

Limited English Proficient Individuals in the United States: Number, Share, Growth, and Linguistic Diversity

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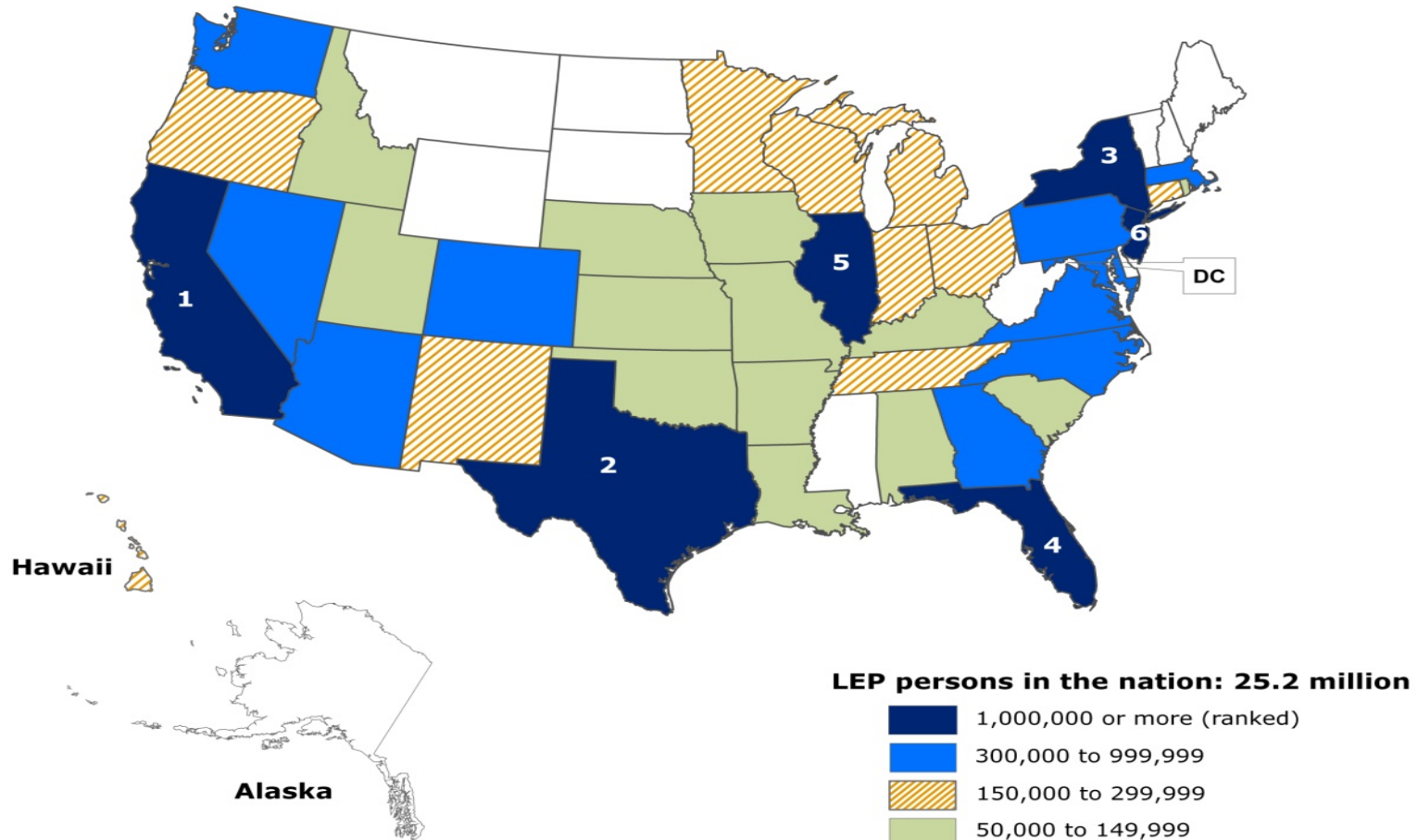
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Roadmap

- **Changing demographics: growth and linguistic diversity**
- **Data resources to assist planning amid budgetary pressure**
- **Limits of data and supplementary resources**

