

Top Languages Spoken in Buffalo Metro Area

	Number	Share of Total
Total	1,074,981	100%
Speak only English	978,274	91%
Speak Other Language	96,707	9%
	Share of Those Who Speak a Language Other Than English	
Spanish (or Spanish Creole)	31,033	32%
Chinese	7,087	7%
Polish	6,339	7%
Italian	5,703	6%
Arabic	5,370	6%
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	3,927	4%
Russian	2,829	3%
German	2,755	3%
Hindi	2,154	2%
Korean	1,757	2%
Urdu	1,462	2%
Vietnamese	1,279	1%
Serbo-Croatian	1,073	1%
Greek	865	1%
Japanese	699	1%
Tagalog	664	1%
Persian	628	1%
Hungarian	505	1%
Gujarati	503	1%
African Languages	3,340	3%
All Other Asian Languages	6,360	7%
All Other Slavic Languages	1,770	2%
All Other Indo-European Language	3,132	3%
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All Other	1,187	1%

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Top Languages Spoken in Buffalo City

	Number	Share of Total
Total	242,348	100%
Speak only English	202,159	83%
Speak Other Language	40,189	17%
		Share of Those Who Speak a Language Other Than English
Spanish (or Spanish Creole)	18,658	46%
Arabic	2,099	5%
Chinese	1,697	4%
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	1,150	3%
Italian	1,120	3%
Polish	1,056	3%
Russian	778	2%
Vietnamese	632	2%
Hindi	551	1%
Urdu	547	1%
African Languages	2,681	7%
All Other Asian Languages	3,903	10%
All Other Slavic Languages	299	1%
All Other Indo-European Languages	1,856	5%
All Other Indic Languages	2,730	7%
All Other	432	1%

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English Ability by Language Spoken

Buffalo Metro Area	Number	Share who Speak English "Very Well" and "Well"
Total:	1,074,981	
Speak only English	978,274	
Spanish (or Spanish Creole):	31,033	
Speak English "very well"	21,928	71%
Speak English less than "very well"	9,105	29%
French (incl. Patois, Cajun):	3,927	
Speak English "very well"	3,270	83%
Speak English less than "very well"	657	17%
French Creole:	n/a	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Italian:	5,703	
Speak English "very well"	4,310	76%
Speak English less than "very well"	1,393	24%
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole:	n/a	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
German:	2,755	
Speak English "very well"	2,184	79%
Speak English less than "very well"	571	21%
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:	n/a	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Scandinavian languages:	n/a	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Greek:	865	
Speak English "very well"	720	83%
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Russian:	2,829	
Speak English "very well"	1,398	49%
Speak English less than "very well"	1,431	51%
Polish:	6,339	
Speak English "very well"	4,932	78%
Speak English less than "very well"	1,407	22%
Serbo-Croatian:	1,073	
Speak English "very well"	571	53%
Speak English less than "very well"	502	47%
Other Slavic languages:	1,770	

Speak English "very well"	1,053	59%
Speak English less than "very well"	717	41%
Armenian:	n/a	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Persian:	n/a	
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:	2,154	
Speak English "very well"	1,787	83%
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Urdu:	1,462	
Speak English "very well"	884	60%
Speak English less than "very well"	578	40%
Other Indic languages:	4,286	
Speak English "very well"	2,180	51%
Speak English less than "very well"	2,106	49%
Other Indo-European languages:	1,449	
Speak English "very well"	954	66%
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Chinese:	7,087	
Speak English "very well"	4,130	58%
Speak English less than "very well"	2,957	42%
Japanese:	699	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Korean:	1,757	
Speak English "very well"	1,063	61%
Speak English less than "very well"	694	39%
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:	n/a	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Vietnamese:	1,279	
Speak English "very well"	535	42%
Speak English less than "very well"	744	58%

Other Asian languages:	5,425	
Speak English "very well"	2,628	48%
Speak English less than "very well"	2,797	52%
Tagalog:	664	
Speak English "very well"	574	86%
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 language	n/a	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Hungarian:	505	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
Arabic:	5,370	
Speak English "very well"	2,763	51%
Speak English less than "very well"	2,607	49%
Hebrew:	n/a	
Speak English "very well"	n/a	n/a
Speak English less than "very well"	n/a	n/a
African languages:	3,340	
Speak English "very well"	1,918	57%
Speak English less than "very well"	1,422	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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