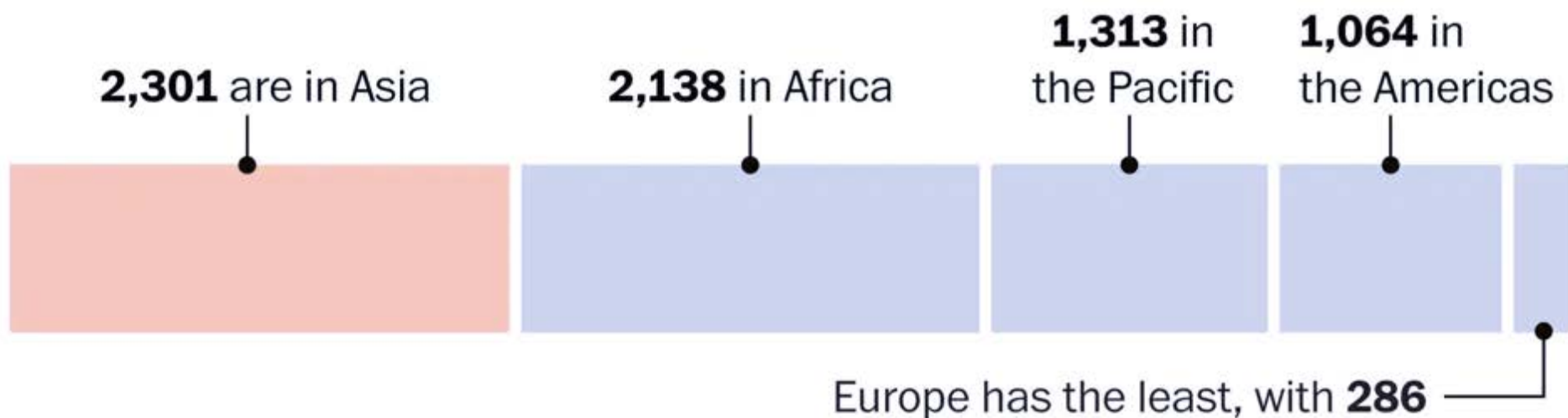


Limited English Proficiency (LEP)



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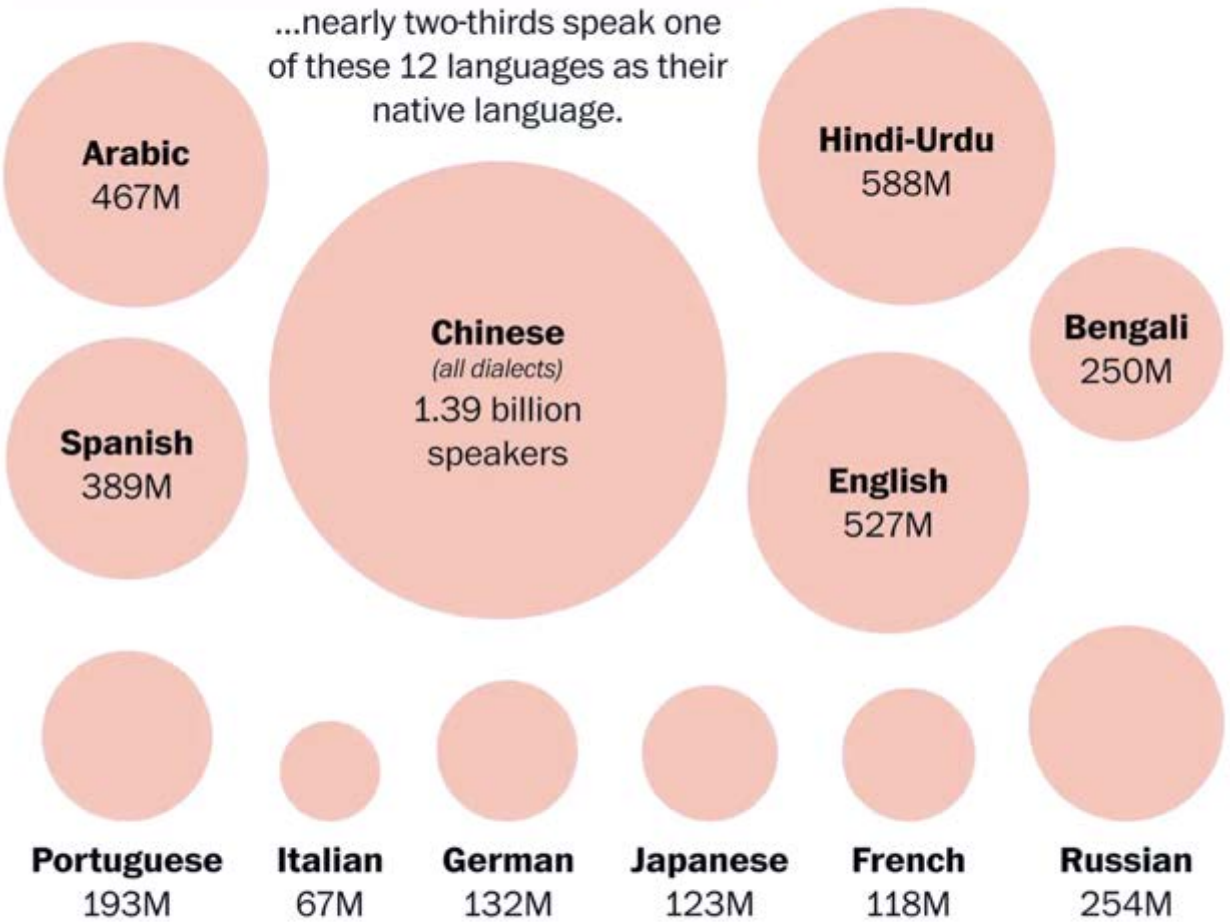


