

Table 21. Language Spoken at Home and English-Speaking Ability, by Age and Region of Birth: 2008

Universe: 2008 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	41,695,735	6,915,075	1,878,737	50,489,547	179,811,562	12,250,091	2,893,529	194,955,182
All foreign born	429,299	1,298,463	794,371	2,522,133	5,438,301	10,911,987	18,863,628	35,213,916
Mexico	23,893	497,910	395,620	917,423	326,860	2,129,361	8,001,687	10,457,908
South and East Asia	125,534	251,820	146,886	524,240	848,551	3,523,931	4,097,859	8,470,341
Caribbean	54,347	80,344	51,740	186,431	1,058,455	776,094	1,395,602	3,230,151
Central America	19,256	64,972	58,529	142,757	149,459	628,831	1,804,562	2,582,852
South America	23,163	121,385	37,265	181,813	378,087	815,322	1,169,299	2,362,708
Middle East	10,294	50,962	30,595	91,851	158,789	586,054	496,096	1,240,939
All other	172,812	231,070	73,736	477,618	2,518,100	2,452,394	1,898,523	6,869,017
<b>Percent Distribution</b>								
All native born	82.6	13.7	3.7	100.0	92.2	6.3	1.5	100.0
All foreign born	17.0	51.5	31.5	100.0	15.4	31.0	53.6	100.0
Mexico	2.6	54.3	43.1	100.0	3.1	20.4	76.5	100.0
South and East Asia	23.9	48.0	28.0	100.0	10.0	41.6	48.4	100.0
Caribbean	29.2	43.1	27.8	100.0	32.8	24.0	43.2	100.0
Central America	13.5	45.5	41.0	100.0	5.8	24.3	69.9	100.0
South America	12.7	66.8	20.5	100.0	16.0	34.5	49.5	100.0
Middle East	11.2	55.5	33.3	100.0	12.8	47.2	40.0	100.0
All other	36.2	48.4	15.4	100.0	36.7	35.7	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 2008 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS)