



Tennessee Language Report

Language Groups and People Groups in Tennessee

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Summary/Introduction

This report seeks to give a picture of the current status of language use in the state of Tennessee, as well as trends in growth or decline among the populations that speak those languages. In addition to information pertaining specifically to language use, we present here data related to the foreign-born population in the state, who may be using languages other than English. The most useful source for both of these kinds of data is the American Community Survey, which tracks language use as well as country of birth for the foreign-born population. Although all of the data is available below, we wanted to give a succinct overview of the results here.

When looking at the rate of growth among language populations in Tennessee, we find a handful that more than doubled in size over a 14-year period. Not counting outliers more than likely caused by differences in reporting across the years, these are Arabic (174.74%), Portuguese (167.05%), Haitian (102.06%), and Gujarati (101.22%). Interestingly, among the language groups that increased in size rather than decreased, those that speak only English had the smallest rate of growth, with just a 10.24% increase in size from 2010 to 2023. These datasets also include a breakdown for each language of the numbers of their speakers who speak English “very well” or less than “very well”. In 2023, 4 language categories showed that more than half of their speaker population spoke English less than “very well”. These are Hmong (60.83%), “Other Languages of Asia” (59.89%), Vietnamese (53.68%), and “Swahili or other languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa” (53.50%).

Shifting to country-of-birth shows somewhat of a different picture. Some of the highest concentrations of growth were among the foreign-born populations from Central and South America (specifically Honduras, Guatemala, Venezuela, and Mexico), South Central Asia (specifically India), and Egypt. Each of these six countries showed at least a 5,000 point population increase between 2014 and 2023 in Tennessee, making up 54.59% of the total foreign-born population increase in the state overall.

It is important to mention here the shortcomings of some of the data at hand. Unfortunately, the 2009-2013 “detailed languages spoken at home” data from the American Community Survey are, while now 12 years old, the most recent, at least at the level of detail that is useful for our purposes. Two newer datasets were published in June 2025 for the 2017-2021 survey, however neither is sufficient for our purposes here. The first and most detailed dataset is a full list of languages recorded by the survey with estimated speaker populations for each, but the results are not broken down by state but rather includes total national numbers only and are therefore not useful for the purposes of this report. The second dataset is broken down to the state level, but includes only the top 15 languages by speaker population for each state. This data has been included here, but will not give a full picture of language use in the state.

Languages Spoken in Tennessee

The following datasets are from the most recent American Community Survey poll with sufficient details published, "Detailed Languages Spoken at Home and Ability to Speak English for the Population 5 Years and Over: 2009-2013", released in October 2015. The breakdown here is per Core-Based Statistical Areas (CBSAs), so we can see details for the Memphis, TN-MS-AR and the Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN areas.

American Community Survey 2009 – 2013

Memphis, TN-MS-AR

	Number of speakers ¹	Margin of Error ²	Speak English less than "Very Well" ¹	Margin of Error ²
Population 5 years and over	1,237,407	117	39,931	1,597
Speak only English at home	1,145,657	1,897	(X)	(X)
Speak a language other than English at home	91,750	1,897	39,931	1,597
SPANISH AND SPANISH CREOLE	54,703	1,532	26,445	1,168
Spanish	54,705	1,532	26,445	1,168
OTHER INDO-EUROPEAN LANGUAGES	12,366	1,022	2,496	480
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	2,930	521	688	275
French	2,930	521	690	275
French Creole	152	84	52	59
Italian	313	132	47	32
Portuguese (incl. Portuguese Creole)	520	206	128	71
Portuguese	520	206	130	71
German (incl. Luxembourgian)	1,726	347	123	67
German	1,725	347	125	67
Yiddish	22	34	(B)	--
Other West Germanic languages	388	233	(B)	--
Pennsylvania Dutch	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Dutch	195	108	(B)	--
Afrikaans	180	184	(B)	--
Scandinavian languages	125	66	12	18
Swedish	65	41	(D)	(D)
Danish	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Norwegian	45	44	(B)	--
Greek	266	129	43	34
Russian	670	225	194	97
Polish	274	125	65	62

Serbo-Croatian languages	342	221	67	63
Serbocroatian	155	169	55	59
Croatian	30	32	(B)	--
Serbian	160	141	(D)	(D)
Other Slavic languages	78	55	28	37
Ukrainian	50	50	(D)	(D)
Czech	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Bulgarian	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Armenian	68	102	30	45
Persian	285	167	83	59
Hindi	1,030	349	130	92
Gujarati	806	274	274	146
Urdu	678	432	49	55
Other Indic languages	1,391	357	426	157
India n.e.c. ³	170	144	(D)	(D)
Bengali	670	297	200	99
Panjabi	305	130	80	51
Marathi	140	108	(B)	--
Nepali	80	71	(D)	(D)
Sinhalese	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Other Indo-European languages	302	209	57	69
Jamaican Creole	45	59	(B)	--
Krio	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Romanian	65	81	(D)	(D)
Irish Gaelic	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Lithuanian	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Latvian	30	27	(B)	--
Kurdish	140	183	(D)	(D)
ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLAND LANGUAGES	16,425	986	7,822	723
Chinese (incl. Cantonese, Mandarin, other Chinese languages⁴)	3,926	669	1,857	427
Chinese	3,135	608	1,455	372
Cantonese	180	127	80	80
Mandarin	560	245	305	205
Formosan	50	51	(D)	(D)
Japanese	648	243	211	106
Korean	2,254	602	1,172	345
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	370	281	204	146
Hmong	90	73	33	32
Thai	117	62	71	48
Laotian	656	288	329	165
Vietnamese	4,290	929	2,701	641
Other Asian languages	1,992	460	472	181
Turkish	65	55	(D)	(D)
Telugu	995	391	265	166
Kannada	210	129	40	40
Malayalam	35	37	(B)	--
Tamil	585	239	125	89

