



## Asian/Pacific Islander Languages Spoken by English Learners (ELs)

### Fact

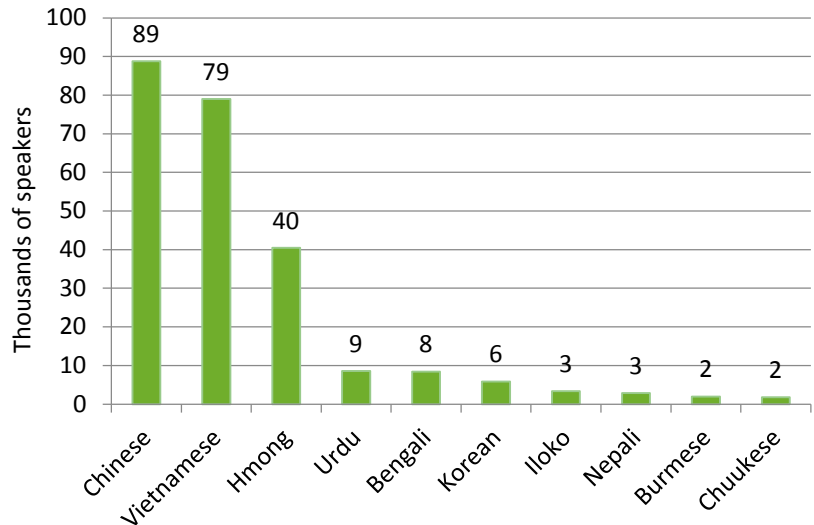
In 2012, the Asian/Pacific Islander population was the nation's fastest-growing racial or ethnic group. Between 2011 and 2012, the number of Asian/Pacific Islanders rose by 580,000 (2.9 percent) to 20.3 million.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2012.

### Top 10 Most Common Asian/Pacific Islander Languages Spoken Among ELs: SY 2011-12

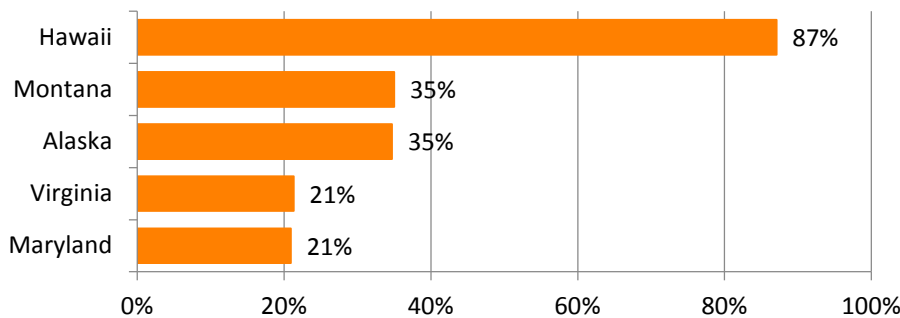
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In SY 2011-12, 89,000 ELs reported speaking Chinese, the most common of the top 10 Asian/Pacific Islander languages spoken by ELs.



Source: Consolidated State Performance Report, SY 2011-12.

