

Table 1.48-- RANKING OF SELECTED DETAILED LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME, BY ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH: 2006-2008

[Persons 5 years old and over. The 2006-2008 3-year dataset that was used describes the average characteristics of people living in Hawaii between the years 2006 and 2008]

Language spoken at home	Total	Margin of error 1/	Spoke English less than "Very Well"	Margin of error 1/
Total	1,194,450	220	133,631	3,815
Spoke only English at home	897,745	6,302	(X)	(X)
Spoke a language other than English at home	296,705	6,292	133,631	3,815
Tagalog	52,562	3,745	25,620	2,092
Japanese	48,179	2,437	21,156	1,658
Ilocano	44,591	2,645	26,572	2,218
Spanish	25,099	2,225	7,466	1,195
Chinese	18,167	1,788	9,887	1,279
Korean	17,148	1,873	11,224	1,440
Hawaiian	16,864	1,845	1,436	323
Samoan	11,960	2,128	3,820	844
Vietnamese	8,110	1,460	5,349	1,105
Cantonese 2/	6,872	1,261	4,581	962
French	4,864	862	556	223
German	3,938	736	541	253
Marshallese	3,589	1,410	1,875	901
Tongan	3,087	1,341	916	438
Bisayan	2,914	1,207	1,992	1,119
Trukese 3/	2,863	1,244	1,711	703
Micronesian	2,583	1,050	1,447	697
Mandarin 2/	2,017	563	737	322
Thai	1,751	472	901	346
Laotian	1,616	652	706	352
Portuguese	1,575	614	494	271
Ponapean 4/	1,285	571	502	316

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X Not applicable.

1/ Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the estimates are subject to nonsampling error. The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

2/ Subcategories under the broad "Chinese" language category. A subcategory of "Chinese" is also under the broad category.

3/ Also called Chuukese language. Primarily spoken on the islands of Chuuk in the Caroline Islands in Micronesia. There are some speakers on Pohnpei and Guam as well.

4/ Also called Pohnpeian language. It is a Micronesian language mostly spoken on the islands of Pohnpei and the Caroline Islands.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, "Table 13. Detailed Languages Spoken at Home and Ability to Speak English for the Population 5 Years and Over for Hawaii: 2006-2008" (April 2010) '<<http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/language/detailed-lang-tables.xls>> accessed July 12, 2010