

Statistical Portrait of the Foreign-Born Population in the United States, 2007

Table 20. Language Spoken at Home and English-Speaking Ability, by Age and Region of Birth: 2007

Universe: 2007 resident population ages 5 and older

	Younger than 18				18 and Older			
	Language other than only English at home				Language other than only 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
All native born	41,928,962	6,777,778	1,841,693	50,548,433	177,769,904	12,016,230	2,831,155	192,617,289
All foreign born	438,428	1,332,917	897,275	2,668,620	5,450,462	10,764,186	18,876,298	35,090,946
Mexico	22,412	521,545	480,458	1,024,415	318,064	2,107,911	8,210,351	10,636,326
South and East Asia	129,375	250,679	158,502	538,556	878,625	3,472,911	3,993,894	8,345,430
Caribbean	47,690	86,394	51,188	185,272	1,053,946	754,054	1,368,069	3,176,069
Central America	18,027	71,262	60,350	149,639	144,283	652,403	1,734,880	2,531,566
South America	29,098	130,116	37,565	196,779	359,548	795,252	1,214,416	2,369,216
Middle East	9,077	45,573	21,784	76,434	165,677	588,572	472,860	1,227,109
All other	182,749	227,348	87,428	497,525	2,530,319	2,393,083	1,881,828	6,805,230
Percent Distribution								
All native born	82.9	13.4	3.6	100.0	92.3	6.2	1.5	100.0
All foreign born	16.4	49.9	33.6	100.0	15.5	30.7	53.8	100.0
Mexico	2.2	50.9	46.9	100.0	3.0	19.8	77.2	100.0
South and East Asia	24.0	46.5	29.4	100.0	10.5	41.6	47.9	100.0
Caribbean	25.7	46.6	27.6	100.0	33.2	23.7	43.1	100.0
Central America	12.0	47.6	40.3	100.0	5.7	25.8	68.5	100.0
South America	14.8	66.1	19.1	100.0	15.2	33.6	51.3	100.0
Middle East	11.9	59.6	28.5	100.0	13.5	48.0	38.5	100.0
All other	36.7	45.7	17.6	100.0	37.2	35.2	27.7	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 2007 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS)