



New York City

[B16001. LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME BY ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH FOR THE POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER - Universe: POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER](#)

Data Set: [2007 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates](#)

Survey: American Community Survey

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	New York City	
	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	7,708,259	+/-1,030
Speak only English	4,009,858	+/-28,581
Spanish or Spanish Creole:	1,865,498	+/-13,737
Speak English "very well"	950,601	+/-15,176
Speak English less than "very well"	914,897	+/-16,245
French (incl. Patois, Cajun):	76,477	+/-6,164
Speak English "very well"	51,232	+/-4,605
Speak English less than "very well"	25,245	+/-3,680
French Creole:	104,734	+/-9,604
Speak English "very well"	67,539	+/-6,501
Speak English less than "very well"	37,195	+/-4,890
Italian:	115,360	+/-8,760
Speak English "very well"	71,401	+/-6,067
Speak English less than "very well"	43,959	+/-4,412
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole:	15,646	+/-3,129
Speak English "very well"	9,451	+/-2,408
Speak English less than "very well"	6,195	+/-1,799
German:	21,551	+/-2,698
Speak English "very well"	17,824	+/-2,250
Speak English less than "very well"	3,727	+/-1,192
Yiddish:	93,147	+/-9,731
Speak English "very well"	67,108	+/-8,170
Speak English less than "very well"	26,039	+/-3,926
Other West Germanic languages:	4,132	+/-1,481
Speak English "very well"	3,603	+/-1,259
Speak English less than "very well"	529	+/-498
Scandinavian languages:	3,112	+/-923
Speak English "very well"	2,836	+/-795
Speak English less than "very well"	276	+/-306
Greek:	47,631	+/-7,028
Speak English "very well"	29,533	+/-5,316
Speak English less than "very well"	18,098	+/-3,130
Russian:	196,189	+/-12,983
Speak English "very well"	80,032	+/-8,445
Speak English less than "very well"	116,157	+/-7,239
Polish:	71,512	+/-6,580
Speak English "very well"	29,514	+/-4,056
Speak English less than "very well"	41,998	+/-4,658
Serbo-Croatian:	19,444	+/-4,653
Speak English "very well"	11,649	+/-3,000
Speak English less than "very well"	7,795	+/-2,271
Other Slavic languages:	18,315	+/-3,491
Speak English "very well"	9,871	+/-2,315
Speak English less than "very well"	8,444	+/-2,024
Armenian:	3,351	+/-1,210
Speak English "very well"	2,569	+/-1,039
Speak English less than "very well"	782	+/-550
Persian:	15,047	+/-4,179

Speak English "very well"	6,812	+/-2,201
Speak English less than "very well"	8,235	+/-2,733
Gujarathi:	11,171	+/-2,571
Speak English "very well"	6,829	+/-1,656
Speak English less than "very well"	4,342	+/-1,365
Hindi:	25,573	+/-3,581
Speak English "very well"	18,405	+/-3,017
Speak English less than "very well"	7,168	+/-1,972
Urdu:	39,775	+/-7,193
Speak English "very well"	19,477	+/-3,990
Speak English less than "very well"	20,298	+/-4,305
Other Indic languages:	120,447	+/-11,452
Speak English "very well"	55,987	+/-7,054
Speak English less than "very well"	64,460	+/-6,514
Other Indo-European languages:	58,560	+/-6,622
Speak English "very well"	33,556	+/-4,442
Speak English less than "very well"	25,004	+/-3,574
Chinese:	383,122	+/-10,299
Speak English "very well"	115,822	+/-6,075
Speak English less than "very well"	267,300	+/-9,404
Japanese:	23,801	+/-3,650
Speak English "very well"	9,048	+/-1,950
Speak English less than "very well"	14,753	+/-2,833
Korean:	71,605	+/-7,245
Speak English "very well"	26,879	+/-3,760
Speak English less than "very well"	44,726	+/-5,085
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian:	2,160	+/-1,258
Speak English "very well"	819	+/-676
Speak English less than "very well"	1,341	+/-787
Hmong:	0	+/-273
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-273
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-273
Thai:	6,248	+/-2,393
Speak English "very well"	2,474	+/-1,004
Speak English less than "very well"	3,774	+/-1,719
Laotian:	51	+/-84
Speak English "very well"	51	+/-84
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-273
Vietnamese:	9,759	+/-2,801
Speak English "very well"	4,280	+/-1,809
Speak English less than "very well"	5,479	+/-1,748
Other Asian languages:	34,564	+/-5,120
Speak English "very well"	16,994	+/-2,887
Speak English less than "very well"	17,570	+/-3,756
Tagalog:	46,386	+/-6,446
Speak English "very well"	31,284	+/-4,861
Speak English less than "very well"	15,102	+/-3,225
Other Pacific Island languages:	6,484	+/-2,238
Speak English "very well"	3,761	+/-1,430
Speak English less than "very well"	2,723	+/-1,405
Navajo:	0	+/-273
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-273
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-273
Other Native North American languages:	2,147	+/-1,367
Speak English "very well"	2,147	+/-1,367
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-273
Hungarian:	8,989	+/-2,039
Speak English "very well"	4,455	+/-1,101
Speak English less than "very well"	4,534	+/-1,421
Arabic:	52,836	+/-7,780
Speak English "very well"	28,319	+/-4,916
Speak English less than "very well"	24,517	+/-4,653
Hebrew:	56,471	+/-7,738
Speak English "very well"	43,670	+/-6,574
Speak English less than "very well"	12,801	+/-2,509
African languages:	62,855	+/-7,827
Speak English "very well"	36,398	+/-4,990
Speak English less than "very well"	26,457	+/-4,614
Other and unspecified languages:	4,251	+/-1,841

Speak English "very well"	1,900	+/-904
Speak English less than "very well"	2,351	+/-1,258

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2. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
3. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
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Standard Error/Variance documentation for this dataset:

[2007 Accuracy of the Data](#)



