Nationally, the percentage of children speaking a language other than English at home increased 4.5 percentage points to 18.4 percent in 2000.

All regions and most states had increases over the decade. Nevada more than doubled its percentage of children who spoke a language other than English at home.

West Virginia was one of a few states that did not follow the national trend. It had a slight decrease. In both decades this state had one of the lowest levels of children speaking a language other than English at home.

Nationally, the percentage of children with at least some difficulty speaking English increased from 5.2 percent to 6.6 percent.

All regions and most states also had increases, with many states in the West having increases above the national average.

Nevada experienced a 5.0 percentage-point increase from 1990 to 2000.