



Statistical Portrait of the Foreign-Born Population in the United States, 2006

Table 21. Language Spoken at Home and English-Speaking Ability Among Foreign Born by Date of Arrival and Age: 2006

Universe: 2006 foreign-born resident population ages 5 and older

Date of Arrival	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
Before 1990	9,276	15,314	3,314	27,904	3,536,407	5,753,050	7,265,343	16,554,800
1990 to 1999	218,661	701,421	205,884	1,125,966	1,090,721	3,121,743	6,116,886	10,329,350
2000 and later	203,777	629,557	718,016	1,551,350	735,866	1,676,255	5,153,100	7,565,221
Total	431,714	1,346,292	927,214	2,705,220	5,362,994	10,551,048	18,535,329	34,449,371
Percent Distribution								
Before 1990	33.2	54.9	11.9	100.0	21.4	34.8	43.9	100.0
1990 to 1999	19.4	62.3	18.3	100.0	10.6	30.2	59.2	100.0
2000 and later	13.1	40.6	46.3	100.0	9.7	22.2	68.1	100.0
All	16.0	49.8	34.3	100.0	15.6	30.6	53.8	100.0

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