



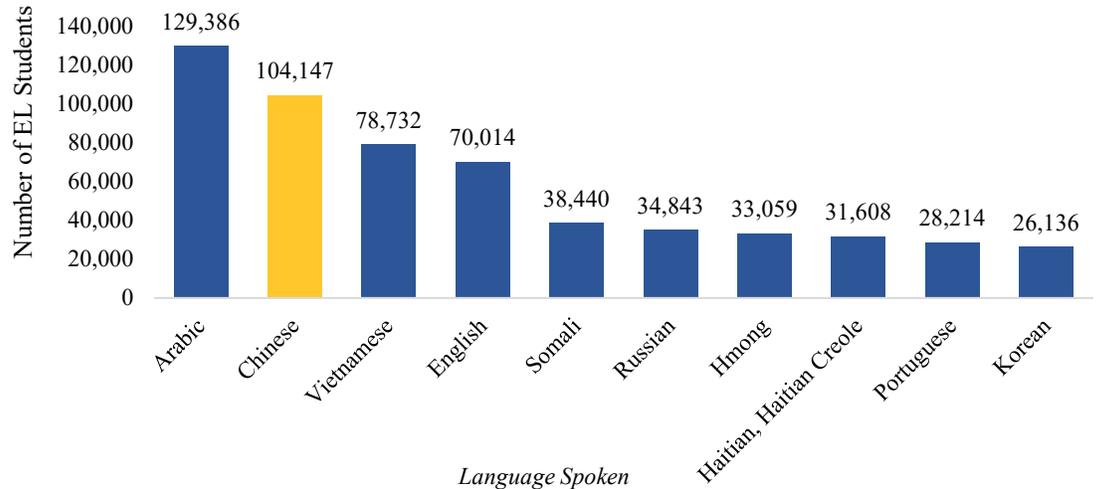
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English Learners Who Speak Chinese as a Home Language

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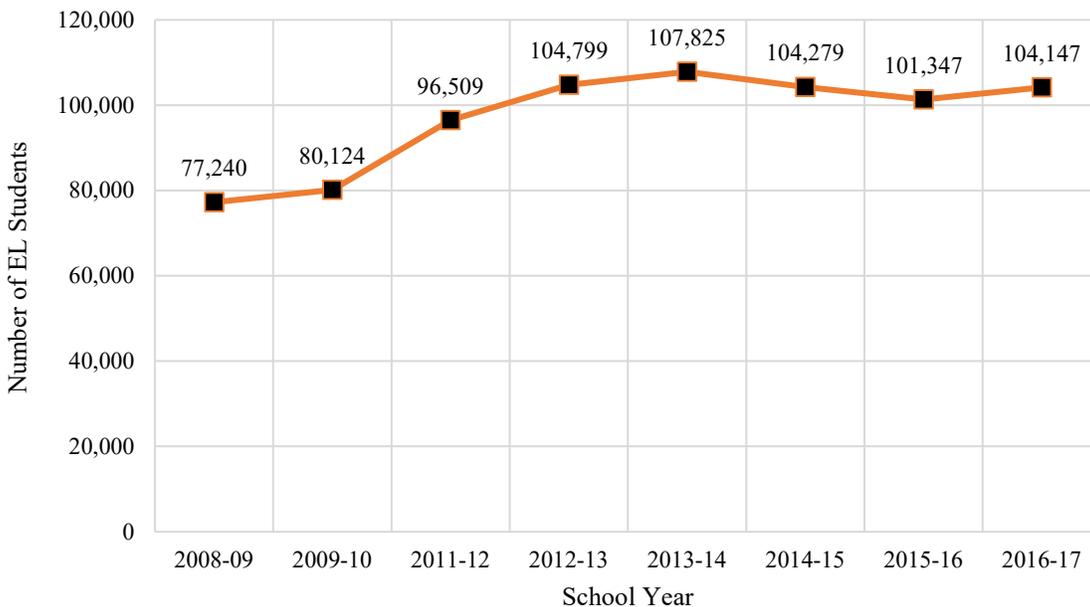
Chinese was the third most common home language group, after Spanish and Arabic, spoken by English learners (ELs) in the 2016–17 school year (SY).

Most Common Home Languages and Language Categories (Excluding Spanish) Spoken by EL Students in K–12: 2016-17 School Year¹



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics (2018). Table 204.27. English language learner (ELL) students enrolled in public elementary and secondary schools by home language, grade, and selected student characteristics: Selected years, 2008–09 through Fall 2016. In U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Digest of Education Statistics* (2018 ed.). Retrieved from https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d18/tables/dt18_204.27.asp.

Numbers of Reported EL Students Who Speak Chinese as a Home Language: SY 2008–09 through SY 2016–17



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Since SY 2008–09, the number of EL students in public elementary and secondary schools who speak Chinese as a home language increased by approximately 35 percent, or nearly 27,000 students.

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NOTE: National Center for Education Statistics data were reported by school year in 2013–14 and by Fall semester for SY 2014–15 and later.

¹ Examples of situations in which English might be reported as an English learner's home language include students who live in multilingual households and students adopted from other countries who speak English at home but also have been raised speaking another language. https://nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/d18/tables/dt18_204.27.asp.

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During the 2015–16 school year, West Virginia and New York had the highest percentages of EL students who spoke Chinese as a home language at 9.9 and 9.2 percent, respectively. Pennsylvania had the third-highest percentage of EL students who spoke Chinese language at 4.9 percent.

EL Students Who Speak Chinese as a Home Language in States that Report Chinese as Top 5 Language Spoken by ELs, SY 2015–16

State	Number of EL Students	Number of ELs Who Speak Chinese	Percentage of ELs Who Speak Chinese ²
West Virginia	2,791	277	9.9%
New York	216,259	19,794	9.2%
Pennsylvania	52,515	2,551	4.9%
Massachusetts	82,746	3,978	4.8%
New Hampshire	4,130	191	4.6%
Maine	5,051	173	3.4%
Mississippi	9,572	283	3.0%
California	1,373,724	37,650	2.7%
Maryland	63,348	1,615	2.5%
Connecticut	34,884	852	2.4%
Washington	112,808	2,738	2.4%
Ohio	51,301	1,029	2.0%
Louisiana	23,898	479	2.0%
Michigan	89,376	1,639	1.8%
New Jersey	68,656	1,177	1.7%
Oregon	52,764	897	1.7%
Virginia	107,547	1,812	1.7%
Georgia	110,035	1,847	1.7%
Delaware	9,690	158	1.6%
Alabama	20,215	322	1.6%
North Carolina	102,019	1,585	1.6%
South Carolina	42,572	659	1.5%
Indiana	50,650	765	1.5%
District of Columbia	6,119	89	1.5%
Wisconsin	45,592	644	1.4%
Wyoming	2,934	40	1.4%
Kansas	52,751	662	1.3%
Rhode Island	10,545	123	1.2%
Colorado	104,258	1,160	1.1%
Utah	42,800	474	1.1%
Idaho	13,469	133	1.0%
Nevada	78,416	695	0.9%
Texas	892,000	5,786	0.6%

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education. (2017, October 18). *SY 2015–2016 consolidated state performance reports part I*. Retrieved from <https://www2.ed.gov/admins/lead/account/consolidated/sy15-16part1/index.html#ca>

² AUTHOR CALCULATION: Percent = Number of ELs speaking Chinese language divided by the total number of EL students, multiplied by 100.



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