Tibetan	70	70	(B)	--
Burmese	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Tagalog	1,722	407	599	260
Other Pacific Island languages	360	198	173	151
Indonesian	30	42	30	42
Balinese	70	106	70	106
Malay	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Bisayan	35	39	(D)	(D)
Sebuano	20	24	(B)	--
Pampangan	30	46	(B)	--
Trukese	105	125	(D)	(D)
Samoan	20	28	(B)	--
Hawaiian	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
ALL OTHER LANGUAGES	8,256	1,249	3,168	731
Other Native North American languages	158	138	83	106
Blackfoot	35	64	(B)	--
French Cree	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Choctaw	40	57	(D)	(D)
Mohawk	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Cherokee	10	17	(D)	(D)
Hungarian	88	73	26	28
Arabic	3,998	1,004	1,312	354
Hebrew	271	172	36	60
African languages	3,601	872	1,662	613
Amharic	875	512	435	335
Chadic	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Cushite	380	274	105	66
Nilotic	65	73	(D)	(D)
Swahili	530	270	140	140
Bantu	385	329	310	299
Mande	100	90	(D)	(D)
Fulani	760	367	525	287
Kru, Ibo, Yoruba	405	191	110	81
African	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Other and unspecified languages	140	133	49	58
Syriac	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Mayan languages	105	123	(D)	(D)
Uncodable	(D)	(D)	(B)	--

Notes:

¹ Detailed-language estimates are rounded to the nearest multiple of five. Aggregate estimates (bold-face entries) are unrounded and appear in table B16001 (http://factfinder.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ACS/13_5YR/B16001/310M200US32820).

Detailed-language estimates may not sum to aggregate estimates because of rounding.

² Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. The margin of error can be interpreted roughly as providing a 90 percent probability that the interval defined by the estimate minus the margin of error and the estimate plus the margin of error (the lower and upper confidence bounds) contains the true value. In addition to sampling variability, the ACS estimates are subject to nonsampling error (for a discussion of nonsampling variability, see Accuracy of the Data at http://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/tech_docs/accuracy/MultiyearACSAccuracyofData2013.pdf). The effect of nonsampling error is not represented in these tables.

³ N.E.C. stands for not elsewhere classified. These are languages where respondents indicated they spoke either Indian or Pakistan. For Indian, it cannot be determined if the respondent spoke a native American language or spoke a language from India.

For Pakistan, respondents wrote in Pakistan but it cannot be determined which one of the languages spoken in Pakistan is actually being spoken. To distinguish these languages, n.e.c. is used to indicate they are not classified in any other language code.

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 American Community Survey

Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN

	Number of speakers ¹	Margin of Error ²	Speak English less than "Very Well" ¹	Margin of Error ²
Population 5 years and over	1,587,576	329	66,667	2,161
Speak only English at home	1,431,484	3,178	(X)	(X)
Speak a language other than English at home	156,092	3,174	66,667	2,161
SPANISH AND SPANISH CREOLE	88,405	2,131	41,552	1,580
Spanish	88,405	2,131	41,550	1,580
OTHER INDO-EUROPEAN LANGUAGES	26,995	1,539	7,555	828
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	3,347	624	627	175
French	3,290	628	615	176
Patois	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Cajun	35	31	(B)	--
French Creole	640	286	112	80
Italian	767	234	146	82
Portuguese (incl. Portuguese Creole)	647	250	223	181
Portuguese	645	250	225	181
German (incl. Luxembourgian)	3,137	384	384	133
German	3,135	384	385	133
Yiddish	11	19	(B)	--
Other West Germanic languages	599	245	34	43
Pennsylvania Dutch	65	75	(B)	--
Dutch	295	153	35	43
Afrikaans	240	158	(B)	--
Scandinavian languages	297	125	15	18
Swedish	90	64	(B)	--
Danish	65	66	(D)	(D)
Norwegian	95	79	(D)	(D)
Icelandic	50	56	(B)	--
Greek	103	62	(B)	--
Russian	1,554	442	453	188

Polish	370	157	124	83
Serbo-Croatian languages	760	317	205	120
Serbocroatian	430	212	115	81
Croatian	150	105	35	41
Serbian	180	159	(D)	(D)
Other Slavic languages	365	265	54	73
Ukrainian	115	81	(D)	(D)
Czech	185	240	(D)	(D)
Slovak	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Bulgarian	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Slovene	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Armenian	160	145	105	112
Persian	2,201	649	907	461
Hindi	2,158	502	610	269
Gujarati	1,834	542	581	245
Urdu	832	312	220	132
Other Indic languages	3,105	685	1,314	442
India n.e.c. ³	480	301	175	153
Bengali	730	319	185	126
Panjabi	175	153	35	34
Marathi	535	266	90	82
Assamese	45	52	(B)	--
Nepali	975	413	820	390
Sindhi	85	91	(B)	--
Sinhalese	80	104	(D)	(D)
Other Indo-European languages	4,108	655	1,441	298
Jamaican Creole	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Romanian	710	308	255	112
Welsh	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Irish Gaelic	105	105	(B)	--
Albanian	235	184	105	97
Lithuanian	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Latvian	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Pashto	95	97	(B)	--
Kurdish	2,875	554	1,085	255
ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLAND LANGUAGES	23,489	1,337	10,231	938
Chinese (incl. Cantonese, Mandarin, other Chinese languages⁴)	4,548	896	2,186	596
Chinese	3,875	873	1,940	582
Cantonese	135	92	(D)	(D)
Mandarin	460	165	195	119
Formosan	70	56	40	38
Wu	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Japanese	1,226	327	598	184
Korean	2,905	689	1,291	393
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	402	201	161	99
Thai	803	291	262	133
Laotian	4,372	746	1,868	351

Vietnamese	3,529	690	2,107	454
Other Asian languages	3,316	633	1,259	403
Uighur	130	187	130	187
Azerbaijani	40	72	(D)	(D)
Turkish	210	107	85	72
Telugu	1,015	347	95	72
Kannada	185	123	(D)	(D)
Malayalam	390	177	35	41
Tamil	485	204	130	83
Burmese	690	372	575	286
Karen	165	209	165	209
Tagalog	1,741	481	278	107
Other Pacific Island languages	647	233	221	147
Indonesian	100	120	85	118
Malay	185	90	65	46
Bisayan	40	46	(B)	--
Sebuano	110	72	(D)	(D)
Ilocano	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Micronesian	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Chamorro	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Palau	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Samoan	65	81	(B)	--
Hawaiian	50	57	(B)	--
ALL OTHER LANGUAGES	17,203	1,941	7,329	1,146
Navajo	14	22	(B)	--
Other Native North American languages	188	79	20	20
Ojibwa	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Dakota	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Choctaw	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Keres	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Cherokee	85	53	(B)	--
American Indian	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hungarian	181	116	43	53
Arabic	9,642	1,583	4,906	893
Hebrew	409	223	31	41
African languages	6,469	1,157	2,240	621
Amharic	2,090	633	1,035	451
Chadic	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Cushite	1,455	455	695	299
Sudanic	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Nilotic	525	350	105	131
Nilo-Hamitic	30	151	(D)	(D)
Swahili	280	176	80	69
Bantu	285	195	55	63
Mande	65	61	(D)	(D)
Fulani	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Kru, Ibo, Yoruba	1,680	593	225	121

Efik	(D)	(D)	(B)	--
Other and unspecified languages	300	201	89	103
Finnish	80	64	(B)	--
Caucasian	120	149	(D)	(D)
Syriac	40	80	40	80
Uncodable	65	48	(B)	--

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American Community Survey 2017 – 2021

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	Number of speakers	Margin of error	Speak English less than "very well"	Margin of error
TENNESSEE	6,454,000	872	197,500	4,837
Speak only English at home	5,976,000	6,706	(X)	(X)
Speak a language other than English at home	477,400	6,542	197,500	4,837
Spanish	271,500	4,241	123,300	3,572

Arabic	28,700	3,089	12,580	1,545
Chinese	11,980	1,194	6,037	820
German	11,510	1,062	1,835	559
French	10,690	1,369	2,242	483
Vietnamese and other Austro-Asiatic languages	10,230	1,186	6,255	931
Korean	6,954	805	3,162	489
Hindi	6,935	1,083	903	326
Gujarati	6,753	1,271	2,300	549
Lao and other Tai-Kadai languages	6,231	790	2,675	449
Tagalog	5,775	687	1,514	364
Central Kurdish	5,197	1,039	1,983	694
Russian	4,816	904	1,583	449
Telugu	4,498	950	1,057	438
Japanese	4,398	736	2,047	429

Global Gates

Unfortunately, not much language data was available outside of the American Community Survey that pertained to Tennessee specifically or cities within it. The only exception was Global Gates, whose Priority Matrix had two languages listed with diaspora recorded in the state, both in the Nashville area.

People Group	Kurd	Somali
Metropolitan Area	Nashville	Nashville
ID	693	702
ROP_3	101922	109392
Population Size	15,000	5,000
Concentrated Area	Elysian Fields	Southeast Nashville
Primary Religion	Islam	Islam

Primary Country of Origin	Iraq	Somalia
Region of Origin	North Africa and Middle East	Sub-Saharan Africa
Priority Score	53	61
Latitude	36.0878206	36.12750692
Longitude	-86.73086656	-86.71233346
Primary Language	Northern Kurdish	Somali
ROL ID	kmr	som
Other Areas	N/A	Larchwood
Population Source	The United States Census doesn't accurately account for the Kurdish population. On the US Census, there is not a Kurdish ethnicity listed. Prior to the 2020 Census, there was not a write-in option. The Kurdish community was diligent in informing Kurds to write in their ethnicity. Kurdish is a language option for languages other than English spoken at home. In Metro Nashville, 5,456 households listed Kurdish as a language other than English spoken at home. Due to this, population estimates are based on community estimates. Community estimates range from 15,000 – 20,000.	An academic article in the Southeastern Geographer states, "Community leaders and social workers who engage with Tennessee's Somali community estimate that Davidson County is home to around 5,000 Somalis. An accurate enumeration of Somalis in Nashville is difficult to generate due to poor participation in the decennial census. However, a sizable community is evident on the city's landscape through the clustering of the ethnic business and religious establishments and noticeable concentrations of Somalis living along Murfreesboro Pike."

Language Trends in Tennessee

The American Community Survey had language data from the past several years in two different reports, outlined below, each with their shortcomings.

American Community Survey: Detailed Languages Spoken at Home 2006-2008 and 2009-2013 comparison

First is the "Detailed language spoken at home" data. The ACS had reports for two date ranges that can be compared to show something of a trend over time. The first set of data was 2006 – 2008 and the second set (shown above) was 2009 – 2013. As mentioned above, the 2017 - 2021 dataset has unfortunately not been published with a sufficient level of detail to be useful here. It is important to note that the values listed here are estimates from the survey population that have been extrapolated to adjust for the full population size at the time of the survey, and are just what they claim to be, estimates. There was no ISO code recorded in either of these datasets, so language names had to be matched up manually as accurately as possible. Also the 2006 – 2008 survey did not break down into CBSAs, so the data compared here is on the state level only. Additionally, some smaller languages only appeared on one of the two surveys, making them appear to either explode in growth or disappear entirely with a 100% increase/decrease in population. The full data is available [below](#), but here are some notable languages, those whose speaker populations appear to have more than doubled in the span between the two surveys or dropped in population by more than half. These charts discount those languages that appeared on only one survey.

Language populations increasing by more than 50%

Language Name	2006 - 2008 Number of speakers	2009 - 2013 Number of speakers	Difference	Percentage Increase/Decrease
Burmese	22	720	698	3173%
Sinhalese	14	110	96	686%
Hawaiian	22	170	148	673%
Nepali	237	1,185	948	400%
Panjabi	165	800	635	385%
Pampangan	11	50	39	355%
Icelandic	21	95	74	352%
Sindhi	28	115	87	311%
Ilocano	32	85	53	166%
Malay	92	240	148	161%
Slovak	67	155	88	131%
Patois	57	130	73	128%
Fulani	329	715	386	117%

Language populations decreasing by more than 50%

Language Name	2006 - 2008 Number of speakers	2009 - 2013 Number of speakers	Difference	Percentage Increase/Decrease
Syriac	567	50	-517	-91%
Sudanic	707	140	-567	-80%
Dakota	132	35	-97	-73%
Samoan	558	185	-373	-67%
Yiddish	131	45	-86	-66%
Lithuanian	234	90	-144	-62%
Micronesian	214	90	-124	-58%
Irish Gaelic	324	145	-179	-55%
Bulgarian	334	150	-184	-55%
Formosan	576	275	-301	-52%
Choctaw	249	120	-129	-52%
Chamorro	175	85	-90	-51%

American Community Survey: 2010-2023 5-Year Estimates

The 5-year estimates provided by the ACS tend to combine smaller languages into families, giving a much less detailed view than the “Detailed Languages Spoken at Home” data shown above. However, they offer more consistent data, with estimates provided for each year from 2010 to 2023. Here we see an abbreviated table showing the increase or decrease in speaker population size for each language or language family, and its relative increase compared to the original 2010 population. Some of the numbers may be skewed due to structural changes in the reporting starting in 2016. For instance, the first language shown here, “Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or other West Germanic languages” was reported only as “Yiddish” up through 2015, and is only one of several instances of these kinds of changes. So its sudden 8,222% increase is probably mostly to do with including additional languages under the same language family that were not previously reported.

Positive Growth

Language Name	2010 Estimate	2023 Estimate	Difference	Percentage Increase/Decrease
Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or other West Germanic languages:	67	5,576	5,509	8222.39%
Thai, Lao, or other Tai-Kadai languages:	1,760	7,370	5,610	318.75%
Other and unspecified languages:	874	2,426	1,552	177.57%
Arabic:	11,760	32,309	20,549	174.74%
Portuguese:	1,812	4,839	3,027	167.05%
Haitian:	1,017	2,055	1,038	102.06%
Gujarati:	3,785	7,616	3,831	101.22%
Ukrainian or other Slavic languages:	1,624	3,231	1,607	98.95%
Hindi:	4,290	7,129	2,839	66.18%
Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or other Austronesian languages:	1,426	2,271	845	59.26%
Spanish:	212,404	332,843	120,439	56.70%
Other Indo-European languages:	5,235	8,163	2,928	55.93%
Urdu:	1,650	2,568	918	55.64%
Tagalog (incl. Filipino):	5,439	8,290	2,851	52.42%
Hmong:	361	508	147	40.72%
Persian (incl. Farsi, Dari):	2,500	3,488	988	39.52%
Polish:	1,482	2,000	518	34.95%
Vietnamese:	7,831	10,050	2,219	28.34%
Greek:	972	1,189	217	22.33%
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese):	12,731	14,697	1,966	15.44%
Total:	5,831,501	6,576,407	744,906	12.77%
Speak only English	5,469,277	6,029,466	560,189	10.24%

Negative Growth

Language Name	2010 Estimate	2023 Estimate	Difference	Percentage Increase/Decrease
Russian:	4,147	4,101	(46)	-1.11%
Japanese:	4,319	4,195	(124)	-2.87%
French (incl. Cajun):	12,442	11,774	(668)	-5.37%
Other languages of Asia:	5,969	5,340	(629)	-10.54%

Korean:	8,291	7,245	(1,046)	-12.62%
Italian:	2,432	2,118	(314)	-12.91%
German:	13,922	11,345	(2,577)	-18.51%
Hebrew:	998	752	(246)	-24.65%
Armenian:	169	124	(45)	-26.63%
Serbo-Croatian:	2,722	1,798	(924)	-33.95%
Khmer:	1,762	996	(766)	-43.47%
Navajo:	32	17	(15)	-46.88%
Other Native languages of North America:	880	388	(492)	-55.91%

Limited English Proficiency

Here is a short list of the top 10 languages or language families with the highest rates of their speakers having the ability to speak English less than “very well” in 2023. Full data of this sort can be provided upon request.

Language Name	Estimate	Speak English less than "very well"	Percentage of Total that Speak English less than "very well"
Hmong:	508	309	60.83%
Other languages of Asia:	5,340	3,198	59.89%
Vietnamese:	10,050	5,395	53.68%
Swahili or other languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa:	6,577	3,519	53.50%
Armenian:	124	61	49.19%
Korean:	7,245	3,492	48.20%
Spanish:	332,843	159,399	47.89%
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese):	14,697	6,830	46.47%
Other and unspecified languages:	2,426	1,127	46.46%
Thai, Lao, or other Tai-Kadai languages:	7,370	3,423	46.45%

Migration and People Groups in Tennessee with Trends

Another useful data point for our purposes is the place of birth for foreign-born migrants. Although this data might not be as specific as language used in the home, it could still be useful for seeing patterns of people group movements and which ethnic groups seem to be growing. Luckily the American Community Survey also tracks this information and has released estimates each year for a while. Here we have a compilation of the last ten years available, 2014 through 2023, to show estimated population growth/decline based on country of birth. The full dataset is available [below](#), but here are some simple charts showing the overall population difference between the first and last years of the 10-year range (2014 and 2023). Each column is color-coded with the highest numbers of population grown toward the green end of the spectrum and lower (including negative) numbers towards the red end. Breakdowns are shown below based on Continent, Region, and Country levels.

Breakdown by Continent

Continent	Overall Difference	Countries Growing	Countries Shrinking
Africa:	15,392	22	7
Asia:	24,819	30	13
Europe:	6,819	25	15
Latin America:	62,554	24	9
Northern America:	2,379	2	
Oceania:	819	4	2
Grand Total	112,782	107	46

Breakdown by Region

Region	Overall Difference	Countries Growing	Countries Shrinking
Africa:			
Africa:	951	1	
Eastern Africa:	1,895	6	2
Middle Africa:	2,999	3	1
Northern Africa:	6,623	5	
Southern Africa:	826	1	1
Western Africa:	2,098	6	3
Asia:			
Asia:	831	1	
Eastern Asia:	4,531	5	2
South Central Asia:	8,728	8	3
South Eastern Asia:	7,427	6	4
Western Asia:	3,302	10	4
Europe:			
Eastern Europe:	2,813	9	8
Europe:	16	1	
Northern Europe:	3,202	6	3
Southern Europe:	580	5	1
Western Europe:	208	4	3
Latin America:			
Caribbean:	6,345	9	4
Central America:	42,604	7	2
South America:	13,605	8	3
Northern America:			
Northern America:	2,379	2	
Oceania:			
Australia and New Zealand Subregion:	86	1	1
Oceania:	733	3	1
Grand Total	112,782	107	46

Breakdown by Country

Country	Overall Difference	Countries Growing	Countries Shrinking
Africa:			
Africa:			
Africa, n.e.c.	951	1	
Eastern Africa:			
Eritrea	(140)		1
Ethiopia	1,190	1	
Kenya	204	1	
Other Eastern Africa	(2,089)		1
Somalia	1,344	1	
Tanzania	698	1	
Uganda	401	1	
Zimbabwe	287	1	
Middle Africa:			
Cameroon	432	1	
Congo	1,407	1	
Democratic Republic of Congo (Zaire)	2,057	1	
Other Middle Africa	(897)		1
Northern Africa:			
Algeria	116	1	
Egypt	6,035	1	
Morocco	275	1	
Other Northern Africa	3	1	
Sudan	194	1	
Southern Africa:			
Other Southern Africa	(18)		1
South Africa	844	1	
Western Africa:			
Cabo Verde	32	1	
Ghana	915	1	
Ivory Coast	143	1	
Liberia	(594)		1
Nigeria	1,865	1	
Other Western Africa	(908)		1
Senegal	728	1	
Sierra Leone	(315)		1
Togo	232	1	
Asia:			
Asia:			
Asia, n.e.c.	831	1	
Eastern Asia:			
China, excluding Hong Kong and Taiwan	2,797	1	
China:	2,495	1	
Hong Kong	15	1	

