



## Foreign Born at Mid-Decade

**Table 19. English Ability by Age and Region of Birth: 2005**

Universe: 2005 Household Population age 5 and over

	Under 18				18 and over			
	English only	English very well	English less than very well	Total	English only	English very well	English less than very well	Total
Total native born	41,842,908	6,339,110	1,843,144	50,025,162	168,615,187	11,150,979	2,868,618	182,634,784
Total foreign born	432,483	1,386,672	990,687	2,809,842	5,188,381	9,930,344	17,497,743	32,616,468
Mexico	20,623	522,429	544,398	1,087,450	333,451	1,883,592	7,570,231	9,787,274
South and East Asia	117,491	263,650	154,254	535,395	787,944	3,192,562	3,782,550	7,763,056
Caribbean	50,884	83,931	51,842	186,657	1,004,435	716,043	1,228,361	2,948,839
Central America	16,578	72,820	70,230	159,628	136,374	608,609	1,581,855	2,326,838
South America	33,643	133,570	53,641	220,854	357,368	712,111	1,129,759	2,199,238
Middle East	10,805	54,386	20,409	85,600	139,904	551,051	430,431	1,121,386
All Other	182,459	255,886	95,913	534,258	2,428,905	2,266,376	1,774,556	6,469,837
<b>Percent Distribution</b>								
Total native born	83.6	12.7	3.7	100.0	92.3	6.1	1.6	100.0
Total foreign born	15.4	49.4	35.3	100.0	15.9	30.4	53.6	100.0
Mexico	1.9	48.0	50.1	100.0	3.4	19.2	77.3	100.0
South and East Asia	21.9	49.2	28.8	100.0	10.1	41.1	48.7	100.0
Caribbean	27.3	45.0	27.8	100.0	34.1	24.3	41.7	100.0
Central America	10.4	45.6	44.0	100.0	5.9	26.2	68.0	100.0
South America	15.2	60.5	24.3	100.0	16.2	32.4	51.4	100.0
Middle East	12.6	63.5	23.8	100.0	12.5	49.1	38.4	100.0
All Other	34.2	47.9	18.0	100.0	37.5	35.0	27.4	100.0

Note: Middle East includes Afghanistan, Cyprus, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Yemen, Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, and Sudan.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of 2005 American Community Survey