### Largest Percentage of ELs Who Were Asian/Pacific Islander, by State: 2008-12

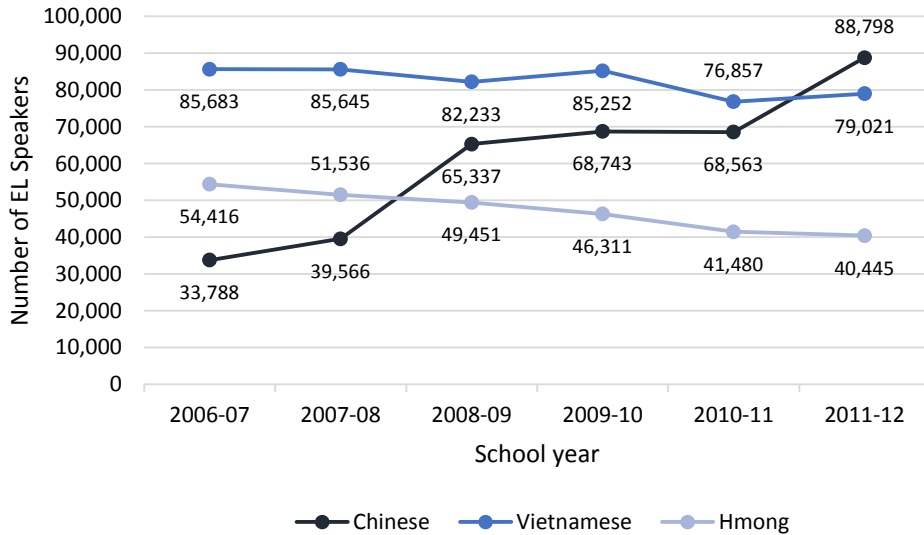


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2008-12. Estimates generated by NCELA using Census DataFerrett.

### Fact

Although Asian/Pacific Islanders comprise only 5 percent of the U.S. population, Asian/Pacific Islander ELs accounted for over 15 percent of the EL population in 17 states.

**Numbers of Reported EL Speakers of Top Three Asian/Pacific Islander Languages: SY 2006-07 through 2011-12**

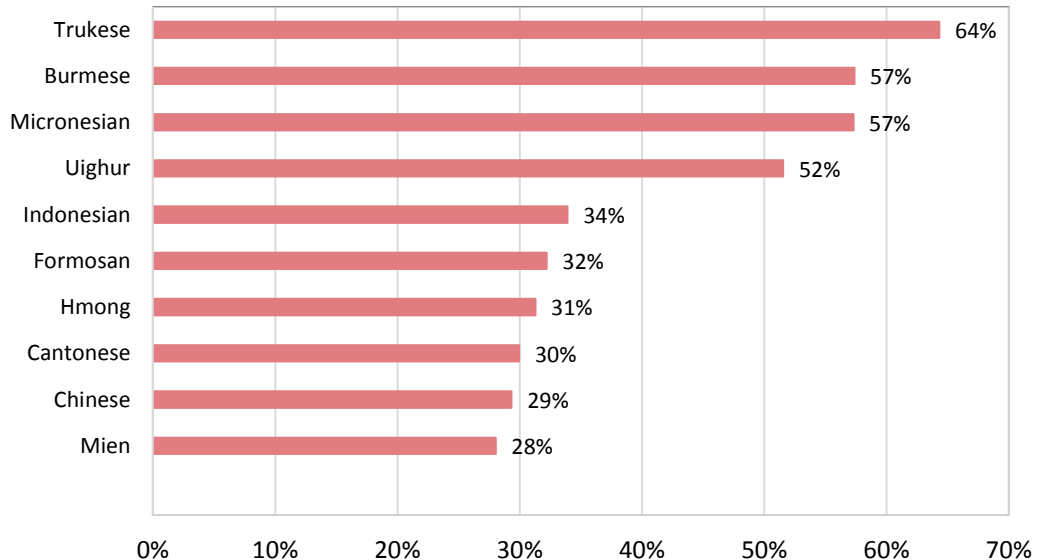


**Fact**  
 Three of the top five EL languages most commonly reported by states between SY 2006-07 and SY 2011-12 were Asian/Pacific Islander languages (Chinese, Vietnamese, and Hmong).

Note: Figures reflect the combined number of speakers of a language in states where that language was one of the state's five most common EL languages. Source: Consolidated State Performance Reports, SYs 2006-07 through 2011-12.

**Percentage of School-Age Asian/Pacific Islander Language Speakers Who Were ELs, by Language: 2008-12**

**Fact**  
 Sixty-four percent of school-age Trukese speakers, 57 percent of school-age Burmese speakers, and 57 percent of school-age Micronesian speakers were considered ELs in 2012.



Note: Percentages shown reflect specifically classified Asian/Pacific Islander languages only. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2008-12. Estimates generated by NCELA using Census DataFerrett.