Japan	(744)		1
Korea	139	1	
Other Eastern Asia	146	1	
Taiwan	(317)		1
South Central Asia:			
Afghanistan	821	1	
Bangladesh	624	1	
Bhutan	461	1	
India	6,386	1	
Iran	(9)		1
Kazakhstan	(20)		1
Nepal	1	1	
Other South Central Asia	(609)		1
Pakistan	157	1	
Sri Lanka	40	1	
Uzbekistan	876	1	
South Eastern Asia:			
Burma (Myanmar)	2,684	1	
Cambodia	(236)		1
Indonesia	474	1	
Laos	(671)		1
Malaysia	427	1	
Other South Eastern Asia	22	1	
Philippines	3,748	1	
Singapore	(31)		1
Thailand	1,224	1	
Vietnam	(214)		1
Western Asia:			
Armenia	(132)		1
Azerbaijan	67	1	
Georgia	13	1	
Iraq	2,821	1	
Israel	63	1	
Jordan	339	1	
Kuwait	145	1	
Lebanon	101	1	
Other Western Asia	(311)		1
Saudi Arabia	(224)		1
Syria	(74)		1
Turkey	118	1	
United Arab Emirates	127	1	
Yemen	249	1	
Europe:			
Eastern Europe:			
Albania	(56)		1
Belarus	(102)		1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	(226)		1
Bulgaria	316	1	

Croatia	136	1	
Czechoslovakia (includes Czech Republic and Slovakia)	(128)		1
Hungary	(5)		1
Latvia	4	1	
Lithuania	(21)		1
Moldova	234	1	
North Macedonia (Macedonia)	105	1	
Other Eastern Europe	557	1	
Poland	573	1	
Romania	291	1	
Russia	(69)		1
Serbia	(68)		1
Ukraine	1,272	1	
Europe:			
Europe, n.e.c.	16	1	
Northern Europe:			
Denmark	47	1	
England	565	1	
Ireland	(113)		1
Norway	(285)		1
Other Northern Europe	20	1	
Scotland	(165)		1
Sweden	43	1	
United Kingdom (inc. Crown Dependencies):	1,745	1	
United Kingdom, excluding England and Scotland	1,345	1	
Southern Europe:			
Azores Islands	-	1	
Greece	196	1	
Italy	220	1	
Other Southern Europe	19	1	
Portugal	(213)		1
Spain	358	1	
Western Europe:			
Austria	68	1	
Belgium	(43)		1
France	136	1	
Germany	70	1	
Netherlands	(36)		1
Other Western Europe	23	1	
Switzerland	(10)		1
Latin America:			
Caribbean:			
Bahamas	(71)		1
Barbados	(65)		1
Cuba	2,187	1	
Dominica	(78)		1
Dominican Republic	1,421	1	

Grenada	19	1	
Haiti	483	1	
Jamaica	1,742	1	
Other Caribbean	42	1	
St. Lucia	57	1	
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	(47)		1
Trinidad and Tobago	608	1	
West Indies	47	1	
Central America:			
Belize	337	1	
Costa Rica	217	1	
El Salvador	3,057	1	
Guatemala	15,625	1	
Honduras	17,685	1	
Mexico	5,176	1	
Nicaragua	773	1	
Other Central America	(226)		1
Panama	(40)		1
South America:			
Argentina	255	1	
Bolivia	(46)		1
Brazil	1,839	1	
Chile	40	1	
Colombia	2,765	1	
Ecuador	288	1	
Guyana	(9)		1
Other South America	97	1	
Peru	855	1	
Uruguay	(6)		1
Venezuela	7,527	1	
Northern America:			
Northern America:			
Canada	2,323	1	
Other Northern America	56	1	
Oceania:			
Australia and New Zealand Subregion:			
Australia	242	1	
Other Australian and New Zealand Subregion	(156)		1
Oceania:			
Fiji	(56)		1
Marshall Islands	68	1	
Micronesia	710	1	
Oceania, n.e.c.	11	1	
Grand Total	112,782	107	46

Standouts

Here we can see just those countries that accounted for greater than a 5% increase of the overall population increase among foreign-born Tennesseans. These populations also show a consistent growth pattern through the ten-year period covered here.

Country	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Difference	Percentage
India	18,601	20,126	20,785	21,855	21,276	22,412	23,182	23,599	23,079	24,987	6,386	5.97%
Egypt	5,845	7,538	7,736	8,546	9,558	10,041	10,004	11,168	11,761	11,880	6,035	5.64%
Guatemala	11,993	12,291	11,973	11,846	12,504	15,094	15,359	18,780	21,286	27,618	15,625	14.60%
Honduras	7,884	8,165	8,667	9,990	11,431	11,918	12,374	14,573	17,433	25,569	17,685	16.52%
Venezuela	1,391	1,489	1,318	1,486	2,342	3,134	3,355	4,657	5,936	8,918	7,527	7.03%

Other Ethnolinguistic or Anthropological Data

Deaf Population

Disability statistics, also originating from the American Community Survey, but processed by the Cornell University Yang-Tan Institute, show the trends from 2014 through 2023 (excluding 2020) for each state in the nation of people reporting a hearing disability. Here is a color scale showing that while the base population of Tennessee steadily increased through the ten year period, the population reporting a hearing disability peaked in 2019 and has since slowly started to decline, leading to a sharp decline in the percentage of Tennesseans reporting a hearing disability. However, the percentage of the population reporting a hearing disability in Tennessee in 2023 was 4.10%, still higher than the national percentage of 3.65% for that year. Unfortunately, there is no indication in this data whether these people are users of American Sign Language (ASL) or other signed languages.

