

Table 1.45-- SELECTED DETAILED LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME: 2016-2020

[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 2016 and 2020]

Language spoken at home 1/	Total	Ability to speak English		
		"Very well"	Less than "very well" 2/	Percent less than "very well"
Total	1,331,895	(X)	(X)	(X)
Spoke only English at home	983,934	(X)	(X)	(X)
Spoke a language other than English at home	347,961	195,554	152,407	43.8
Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or other Austronesian languages	125,108	69,896	55,212	44.1
Tagalog (incl. Filipino)	57,292	31,503	25,789	45.0
Japanese	40,764	22,043	18,721	45.9
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	31,910	12,366	19,544	61.2
Spanish	29,327	22,628	6,699	22.8
Korean	18,777	7,467	11,310	60.2
Other and unspecified languages	12,526	9,958	2,568	20.5
Vietnamese	9,513	2,919	6,594	69.3
Thai, Lao, or other Tai-Kadai languages	4,066	1,708	2,358	58.0
French (incl. Cajun)	3,827	3,443	384	10.0
German	3,041	2,506	535	17.6
Portuguese	1,596	1,108	488	30.6
Russian	1,191	784	407	34.2
Other Indo-European languages	1,021	866	155	15.2
Italian	918	751	167	18.2
Hindi	639	576	63	9.9
Arabic	621	467	154	24.8
Polish	578	497	81	14.0
Other languages of Asia	495	279	216	43.6
Ukrainian or other Slavic languages	482	399	83	17.2
Nepali, Marathi, or other Indic languages	466	256	210	45.1
Persian (incl. Farsi, Dari)	427	322	105	24.6
Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or other West Germanic languages	412	393	19	4.6
Khmer	409	246	163	39.9
Hebrew	375	352	23	6.1
Serbo-Croatian	338	308	30	8.9
Haitian	288	288	-	0.0
Greek	239	231	8	3.3

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Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or other languages of Western Africa	193	193	-	0.0
Tamil	160	160	-	0.0
Telugu	138	40	98	71.0
Swahili or other languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa	129	91	38	29.5
Amharic, Somali, or other Afro-Asiatic languages	121	94	27	22.3
Other Native languages of North America	119	74	45	37.8
Armenian	114	112	2	1.8
Malayalam, Kannada, or other Dravidian languages	98	69	29	29.6
Punjabi	59	16	43	72.9
Urdu	56	42	14	25.0
Gujarati	43	38	5	11.6
Bengali	37	30	7	18.9
Hmong	26	17	9	34.6
Navajo	22	18	4	18.2

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, 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B16001 <<https://data.census.gov>> accessed April 22, 2022; and calculations by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.