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	Bronx		Brooklyn		Manhattan		Queens	
	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	1,264,416	+/-171	2,338,435	+/-494	1,523,220	+/-183	2,129,509	+/-896
Speak only English	564,015	+/-11,366	1,249,630	+/-19,273	923,885	+/-9,626	960,995	+/-17,864
Spanish or Spanish Creole:	579,101	+/-8,571	403,165	+/-7,753	342,589	+/-5,357	496,367	+/-6,720
Speak English "very well"	322,254	+/-9,682	203,576	+/-8,621	176,449	+/-6,523	221,958	+/-7,920
Speak English less than "very well"	256,847	+/-10,023	199,589	+/-8,486	166,140	+/-6,972	274,409	+/-8,465
French (incl. Patois, Cajun):	12,352	+/-3,010	18,061	+/-3,020	30,025	+/-3,601	14,616	+/-2,774
Speak English "very well"	6,371	+/-1,912	12,012	+/-2,283	22,171	+/-3,076	9,364	+/-2,186
Speak English less than "very well"	5,981	+/-1,834	6,049	+/-1,451	7,854	+/-2,105	5,252	+/-1,451
French Creole:	3,331	+/-1,640	72,668	+/-8,213	3,320	+/-1,816	24,680	+/-4,829
Speak English "very well"	2,712	+/-1,227	44,294	+/-5,487	2,561	+/-1,475	17,276	+/-3,723
Speak English less than "very well"	619	+/-557	28,374	+/-4,311	759	+/-625	7,404	+/-2,168
Italian:	14,333	+/-3,037	38,574	+/-5,270	7,893	+/-1,749	36,807	+/-4,938
Speak English "very well"	8,164	+/-2,052	20,102	+/-3,641	6,590	+/-1,599	23,394	+/-3,522
Speak English less than "very well"	6,169	+/-1,849	18,472	+/-3,012	1,303	+/-515	13,413	+/-2,375
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole:	666	+/-475	1,566	+/-805	5,800	+/-1,795	7,508	+/-2,385
Speak English "very well"	371	+/-252	941	+/-561	3,969	+/-1,472	4,119	+/-1,673
Speak English less than "very well"	295	+/-344	625	+/-454	1,831	+/-798	3,389	+/-1,499
German:	382	+/-314	4,581	+/-1,245	9,047	+/-1,900	6,720	+/-1,271
Speak English "very well"	137	+/-157	4,194	+/-1,216	7,265	+/-1,339	5,452	+/-1,164
Speak English less than "very well"	245	+/-271	387	+/-371	1,782	+/-1,011	1,268	+/-504
Yiddish:	492	+/-323	88,189	+/-9,552	2,151	+/-764	2,105	+/-869
Speak English "very well"	455	+/-323	62,698	+/-7,978	2,080	+/-764	1,769	+/-791
Speak English less than "very well"	37	+/-61	25,491	+/-3,947	71	+/-117	336	+/-314
Other West Germanic languages:	111	+/-136	978	+/-575	1,250	+/-657	1,631	+/-1,081
Speak English "very well"	111	+/-136	609	+/-317	1,090	+/-631	1,631	+/-1,081
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-273	369	+/-476	160	+/-152	0	+/-273
Scandinavian languages:	71	+/-118	826	+/-454	1,861	+/-735	251	+/-209
Speak English "very well"	71	+/-118	826	+/-454	1,585	+/-581	251	+/-209
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-273	0	+/-273	276	+/-306	0	+/-273
Greek:	834	+/-538	8,985	+/-3,441	5,108	+/-2,325	30,524	+/-4,727
Speak English "very well"	454	+/-303	5,766	+/-2,445	4,522	+/-2,264	17,258	+/-3,172
Speak English less than "very well"	380	+/-332	3,219	+/-1,257	586	+/-414	13,266	+/-2,640
Russian:	5,303	+/-1,978	126,016	+/-8,725	10,917	+/-2,272	42,353	+/-6,676
Speak English "very well"	1,890	+/-942	42,432	+/-5,006	6,845	+/-1,630	22,368	+/-4,805
Speak English less than "very well"	3,413	+/-1,474	83,584	+/-5,796	4,072	+/-1,305	19,985	+/-3,331
Polish:	829	+/-478	30,332	+/-4,572	4,189	+/-1,661	30,805	+/-4,561
Speak English "very well"	337	+/-254	9,941	+/-2,211	2,886	+/-1,561	13,832	+/-2,796
Speak English less than "very well"	492	+/-367	20,391	+/-3,351	1,303	+/-694	16,973	+/-2,941
Serbo-Croatian:	1,368	+/-1,344	2,871	+/-2,235	3,183	+/-2,041	10,617	+/-2,500
Speak English "very well"	835	+/-752	1,542	+/-1,404	2,038	+/-1,157	5,972	+/-1,623
Speak English less than "very well"	533	+/-638	1,329	+/-1,108	1,145	+/-999	4,645	+/-1,388
Other Slavic languages:	564	+/-577	5,381	+/-1,652	3,106	+/-1,099	7,613	+/-2,461
Speak English "very well"	336	+/-304	2,364	+/-979	2,074	+/-844	4,332	+/-1,551
Speak English less than "very well"	228	+/-303	3,017	+/-1,041	1,032	+/-630	3,281	+/-1,462
Armenian:	0	+/-273	263	+/-285	896	+/-709	2,192	+/-1,097
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-273	216	+/-249	758	+/-552	1,595	+/-902
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-273	47	+/-77	138	+/-230	597	+/-490