	Estimate (#)	Base Population	Percentage
2014	280,700	6,464,800	4.34%
2015	281,500	6,515,500	4.32%
2016	288,400	6,567,300	4.39%
2017	290,200	6,631,200	4.38%
2018	287,800	6,683,800	4.31%
2019	300,700	6,739,200	4.46%
2021	297,300	6,892,300	4.31%
2022	292,900	6,974,500	4.20%
2023	289,300	7,052,100	4.10%
Overall Difference	8,600	587,300	

Data

Full comparison chart between 2006 – 2008 and 2009 – 2013 ACS data

Language Name	2006 - 2008 Number of speakers	2009 - 2013 Number of speakers	Difference	Percentage Increase/Decrease
Spanish	183,068	232,395	49,327	27%
French	12,818	11,750	-1,068	-8%
Patois	57	130	73	128%
Cajun	60	90	30	50%
French Creole	1,147	1,710	563	49%
Italian	2,764	2,482	-282	-10%
Portuguese	1,872	2,315	443	24%
Papia Mentae	13	0	-13	-100%
German	13,788	13,920	132	1%
Luxembourgian	16	0	-16	-100%
Yiddish	131	45	-86	-66%
Pennsylvania Dutch	741	1,170	429	58%
Dutch	1,689	1,290	-399	-24%
Afrikaans	423	660	237	56%
Swedish	815	450	-365	-45%
Danish	129	125	-4	-3%
Norwegian	219	255	36	16%
Icelandic	21	95	74	352%
Greek	881	898	17	2%
Russian	4,241	4,004	-237	-6%
Polish	1,255	1,294	39	3%
Serbocroatian	2,198	1,715	-483	-22%
Croatian	375	320	-55	-15%
Serbian	327	455	128	39%
Ukrainian	1,046	975	-71	-7%
Czech	404	435	31	8%
Slovak	67	155	88	131%
Bulgarian	334	150	-184	-55%
Macedonian	0	5	5	#DIV/0!
Slovene	19	15	-4	-21%
Armenian	290	250	-40	-14%
Persian	2,295	2,935	640	28%
Hindi	5,095	5,122	27	1%
Gujarati	3,018	4,454	1,436	48%
Urdu	1,186	1,712	526	44%
India	1,248	1,470	222	18%
Bengali	1,128	1,810	682	60%
Panjabi	165	800	635	385%
Marathi	456	875	419	92%
Assamese	0	45	45	#DIV/0!
Nepali	237	1,185	948	400%
Sindhi	28	115	87	311%
Pakistan	0	255	255	#DIV/0!
Sinhalese	14	110	96	686%
Romany	12	0	-12	-100%

Jamaican Creole	95	180	85	89%
Krio	22	0	-22	-100%
Pidgin	15	0	-15	-100%
Catalonian	25	0	-25	-100%
Romanian	1,527	1,555	28	2%
Welsh	0	5	5	#DIV/0!
Irish Gaelic	324	145	-179	-55%
Scottic Gaelic	15	0	-15	-100%
Albanian	299	335	36	12%
Lithuanian	234	90	-144	-62%
Lettish	46	0	-46	-100%
Latvian	0	45	45	#DIV/0!
Pashto	0	105	105	#DIV/0!
Kurdish	3,136	3,065	-71	-2%
Chinese	9,133	10,770	1,637	18%
Cantonese	665	415	-250	-38%
Mandarin	1,355	1,675	320	24%
Formosan	576	275	-301	-52%
Wu	0	5	5	#DIV/0!
Japanese	4,138	3,845	-293	-7%
Korean	7,505	8,831	1,326	18%
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	2,235	1,364	-871	-39%
Hmong	394	208	-186	-47%
Thai	1,319	1,445	126	10%
Laotian	6,507	5,544	-963	-15%
Vietnamese	7,289	10,539	3,250	45%
Uighur	0	130	130	#DIV/0!
Azerbaijani	0	40	40	#DIV/0!
Turkish	1,011	640	-371	-37%
Turkmen	14	0	-14	-100%
Dravidian	62	0	-62	-100%
Mongolian	0	5	5	#DIV/0!
Gondi	0	25	25	#DIV/0!
Telugu	1,421	2,560	1,139	80%
Kannada	307	555	248	81%
Malayalam	854	1,355	501	59%
Tamil	1,031	1,165	134	13%
Tibetan	0	70	70	#DIV/0!
Burmese	22	720	698	3173%
Paleo-siberian	44	0	-44	-100%
Karen	0	165	165	#DIV/0!
Tagalog	4,667	5,921	1,254	27%
Indonesian	214	170	-44	-21%
Balinese	0	70	70	#DIV/0!
Malay	92	240	148	161%
Bisayan	295	210	-85	-29%
Sebuano	127	145	18	14%

Ilocano	32	85	53	166%
Bikol	50	0	-50	-100%
Pampangan	11	50	39	355%
Micronesian	214	90	-124	-58%
Chamorro	175	85	-90	-51%
Palau	7	0	-7	-100%
Trukese	0	105	105	#DIV/0!
Samoan	558	185	-373	-67%
Tongan	0	5	5	#DIV/0!
Hawaiian	22	170	148	673%
Navajo	62	32	-30	-48%
Delaware	16	0	-16	-100%
Okanogan	58	0	-58	-100%
Zuni	21	0	-21	-100%
Blackfoot	0	35	35	#DIV/0!
Miami	0	5	5	#DIV/0!
Ojibwa	0	5	5	#DIV/0!
Shawnee	0	5	5	#DIV/0!
Apache	0	40	40	#DIV/0!
Walapai	0	5	5	#DIV/0!
Dakota	132	35	-97	-73%
Choctaw	249	120	-129	-52%
Muskogee	0	20	20	#DIV/0!
Keres	13	0	-13	-100%
Mohawk	0	15	15	#DIV/0!
Cayuga	0	5	5	#DIV/0!
Seneca	0	5	5	#DIV/0!
Cherokee	420	300	-120	-29%
American Indian	75	135	60	80%
Hungarian	494	512	18	4%
Arabic	10,264	16,535	6,271	61%
Hebrew	991	1,042	51	5%
Amharic	1,877	3,610	1,733	92%
Chadic	0	5	5	#DIV/0!
Cushite	1,884	2,105	221	12%
Sudanic	707	140	-567	-80%
Nilotic	542	590	48	9%
Nilo-Hamitic	0	30	30	#DIV/0!
Swahili	1,129	1,015	-114	-10%
Bantu	1,086	1,075	-11	-1%
Mande	309	305	-4	-1%
Fulani	329	715	386	117%
Gur	128	0	-128	-100%
Kru, Ibo, Yoruba	1,633	2,290	657	40%
Efik	265	0	-265	-100%
African	102	110	8	8%
Finnish	130	115	-15	-12%
Estonian	163	0	-163	-100%

Caucasian	79	125	46	58%
Syriac	567	50	-517	-91%
Aztecian	18	0	-18	-100%
Mayan languages	101	120	19	19%
Tarascan	290	0	-290	-100%
Oto - Manguen	0	5	5	#DIV/0!
Uncodable	82	125	43	52%

ACS Detailed Languages Spoken at Home 2010 - 2023

Language Name	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total:	5,831,501	5,892,809	5,947,193	5,998,956	6,049,244	6,098,811	6,145,849	6,194,803	6,247,498	6,302,918	6,365,282	6,453,630	6,521,181	6,576,407
Speak only English	5,469,277	5,514,129	5,557,499	5,601,411	5,640,659	5,679,463	5,725,721	5,762,777	5,804,167	5,850,195	5,905,631	5,976,249	6,029,084	6,029,466
Spanish:	212,404	222,601	227,467	232,394	238,187	241,451	241,296	248,552	254,705	261,658	264,534	271,483	279,416	332,843
French (incl. Cajun):	12,442	12,643	12,991	11,974	11,954	12,322	11,782	10,931	11,036	10,717	10,625	10,710	12,146	11,774
Haitian:	1,017	1,241	1,795	1,710	1,575	1,728	2,143	1,875	1,930	1,779	2,671	2,151	1,997	2,055
Italian:	2,432	2,620	2,490	2,482	2,748	2,643	2,389	2,276	2,249	2,007	2,105	2,263	2,146	2,118
Portuguese:	1,812	2,323	2,267	2,317	2,520	2,405	2,176	2,391	2,467	2,360	2,645	3,328	4,286	4,839
German:	13,922	14,247	14,214	13,920	13,747	13,446	12,778	12,233	12,578	11,851	10,776	11,653	11,659	11,345
Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or other West Germanic languages:	67	36	23	45	53	77	4,000	3,647	3,630	2,862	3,257	4,523	5,341	5,576
Greek:	972	901	988	898	892	833	832	868	889	1,106	961	1,165	1,244	1,189
Russian:	4,147	4,228	4,054	4,004	4,215	4,099	4,086	4,305	5,296	5,368	4,911	4,816	4,820	4,101
Polish:	1,482	1,183	1,252	1,294	1,100	1,067	1,335	1,175	1,242	1,561	1,894	1,687	1,837	2,000
Serbo-Croatian:	2,722	2,630	2,233	2,490	2,071	1,498	1,425	1,130	1,018	1,347	1,464	1,608	2,124	1,798
Ukrainian or other Slavic languages:	1,624	1,954	2,099	1,737	1,617	1,722	1,571	1,776	2,124	2,518	2,644	2,708	2,372	3,231
Armenian:	169	161	209	250	294	289	337	143	164	171	177	108	169	124
Persian (incl. Farsi, Dari):	2,500	2,776	3,166	2,935	3,274	3,113	3,403	3,261	3,527	3,295	2,857	2,986	3,587	3,488
Gujarati:	3,785	4,337	4,000	4,454	4,584	4,724	5,122	5,903	5,203	6,383	7,631	6,761	6,501	7,616
Hindi:	4,290	4,692	4,819	5,122	5,533	5,992	5,527	5,610	5,084	5,037	6,014	6,935	6,967	7,129
Urdu:	1,650	1,745	1,854	1,712	2,248	2,183	2,696	2,570	2,505	2,309	2,733	2,728	2,525	2,568
Other Indo-European languages:	5,235	5,852	6,197	5,584	5,637	5,989	7,527	8,323	8,964	9,673	9,070	10,004	8,746	8,163
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese):	12,731	12,631	12,874	13,150	13,212	13,494	12,965	14,774	14,989	15,770	15,351	15,930	14,840	14,697
Japanese:	4,319	4,194	4,178	3,845	4,148	3,920	4,218	4,341	4,659	4,129	4,411	4,420	4,262	4,195
Korean:	8,291	8,442	8,768	8,831	8,177	8,300	8,736	8,417	7,770	8,287	8,065	6,954	7,877	7,245
Hmong:	361	191	214	208	344	195	410	452	419	451	562	600	486	508
Vietnamese:	7,831	8,924	9,691	10,539	10,402	10,669	9,667	9,718	10,339	10,442	9,457	10,230	10,526	10,050
Khmer:	1,762	1,839	1,277	1,364	1,629	1,772	1,467	1,535	1,910	1,700	1,643	1,193	1,193	996
Thai, Lao, or other Tai-Kadai languages:	1,760	1,818	1,703	1,445	1,205	1,429	7,305	6,920	6,529	6,716	7,116	8,054	7,957	7,370
Other languages of Asia:	5,969	6,895	7,346	7,446	7,523	8,255	2,487	3,400	4,009	4,469	4,211	4,380	4,874	5,340

Tagalog (incl. Filipino):	5,439	5,567	5,643	5,921	6,507	6,675	6,884	7,298	7,726	7,468	7,442	7,297	8,175	8,290
Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or other Austronesian languages:	1,426	1,731	1,661	1,626	1,583	1,775	1,910	2,135	2,562	2,478	2,458	2,433	2,241	2,271
Arabic:	11,760	12,037	13,182	16,535	18,451	20,840	21,176	23,463	24,200	23,909	26,921	29,622	32,042	32,309
Hebrew:	998	840	1,036	1,042	854	737	770	514	457	546	516	476	534	752
Navajo:	32	38	38	32	24	47	43	34	41	29	11	45	36	17
Other Native languages of North America:	880	711	853	804	796	706	827	678	889	911	957	716	454	388
Other and unspecified languages:	874	706	712	610	597	669	1,686	1,977	1,769	1,641	1,402	1,660	1,940	2,426

Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population (2014 – 2023)

