

Table 1.43-- SELECTED DETAILED LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME: 2019-2023

[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 2019 and 2023]

Language spoken at home 1/	Total	Ability to speak English		
		"Very well"	Less than "very well" 2/	Percent less than "very well"
Total	1,363,614	(X)	(X)	(X)
Spoke only English at home	1,021,218	(X)	(X)	(X)
Spoke a language other than English at home	342,396	194,896	147,500	42.9
Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or other Austronesian languages	122,558	70,314	52,244	42.6
Tagalog (incl. Filipino)	59,329	31,128	28,201	47.5
Japanese	37,041	20,965	16,076	43.4
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	33,757	13,405	20,352	60.3
Spanish	26,995	20,917	6,078	22.5
Korean	14,812	6,113	8,699	58.7
Other and unspecified languages	13,062	10,309	2,753	21.1
Vietnamese	9,923	3,587	6,336	63.9
Thai, Lao, or other Tai-Kadai languages	4,318	1,792	2,526	58.5
German	3,560	3,035	525	14.7
French (incl. Cajun)	3,279	2,630	649	19.8
Russian	1,840	1,262	578	31.4
Portuguese	1,687	1,234	453	26.9
Other Indo-European languages	983	845	138	14.0
Ukrainian or other Slavic languages	788	700	88	11.2
Italian	716	596	120	16.8
Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or other West Germanic languages	714	659	55	7.7
Other languages of Asia	586	459	127	21.7
Persian (incl. Farsi, Dari)	573	486	87	15.2
Nepali, Marathi, or other Indic languages	569	350	219	38.5
Hindi	501	437	64	12.8
Swahili or other languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa	469	316	153	32.6
Polish	448	344	104	23.2
Arabic	436	389	47	10.8
Hebrew	386	362	24	6.2
Serbo-Croatian	366	314	52	14.2
Khmer	358	129	229	64.0
Tamil	299	197	102	34.1

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Greek	295	233	62	21.0
Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or other languages of Western Africa	281	271	10	3.6
Haitian	246	241	5	2.0
Other Native languages of North America	230	197	33	14.3
Hmong	178	135	43	24.2
Urdu	145	140	5	3.4
Bengali	135	89	46	34.1
Telugu	128	51	77	60.2
Punjabi	123	39	84	68.3
Armenian	121	99	22	18.2
Amharic, Somali, or other Afro-Asiatic languages	73	47	26	35.6
Malayalam, Kannada, or other Dravidian languages	55	55	-	0.0
Gujarati	19	16	3	15.8
Navajo	14	9	5	35.7

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, 2019-2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B16001 <<https://data.census.gov>> accessed January 27, 2025; and calculations by the Hawaii State Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.