and non-Hispanic Spanish speakers. European languages
fluctuated more in the projected proportion of speakers by age groups whereas the non-European language had decreases in the younger age groups and an increase in the proportion of speakers for the oldest age group (65 years and over).These trends suggest that while the use of LOTE can be expected to endure over time, the coming decade will likely have lower rates of increase in LOTE than have been experienced in the past 30 years.

As we move forward with this research, we plan to add 2010 ACS data to the time series that provides the basis for these projections, extending the time series to five years. We will also use 2010-Census based population projections when they become available. Increasing the sample size could reduce variation resulting from sampling variability and improve the robustness of our results. In an effort to increase the sample size of the age and Hispanic origin groups we project, we will consider projecting by age groups instead of single years of age or using three-year ACS files instead of single year files to form the basis of the time series.

We will also consider projecting by birth cohorts instead of by age. A cohort approach will entail following cohorts of individuals as they grow older, instead of comparing language use of the population of the same age at different points in time. Studies have shown that language use can shift and change over the life course (Lutz, 2006; Ortman and Stevens, 2008; Portes and Rumbaut, 2001), which supports the adoption of a cohort approach to projecting language use into the future.

We did not project language use by nativity or generational status. Research shows that the use of non-English languages is strongly linked to immigration and is most frequent among first generation residents (Alba et al., 2002; Rumbaut et al., 2006; Stevens, 1992). The Census Bureau's population projections do not currently separate the population by foreign and nativeborn status. Should projections by nativity become available, we could further develop our
methodology to project by nativity status, which could inform and improve the accuracy of the language projections.

The level and composition of international migrants will also influence the size of the LOTE population and what languages are spoken in the United States. Our current methodology does not include net international migration as a predictor of language use. Future work might involve building a model that takes into consideration the projected level of international migration to the United States and assumptions about what languages those migrants may use and pass on to their children.

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Table 1. Detailed Languages Spoken at Home by English-Speaking Ability for the Population 5 Years and Over: 2009

