



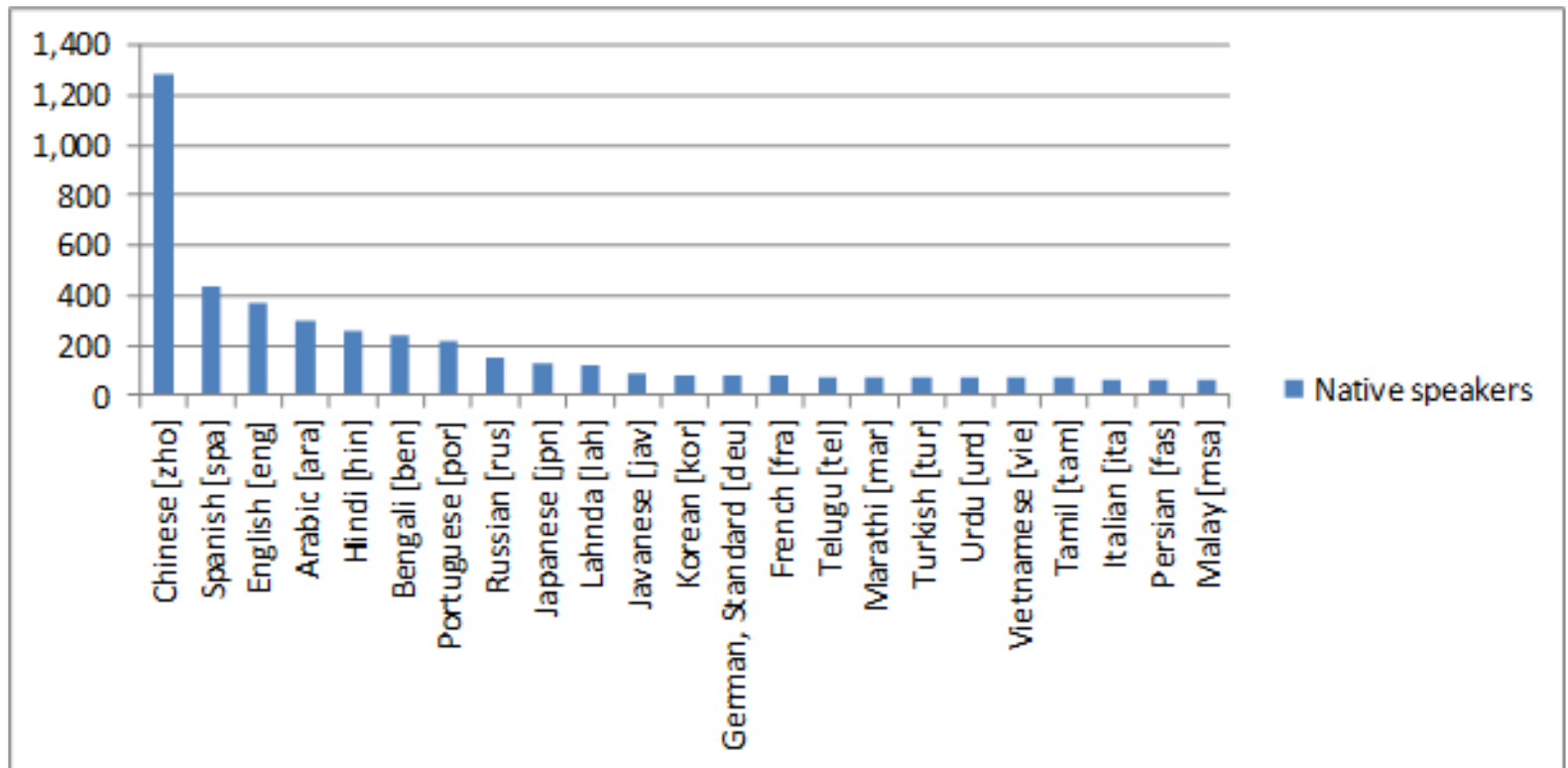
**“Italian Summit: The Future of Italian in Ohio
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***“Italian as a World Language and its
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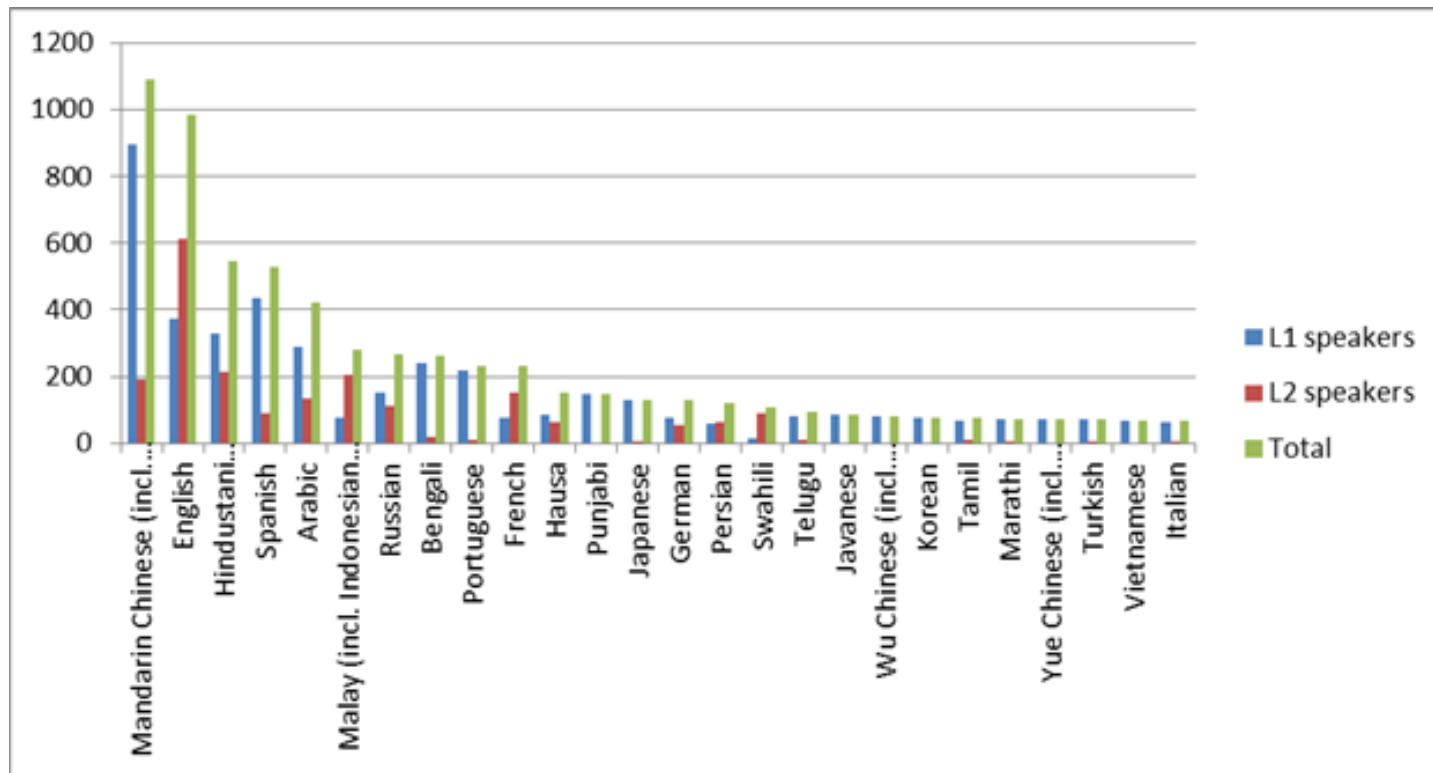
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