Sources: Ethnologue: Languages of the World, Eighteenth edition THE WASHINGTON POST

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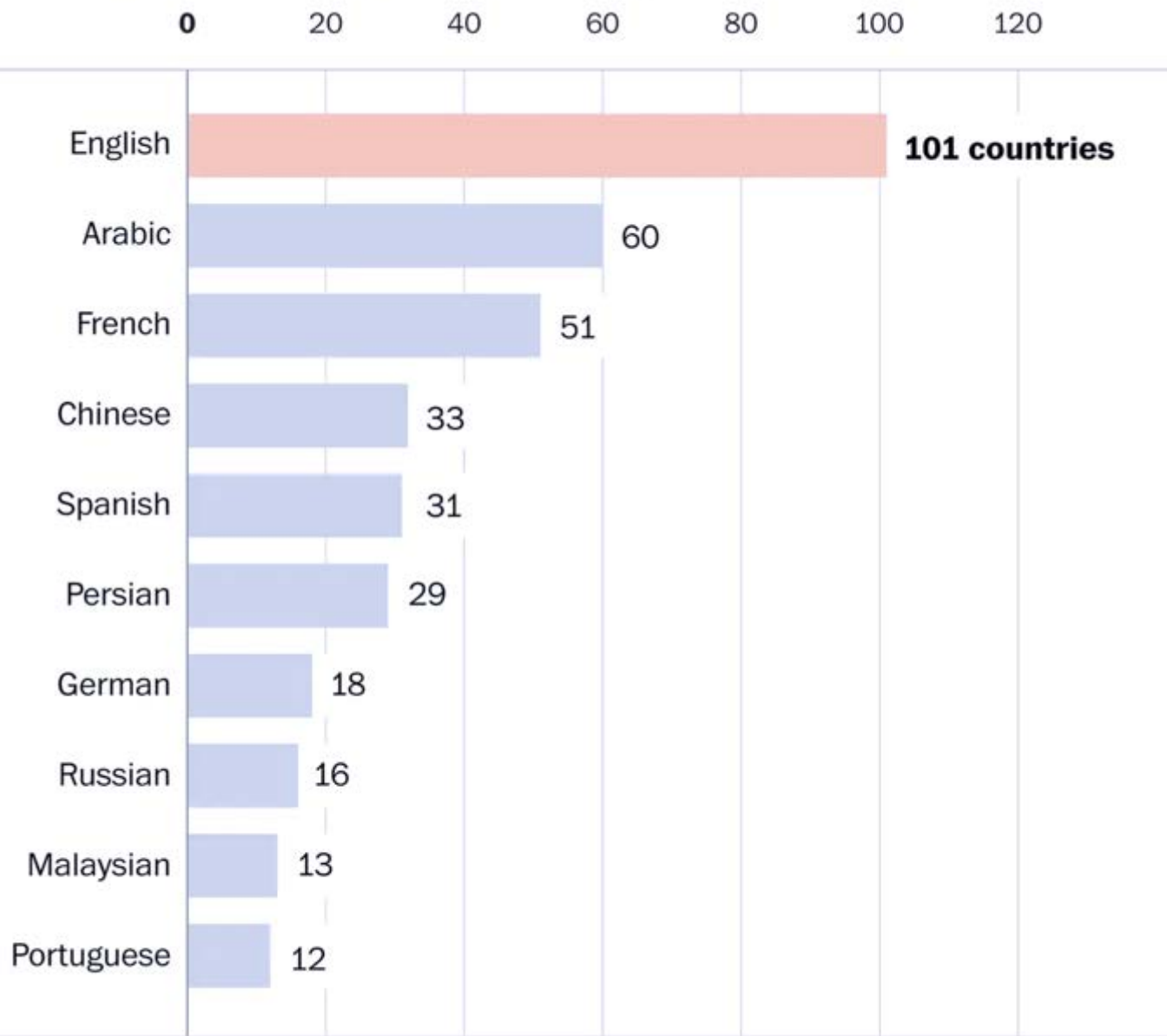