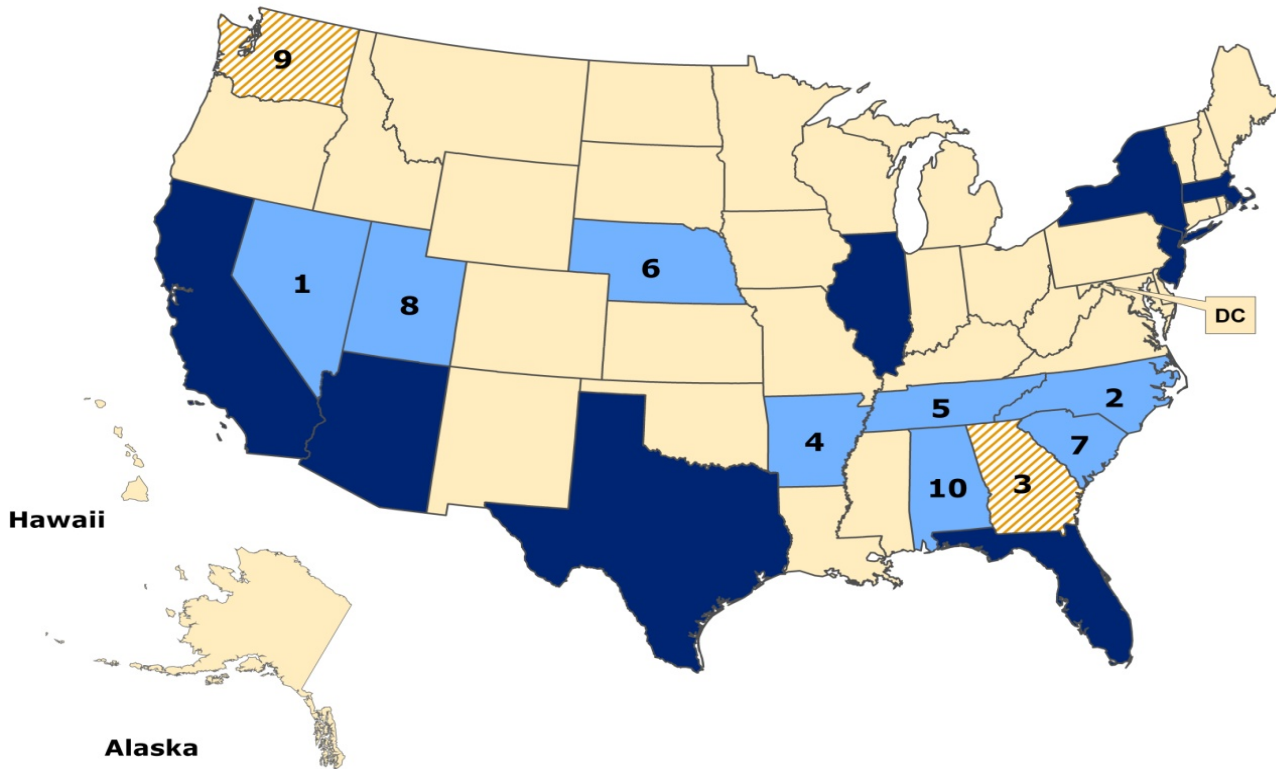
LEP Individuals in the United States



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Dispersal of LEP Population



- Top ten states with the largest LEP population (2010)
- Top ten states (ranked) with the highest growth rates of LEP population (1990 to 2010)
- ▨ Among states with the highest growth rate and largest LEP population

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High Growth States

RANK	STATE	1990 LEP POPULATION (THOUSANDS)	2010 LEP POPULATION (THOUSANDS)	CHANGE FROM 1990 TO 2010 (PERCENT)
1	NEVADA	62	310	398.2
2	NORTH CAROLINA	87	430	395.2
3	GEORGIA	109	522	378.8
4	ARKANSAS	21	88	311.5
5	TENNESSEE	46	174	281.4
6	NEBRASKA	22	76	242.2
7	SOUTH CAROLINA	38	127	237.2
8	UTAH	41	137	235.2
9	WASHINGTON	165	512	209.7
10	ALABAMA	36	109	202.1

