

Table 1.43-- SELECTED DETAILED LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME: 2018-2022

[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 2018 and 2022]

Language spoken at home 1/	Total	Ability to speak English		
		"Very well"	Less than "very well" 2/	Percent less than "very well"
Total	1,366,037	(X)	(X)	(X)
Spoke only English at home	1,014,495	(X)	(X)	(X)
Spoke a language other than English at home	351,542	200,799	150,743	42.9
Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or other Austronesian languages	125,872	72,086	53,786	42.7
Tagalog (incl. Filipino)	59,171	30,859	28,312	47.8
Japanese	37,522	21,135	16,387	43.7
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	33,824	13,756	20,068	59.3
Spanish	30,401	24,073	6,328	20.8
Korean	16,358	6,627	9,731	59.5
Other and unspecified languages	13,796	10,844	2,952	21.4
Vietnamese	9,783	3,243	6,540	66.9
Thai, Lao, or other Tai-Kadai languages	4,420	1,763	2,657	60.1
French (incl. Cajun)	3,774	3,185	589	15.6
German	3,703	3,043	660	17.8
Portuguese	1,743	1,307	436	25.0
Russian	1,340	972	368	27.5
Other Indo-European languages	1,050	897	153	14.6
Ukrainian or other Slavic languages	714	604	110	15.4
Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or other West Germanic languages	704	636	68	9.7
Persian (incl. Farsi, Dari)	701	643	58	8.3
Arabic	689	495	194	28.2
Italian	675	566	109	16.1
Hindi	594	506	88	14.8
Other languages of Asia	504	358	146	29.0
Hebrew	489	431	58	11.9
Polish	477	400	77	16.1
Serbo-Croatian	430	370	60	14.0
Greek	318	255	63	19.8
Swahili or other languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa	301	246	55	18.3
Nepali, Marathi, or other Indic languages	301	153	148	49.2
Tamil	291	191	100	34.4

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Haitian	284	278	6	2.1
Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or other languages of Western Africa	263	253	10	3.8
Khmer	211	50	161	76.3
Other Native languages of North America	203	178	25	12.3
Hmong	110	75	35	31.8
Bengali	102	67	35	34.3
Telugu	96	21	75	78.1
Malayalam, Kannada, or other Dravidian languages	75	75	-	0.0
Amharic, Somali, or other Afro-Asiatic languages	72	46	26	36.1
Urdu	65	58	7	10.8
Punjabi	58	20	38	65.5
Armenian	42	23	19	45.2
Gujarati	10	10	-	0.0
Navajo	6	1	5	83.3

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, 2018-2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B16001 <<https://data.census.gov>> accessed December 12, 2023; and calculations by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.