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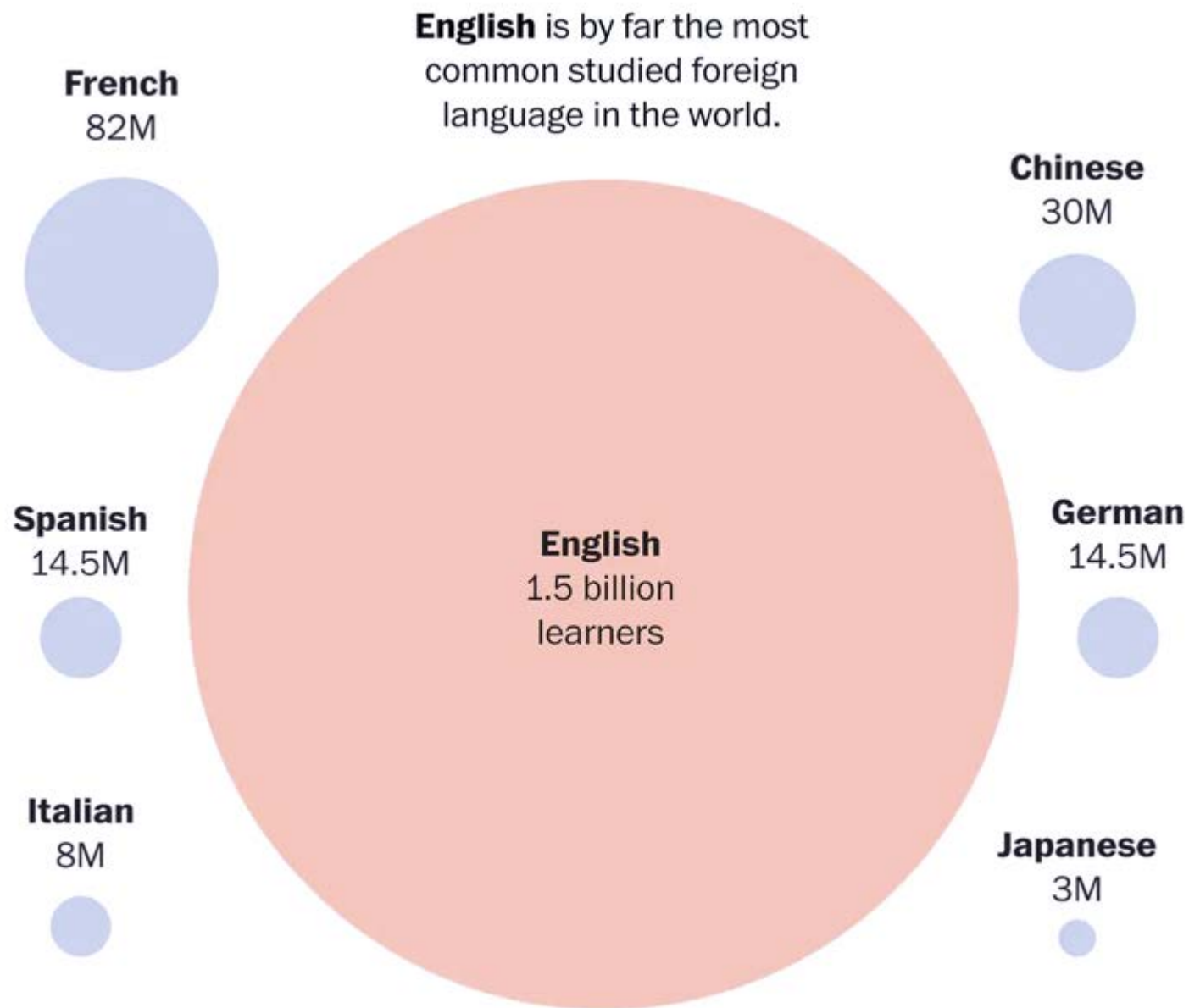


Sources: Ulrich Ammon, University of Düsseldorf, Population Reference Bureau
Note: Totals for languages include bilingual speakers.
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Number of countries in which this language is spoken



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Title VI Civil Rights Act of 1964

No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.



Executive Order 13166 “Improving Access to Services for Persons with LEP”



To ensure that the programs and activities normally provided in English are accessible to LEP persons and thus do not discriminate on the basis of national origin in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and its implementing regulations.

NC State Extension LEP Policy

...no person is subjected to prohibited discrimination based on national origin in any Extension program or service.