Source: MPI tabulations of 2010 American Community Survey

High Concentration States

RANK	STATE	1990 LEP POPULATION (THOUSANDS)	2010 LEP POPULATION (THOUSANDS)	CHANGE FROM 1990 TO 2010 (PERCENT)
1	CALIFORNIA	4,423	6,898	56
2	TEXAS	1,766	3,359	90.2
3	NEW YORK	1,766	2,458	39.2
4	FLORIDA	961	2,112	119.7
5	ILLINOIS	658	1,158	76
6	NEW JERSEY	609	1,031	69.3
7	ARIZONA	276	587	112.9
8	MASSACHUSETTS	349	547	56.7
9	GEORGIA	109	522	378.8
10	WASHINGTON	165	512	209.7

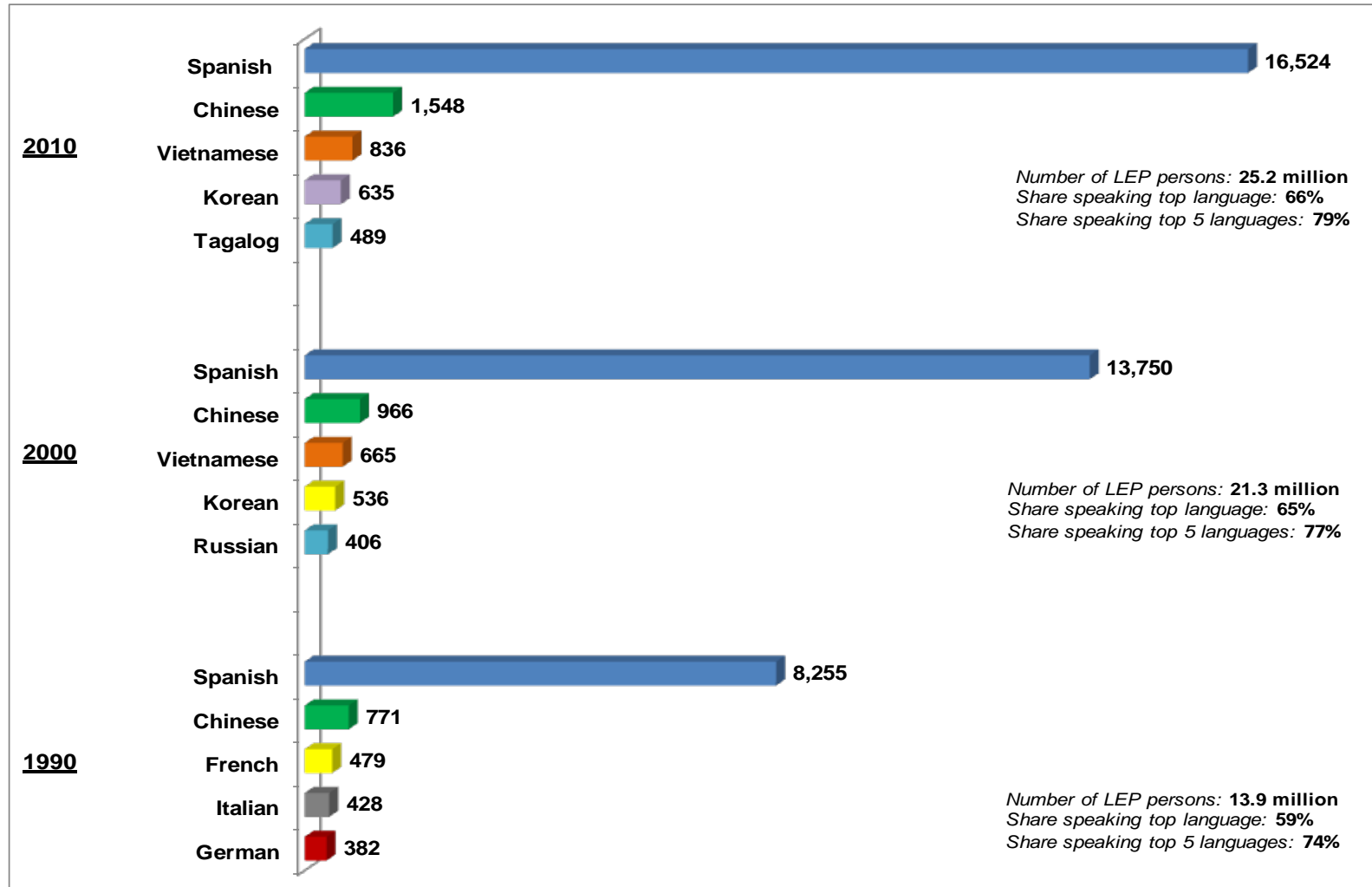
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Linguistic Diversity

