

CENSUS DATA HIGHLIGHTS

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HIGHLIGHTS FOR LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME STATE OF HAWAII, 2009 TO 2013

Today marks the first time data from the American Community Survey are available for the number of Ilocano and Hawaiian language speakers in Hawaii.

Overview

The U.S. Census Bureau released data on language spoken at home from its 2009-2013 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates on November 3, 2015.

This data includes the nation, all states as well as any county, metropolitan or micropolitan area with populations of at least 100,000 and for which there were 25,000 or more speakers of a language other than English or Spanish. The Hawaii sub-state areas that qualified were the counties of Honolulu, Hawaii and Maui; Urban Honolulu MSA and Kahului-Wailuku Lahaina MSA; and Hilo Micropolitan area.

State of Hawaii Data

The data describes the average characteristics of people living in Hawaii between the years 2009 to 2013.

There were 326,893 people age 5 years and over who spoke a language other than English at home. They comprised about one-fourth of the population 5 years and over living in our islands.

Over 100 detailed languages were listed for the State of Hawaii, although data was not available for some.

The #1 and #2 ranked languages spoken at home other than English in Hawaii were Tagalog with over 58,000 speakers and Ilocano with over 54,000 speakers. These languages were followed by Japanese (over 45,000 speakers); Spanish (over 25,000 speakers); and Hawaiian (over 18,000 speakers).

Also newly listed are the languages of Hawaiian Pidgin (335 speakers) and Pidgin (1,275 speakers).

The table below displays the top 21 languages spoken at home in Hawaii. The people speaking these 21 languages made up 95% of all people speaking a language other than English at home in our state.



Rank	Language spoken at home	Number of speakers	Percent
	Total spoke a language other than English at home	326,893	100.0
1	Tagalog	58,345	17.8
2	Ilocano	54,005	16.5
3	Japanese	45,633	14.0
4	Spanish	25,490	7.8
5	Hawaiian	18,610	5.7
6	Chinese	17,360	5.3
7	Korean	17,276	5.3
8	Samoan	12,795	3.9
9	Vietnamese	9,418	2.9
10	Cantonese	7,890	2.4
11	Marshallese	6,930	2.1
12	Mandarin	5,650	1.7
13	German	4,615	1.4
14	Trukese	4,475	1.4
15	French	4,405	1.3
16	Micronesian	3,965	1.2
17	Tongan	3,860	1.2
18	Bisayan	3,005	0.9
19	Laotian	2,279	0.7
20	Thai	1,920	0.6
21	Portuguese	1,915	0.6

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates; compiled by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism, Research and Economic Analysis Division.