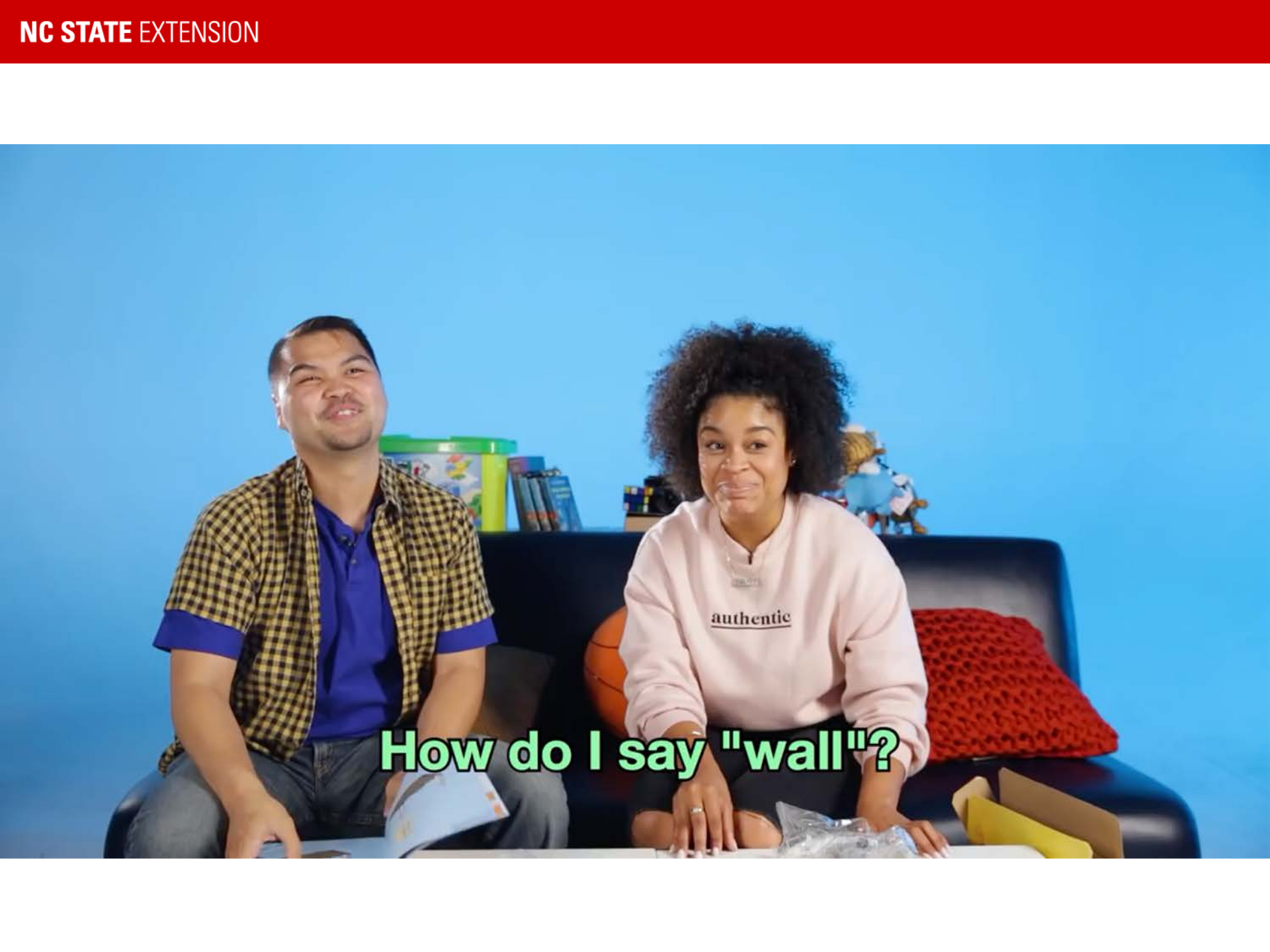
It is our policy to ensure that reasonable steps are taken to provide timely, meaningful access and an equal opportunity to participate in services, activities, programs, and other benefits to individuals whose first language is not English.

Limited English Proficient (LEP)

- Individuals who do not speak English as their primary language and who have a limited ability to read, speak, write, or understand English.
- Any person age 5 and older who reported speaking English less than "very well" to the US Census.

Consequences of communication barriers...

- Denial of needed benefits and services
- Delay in service delivery
- The wrong services are provided
- Ineffective services are provided
- Failure to understand information/services being provided

A man and a woman are sitting on a dark blue couch against a solid blue background. The man, on the left, is wearing a blue polo shirt under a yellow and black checkered short-sleeved button-down shirt. The woman, on the right, is wearing a light pink sweatshirt with the word "authentic" printed on it. Behind them, on the couch, are a stack of colorful children's books, a basketball, and a red crocheted pillow. In the foreground, there are some papers and a cardboard box. The text "How do I say 'wall'?" is overlaid in green at the bottom.

How do I say "wall"?

Four-Factor Analysis

1. The number or proportion of LEP persons eligible to be served or likely to be encountered by N.C. Cooperative Extension in your county
2. The frequency with which LEP persons using a particular language come in contact with N.C. Cooperative Extension in your county
3. The nature and importance of N.C. Cooperative Extension programs or activities in your county
4. The resources available and costs to implement LEP services

Factor 1: How many LEP people are eligible to be served or likely to be encountered by Extension programs in your county?

- Review interactions with LEP persons to determine the breadth and scope of language services needed.
- Gather, review, and identify data regarding the languages primarily spoken in the county.
Identify any concentrations of LEP persons within the county.
- Identify language minority populations that are eligible for program services or activities, but may be under-served because of existing language barriers within the program or activity.
- Analyze the data gathered to determine specific LEP services to be provided.