RANK	LANGUAGE	NUMBER (IN THOUSANDS)	SHARE
1	SPANISH OR SPANISH CREOLE	16,524	65.5
2	CHINESE	1,548	6.1
3	VIETNAMESE	836	3.3
4	KOREAN	635	2.5
5	TAGALOG	489	1.9
6	RUSSIAN	416	1.7
7	FRENCH CREOLE	323	1.3
8	ARABIC	321	1.3
9	PORTUGUESE OR PORTUGUESE CREOLE	277	1.1
10	AFRICAN LANGUAGES	276	1.1

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Linguistic Diversity, Over Time



Source: MPI analysis of 1990 and 2000 Decennial Census Data and 2010 American Community Survey

Linguistic Diversity in Select States

STATE	LEP POPULATION (THOUSANDS)	LANG 1	LANG 2	LANG 3	LANG 4	LANG 5
UNITED STATES	25,052	SPANISH	CHINESE	VIETNAMESE	KOREAN	TAGALOG
TEXAS	3,310	SPANISH	VIETNAMESE	CHINESE	KOREAN	AFRICAN LANGUAGES
NEVADA	327	SPANISH	TAGALOG	CHINESE	KOREAN	AFRICAN LANGUAGES
ARIZONA	616	SPANISH	NAVAJO	CHINESE	VIETNAMESE	ARABIC
ARKANSAS	87	SPANISH	VIETNAMESE	LAOTIAN	CHINESE	HMONG
GEORGIA	525	SPANISH	KOREAN	VIETNAMESE	CHINESE	AFRICAN LANGUAGES
NEBRASKA	76	SPANISH	VIETNAMESE	AFRICAN LANGUAGES	CHINESE	ARABIC
SOUTH CAROLINA	134	SPANISH	CHINESE	VIETNAMESE	FRENCH	GERMAN
WASHINGTON	497	SPANISH	CHINESE	VIETNAMESE	KOREAN	RUSSIAN
UTAH	135	SPANISH	CHINESE	VIETNAMESE	KOREAN	NAVAJO

Source: MPI analysis of pooled 2008-2010 American Community Survey data



Using Data to Identify Language Needs

- ***Census Bureau's American Community Survey***
 - Single Year estimates cover geographic areas with a population of 65,000 or more. Multi-year estimates cover geographic areas with a population of 20,000 or more
 - *Table B16001: Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English for Population 5 years and over*
 - *Table B16004: Age by Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English for Population 5 years and over*
 - <http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml>



Arkansas Case Study

- *American Fact Finder allows you to look up LEP populations at the state, city, county, and metropolitan area level.*
- *Demonstration of state and county level*



Using Data to Identify Language Needs

- ***MPI's LEP Data Brief***
 - *State-level data on LEP number, share, and growth from 1990 to 2000 to 2010*
 - *State-level data on linguistic diversity in 2010*
 - *We will continue to update it as new data become available*
 - *<http://www.migrationinformation.org/integration/LEPdatabrief.pdf>*
- ***IPUMS – University of Minnesota***
 - *More complicated, but provides greater detail*



Limits of Data

- ***Different data sets provide different levels of detail on language spoken***
 - *For example: African Languages in pooled 2008 - 2010 ACS data*
 - *Chinese language classification*
- ***Concentration of LEP speakers not only indicator of need***



Supplementary Resources

- ***MPI Language Portal***
 - *Sample translated material and searchable database of state and local resources*
 - http://www.migrationinformation.org/integration/language_portal/
- ***Routine Census table:*** “Detailed Language Spoken at Home and Ability to Speak English for the Population 5 Years and Older by States”



Supplementary Resources

- ***WWW.LEP.GOV***
- ***Modern Language Association's Language Map***
 - <http://arcgis.mla.org/mla/default.aspx>
- ***Your Community!***



For More Information

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