

2021

Language	Number
English	633,737
Spanish	157,212
Polish	12,163
Arabic	9,679
Urdu	5,695
Hindi	5,092
Russian	4,676
Chinese	4,445
Filipino, Tagalog	4,039
French	3,977
Niger-Congo	3,160
Rumanian	3,118
Telugu	2,953
Gujarathi	2,824
Korean	2,571
Ukranian, Ruthenian, Little Russian	2,443
Greek	2,150
German	1,878
Vietnamese	1,789
Mandarin	1,640
Other Asian languages	1,567
Tamil	1,422
Albanian	1,397
Serbian	1,374
Portuguese	1,339
Japanese	1,269
Malayalam	1,120
Cushite, Beja, Somali	1,102
Hebrew, Israeli	939
Italian	826

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2020

Language	Number
English	637,139
Spanish	161,017
Polish	13,477
Arabic	10,246
Hindi	5,263
Chinese	5,249
Urdu	5,171
Filipino, Tagalog	4,530
Russian	3,902
French	3,787
Niger-Congo	3,382
Telugu	2,973
Rumanian	2,907
Gujarathi	2,660
Korean	2,393
Greek	2,145
German	2,126
Ukrainian, Ruthenian, Little Russian	2,029
Vietnamese	1,907
Malayalam	1,730
Japanese	1,485
Mandarin	1,424
Tamil	1,353
Cushite, Beja, Somali	1,243
Italian	1,206
Portuguese	1,190
Other Asian languages	1,159
Albanian	1,040
Serbian	1,009
Hebrew, Israeli	880

List of the top 30 languages that are spoken or being learned by children age 5 and under in Illinois

Source: IPUMS

2019

Language	Number
English	644,077
Spanish	170,113
Polish	14,924
Arabic	9,809
Chinese	4,975
Urdu	4,742
Filipino, Tagalog	4,352
Hindi	4,332
Russian	4,307
Niger-Congo	3,489
French	3,429
Telugu	3,137
Rumanian	2,685
Korean	2,623
Gujarathi	2,617
Ukranian, Ruthenian, Little Russian	1,992
German	1,970
Vietnamese	1,772
Malayalam	1,745
Greek	1,725
Italian	1,572
Japanese	1,541
Tamil	1,398
Mandarin	1,020
Albanian	987
Cantonese	987
Lithuanian	985
Serbian	961
Portuguese	960
Bantu	906

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2018

Language	Number
English	651,595
Spanish	173,189
Polish	15,644
Arabic	10,002
Chinese	5,011
Urdu	4,719
Filipino, Tagalog	4,451
Hindi	4,244
French	3,947
Russian	3,819
Telugu	3,276
Niger-Congo	3,114
Gujarathi	2,688
Rumanian	2,524
Korean	2,403
German	2,214
Vietnamese	1,935
Ukranian, Ruthenian, Little Russian	1,771
Greek	1,757
Tamil	1,645
Italian	1,614
Malayalam	1,584
Japanese	1,515
Cantonese	1,262
Mandarin	1,109
Serbian	1,031
Albanian	1,002
Hebrew, Israeli	868
Portuguese	820
Lithuanian	818

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2017

Language	Number
English	659,214
Spanish	177,541
Polish	15,976
Arabic	9,626
Filipino, Tagalog	5,424
Urdu	5,010
Chinese	4,946
Hindi	4,381
French	4,362
Russian	3,536
Telugu	3,176
Gujarathi	2,726
Korean	2,543
Rumanian	2,520
German	2,397
Niger-Congo	2,313
Vietnamese	2,010
Ukranian, Ruthenian, Little Russian	2,007
Tamil	1,821
Italian	1,815
Greek	1,610
Malayalam	1,509
Japanese	1,241
Mandarin	1,217
Cantonese	1,207
Serbian	1,046
Lithuanian	999
Albanian	986
Bulgarian	837
Near East Arabic dialect	829

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2016

Language	Number
English	663,611
Spanish	184,706
Polish	16,785
Arabic	9,230
Filipino, Tagalog	5,825
Chinese	5,072
Urdu	4,628
French	4,014
Hindi	3,875
Russian	3,452
Gujarathi	2,990
Telugu	2,956
German	2,755
Korean	2,667
Italian	2,146
Niger-Congo	2,101
Rumanian	1,990
Tamil	1,900
Vietnamese	1,752
Ukranian, Ruthenian, Little Russian	1,673
Malayalam	1,610
Greek	1,568
Cantonese	1,378
Japanese	1,138
Albanian	1,098
Lithuanian	1,067
Mandarin	947
Bulgarian	900
Serbian	849
Bengali	809

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