Language Identification Cards

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Featured Resources

- State Courts
- Foreign Language Services Ordering Guide
- Translation and Interpretation and Procurement Services (TIPS) Sheets
- Training Video: Communicating Effectively with LEP Members of the Public
- Title VI Protection for LEP Individuals
- LEP.gov Mission Statement

Recent Items

Memorandum of Agreement Between the United States of America and the Louisiana Supreme Court-
May 13, 2019

- Press Release
 - Justice Department and Louisiana Supreme Court Reach Agreement to Provide Language Assistance for Individuals Not Proficient in English (English)
 - El Departamento de Justicia y la Corte Suprema de Luisiana Llegan a un Acuerdo Para el Ofrecimiento de Apoyo Lingüístico a Individuos que no Dominan el Inglés (Spanish Español)
 - SỞ TƯ PHÁP VÀ TÒA ÁN TỐI CAO BANG LOUISIANA THỐNG NHẤT THỎA THUẬN CUNG CẤP DỊCH VỤ HỖ TRỢ NGÔN NGỮ CHO CÁC CÁ NHÂN KHÔNG NÓI TIẾNG ANH THÀNH THẠO (Vietnamese Tiếng Việt)
 - LE MINISTÈRE DE LA JUSTICE ET LE TRIBUNAL SUPRÊME DE LOUISIANE ONT PASSÉ UN ACCORD EN VUE DE FOURNIR UNE ASSISTANCE LINGUISTIQUE POUR LES SUJETS N'AYANT PAS UNE MAÎTRISE SUFFISANTE DE L'ANGLAIS (French Français)
 - اتفاق وزارة العدل والمحكمة العليا في لويزيانا لتقديم المساعدة اللغوية للأفراد الذين لا يتقنون (العربية اللغة الانجليزية)

Houston Interpreters and Translators Association Publishes Q & A on Title VI and Language Access from DOJ- March 15, 2019

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Limited English Proficient (LEP) Maps

Language Map App

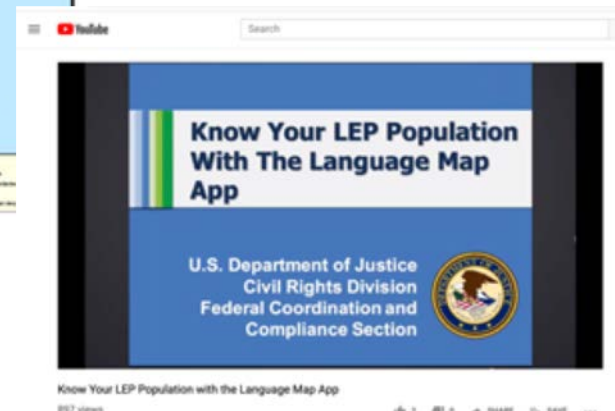
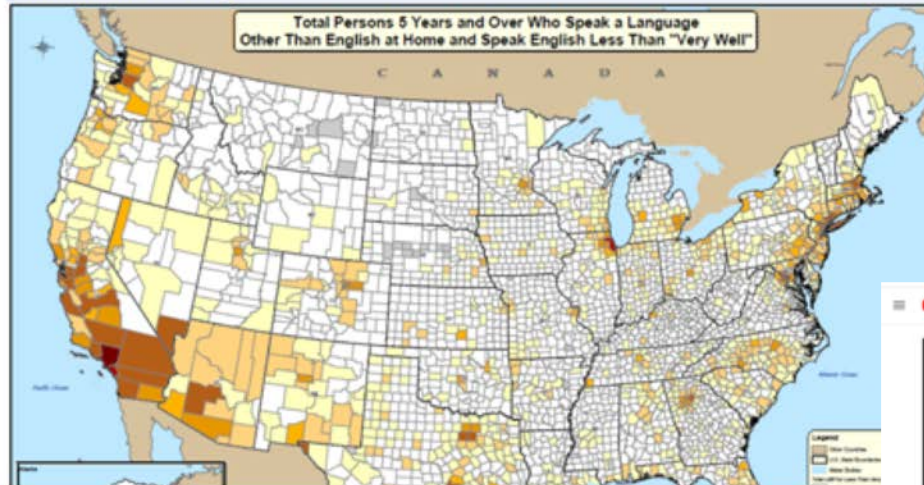
The Civil Rights Division's Language Map App is an interactive mapping tool that helps users find out the concentration of and languages spoken by LEP individuals in a community. Click on your state or county to identify the number or percentage of LEP persons, download language data, or visually display LEP maps for presentations. We encourage users to test the features of the Language Map App and provide feedback to help us improve functionality.

