

Table 1.45-- SELECTED DETAILED LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME: 2015-2019

[Persons 5 years old and over. Based on a sample and subject to sampling variability. Figures describe the average characteristics of people living in Hawaii between the years 2015 and 2019]

Language spoken at home 1/	Total	Ability to speak English		
		"Very well"	Less than "very well" 2/	Percent less than "very well"
Total	1,333,252	(X)	(X)	(X)
Spoke only English at home	978,908	(X)	(X)	(X)
Spoke a language other than English at home	354,344	196,243	158,101	44.6
Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or other Austronesian languages	130,506	71,782	58,724	45.0
Tagalog (incl. Filipino)	57,709	30,482	27,227	47.2
Japanese	41,621	23,261	18,360	44.1
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	32,658	12,773	19,885	60.9
Spanish	30,522	22,909	7,613	24.9
Korean	19,204	7,427	11,777	61.3
Other and unspecified languages	9,383	7,743	1,640	17.5
Vietnamese	8,982	2,757	6,225	69.3
Thai, Lao, or other Tai-Kadai languages	4,445	2,003	2,442	54.9
French (incl. Cajun)	3,307	3,036	271	8.2
German	3,016	2,364	652	21.6
Portuguese	1,524	1,147	377	24.7
Russian	1,360	876	484	35.6
Italian	1,134	937	197	17.4
Other Indo-European languages	1,068	860	208	19.5
Hindi	711	617	94	13.2
Arabic	661	496	165	25.0
Hebrew	594	570	24	4.0
Nepali, Marathi, or other Indic languages	570	300	270	47.4
Ukrainian or other Slavic languages	567	366	201	35.4
Other languages of Asia	564	358	206	36.5
Persian (incl. Farsi, Dari)	548	350	198	36.1
Polish	522	438	84	16.1
Serbo-Croatian	492	393	99	20.1
Khmer	402	261	141	35.1
Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or other West Germanic languages	304	285	19	6.3
Telugu	244	56	188	77.0
Haitian	242	227	15	6.2

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Greek	205	195	10	4.9
Tamil	178	178	-	0.0
Amharic, Somali, or other Afro-Asiatic languages	172	131	41	23.8
Swahili or other languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa	164	116	48	29.3
Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or other languages of Western Africa	156	156	-	0.0
Other Native languages of North America	143	76	67	46.9
Armenian	109	99	10	9.2
Malayalam, Kannada, or other Dravidian languages	100	63	37	37.0
Punjabi	70	8	62	88.6
Urdu	60	50	10	16.7
Gujarati	42	35	7	16.7
Bengali	30	21	9	30.0
Hmong	29	19	10	34.5
Navajo	26	22	4	15.4

X Not applicable.

1/ Beginning with the 2016 data releases, languages coded in accordance with the International Organization for Standardization's ISO-639-3 standard.

2/ Includes people who self-report speaking English "well," "not well," or "not at all." The U.S. Census Bureau defines someone who speaks English less than "very well" as limited English.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B16001 <<https://data.census.gov>> accessed April 19, 2021; and calculations by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.