| Characteristics | Number of speakers | Percentage of speakers of a nonEnglish language | English-speaking ability |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Very well | Well | Not well | Not at all |
| Population 5 years and over | 285,797,349 | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) |
| Spoke only English at home | 228,699,523 | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) | (X) |
| Spoke a language other than English at home | 57,097,826 | 100.0 | 56.9 | 19.6 | 15.9 | 7.5 |
| Spoke a language other than English at home | 57,097,826 | 100.0 | 56.9 | 19.6 | 15.9 | 7.5 |
| Spanish or Spanish Creole | 35,468,501 | 62.1 | 54.3 | 18.0 | 17.9 | 9.8 |
| Other Indo-European languages | 10,495,295 | 18.4 | 67.5 | 19.6 | 10.1 | 2.8 |
| French | 1,305,503 | 2.3 | 79.9 | 13.9 | 5.7 | 0.5 |
| French Creole | 659,053 | 1.2 | 54.2 | 25.9 | 15.1 | 4.8 |
| Italian | 753,992 | 1.3 | 72.6 | 17.5 | 8.8 | 1.0 |
| Portuguese | 731,282 | 1.3 | 58.6 | 20.8 | 15.3 | 5.3 |
| German | 1,109,216 | 1.9 | 83.3 | 12.6 | 3.8 | 0.2 |
| Yiddish | 148,155 | 0.3 | 66.2 | 19.4 | 11.0 | 3.4 |
| Other West Germanic languages | 271,227 | 0.5 | 77.7 | 18.0 | 3.7 | 0.7 |
| Scandinavian languages | 126,337 | 0.2 | 89.0 | 9.2 | 1.8 |  |
| Greek | 325,747 | 0.6 | 75.3 | 15.1 | 8.7 | 0.9 |
| Russian | 881,723 | 1.5 | 49.8 | 27.3 | 17.2 | 5.7 |
| Polish | 593,598 | 1.0 | 57.6 | 25.5 | 14.0 | 2.9 |
| Serbo-Croatian | 269,333 | 0.5 | 61.4 | 21.7 | 13.6 | 3.3 |
| Other Slavic languages | 298,094 | 0.5 | 61.5 | 21.7 | 13.2 | 3.6 |
| Armenian | 242,836 | 0.4 | 54.8 | 22.5 | 14.7 | 8.1 |
| Persian | 396,769 | 0.7 | 62.1 | 21.8 | 11.3 | 4.8 |
| Gujarathi | 341,404 | 0.6 | 64.2 | 20.2 | 11.8 | 3.9 |
| Hindi | 560,983 | 1.0 | 78.0 | 16.0 | 4.9 | 1.1 |
| Urdu | 355,964 | 0.6 | 70.3 | 18.7 | 8.7 | 2.2 |
| Other Indic languages | 668,596 | 1.2 | 60.6 | 23.5 | 11.1 | 4.7 |
| Other Indo-European languages | 455,483 | 0.8 | 64.1 | 23.4 | 9.3 | 3.2 |
| Asian and Pacific Island languages | 8,698,825 | 15.2 | 51.8 | 25.8 | 17.1 | 5.3 |
| Chinese | 2,600,150 | 4.6 | 45.1 | 26.0 | 19.5 | 9.4 |
| Japanese | 445,471 | 0.8 | 55.3 | 27.5 | 15.6 | 1.5 |
| Korean | 1,039,021 | 1.8 | 43.3 | 28.5 | 23.6 | 4.6 |
| Mon-Khmer, Cambodian | 202,033 | 0.4 | 48.4 | 23.6 | 21.9 | 6.1 |
| Hmong | 193,179 | 0.3 | 53.5 | 24.6 | 15.2 | 6.6 |
| Thai | 152,679 | 0.3 | 48.5 | 32.1 | 17.0 | 2.4 |
| Laotian | 146,297 | 0.3 | 50.2 | 24.5 | 20.3 | 5.0 |
| Vietnamese | 1,251,468 | 2.2 | 39.2 | 27.1 | 26.2 | 7.5 |
| Other Asian languages | 792,756 | 1.4 | 68.4 | 20.8 | 8.4 | 2.4 |
| Tagalog | 1,513,734 | 2.7 | 68.5 | 24.4 | 6.6 | 0.5 |
| Other Pacific Island languages | 371,653 | 0.7 | 60.8 | 25.7 | 12.3 | 1.2 |
| Other languages | 2,435,205 | 4.3 | 69.0 | 20.1 | 8.5 | 2.3 |
| Navajo | 169,009 | 0.3 | 77.3 | 13.6 | 6.8 | 2.3 |
| Other Native American languages | 196,372 | 0.3 | 84.5 | 11.3 | 3.7 | 0.5 |
| Hungarian | 90,612 | 0.2 | 67.4 | 24.1 | 8.0 | 0.5 |
| Arabic | 845,396 | 1.5 | 63.0 | 22.9 | 11.3 | 2.8 |
| Hebrew | 221,593 | 0.4 | 82.1 | 14.8 | 2.8 | 0.2 |
| African languages | 777,553 | 1.4 | 67.7 | 22.2 | 7.8 | 2.2 |
| All other languages | 125,054 | 0.2 | 61.6 | 17.2 | 13.9 | 7.3 |

[^5]Table 2. Languages Spoken at Home: 1980, 1990, 2000, and 2009

| Characteristic | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | Percentage change 1980-2009 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population 5 years and older | 210,247,455 | 230,445,777 | 262,375,152 | 279,012,712 | 280,950,438 | 283,156,079 | 285,797,349 | 35.9 |
| Spoke only English at home | 187,187,415 | 198,600,798 | 215,423,557 | 224,154,288 | 225,505,953 | 227,295,534 | 228,699,523 | 22.2 |
| Spoke a language other than English at home | 23,060,040 | 31,844,979 | 46,951,595 | 54,858,424 | 55,444,485 | 55,860,545 | 57,097,826 | 147.6 |
| Spoke a language other than English at home ${ }^{2}$ | 23,060,040 | 31,844,979 | 46,951,595 | 54,858,424 | 55,444,485 | 55,860,545 | 57,097,826 | 147.6 |
| Spanish or Spanish Creole | 11,116,194 | 17,345,064 | 28,101,052 | 34,044,945 | 34,547,077 | 34,615,394 | 35,468,501 | 219.1 |
| French (includes Patois, Cajun, Creole) | 1,550,751 | 1,930,404 | 2,097,206 | 1,997,618 | 1,984,824 | 1,973,531 | 1,964,556 | 26.7 |
| Italian | 1,618,344 | 1,308,648 | 1,008,370 | 828,524 | 798,801 | 782,173 | 753,992 | -53.4 |
| Portuguese or Portuguese Creole | 351,875 | 430,610 | 564,630 | 683,405 | 687,126 | 661,120 | 731,282 | 107.8 |
| German | 1,586,593 | 1,547,987 | 1,383,442 | 1,135,999 | 1,104,354 | 1,121,465 | 1,109,216 | -30.1 |
| Russian | 173,226 | 241,798 | 706,242 | 823,210 | 851,174 | 860,568 | 881,723 | 409.0 |
| Polish | 820,647 | 723,483 | 667,414 | 640,265 | 638,059 | 616,492 | 593,598 | -27.7 |
| Hindi ${ }^{1}$ | (NA) | (NA) | 317,057 | 504,607 | 532,911 | 562,587 | 560,983 | (NA) |
| Chinese | 630,806 | 1,319,462 | 2,022,143 | 2,492,871 | 2,464,572 | 2,473,968 | 2,600,150 | 312.2 |
| Korean | 266,280 | 626,478 | 894,063 | 1,060,631 | 1,062,337 | 1,048,400 | 1,039,021 | 290.2 |
| Vietnamese | 197,588 | 507,069 | 1,009,627 | 1,207,721 | 1,207,004 | 1,236,419 | 1,251,468 | 533.4 |
| Tagalog | 474,150 | 843,251 | 1,224,241 | 1,415,599 | 1,480,429 | 1,496,208 | 1,513,734 | 219.3 |
| Arabic | 217,529 | 355,150 | 614,582 | 732,519 | 767,319 | 780,995 | 845,396 | 288.6 |

NA Not available.
1 Prior to 2000, Hindi and Urdu speakers were combined in the same language group (Indic languages). Individual estimates of Hindi speakers are not available for 1980 and 1990 .
2 The total does not match the sum of the 17 languages listed in this table because the total includes other languages that are not listed here
The 13 languages listed in this table are those languages with 500,000 or more speakers in 2009.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1980 and 1990 Census, Census 2000, and 2006-2009 American Community Survey.

Table 3. Projected Population Speaking a Language Other than English at Home by Projection Series: 2010, 2015, and 2020

| Projection series and language spoken | Number (in thousands) |  |  | Percent of population aged 5 and over |  |  | Percentage of speakers of a nonEnglish language |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2010 | 2015 | 2020 | 2010 | 2015 | 2020 | 2010 | 2015 | 2020 |
| 2008 National Projections |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population aged 5 and over | 286,998 | 299,378 | 311,886 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | (X) | (X) | ( X |
| Spoke only English at home | 231,037 | 241,055 | 252,216 | 80.5 | 80.5 | 80.9 | ( $)^{\text {a }}$ | ( $)^{\text {a }}$ | ( $\times$ ) |
| Spoke a language other than English at home | 58,096 | 62,409 | 66,325 | 20.2 | 20.8 | 21.3 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Spanish | 36,221 | 39,072 | 41,525 | 12.6 | 13.1 | 13.3 | 62.3 | 62.6 | 62.6 |
| French | 1,921 | 1,896 | 1,872 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.8 |
| Italian | 629 | 548 | 482 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Portuguese | 748 | 805 | 857 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| German | 1,017 | 958 | 904 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.4 |
| Russian | 887 | 961 | 1,013 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Polish | 544 | 480 | 426 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| Hindi | 621 | 711 | 794 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 |
| Chinese | 2,629 | 2,873 | 3,131 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 4.5 | 4.6 | 4.7 |
| Korean | 1,024 | 949 | 966 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Vietnamese | 1,300 | 1,381 | 1,532 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| Tagalog | 1,475 | 1,619 | 1,773 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| Arabic | 923 | 1,065 | 1,170 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| 2009 High Net International Migration Series |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population aged 5 and over | 291,146 | 306,763 | 323,319 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | (X) | (X) | (X) |
| Spoke only English at home | 232,182 | 243,009 | 255,161 | 79.7 | 79.2 | 78.9 | (X) | (x) | (X) |
| Spoke a language other than English at home | 58,964 | 63,754 | 68,158 | 20.3 | 20.8 | 21.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Spanish | 36,994 | 40,258 | 43,126 | 12.7 | 13.1 | 13.3 | 62.7 | 63.1 | 63.3 |
| French | 1,929 | 1,908 | 1,889 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 2.8 |
| Italian | 630 | 551 | 486 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Portuguese | 752 | 810 | 865 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| German | 1,020 | 964 | 911 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| Russian | 890 | 967 | 1,022 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Polish | 546 | 483 | 430 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| Hindi | 624 | 716 | 802 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 |
| Chinese | 2,640 | 2,893 | 3,161 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.6 |
| Korean | 1,028 | 955 | 974 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 1.4 |
| Vietnamese | 1,306 | 1,390 | 1,548 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| Tagalog | 1,481 | 1,629 | 1,786 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| Arabic | 927 | 1,073 | 1,182 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| 2009 Low Net International Migration Series |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population aged 5 and over | 287,405 | 300,630 | 314,439 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | (X) | (X) | (X) |
| Spoke only English at home | 230,054 | 239,376 | 249,689 | 80.0 | 79.6 | 79.4 | (X) | ( $\times$ ) | (X) |
| Spoke a language other than English at home | 57,351 | 61,254 | 64,750 | 20.0 | 20.4 | 20.6 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Spanish | 35,557 | 38,054 | 40,151 | 12.4 | 12.7 | 12.8 | 62.0 | 62.1 | 62.0 |
| French | 1,914 | 1,885 | 1,858 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 2.9 |
| Italian | 627 | 546 | 479 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Portuguese | 745 | 800 | 850 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| German | 1,014 | 954 | 898 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.4 |
| Russian | 883 | 955 | 1,006 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Polish | 542 | 477 | 423 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| Hindi | 618 | 706 | 787 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Chinese | 2,620 | 2,857 | 3,106 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.8 |
| Korean | 1,020 | 944 | 959 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Vietnamese | 1,295 | 1,372 | 1,519 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.3 |
| Tagalog | 1,471 | 1,611 | 1,761 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| Arabic | 919 | 1,058 | 1,159 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 |
| 2009 Constant Net International Migration Series |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population aged 5 and over | 286,998 | 299,378 | 311,886 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | (X) | (X) | ( X |
| Spoke only English at home | 229,774 | 238,525 | 247,930 | 80.1 | 79.7 | 79.5 | (X) | ( $\times$ | (X) |
| Spoke a language other than English at home | 57,224 | 60,853 | 63,956 | 19.9 | 20.3 | 20.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Spanish | 35,447 | 37,716 | 39,492 | 12.4 | 12.6 | 12.7 | 61.9 | 62.0 | 61.7 |
| French | 1,912 | 1,879 | 1,847 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 3.3 | 3.1 | 2.9 |
| Italian | 627 | 545 | 477 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Portuguese | 745 | 798 | 845 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| German | 1,012 | 950 | 892 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.4 |
| Russian | 883 | 953 | 1,000 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| Polish | 542 | 476 | 421 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| Hindi | 618 | 705 | 783 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Chinese | 2,618 | 2,848 | 3,087 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.8 |
| Korean | 1,019 | 941 | 955 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Vietnamese | 1,294 | 1,369 | 1,512 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.4 |
| Tagalog | 1,470 | 1,608 | 1,753 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| Arabic | 918 | 1,054 | 1,151 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.8 |

[^6][^7]Table 4. Population Projected to Speak Only English, Speak a Language Other than English, or Speak Spanish at Home by Projection Series and Hispanic Origin: 2010, 2015, and 2020.

| Projection series, language spoken, and Hispanic origin | Number (in thousands) |  |  | Percentage of population in Hispanic origin group |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2010 | 2015 | 2020 | 2010 | 2015 | 2020 |
| 2008 National Projections |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population aged 5 and over | 289,133 | 303,464 | 318,541 | (X) | (X) | (X) |
| Hispanic | 44,673 | 52,090 | 60,099 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Spoke only English at home | 11,128 | 15,265 | 20,478 | 24.9 | 29.3 | 34.1 |
| Spoke a Language other than English at home | 33,544 | 36,825 | 39,621 | 75.1 | 70.7 | 65.9 |
| Spanish speakers | 33,394 | 36,693 | 39,534 | 74.8 | 70.4 | 65.8 |
| Non-Hispanic | 244,461 | 251,374 | 258,442 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Spoke only English at home | 219,909 | 225,790 | 231,739 | 90.0 | 89.8 | 89.7 |
| Spoke a Language other than English at home | 24,552 | 25,584 | 26,704 | 10.0 | 10.2 | 10.3 |
| Spanish speakers | 2,827 | 2,379 | 1,991 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| 2009 High Net International Migration Series |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population aged 5 and over | 291,146 | 306,763 | 323,319 | (X) | (X) | (X) |
| Hispanic | 45,715 | 53,805 | 62,600 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Spoke only English at home | 11,407 | 15,807 | 21,395 | 25.0 | 29.4 | 34.2 |
| Spoke a Language other than English at home | 34,308 | 37,998 | 41,204 | 75.0 | 70.6 | 65.8 |
| Spanish speakers | 34,154 | 37,862 | 41,114 | 74.7 | 70.4 | 65.7 |
| Non-Hispanic | 245,431 | 252,958 | 260,719 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Spoke only English at home | 220,776 | 227,202 | 233,765 | 90.0 | 89.8 | 89.7 |
| Spoke a Language other than English at home | 24,656 | 25,756 | 26,954 | 10.0 | 10.2 | 10.3 |
| Spanish speakers | 2,840 | 2,397 | 2,012 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| 2009 Low Net International Migration Series |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population aged 5 and over | 287,405 | 300,630 | 314,439 | (X) | (X) | (X) |
| Hispanic | 43,777 | 50,617 | 57,952 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Spoke only English at home | 10,889 | 14,799 | 19,690 | 24.9 | 29.2 | 34.0 |
| Spoke a Language other than English at home | 32,889 | 35,818 | 38,262 | 75.1 | 70.8 | 66.0 |
| Spanish speakers | 32,741 | 35,690 | 38,178 | 74.8 | 70.5 | 65.9 |
| Non-Hispanic | 243,627 | 250,013 | 256,487 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Spoke only English at home | 219,165 | 224,577 | 229,998 | 90.0 | 89.8 | 89.7 |
| Spoke a Language other than English at home | 24,462 | 25,436 | 26,489 | 10.0 | 10.2 | 10.3 |
| Spanish speakers | 2,816 | 2,364 | 1,973 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| 2009 Constant Net International Migration Series |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Population aged 5 and over | 286,998 | 299,378 | 311,886 | (X) | (X) | (X) |
| Hispanic | 43,587 | 50,046 | 56,772 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Spoke only English at home | 10,806 | 14,561 | 19,162 | 24.8 | 29.1 | 33.8 |
| Spoke a Language other than English at home | 32,781 | 35,485 | 37,611 | 75.2 | 70.9 | 66.2 |
| Spanish speakers | 32,634 | 35,359 | 37,530 | 74.9 | 70.7 | 66.1 |
| Non-Hispanic | 243,411 | 249,332 | 255,113 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Spoke only English at home | 218,968 | 223,964 | 228,768 | 90.0 | 89.8 | 89.7 |
| Spoke a Language other than English at home | 24,443 | 25,368 | 26,345 | 10.0 | 10.2 | 10.3 |
| Spanish speakers | 2,813 | 2,358 | 1,962 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.8 |

[^8]Table 5. Population Projected to Speak Only English, a Language Other than English, or Spanish at Home by Age: 2010, 2015, and 2020.