Year of app data **2015**

Language Map App

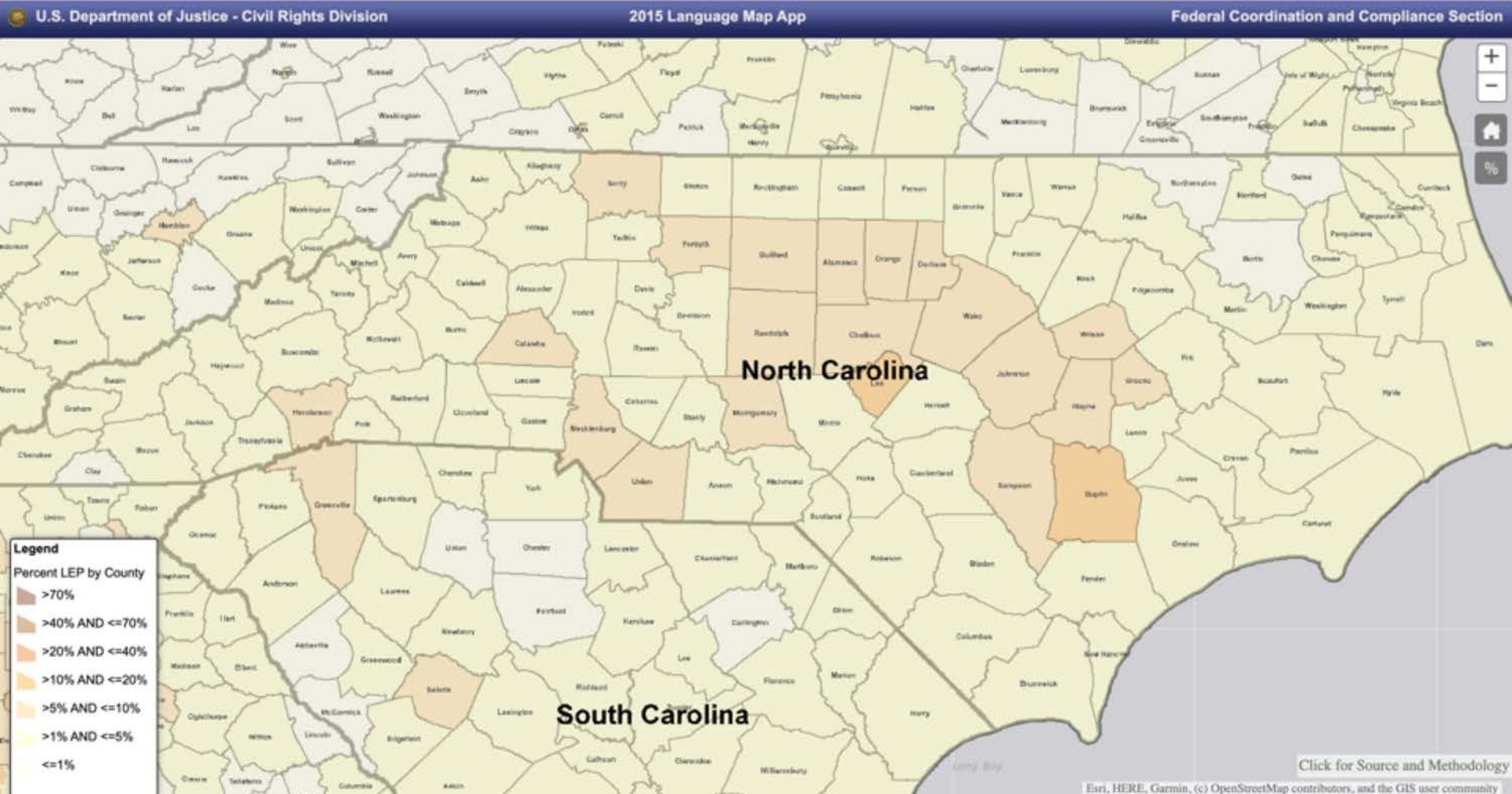
Accessible Alternative with Downloadable Data

Additional LEP Maps



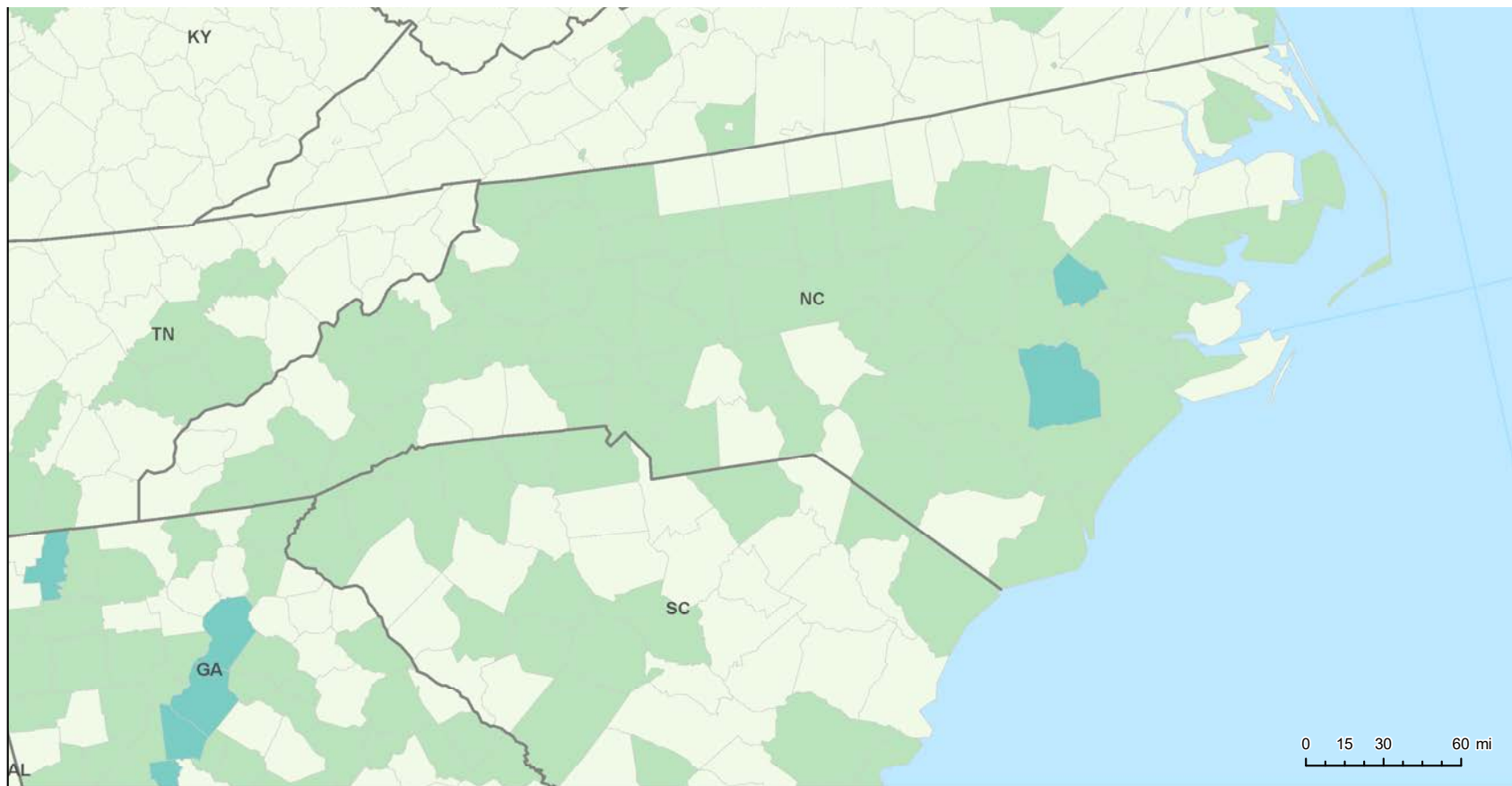
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LEP.gov Language Map App



USDA-ERS Atlas of Rural & Small Town America

% Non-English Speaking Households 2013-2017



Note: map shows all counties

Percent of non-English speaking households of total households, 2013-17



Units: Percent Date: 10/20/2019

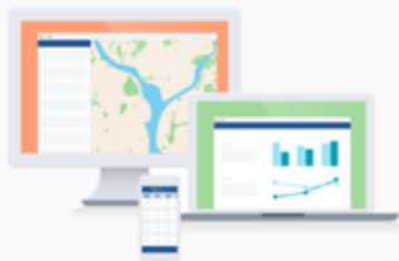
Source: USDA Economic Research Service, ESRI.

For more information:

<http://ers.usda.gov/data-products/atlas-of-rural-and-small-town-america.aspx>

American Community Survey Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English

- <https://factfinder.census.gov>
- Advanced Search > SHOW ME ALL
- Topics > People > Language > Language Spoken at Home > Close
- Geographies > Geographic type: County > State: North Carolina > Geographic Area: select your county > Close
- Select report C16001: Language spoken at home for the population 5 years and over (Some counties can use B16001 which is a more detailed report)
- Identify languages where assistance may be needed



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☐ Disability

☐ Education

☐ Employment

☐ Income & Earnings

☐ Insurance Coverage

☐ Language

[English Usage \(1,617\)](#)

[Language Spoken at Home \(2,422\)](#)

☐ Marital & Fertility Status

☐ Origins

☐ Population Change

☐ Poverty

☐ Relationship

☐ Veterans

Housing

Note: The Race & Ethnicity topic is available under the Race and Ethnic Groups button on the left.

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Versions of this table are available for the following years:

2017 ▶
2016

	Catawba County, North Carolina	
	Estimate	Margin of Error
Total:	147,212	+/-10
Speak only English	128,853	+/-582
Spanish:	12,276	+/-447
Speak English "very well"	6,927	+/-653
Speak English less than "very well"	5,349	+/-613
French, Haitian, or Cajun:	196	+/-97
Speak English "very well"	182	+/-94
Speak English less than "very well"	14	+/-16
German or other West Germanic languages:	161	+/-68
Speak English "very well"	110	+/-56
Speak English less than "very well"	51	+/-41
Russian, Polish, or other Slavic languages:	57	+/-42
Speak English "very well"	34	+/-30
Speak English less than "very well"	23	+/-29
Other Indo-European languages:	801	+/-332
Speak English "very well"	422	+/-195
Speak English less than "very well"	379	+/-262
Korean:	100	+/-114
Speak English "very well"	75	+/-107
Speak English less than "very well"	25	+/-33
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese):	298	+/-270
Speak English "very well"	77	+/-101
Speak English less than "very well"	221	+/-259
Vietnamese:	578	+/-331
Speak English "very well"	161	+/-126
Speak English less than "very well"	417	+/-256
Tagalog (incl. Filipino):	28	+/-28
Speak English "very well"	15	+/-17
Speak English less than "very well"	13	+/-22
Other Asian and Pacific Island languages:	3,687	+/-483
Speak English "very well"	2,283	+/-368
Speak English less than "very well"	1,404	+/-359
Arabic:	64	+/-55
Speak English "very well"	45	+/-45
Speak English less than "very well"	19	+/-22
Other and unspecified languages:	113	+/-105
Speak English "very well"	105	+/-105
Speak English less than "very well"	8	+/-12

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Factor 2: How frequently do LEP persons come into contact with Extension programs, activities and services in your county?

