

Table 236. Children Who Speak a Language Other Than English at Home by Region: 2009

[In thousands (11,227 represents 11,227,000), 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	11,227	1,888	1,359	3,661	4,318
Percent of children 5 to 17 years old	21.1	20.9	11.8	18.4	33.6
Speak Spanish	8,067	1,023	816	2,889	3,339
Speak English "very well"	6,131	808	611	2,177	2,535
Speak English less than "very well"	1,936	215	205	713	803
Speak other Indo-European languages	1,487	516	286	385	299
Speak English "very well"	1,206	411	228	320	247
Speak English less than "very well"	281	105	58	66	52
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	1,242	248	159	286	549
Speak English "very well"	914	186	111	215	403
Speak English less than "very well"	327	62	48	71	146
Speak other languages	431	101	99	100	131
Speak English "very well"	342	79	75	83	104
Speak English less than "very well"	90	23	23	17	27
Have difficulty speaking English ¹	2,634	405	334	867	1,028
Language spoken at home in linguistically isolated households ²	2,960	468	333	989	1,170
Speak only English	170	35	21	58	57
Speak Spanish	2,134	254	207	777	896
Speak other Indo-European languages	226	79	39	61	46
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	352	82	42	78	150
Speak other languages	78	18	25	15	21

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

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey, B16003, "Age by Language Spoken at Home for the Population 5 Years and Over in Linguistically Isolated Households" and C16004, "Age by Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English for the Population 5 Years and Over," <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>, accessed January 2011.

Table 237. Preprimary School Enrollment—Summary: 1970 to 2009

[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	2007	2008	2009
NUMBER OF CHILDREN (1,000)									
Population, 3 to 5 years old	10,949	9,284	11,207	12,518	11,858	12,134	12,325	12,583	12,718
Total enrolled ¹	4,104	4,878	6,659	7,739	7,592	7,801	8,056	7,928	8,076
Nursery	1,094	1,981	3,378	4,331	4,326	4,529	4,569	4,570	4,648
Public	332	628	1,202	1,950	2,146	2,409	2,532	2,609	2,703
Private	762	1,353	2,177	2,381	2,180	2,120	2,037	1,961	1,945
Kindergarten	3,010	2,897	3,281	3,408	3,266	3,272	3,487	3,358	3,428
Public	2,498	2,438	2,767	2,799	2,701	2,804	3,087	2,982	3,144
Private	511	459	513	608	565	468	400	376	284
White ²	3,443	3,994	5,389	6,144	5,861	6,025	6,191	6,011	5,943
Black ²	586	725	964	1,236	1,265	1,148	1,213	1,231	1,337
Hispanic ³	(NA)	370	642	1,040	1,155	1,494	1,751	1,645	1,721
3 years old	454	857	1,205	1,489	1,540	1,715	1,717	1,654	1,776
4 years old	1,007	1,423	2,086	2,553	2,556	2,668	2,774	2,804	2,698
5 years old	2,643	2,598	3,367	3,697	3,496	3,418	3,565	3,470	3,601
ENROLLMENT RATE									
Total enrolled ¹	37.5	52.5	59.4	61.8	64.0	64.3	65.4	63.0	65.3
White ²	37.8	52.7	59.7	63.0	63.2	65.1	68.7	65.1	64.5
Black ²	34.9	51.8	57.8	58.9	68.5	62.0	69.7	66.2	68.6
Hispanic ³	(NA)	43.3	49.0	51.1	52.6	56.1	63.0	57.6	56.8
3 years old	12.9	27.3	32.6	35.9	39.2	41.3	41.5	39.3	40.7
4 years old	27.8	46.3	56.0	61.6	64.9	66.2	67.8	66.1	64.6
5 years old	69.3	84.7	88.8	87.5	87.6	86.4	87.1	83.8	91.5

NA Not available. ¹ Includes races not shown separately. ² Beginning 2005, for persons who selected this race group only. See footnote 2, Table 229. ³ 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>>.