| Language spoken and age group | Number (in thousands) |  |  | Percent |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2010 | 2015 | 2020 | 2010 | 2015 | 2020 |
| Population aged 5 and over | 289,133 | 303,464 | 318,541 | (X) | (X) | (X) |
| Spoke only English at home | 231,037 | 241,055 | 252,217 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 42,500 | 44,008 | 46,628 | 18.4 | 18.3 | 18.5 |
| 18-24 years | 24,217 | 24,368 | 24,544 | 10.5 | 10.1 | 9.7 |
| 25-44 years | 62,630 | 64,298 | 67,053 | 27.1 | 26.7 | 26.6 |
| 45-64 years | 67,171 | 68,441 | 67,541 | 29.1 | 28.4 | 26.8 |
| 65 years and over | 34,520 | 39,940 | 46,450 | 14.9 | 16.6 | 18.4 |
| Hispanic | 11,128 | 15,265 | 20,478 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 4,272 | 5,719 | 7,399 | 38.4 | 37.5 | 36.1 |
| 18-24 years | 1,687 | 2,471 | 3,394 | 15.2 | 16.2 | 16.6 |
| 25-44 years | 3,085 | 4,080 | 5,479 | 27.7 | 26.7 | 26.8 |
| 45-64 years | 1,584 | 2,231 | 3,043 | 14.2 | 14.6 | 14.9 |
| 65 years and over | 500 | 765 | 1,162 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 5.7 |
| Not Hispanic | 219,909 | 225,790 | 231,739 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 38,228 | 38,289 | 39,229 | 17.4 | 17.0 | 16.9 |
| 18-24 years | 22,530 | 21,897 | 21,150 | 10.2 | 9.7 | 9.1 |
| 25-44 years | 59,545 | 60,218 | 61,574 | 27.1 | 26.7 | 26.6 |
| 45-64 years | 65,587 | 66,211 | 64,498 | 29.8 | 29.3 | 27.8 |
| 65 years and over | 34,020 | 39,175 | 45,287 | 15.5 | 17.4 | 19.5 |
| Spoke a language other than English | 58,096 | 62,409 | 66,325 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 11,618 | 12,022 | 12,212 | 20.0 | 19.3 | 18.4 |
| 18-24 years | 6,496 | 6,517 | 6,272 | 11.2 | 10.4 | 9.5 |
| 25-44 years | 20,465 | 21,503 | 22,671 | 35.2 | 34.5 | 34.2 |
| 45-64 years | 13,809 | 15,470 | 16,815 | 23.8 | 24.8 | 25.4 |
| 65 years and over | 5,709 | 6,897 | 8,355 | 9.8 | 11.1 | 12.6 |
| Hispanic | 33,544 | 36,825 | 39,621 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 7,824 | 8,178 | 8,318 | 23.3 | 22.2 | 21.0 |
| 18-24 years | 4,101 | 4,399 | 4,408 | 12.2 | 11.9 | 11.1 |
| 25-44 years | 12,140 | 12,612 | 12,996 | 36.2 | 34.2 | 32.8 |
| 45-64 years | 7,122 | 8,615 | 10,042 | 21.2 | 23.4 | 25.3 |
| 65 years and over | 2,357 | 3,022 | 3,857 | 7.0 | 8.2 | 9.7 |
| Not Hispanic | 24,552 | 25,584 | 26,704 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 3,793 | 3,844 | 3,894 | 15.4 | 15.0 | 14.6 |
| 18-24 years | 2,395 | 2,119 | 1,864 | 9.8 | 8.3 | 7.0 |
| 25-44 years | 8,325 | 8,891 | 9,675 | 33.9 | 34.8 | 36.2 |
| 45-64 years | 6,687 | 6,855 | 6,773 | 27.2 | 26.8 | 25.4 |
| 65 years and over | 3,352 | 3,875 | 4,498 | 13.7 | 15.1 | 16.8 |
| Spanish speakers | 36,221 | 39,072 | 41,525 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 8,431 | 8,679 | 8,754 | 23.3 | 22.2 | 21.1 |
| 18-24 years | 4,480 | 4,686 | 4,630 | 12.4 | 12.0 | 11.1 |
| 25-44 years | 13,001 | 13,397 | 13,754 | 35.9 | 34.3 | 33.1 |
| 45-64 years | 7,683 | 9,059 | 10,361 | 21.2 | 23.2 | 25.0 |
| 65 years and over | 2,626 | 3,252 | 4,025 | 7.2 | 8.3 | 9.7 |
| Hispanic | 33,394 | 36,693 | 39,534 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 7,789 | 8,137 | 8,273 | 23.3 | 22.2 | 20.9 |
| 18-24 years | 4,080 | 4,376 | 4,387 | 12.2 | 11.9 | 11.1 |
| 25-44 years | 12,096 | 12,593 | 13,010 | 36.2 | 34.3 | 32.9 |
| 45-64 years | 7,084 | 8,581 | 10,021 | 21.2 | 23.4 | 25.3 |
| 65 years and over | 2,344 | 3,007 | 3,844 | 7.0 | 8.2 | 9.7 |
| Not Hispanic | 2,827 | 2,379 | 1,991 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 642 | 542 | 482 | 22.7 | 22.8 | 24.2 |
| 18-24 years | 400 | 310 | 243 | 14.1 | 13.0 | 12.2 |
| 25-44 years | 904 | 804 | 745 | 32.0 | 33.8 | 37.4 |
| 45-64 years | 598 | 479 | 340 | 21.2 | 20.1 | 17.1 |
| 65 years and over | 282 | 244 | 181 | 10.0 | 10.3 | 9.1 |

X Not applicable.
Data in table are based on the 2008 National Population Projections.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 6. Population Projected to Speak a European Language at Home by Age: 2010, 2015, and 2020.

| Language spoken and age group | Number (in thousands) |  |  | Percent |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2010 | 2015 | 2020 | 2010 | 2015 | 2020 |
| French | 1,961 | 1,938 | 1,905 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 288 | 275 | 267 | 14.7 | 14.2 | 14.0 |
| 18-24 years | 199 | 165 | 134 | 10.1 | 8.5 | 7.0 |
| 25-44 years | 580 | 587 | 611 | 29.6 | 30.3 | 32.1 |
| 45-64 years | 588 | 575 | 531 | 30.0 | 29.7 | 27.9 |
| 65 years and over | 306 | 336 | 362 | 15.6 | 17.3 | 19.0 |
| Italian | 726 | 620 | 527 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 57 | 63 | 70 | 7.9 | 10.2 | 13.3 |
| 18-24 years | 32 | 16 | 9 | 4.4 | 2.6 | 1.7 |
| 25-44 years | 166 | 158 | 157 | 22.9 | 25.5 | 29.8 |
| 45-64 years | 297 | 233 | 167 | 40.9 | 37.6 | 31.7 |
| 65 years and over | 173 | 150 | 123 | 23.8 | 24.2 | 23.3 |
| Portuguese | 726 | 790 | 852 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 98 | 112 | 126 | 13.5 | 14.2 | 14.8 |
| 18-24 years | 70 | 54 | 41 | 9.6 | 6.8 | 4.8 |
| 25-44 years | 289 | 310 | 328 | 39.8 | 39.2 | 38.5 |
| 45-64 years | 183 | 202 | 214 | 25.2 | 25.6 | 25.1 |
| 65 years and over | 86 | 111 | 143 | 11.8 | 14.1 | 16.8 |
| German | 1,093 | 1,031 | 960 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 155 | 167 | 173 | 14.2 | 16.2 | 18.0 |
| 18-24 years | 94 | 84 | 73 | 8.6 | 8.1 | 7.6 |
| 25-44 years | 251 | 193 | 155 | 23.0 | 18.7 | 16.1 |
| 45-64 years | 383 | 363 | 327 | 35.0 | 35.2 | 34.1 |
| 65 years and over | 210 | 223 | 233 | 19.2 | 21.6 | 24.3 |
| Russian | 899 | 981 | 1,048 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 129 | 131 | 131 | 14.3 | 13.4 | 12.5 |
| 18-24 years | 92 | 85 | 77 | 10.2 | 8.7 | 7.3 |
| 25-44 years | 281 | 315 | 341 | 31.3 | 32.1 | 32.5 |
| 45-64 years | 262 | 281 | 290 | 29.1 | 28.6 | 27.7 |
| 65 years and over | 136 | 169 | 209 | 15.1 | 17.2 | 19.9 |
| Polish | 581 | 506 | 438 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 67 | 62 | 59 | 11.5 | 12.3 | 13.5 |
| 18-24 years | 41 | 26 | 16 | 7.1 | 5.1 | 3.7 |
| 25-44 years | 169 | 162 | 155 | 29.1 | 32.0 | 35.4 |
| 45-64 years | 195 | 158 | 121 | 33.6 | 31.2 | 27.6 |
| 65 years and over | 108 | 98 | 87 | 18.6 | 19.4 | 19.9 |

[^9]Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Table 7. Population Projected to Speak a Non-European Language at Home by Age: 2010, 2015, and 2020.