- Assess as accurately as possible the frequency with which you have, or should have, contact with LEP individuals from different language groups seeking assistance.
- Survey employees to determine interactions with LEP individuals.
- Consult directly with LEP persons to determine the various program, services, and activities that they frequently utilize.
- Consider whether outreach to LEP persons will increase the frequency of contact with LEP language groups.

Factor 3: What is the nature and importance of the program, activity or service?

- Determine the potential impact that the inability to access Extension services, programs or activities may have on the LEP person.
- Identify all documents that are deemed vital in order to communicate information to LEP customers.

Factor 4: What resources are available and what are the costs?

- Explore the most cost-effective means of delivering competent and accurate language services, including determining the costs associated with translating documents, contracting for interpreters, and other language assistance methods as needed.
- In addition to using employees who are able to provide assistance to customers who speak those languages, also explore resources provided by county government and community organizations.
- Determine if any additional services are needed to provide meaningful access.



Language Assistance

- Provision of language assistance is based on 4-factor analysis
- Language assistance should be provided at a time and place that does not cause a denial, delay, or the imposition of an undue burden in the receipt of important rights, benefits or services to the LEP person
- Language assistance must be provided at no cost to the LEP person

Identification of LEP individuals

At the point of first contact with a customer, determine whether the person has limited English proficiency.

1. Use of language identification poster displayed in the reception area
2. Use of “I Speak” language identification cards
3. Self-identification by the LEP individual or identification by a companion

Oral Language Services (Interpretation)

Interpretation is the act of listening to something in one language (source language) and orally translating it into another language (target language).

Interpreters must be more than bilingual

1. Do they know the appropriate language and terminology?
2. Can they maintain confidentiality/privacy?
3. Are they a neutral party or could there be a conflict of interest?

- Issues of competency, confidentiality and conflict of interest may make the use of family members (especially children), friends or other informal interpreters inappropriate
- LEP persons must be notified that their choice to work with an informal interpreter is voluntary, and that a “qualified interpreter” can be provided at no cost
- Extension may not require, suggest or encourage an LEP person to use friends or family members as interpreters; however, if an LEP individual declines interpretation services they have the right to use a family member or friend

Simultaneous Interpretation



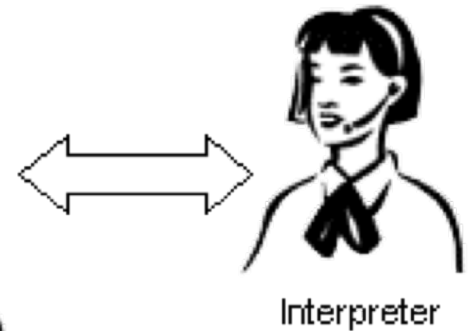
Telephone Interpretation



Use the Speakerphone



Pass the Handset



Interpreter

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SUSTAINABLE LANGUAGE SERVICES

Written Language Services (Translation)

Translation is the replacement of a written text from one language (source language) into an equivalent written text in another language (target language).

- Determine the extent of your obligation to provide written translation of documents looking at the totality of the circumstances in light of the four-factor analysis.
- Identify vital documents that must be translated and the languages translation is needed

Vital Documents

- Applications
- Consent Forms
- Complaint Forms
- Written tests for license, job or skill where knowing English is not required
- Letters/notices pertaining to eligibility for benefits
- Letters/notices pertaining to rights
- Documents that must be provided by law
- Letters/notices pertaining to the reduction, denial, or termination of services or benefits
- Letters/notices that require a response
- Letters/notices as part of emergency preparedness or risk communications
- Notices regarding the availability of free language assistance services

SAFE HARBOR PROVISIONS

Size of Language Group	Written Language Assistance Required
1,000 or more of the eligible population	Translated vital documents
5% or more of the eligible population and 50 or more in number	Translated vital documents
5% or more of the eligible population and less than 50 in number	Translated written notice of right to receive free oral interpretation of documents
Less than 5% of the eligible population and less than 1,000 in number	No written translation is required

To use Google Translate or not use Google Translate that is the question...

The American Dairy Association

Original: "Got Milk"

Translation: "Are You
Lactating?" in Mexico



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PERDUE CHICKEN

Original: "It takes a tough man to make a tender chicken"

Translation (in Spanish): "It takes a hard man to make a chicken aroused"





Resources

- Translated resources from N.C. Cooperative Extension and other Land Grant Universities
- Federal and state translated resources
- Develop shared resources for interpretation services with county departments and community organizations within the county
- Identify and/or recruit volunteers that have the qualifications to be interpreters or translators
- Hire bilingual staff that have the qualifications to be interpreters or translators
- Train staff to become qualified interpreters or translators

Staff Training

- Staff know about LEP policies and procedures; and
- Staff that have contact with the public are trained to work effectively with in-person and telephone interpreters.



Public notification of services for LEP individuals

- Posting signs in Extension office
- Translated outreach materials and brochures
- Notification in multilingual newspapers, radio and television
- Partnering with community-based organizations and other stakeholders
- Presentations and outreach at schools, religious, and community organizations
- Notification on website and social media

Complaints

- Local level
- State level
- Federal level

