

Table 1.43-- SELECTED DETAILED LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME: 2017-2021

[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 2017 and 2021]

Language spoken at home 1/	Total	Ability to speak English		
		"Very well"	Less than "very well" 2/	Percent less than "very well"
Total	1,365,731	(X)	(X)	(X)
Spoke only English at home	1,012,068	(X)	(X)	(X)
Spoke a language other than English at home	356,398	202,899	153,499	43.1
Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or other Austronesian languages	125,233	70,558	54,675	43.7
Tagalog (incl. Filipino)	60,019	32,234	27,785	46.3
Japanese	38,466	21,593	16,873	43.9
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	32,984	13,517	19,467	59.0
Spanish	31,421	24,525	6,896	21.9
Korean	18,710	7,693	11,017	58.9
Other and unspecified languages	12,513	9,820	2,693	21.5
Vietnamese	10,121	3,228	6,893	68.1
Thai, Lao, or other Tai-Kadai languages	4,393	1,867	2,526	57.5
French (incl. Cajun)	3,944	3,389	555	14.1
German	3,357	2,724	633	18.9
Portuguese	1,609	1,159	450	28.0
Russian	1,517	1,050	467	30.8
Other Indo-European languages	998	835	163	16.3
Italian	902	815	87	9.6
Hindi	612	530	82	13.4
Arabic	563	375	188	33.4
Ukrainian or other Slavic languages	542	461	81	14.9
Other languages of Asia	523	322	201	38.4
Polish	503	437	66	13.1
Persian (incl. Farsi, Dari)	456	385	71	15.6
Swahili or other languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa	456	346	110	24.1
Hebrew	448	410	38	8.5
Serbo-Croatian	430	376	54	12.6
Greek	391	349	42	10.7
Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or other West Germanic languages	370	326	44	11.9
Nepali, Marathi, or other Indic languages	344	149	195	56.7
Tamil	296	209	87	29.4

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Haitian	276	268	8	2.9
Khmer	227	53	174	76.7
Other Native languages of North America	200	160	40	20.0
Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or other languages of Western Africa	194	186	8	4.1
Malayalam, Kannada, or other Dravidian languages	130	89	41	31.5
Amharic, Somali, or other Afro-Asiatic languages	112	84	28	25.0
Telugu	90	16	74	82.2
Punjabi	68	27	41	60.3
Armenian	57	42	15	26.3
Bengali	51	31	20	39.2
Hmong	51	32	19	37.3
Urdu	50	37	13	26.0
Navajo	19	15	4	21.1
Gujarati	17	12	5	29.4

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, 2017-2021 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B16001 <<https://data.census.gov>> accessed March 10, 2023; and calculations by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.