

Table 21. Language Spoken at Home and English-Speaking Ability Among Foreign-Born Hispanics, by Date of Arrival and Age: 2008

Universe: 2008 foreign-born Hispanic resident population ages 5 and older

Date of Arrival	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
Before 1990	---	---	---	---	344,590	2,240,803	4,297,960	6,883,353
1990 to 1999	21,261	290,039	86,356	397,656	139,660	1,152,530	3,733,750	5,025,940
2000 and later	33,099	425,425	430,392	888,916	140,333	546,249	3,839,083	4,525,665
Total	54,360	715,464	516,748	1,286,572	624,583	3,939,582	11,870,793	16,434,958
Percent Distribution								
Before 1990	---	---	---	---	5.0	32.6	62.4	100.0
1990 to 1999	5.3	72.9	21.7	100.0	2.8	22.9	74.3	100.0
2000 and later	3.7	47.9	48.4	100.0	3.1	12.1	84.8	100.0
All	4.2	55.6	40.2	100.0	3.8	24.0	72.2	100.0

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of 2008 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS)