

Table 227. Children Who Speak a Language Other Than English at Home by Region: 2006

[In thousands (10,862 represents 10,862,000), except percent. For children 5 to 17 years old. 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	10,862	1,872	1,315	3,362	4,312
Percent of children 5 to 17 years old	20.3	20.1	11.1	17.3	33.6
Speak Spanish	7,805	1,035	789	2,649	3,332
Speak English "very well"	5,728	813	564	1,907	2,444
Speak English less than "very well".	2,076	222	225	741	888
Speak other Indo-European languages	1,458	518	277	363	300
Speak English "very well"	1,169	411	215	293	249
Speak English less than "very well".	290	107	62	70	51
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	1,177	227	152	249	549
Speak English "very well"	856	167	107	181	401
Speak English less than "very well".	321	60	45	69	148
Speak other languages.	422	92	97	102	131
Speak English "very well"	342	71	77	84	110
Speak English less than "very well".	79	21	20	17	21
Have difficulty speaking English ¹	2,767	410	352	897	1,108
Language spoken at home in linguistically isolated ² households	2,976	461	329	907	1,279
Speak only English	144	32	16	42	54
Speak Spanish	2,209	256	211	727	1,015
Speak other Indo-European languages	224	82	39	55	48
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages	332	74	40	71	147
Speak other languages.	67	17	22	12	15

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, 2006 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; using American Factfinder[®]; <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>; (accessed 12 August 2008).