Persian:	174	+/-152	904	+/-614	2,096	+/-1,752	11,873	+/-4,087
Speak English "very well"	100	+/-159	431	+/-382	1,120	+/-600	5,161	+/-2,117
Speak English less than "very well"	74	+/-124	473	+/-348	976	+/-1,297	6,712	+/-2,600
Gujarathi:	131	+/-216	1,084	+/-1,003	1,132	+/-709	8,478	+/-2,297
Speak English "very well"	131	+/-216	702	+/-618	1,049	+/-673	4,746	+/-1,488
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-273	382	+/-480	83	+/-135	3,732	+/-1,274
Hindi:	1,941	+/-1,194	1,665	+/-888	4,253	+/-1,677	16,752	+/-3,241
Speak English "very well"	1,510	+/-1,098	1,015	+/-578	3,981	+/-1,641	11,326	+/-2,599
Speak English less than "very well"	431	+/-335	650	+/-595	272	+/-442	5,426	+/-1,648
Urdu:	1,254	+/-860	15,990	+/-3,843	1,738	+/-1,355	19,374	+/-4,945
Speak English "very well"	702	+/-620	7,117	+/-2,255	919	+/-601	9,898	+/-2,948
Speak English less than "very well"	552	+/-664	8,873	+/-2,515	819	+/-1,161	9,476	+/-2,724
Other Indic languages:	13,085	+/-2,989	21,290	+/-5,088	5,753	+/-2,459	76,358	+/-9,099
Speak English "very well"	5,659	+/-1,983	9,167	+/-2,543	3,089	+/-1,410	35,321	+/-5,290
Speak English less than "very well"	7,426	+/-1,830	12,123	+/-3,583	2,664	+/-1,649	41,037	+/-5,274
Other Indo-European languages:	9,659	+/-3,162	11,040	+/-3,291	5,307	+/-2,665	20,645	+/-4,182
Speak English "very well"	5,439	+/-1,786	5,948	+/-2,049	4,084	+/-2,370	10,374	+/-2,719
Speak English less than "very well"	4,220	+/-1,754	5,092	+/-1,780	1,223	+/-770	10,271	+/-2,509
Chinese:	5,925	+/-1,649	132,668	+/-6,877	83,116	+/-5,058	149,276	+/-9,048
Speak English "very well"	1,487	+/-631	33,759	+/-2,963	26,842	+/-2,940	48,909	+/-4,555
Speak English less than "very well"	4,438	+/-1,348	98,909	+/-6,391	56,274	+/-5,289	100,367	+/-6,639
Japanese:	356	+/-347	2,353	+/-857	12,547	+/-2,832	8,320	+/-2,549
Speak English "very well"	45	+/-73	1,353	+/-563	5,120	+/-1,581	2,489	+/-1,042
Speak English less than "very well"	311	+/-327	1,000	+/-624	7,427	+/-2,037	5,831	+/-2,041
Korean:	2,409	+/-1,123	4,723	+/-1,578	11,157	+/-2,663	50,282	+/-6,468
Speak English "very well"	589	+/-374	2,564	+/-937	6,668	+/-2,080	15,684	+/-3,161
Speak English less than "very well"	1,820	+/-962	2,159	+/-784	4,489	+/-1,663	34,598	+/-4,623
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian:	1,476	+/-1,220	235	+/-389	0	+/-273	40	+/-65
Speak English "very well"	656	+/-633	123	+/-203	0	+/-273	40	+/-65
Speak English less than "very well"	820	+/-700	112	+/-187	0	+/-273	0	+/-273
Hmong:	0	+/-273	0	+/-273	0	+/-273	0	+/-273
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-273	0	+/-273	0	+/-273	0	+/-273
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-273	0	+/-273	0	+/-273	0	+/-273
Thai:	960	+/-1,141	383	+/-452	1,418	+/-868	3,487	+/-1,707
Speak English "very well"	557	+/-588	74	+/-86	673	+/-501	1,170	+/-640
Speak English less than "very well"	403	+/-649	309	+/-442	745	+/-593	2,317	+/-1,262
Laotian:	0	+/-273	51	+/-84	0	+/-273	0	+/-273
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-273	51	+/-84	0	+/-273	0	+/-273
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-273	0	+/-273	0	+/-273	0	+/-273
Vietnamese:	2,291	+/-1,332	1,950	+/-1,237	1,516	+/-947	3,612	+/-1,804
Speak English "very well"	1,246	+/-1,076	272	+/-233	1,000	+/-720	1,557	+/-1,091
Speak English less than "very well"	1,045	+/-534	1,678	+/-1,270	516	+/-425	2,055	+/-961
Other Asian languages:	571	+/-408	7,325	+/-2,959	5,960	+/-2,275	17,542	+/-3,692
