

Table 1.44-- LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME BY ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH, BY AGE: 2008-2012

[Persons 5 years old and over. The 2008-2012 5-year dataset that was used describes the average characteristics of people living in Hawaii between the years 2008 and 2012. Based on a sample and subject to sampling variability]

Language spoken at home	Total	5 to 17 years	18 to 64 years	65 years and over
Total	1,274,527	214,817	862,662	197,048
Speak English only	947,196	175,334	636,549	135,313
Spanish	26,779	3,900	21,318	1,561
Speak English "very well"	19,151	3,110	14,861	1,180
Speak English "well"	5,707	621	4,821	265
Speak English less than "well"	1,921	169	1,636	116
Other Indo-European 1/	19,674	1,964	14,676	3,034
Speak English "very well"	16,122	1,598	12,299	2,225
Speak English "well"	2,945	268	2,039	638
Speak English less than "well"	607	98	338	171
Asian and Pacific Island	278,877	33,442	188,534	56,901
Speak English "very well"	133,884	22,592	91,433	19,859
Speak English "well"	86,518	8,370	62,048	16,100
Speak English less than "well"	58,475	2,480	35,053	20,942
Other	2,001	177	1,585	239
Speak English "very well"	1,498	79	1,252	167
Speak English "well"	333	66	230	37
Speak English less than "well"	170	32	103	35

1/ The languages included in the "Other Indo-European" category are French, French Creole, Italian, Portugese or Portugese Creole, German, Yiddish, other West Germanic languages, Scandinavian languages, Greek, Russian, Polish, Serbo-Croatian, other Slavic languages, Armenian, Persian, Gujarati, Hindi, Urdu and other Indic languages.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, B16004 and B16005 <<http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/searchresults.xhtml?refresh=t>> accessed March 7, 2014 and American Community Survey Puerto Rico Survey 2012 Subject Definitions; and calculations by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.