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Language Needs Data for San Francisco County
All data derived from US Census 2000

San Francisco County	Percentage	Number
Total Population 5 years and older:	100.0	745,650
Total population 5 years and older who speak a language other than English at home:	45.7	341,079
Population 5 years and older who speak English “not well/not at all”:	13.5	99,659
Ability to speak English		
Speaks Spanish	100.0	89,759
Speaks English “not well”/not at all”:	9.0	8,026
Speaks API languages:	100.0	194,584
Speaks English “not well/not at all”:	35.0	68,040
Speaks other Indo-European language:	100.0	49,788
Speaks English “not well/not at all”:	16.0	7,975
Total number of households	100.0	329,850
Linguistically isolated households	13.6	43710
Speaks Spanish	10.3	33,927
Linguistically isolated	22.2	7,548
	(of all Spanish speaking households)	
Speaks an Asian and Pacific Island language	21.6	71,205
Linguistically isolated	40.5	28,840
	(of all API language speaking households)	
	8.8	
Speaks other Indo-European language	23.0	29,061
Linguistically isolated		6,683
	(of all other Indo-European language speaking	

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Speaks other languages	households)	
Linguistically isolated	(of all other language speaking households)	
	1.1	3,689
	17.3	639
Languages spoken at home for population 18 and over (<i>select list</i>):		
Speaks a language other than English	100	341,079
Chinese	39	133,869
Spanish	26	89,759
Tagalog	9.5	29,197
Vietnamese	2.6	8,992
Russian	4.8	16,372
French	2.6	8,971
Japanese	less than 1	7,328
Korean	less than 1	5,332
Italian	less than 1	5,072
German	less than 1	4,886
Other Pacific Island languages	less than 1	4,774
Arabic	less than 1	3,229
Other Asian languages	less than 1	2,301
Portugeuse/Portugeuse Creole	less than 1	1,795
African languages	less than 1	1,427
Thai	less than 1	1,487
Persian	less than 1	1,256
Greek	less than 1	1,083
Hebrew	less than 1	1,068
Hindi	less than 1	1,058
Armenian	less than 1	915
Urdu	less than 1	893
Serbo-Croatian	less than 1	804
Other Slavic languages	less than 1	858
Cambodian	less than 1	774
Gujarathi	less than 1	614
Laotian	less than 1	479