Speak English "very well"	318	+/-303	3,585	+/-1,643	3,742	+/-1,502	7,933	+/-2,203
Speak English less than "very well"	253	+/-193	3,740	+/-1,810	2,218	+/-1,521	9,609	+/-2,757
Tagalog:	3,332	+/-1,357	4,475	+/-1,467	5,272	+/-1,691	29,206	+/-4,899
Speak English "very well"	2,309	+/-1,121	3,411	+/-1,168	4,361	+/-1,482	17,913	+/-3,489
Speak English less than "very well"	1,023	+/-633	1,064	+/-522	911	+/-548	11,293	+/-2,825
Other Pacific Island languages:	198	+/-202	1,183	+/-903	752	+/-480	4,006	+/-1,901
Speak English "very well"	101	+/-124	862	+/-736	531	+/-361	2,064	+/-1,095
Speak English less than "very well"	97	+/-162	321	+/-307	221	+/-217	1,942	+/-1,325
Navajo:	0	+/-273	0	+/-273	0	+/-273	0	+/-273
Speak English "very well"	0	+/-273	0	+/-273	0	+/-273	0	+/-273
Speak English less than "very well"	0	+/-273	0	+/-273	0	+/-273	0	+/-273
Other Native North American languages:	370	+/-435	187	+/-218	271	+/-326	1,319	+/-1,254
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Hungarian:	783	+/-630	4,128	+/-1,392	1,535	+/-868	2,265	+/-1,091
Speak English "very well"	296	+/-312	1,737	+/-726	811	+/-504	1,386	+/-644
Speak English less than "very well"	487	+/-415	2,391	+/-1,022	724	+/-501	879	+/-719
Arabic:	4,515	+/-2,843	26,393	+/-5,635	4,829	+/-1,883	10,515	+/-3,156
Speak English "very well"	1,958	+/-1,664	14,062	+/-3,570	2,822	+/-1,249	5,034	+/-1,916
Speak English less than "very well"	2,557	+/-1,636	12,331	+/-2,922	2,007	+/-1,463	5,481	+/-2,049
Hebrew:	1,302	+/-917	32,751	+/-6,124	9,959	+/-2,720	11,127	+/-3,441
Speak English "very well"	1,011	+/-676	23,030	+/-4,946	9,642	+/-2,708	8,931	+/-3,082
Speak English less than "very well"	291	+/-363	9,721	+/-2,303	317	+/-209	2,196	+/-877
African languages:	29,265	+/-4,761	13,782	+/-3,802	8,899	+/-3,363	8,015	+/-2,585
Speak English "very well"	16,832	+/-3,096	8,179	+/-2,531	3,707	+/-1,340	5,217	+/-1,678
Speak English less than "very well"	12,433	+/-2,948	5,603	+/-2,090	5,192	+/-2,815	2,798	+/-1,572

Other and unspecified languages:	667	+/-615	1,789	+/-1,283	490	+/-335	1,233	+/-1,129
Speak English "very well"	385	+/-565	575	+/-416	206	+/-231	662	+/-545
Speak English less than "very well"	282	+/-247	1,214	+/-974	284	+/-274	571	+/-637

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1. An '***' entry in the margin of error column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute a standard error and thus the margin of error. A statistical test is not appropriate.
2. An '-' entry in the estimate column indicates that either no sample observations or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
3. An '-' following a median estimate means the median falls in the lowest interval of an open-ended distribution.
4. An '+' following a median estimate means the median falls in the upper interval of an open-ended distribution.
5. An '****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the median falls in the lowest interval or upper interval of an open-ended distribution. A statistical test is not appropriate.
6. An '*****' entry in the margin of error column indicates that the estimate is controlled. A statistical test for sampling variability is not appropriate.

NOTE: Data for the following geographic area(s) cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.

Geography:

Richmond County, New York

Standard Error/Variance documentation for this dataset:

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