

Top Languages Spoken in Rochester Metro Area

	Number	Share of Total
Total	1,023,344	100%
Speak only English	911,884	89%
Speak Other Language	107,378	10%
		Share of Those Who Speak a Language Other Than English
Spanish (or Spanish Creole)	47,696	44%
Italian	6,616	6%
Chinese	6,190	6%
German	4,627	4%
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	4,124	4%
Vietnamese	2,720	3%
Russian	2,594	2%
Arabic	2,330	2%
Polish	1,911	2%
Hindi	1,446	1%
Korean	1,438	1%
Greek	1,368	1%
Laotian	1,264	1%
Serbo-Croatian	1,261	1%
French Creole	1,052	1%
Tagalog	1,042	1%
Japanese	753	1%
Urdu	730	1%
Hebrew	658	1%
Persian	656	1%
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	649	1%
African Languages	2,698	3%
All Other Asian Languages	5,801	5%
All Other Slavic Languages	3,728	3%
All Other Indo-European Languages	4,763	4%
All Other Indic Languages	2,705	3%
All Other	286	0%

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Language spoken at home by the population 5 years and older.

Top Languages Spoken in Rochester City

	Number	Share of Total
Total	134,468	100%
Speak only English	110,154	82%
Speak Other Language	24,314	18%
		Share of Those Who Speak a Language Other Than English
Spanish (or Spanish Creole)	8,304	34%
Chinese	2,151	9%
Arabic	1,398	6%
Vietnamese	1,187	5%
Italian	864	4%
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	846	3%
Korean	601	2%
African Languages	1,859	8%
All Other Asian Languages	2,190	9%
All Other Slavic Languages	737	3%
All Other Indo-European Languages	1,717	7%
All Other Indic Languages	2,235	9%
All Other	225	1%

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English Ability by Language Spoken

Rochester Metro Area	Number	Share who Speak English "Very Well" and "Well"
Total:	1,023,344	
Speak only English	911,884	
Spanish (or Spanish Creole):	47,696	
Speak English "very well"	30,889	65%
Speak English less than "very well"	16,807	35%
French (incl. Patois, Cajun):	4,124	
Speak English "very well"	3,421	83%
Speak English less than "very well"	703	17%
French Creole:	1,052	
Speak English "very well"	733	70%
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Italian:	6,616	
Speak English "very well"	4,395	66%
Speak English less than "very well"	2,221	34%
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole:	649	
Speak English "very well"	517	80%
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
German:	4,627	
Speak English "very well"	3,737	81%
Speak English less than "very well"	890	19%
Yiddish:	n/a	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Other West Germanic languages:	3,119	
Speak English "very well"	2,042	65%
Speak English less than "very well"	1,077	35%
Scandinavian languages:	n/a	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Greek:	1,368	
Speak English "very well"	748	55%
Speak English less than "very well"	620	45%
Russian:	2,594	
Speak English "very well"	1,500	58%
Speak English less than "very well"	1,094	42%
Polish:	1,911	
Speak English "very well"	1,360	71%
Speak English less than "very well"	551	29%
Serbo-Croatian:	1,261	
Speak English "very well"	882	70%
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Other Slavic languages:	3,728	

Speak English "very well"	2,129	57%
Speak English less than "very well"	1,599	43%
Armenian:	n/a	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Persian:	656	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Gujarati:	n/a	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Hindi:	1,446	
Speak English "very well"	1,263	87%
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Urdu:	730	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Other Indic languages:	2,705	
Speak English "very well"	1,004	37%
Speak English less than "very well"	1,701	63%
Other Indo-European languages:	829	
Speak English "very well"	560	68%
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Chinese:	6,190	
Speak English "very well"	3,114	50%
Speak English less than "very well"	3,076	50%
Japanese:	753	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Korean:	1,438	
Speak English "very well"	824	57%
Speak English less than "very well"	614	43%
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian:	n/a	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Hmong:	n/a	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Thai:	n/a	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Laotian:	1,264	
Speak English "very well"	504	40%
Speak English less than "very well"	760	60%
Vietnamese:	2,720	
Speak English "very well"	1,014	37%
Speak English less than "very well"	1,706	63%

Other Asian languages:	4,797	
Speak English "very well"	2,384	50%
Speak English less than "very well"	2,413	50%
Tagalog:	1,042	
Speak English "very well"	849	81%
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Other Pacific Island languages:	n/a	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Navajo:	n/a	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Other Native North American languages:	n/a	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Hungarian:	n/a	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Arabic:	2,330	
Speak English "very well"	1,329	57%
Speak English less than "very well"	1,001	43%
Hebrew:	658	
Speak English "very well"	528	80%
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
African languages:	2,698	
Speak English "very well"	1,551	57%
Speak English less than "very well"	1,147	43%
Other and unspecified languages:	n/a	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a

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