| Language spoken and age group | Number (in thousands) |  |  | Percent |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2010 | 2015 | 2020 | 2010 | 2015 | 2020 |
| Hindi | 586 | 676 | 764 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 60 | 68 | 76 | 10.2 | 10.1 | 9.9 |
| 18-24 years | 56 | 64 | 65 | 9.6 | 9.5 | 8.5 |
| 25-44 years | 298 | 332 | 367 | 50.9 | 49.1 | 48.0 |
| 45-64 years | 116 | 135 | 150 | 19.8 | 20.0 | 19.6 |
| 65 years and over | 56 | 77 | 105 | 9.6 | 11.4 | 13.7 |
| Chinese | 2,631 | 2,869 | 3,099 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 370 | 403 | 434 | 14.1 | 14.0 | 14.0 |
| 18-24 years | 262 | 276 | 285 | 10.0 | 9.6 | 9.2 |
| 25-44 years | 849 | 873 | 930 | 32.3 | 30.4 | 30.0 |
| 45-64 years | 777 | 865 | 909 | 29.5 | 30.1 | 29.3 |
| 65 years and over | 373 | 452 | 541 | 14.2 | 15.8 | 17.5 |
| Korean | 1,027 | 980 | 1,021 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 142 | 115 | 98 | 13.8 | 11.7 | 9.6 |
| 18-24 years | 98 | 74 | 56 | 9.5 | 7.6 | 5.5 |
| 25-44 years | 343 | 323 | 362 | 33.4 | 33.0 | 35.5 |
| 45-64 years | 296 | 288 | 286 | 28.8 | 29.4 | 28.0 |
| 65 years and over | 147 | 179 | 218 | 14.3 | 18.3 | 21.4 |
| Vietnamese | 1,260 | 1,337 | 1,484 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 227 | 237 | 243 | 18.0 | 17.7 | 16.4 |
| 18-24 years | 95 | 59 | 42 | 7.5 | 4.4 | 2.8 |
| 25-44 years | 476 | 537 | 662 | 37.8 | 40.2 | 44.6 |
| 45-64 years | 313 | 327 | 327 | 24.8 | 24.5 | 22.0 |
| 65 years and over | 149 | 177 | 210 | 11.8 | 13.2 | 14.2 |
| Tagalog | 1,558 | 1,738 | 1,933 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 133 | 157 | 175 | 8.5 | 9.0 | 9.1 |
| 18-24 years | 89 | 66 | 47 | 5.7 | 3.8 | 2.4 |
| 25-44 years | 517 | 575 | 661 | 33.2 | 33.1 | 34.2 |
| 45-64 years | 539 | 587 | 609 | 34.6 | 33.8 | 31.5 |
| 65 years and over | 279 | 353 | 442 | 17.9 | 20.3 | 22.9 |
| Arabic | 865 | 996 | 1,096 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 5-17 years | 176 | 192 | 198 | 20.3 | 19.3 | 18.1 |
| 18-24 years | 102 | 110 | 110 | 11.8 | 11.0 | 10.0 |
| 25-44 years | 324 | 373 | 409 | 37.5 | 37.4 | 37.3 |
| 45-64 years | 182 | 212 | 232 | 21.0 | 21.3 | 21.2 |
| 65 years and over | 80 | 109 | 147 | 9.2 | 10.9 | 13.4 |

[^10]Source: U.S. Census Bureau


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[^1]:    ${ }^{3}$ Among languages with at least 500,000 speakers in 2009.

[^2]:    ${ }^{4}$ For more information on the Voting Rights Act and how the language questions are used to satisfy the legislative mandate, see the Federal Register at [http://www.census.gov/rdo/pdf/FRN_VotingRightsDeterminations.pdf](http://www.census.gov/rdo/pdf/FRN_VotingRightsDeterminations.pdf)

[^3]:    ${ }^{5}$ For more information on the ACS, the American Community Survey website provides handbooks for data users. These handbooks are available online at < http://www.census.gov/acs/www/guidance_for_data_users/handbooks/>.

[^4]:    ${ }^{6}$ The 2008 and 2009 National Projections do not incorporate 2010 Census results. Projections using the 2010 Census as a base are planned for release in 2012.

[^5]:    X Not applicable.

    Source: U.S. Census Bureau, The 2009 American Community Survey.
    For more information on ACS see http://www.census.gov/acs/www/

[^6]:    X Not applicable.

[^7]:    Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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