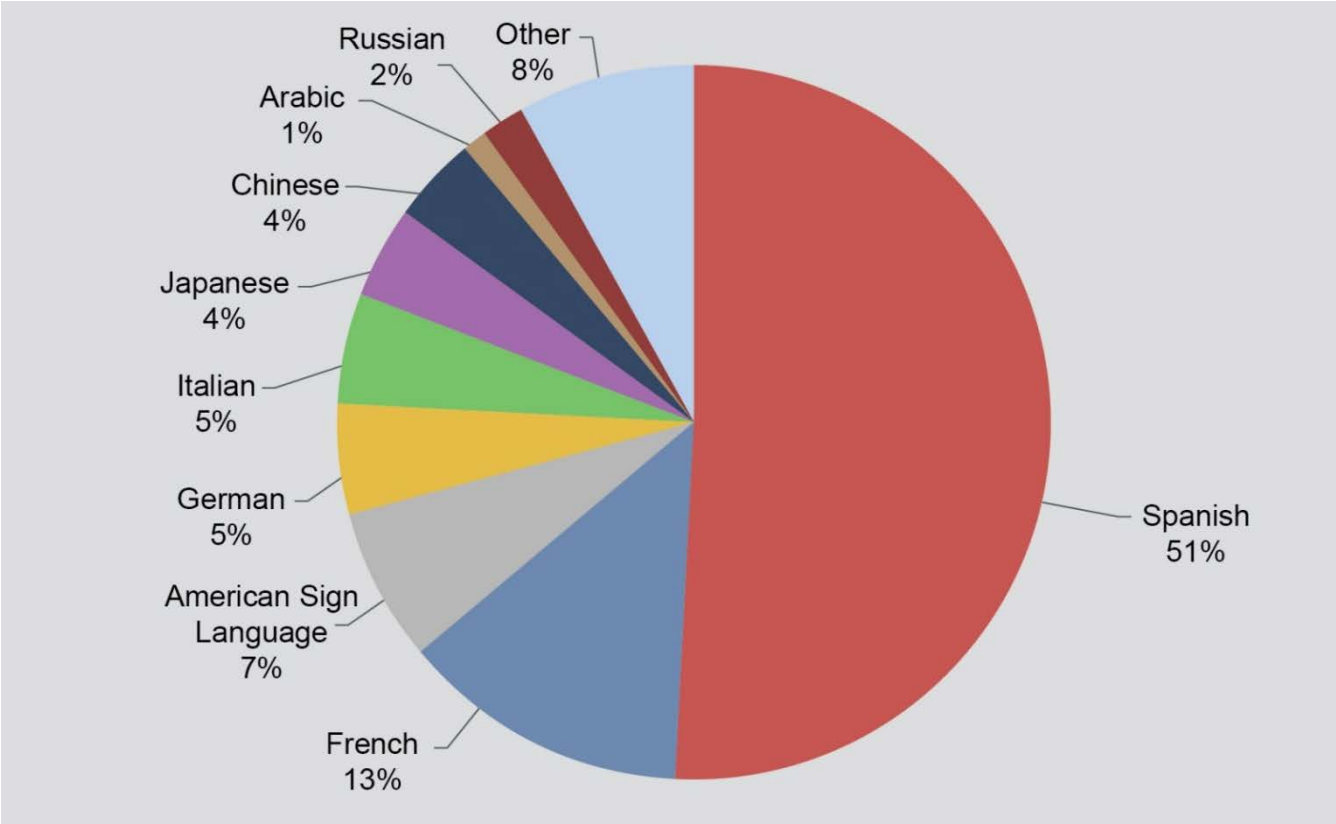
Ranking of first 23 languages in the world by mother tongue speakers (millions) (Ethnologue 2017)



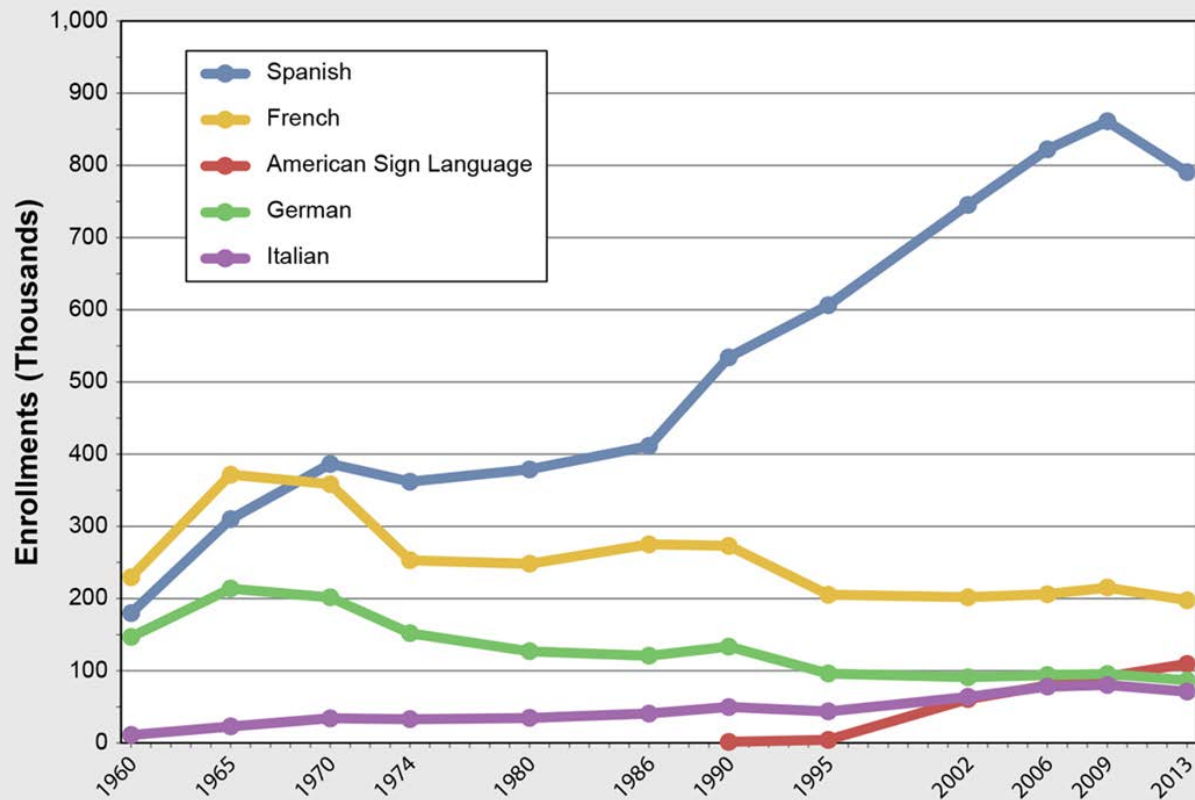
Ranking of first 26 languages in the world by mother tongue, L2 and total speakers (millions)



Distribution of Postsecondary Course Enrollments in Languages Other than English, 2013



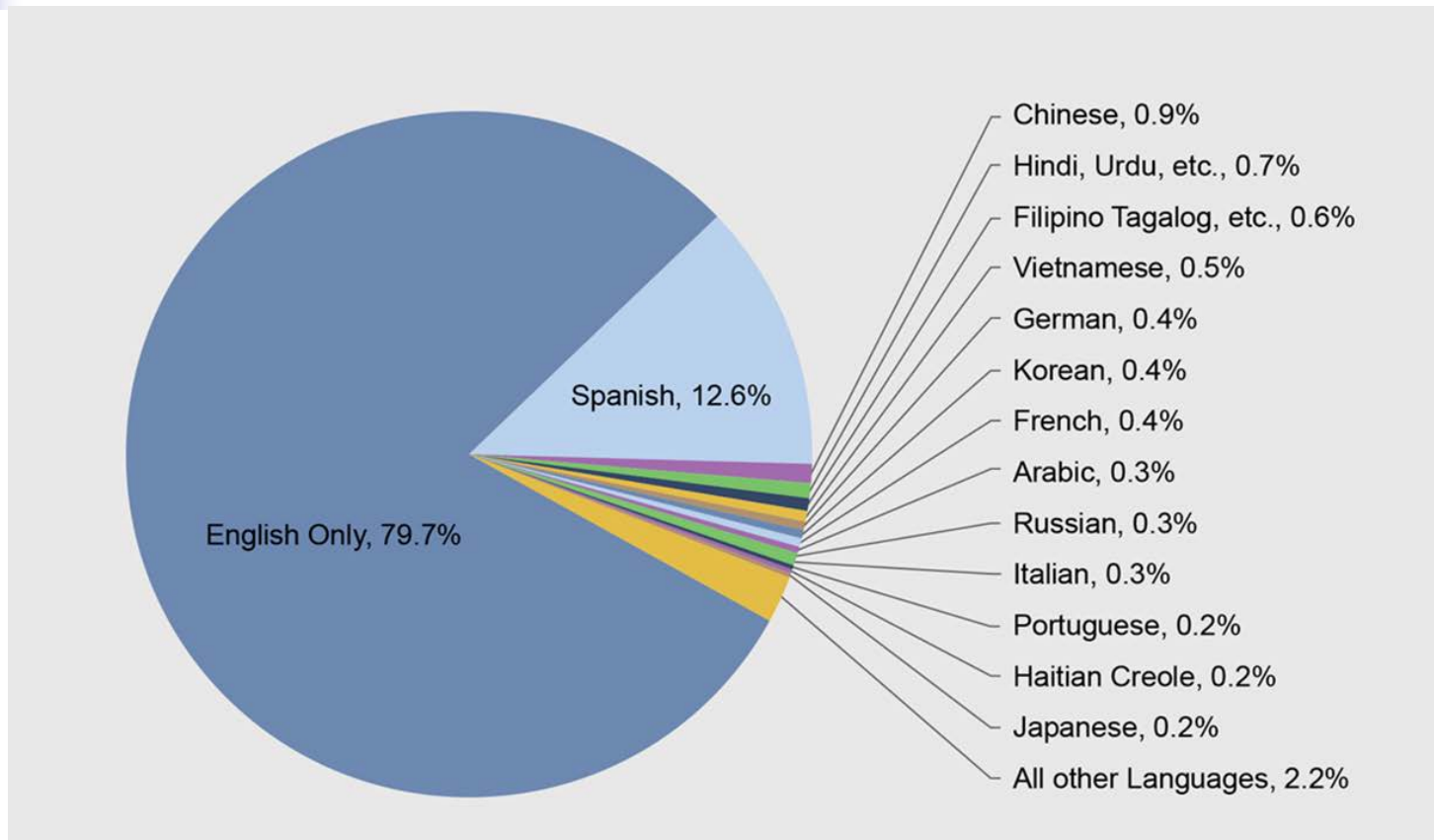
Postsecondary Enrollments in the Most Commonly Taken Language Courses (Other than English), 1960–2013

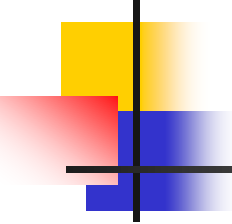


Student enrolments in the US

Language	Change 2002-06 (%)	Change 2006-09 (%)	Change 2009-13 (%)	2013 Enrollment (students)
Spanish	+10.3	+4.7	-8.2	790,756
French	+2.0	+4.5	-8.1	197,757
American Sign	+31.1	+15.5	+19.1	109,577
German	+3.3	+1.6	-9.3	86,700
Italian	+22.3	+2.7	-11.3	71,285
Japanese	+25.2	+10.6	-7.8	66,740
Chinese	+50.4	+16.5	+2	61,055
Arabic	+126.6	+45.5	-7.5	32,286
Latin	+7.8	+0.9	-16.2	27,192
Russian	+3.5	+8.0	-17.9	21,962
Ancient Greek	+12	-12.2	-35.5	12,917
Biblical Hebrew	-0.3	-2.6	-8.7	12,551
Portuguese	+23	+9.3	+10.1	12,415
Korean	+37.1	+18.2	+44.7	12,229
Modern Hebrew	11.6	-13.6	-19.4	6,698
Other languages	33.6	21.4	-2.6	40,059
Total	+12.9	+6.2	-6.7	1,562,179

Main Languages Spoken at Home by U.S. Residents Aged Five Years and Older, 2008–2010





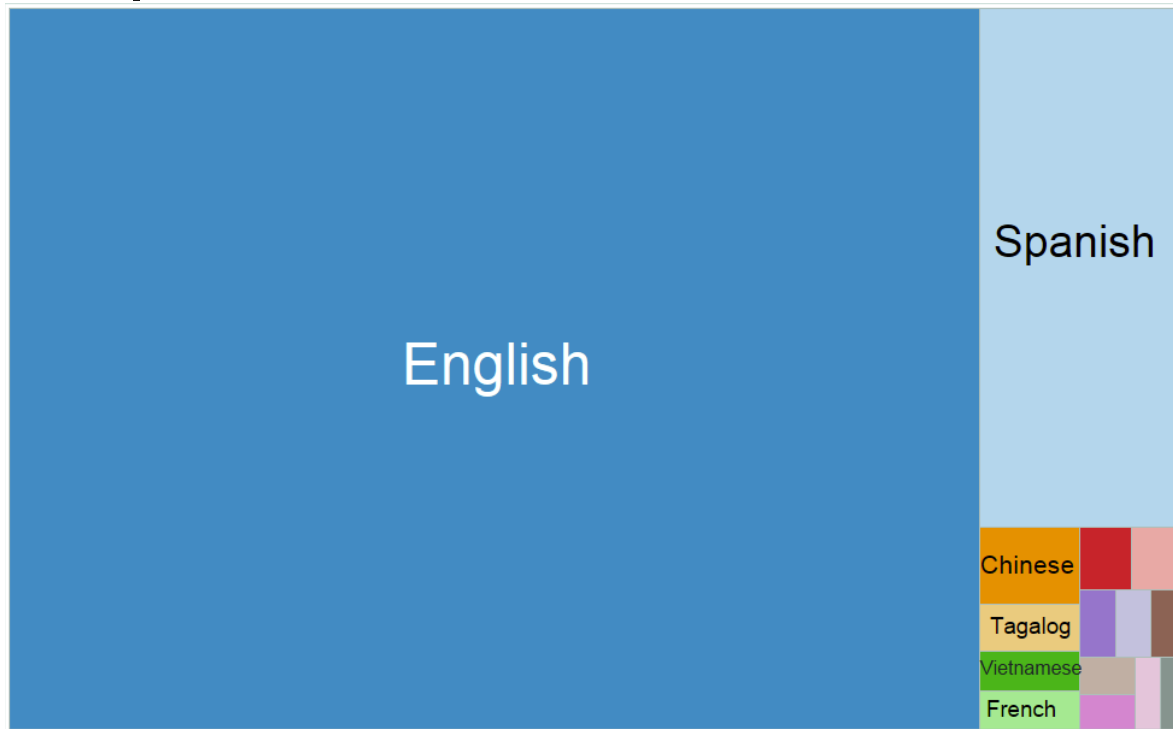
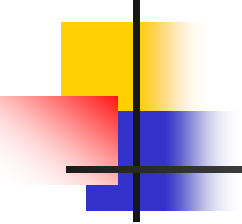
The Italian language and its various dialects have been widely spoken in the United States. There has been a strong representation of the dialects and languages of Southern Italy amongst the immigrant population (Sicilian and Neapolitan in particular).

As of 2009, though 15,638,348 American citizens report themselves as Italian-Americans, only 753,992 of these report speaking the Italian language at home (0.3264% of the US population).

Languages Spoken at Home in the US: 1980, 1990, 2000, and 2007 (US Census, 2007)

Characteristic	1980	1990	2000	2007	Percentage change 1980–2007
Population 5 years and older	210,247,455	230,445,777	262,375,152	280,950,438	33.6
Spoke only English at home	187,187,415	198,600,798	215,423,557	225,505,953	20.5
Spoke a language other than English at home	23,060,040	31,844,979	46,951,595	55,444,485	140.4
Spanish or Spanish Creole	11,116,194	17,345,064	28,101,052	34,547,077	210.8
French (incl. Patois, Cajun, Creole)	1,550,751	1,930,404	2,097,206	1,984,824	28.0
Italian	1,618,344	1,308,648	1,008,370	798,801	–50.6
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	351,875	430,610	564,630	687,126	95.3
German	1,586,593	1,547,987	1,383,442	1,104,354	–30.4
Yiddish	315,953	213,064	178,945	158,991	–49.7
Greek	401,443	388,260	365,436	329,825	–17.8
Russian	173,226	241,798	706,242	851,174	391.4
Polish	820,647	723,483	667,414	638,059	–22.2
Serbo-Croatian	150,255	70,964	233,865	276,550	84.1
Armenian	100,634	149,694	202,708	221,865	120.5
Persian	106,992	201,865	312,085	349,686	226.8
Chinese	630,806	1,319,462	2,022,143	2,464,572	290.7
Japanese	336,318	427,657	477,997	458,717	36.4
Korean	266,280	626,478	894,063	1,062,337	299.0
Vietnamese	197,588	507,069	1,009,627	1,207,004	510.9
Tagalog	474,150	843,251	1,224,241	1,480,429	212.2

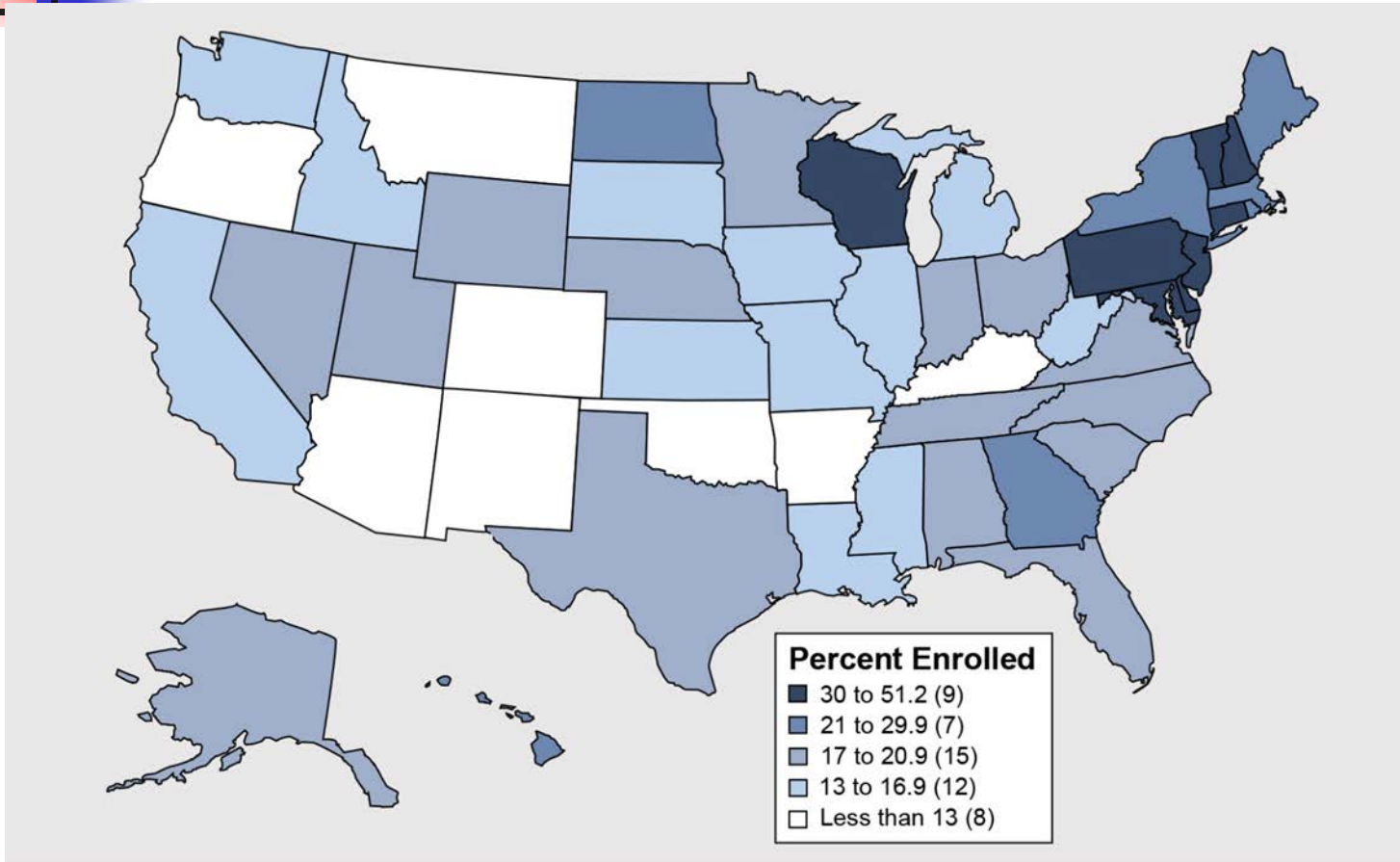
2016 American Community Survey (a project of the United States Census Bureau)



