

Table 20. Language Spoken at Home and English-Speaking Ability by Age and Region of Birth: 2006

Universe: 2006 resident population ages 5 and older

	Younger than 18				18 and Older			
	Language other than English at home				Language other than English at home			
	Only English spoken at home	English spoken very well	English spoken less than very well	Total	Only English spoken at home	English spoken very well	English spoken less than very well	Total
Total native born	42,129,948	6,740,170	1,830,898	50,701,016	176,258,761	12,033,026	2,872,209	191,163,996
Total foreign born	431,714	1,346,292	927,214	2,705,220	5,362,994	10,551,048	18,535,329	34,449,371
Mexico	19,073	531,489	509,529	1,060,091	309,719	2,056,814	8,000,773	10,367,306
South and East Asia	119,308	251,114	156,562	526,984	818,157	3,425,933	3,999,932	8,244,022
Caribbean	60,746	88,154	49,690	198,590	1,090,123	736,880	1,317,093	3,144,096
Central America	19,762	64,154	63,781	147,697	145,591	625,458	1,725,926	2,496,975
South America	27,586	125,861	43,486	196,933	364,515	754,281	1,174,303	2,293,099
Middle East	7,617	53,084	23,504	84,205	157,445	562,461	465,021	1,184,927
All other	177,622	232,436	80,662	490,720	2,477,444	2,389,221	1,852,281	6,718,946
Percent Distribution								
Total native born	83.1	13.3	3.6	100.0	92.2	6.3	1.5	100.0
Total foreign born	16.0	49.8	34.3	100.0	15.6	30.6	53.8	100.0
Mexico	1.8	50.1	48.1	100.0	3.0	19.8	77.2	100.0
South and East Asia	22.6	47.7	29.7	100.0	9.9	41.6	48.5	100.0
Caribbean	30.6	44.4	25.0	100.0	34.7	23.4	41.9	100.0
Central America	13.4	43.4	43.2	100.0	5.8	25.0	69.1	100.0
South America	14.0	63.9	22.1	100.0	15.9	32.9	51.2	100.0
Middle East	9.0	63.0	27.9	100.0	13.3	47.5	39.2	100.0
All other	36.2	47.4	16.4	100.0	36.9	35.6	27.6	100.0

Note: Middle East consists of Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Israel/Palestine, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Yemen, Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Sudan.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of 2006 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS)