

Federal LEP Data Resources

One factor in determining what language services recipients should provide is the number or proportion of LEP persons served or encountered in the eligible service population. Recipients should use reliable data to approximate the number or proportion of LEP persons that exist in the recipient's service population.

Top Languages Spoken in the United States¹

Language Spoken at Home	Total Speakers	Percentage of Speakers
	291,484,482	
Speaks a language other than English at home	60,361,574	20.7%
Speaks English less than "very well" (LEP)	25,148,900	8.6%
English	231,122,908	79.3%
Spanish	37,458,470	12.9%
Chinese (Including Mandarin and Cantonese)	2,813,575	1.0%
Tagalog	1,613,346	0.6%
Vietnamese	1,399,936	0.5%
French	1,253,560	0.4%
Korean	1,117,343	0.4%
German	1,063,275	0.4%
Arabic	924,374	0.3%
Russian	879,434	0.3%
French (Haitian) Creole	739,725	0.3%
Italian	708,966	0.2%
Portuguese	692,500	0.2%
Hindi	643,337	0.2%
Polish	580,153	0.2%
Japanese	449,475	0.2%

Helpful URLs²

- **US Census Bureau**
 - Language Tables: <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2013/demo/2009-2013-lang-tables.html>
 - Language Use in the US (2011) Publication: <https://www.census.gov/library/publications/2013/acs/acs-22.html>
- **LEP.gov**
 - Language Map App: <https://www.lep.gov/maps/>
- **US Department of Health and Human Services**
 - List of Top 15 Languages spoken in each US State and Territory: <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/resources-for-covered-entities-top-15-languages-list.pdf>
- **National Center for Education Statistics**
 - Table of English language learner (ELL) students enrolled in public elementary and secondary schools: https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d16/tables/dt16_204.27.asp

¹ US Census Bureau: Detailed Languages Spoken at Home and Ability to Speak English for the Population 5 Years and Over for United States: 2009-2013 <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2013/demo/2009-2013-lang-tables.html>

² In addition to the federal resources listed, state social service agencies, state departments of education, local social service agencies, school districts, and community based organizations often gather and report information on LEP populations.