- English only – 237.8 million
- Spanish – 40.5 million
- Chinese (Mandarin + Cantonese) – 3.4 million
- Tagalog (including Filipino) – 1.7 million
- Vietnamese – 1.5 million
- Arabic – 1.2 million
- French – 1.2 million
- Korean – 1.1 million
- Russian – 0.91 million
- German – 0.91 million
- Haitian Creole – 0.86 million
- Hindi – 0.81 million
- Portuguese – 0.77 million
- Italian – 0.58 million
- Polish – 0.54 million
- Urdu – 0.47 million
- Japanese – 0.46 million
- Persian (including Farsi and Dari) – 0.44 million
- Gujarati – 0.41 million
- Telugu – 0.37 million
- Bengali – 0.32 million
- Tai–Kadai (including Thai and Lao) – 0.31 million
- Greek – 0.29 million
- Punjabi – 0.29 million
- Tamil – 0.27 million
- Armenian – 0.24 million
- Serbo-Croatian (including Bosnian, Croatian, Montenegrin, and Serbian) – 0.24 million
- Hebrew – 0.23 million
- Hmong – 0.22 million
- Bantu (including Swahili) – 0.22 million
- Khmer – 0.20 million
- Navajo – 0.16 million

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| Arabic | French Creole | Korean | Spanish |
| Chinese | German | Polish | Tagalog |
| English | Hindi | Portuguese | Vietnamese |
| French | Italian | Russian | |

Share of All K–12 Students Enrolled in Language Courses Other than English, by State, 2014–2015



K-12 ITALIAN COURSES/STUDENTS (MICHIGAN + OHIO)

	2014-2015			2015-2016			2016-2017			2017-2018		
	<i>K5-G8</i>	<i>G9-G12</i>	<i>TOT</i>	<i>K5-G8</i>	<i>G9-G12</i>	<i>TOT</i>	<i>K5-G8</i>	<i>G9-G12</i>	<i>TOT</i>	<i>K5-G8</i>	<i>G9-G12</i>	<i>TOT</i>
Courses	23	117	140	25	122	147	20	112	132	20	115	135
Students	601	2,662	3263	665	2973	3638	289	2185	2474	426	2262	2688



K-12 ITALIAN COURSES/STUDENTS (OHIO)

	2017-2018		
	<i>K5-G8</i>	<i>G9-G12</i>	<i>TOT</i>
COURSES	17	75	92
STUDENTS	1012	1378	2390



AP-Italian Exam candidates in Italian consular jurisdiction of Detroit

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Indiana	6	2	3	3
Kentucky	0	0	3	0
Michigan	28	24	14	27
Ohio	23	32	46	33
Tennessee	1	0	0	2
Tot.	58	58	66	65