Country	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Difference	Percentage
Total:	304,795	314,975	315,297	326,762	333,883	343,979	347,210	365,221	375,702	411,840	107,045	100.00%
Europe:	32,974	33,010	33,012	33,443	35,863	37,647	37,041	38,570	39,276	38,043	5,069	4.74%
Northern Europe:	8,289	8,489	8,788	8,516	9,535	9,763	9,648	10,103	10,473	9,746	1,457	1.36%
Denmark	186	162	286	222	205	228	269	240	299	233	47	0.04%
Ireland	678	622	647	596	631	673	721	723	631	565	-113	-0.11%
Norway	340	324	344	173	108	79	34	12	9	55	-285	-0.27%
Sweden	313	369	313	341	598	570	459	488	474	356	43	0.04%
United Kingdom (inc. Crown Dependencies):	6,617	6,889	7,107	7,079	7,880	8,028	7,948	8,428	8,858	8,362	1,745	1.63%
United Kingdom, excluding England and Scotland	2,374	2,668	2,735	2,800	3,280	3,519	3,781	3,840	3,809	3,719	1,345	1.26%
England	3,698	3,765	3,734	3,641	3,918	3,870	3,528	4,078	4,587	4,263	565	0.53%
Scotland	545	456	638	638	682	639	639	510	462	380	-165	-0.15%
Other Northern Europe	155	123	91	105	113	185	217	212	202	175	20	0.02%
Western Europe:	10,669	10,732	10,684	10,916	11,422	10,780	10,190	11,011	11,524	10,877	208	0.19%
Austria	333	261	255	228	349	351	415	459	491	401	68	0.06%
Belgium	334	337	278	332	274	181	160	238	254	291	-43	-0.04%
France	1,004	1,020	1,417	1,393	1,630	1,591	1,532	1,248	1,671	1,140	136	0.13%
Germany	7,976	8,051	7,768	8,005	8,181	7,779	7,165	8,162	8,261	8,046	70	0.07%
Netherlands	822	839	766	681	648	598	689	633	618	786	-36	-0.03%
Switzerland	184	210	184	231	308	256	213	214	182	174	-10	-0.01%
Other Western Europe	16	14	16	46	32	24	16	57	47	39	23	0.02%
Southern Europe:	2,434	2,177	2,099	2,239	2,562	2,659	2,862	2,967	2,930	3,014	580	0.54%
Greece	454	405	415	383	556	587	767	767	793	650	196	0.18%
Italy	961	853	962	1,059	1,134	1,202	1,232	1,369	1,178	1,181	220	0.21%
Portugal	401	384	219	339	357	322	334	250	220	188	-213	-0.20%
Azores Islands	-	-	-	101	151	139	165	125	28	-	0	0.00%
Spain	609	526	487	442	499	532	514	573	698	967	358	0.33%
Other Southern Europe	9	9	16	16	16	16	15	8	41	28	19	0.02%
Eastern Europe:	11,536	11,572	11,393	11,725	12,309	14,437	14,315	14,457	14,323	14,344	2,808	2.62%
Albania	351	266	301	246	331	424	404	353	613	295	-56	-0.05%

Belarus	230	191	108	206	218	231	218	143	107	128	-102	-0.10%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1,244	858	882	761	720	781	790	968	1,183	1,018	-226	-0.21%
Bulgaria	213	207	200	299	279	520	483	461	608	529	316	0.30%
Croatia	176	208	148	189	218	286	279	284	341	312	136	0.13%
Czechoslovakia (includes Czech Republic and Slovakia)	482	653	846	887	861	781	727	626	397	354	-128	-0.12%
Hungary	446	513	498	650	512	481	486	595	470	441	-5	0.00%
Latvia	199	242	217	214	202	142	186	276	270	203	4	0.00%
Lithuania	106	151	136	165	204	134	93	91	77	85	-21	-0.02%
Moldova	307	332	292	270	186	426	312	685	696	541	234	0.22%
North Macedonia (Macedonia)	-	-	-	-	-	112	94	82	43	105	105	0.10%
Poland	993	846	991	964	1,017	1,216	1,443	1,520	1,632	1,566	573	0.54%
Romania	1,515	1,632	1,586	1,940	1,913	2,268	1,847	1,756	1,593	1,806	291	0.27%
Russia	2,611	2,732	2,789	2,724	3,083	3,286	3,017	2,586	2,448	2,542	-69	-0.06%
Serbia	335	382	321	278	94	54	101	128	122	267	-68	-0.06%
Ukraine	1,539	1,542	1,454	1,410	1,813	2,336	2,763	2,484	2,261	2,811	1,272	1.19%
Other Eastern Europe	784	806	612	439	594	959	1,072	1,419	1,462	1,341	557	0.52%
Europe, n.e.c.	46	40	48	47	35	8	26	32	26	62	16	0.01%
Asia:	87,536	92,141	94,987	99,860	101,334	104,526	107,593	110,071	109,258	108,368	20,832	19.46%
Eastern Asia:	23,506	23,811	24,948	26,537	26,477	27,368	28,467	27,123	26,659	25,542	2,036	1.90%
China:	11,927	12,128	12,511	14,156	14,135	15,121	16,019	15,967	14,785	14,422	2,495	2.33%
China, excluding Hong Kong and Taiwan	9,578	9,858	10,655	11,964	11,929	12,869	13,631	13,606	12,582	12,375	2,797	2.61%
Hong Kong	468	369	417	521	507	497	419	447	442	483	15	0.01%
Taiwan	1,881	1,901	1,439	1,671	1,699	1,755	1,969	1,914	1,761	1,564	-317	-0.30%
Japan	3,772	3,535	3,975	3,993	4,310	3,901	3,861	3,570	3,225	3,028	-744	-0.70%
Korea	7,794	8,134	8,452	8,347	7,982	8,253	8,502	7,506	8,490	7,933	139	0.13%
Other Eastern Asia	13	14	10	41	50	93	85	80	159	159	146	0.14%
South Central Asia:	27,384	29,521	30,320	30,725	30,708	32,751	33,030	34,246	34,050	36,112	8,728	8.15%
Afghanistan	220	218	271	277	380	310	237	432	1,254	1,041	821	0.77%
Bangladesh	1,052	1,537	1,011	715	597	741	700	690	931	1,676	624	0.58%
Bhutan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	808	461	461	0.43%
India	18,601	20,126	20,785	21,855	21,276	22,412	23,182	23,599	23,079	24,987	6,386	5.97%
Iran	2,852	2,646	2,771	2,723	3,083	3,207	3,058	3,137	2,872	2,843	-9	-0.01%
Kazakhstan	210	209	125	127	110	162	130	172	202	190	-20	-0.02%
Nepal	1,250	1,112	1,415	1,507	1,587	1,657	1,742	1,972	1,562	1,251	1	0.00%
Pakistan	1,990	1,980	2,225	2,035	1,796	1,935	2,367	2,243	2,053	2,147	157	0.15%
Sri Lanka	252	228	310	266	448	439	416	356	234	292	40	0.04%
Uzbekistan	299	426	375	513	466	719	543	1,011	1,003	1,175	876	0.82%
Other South Central Asia	658	1,039	1,032	707	965	1,169	655	634	52	49	-609	-0.57%
South Eastern Asia:	25,220	26,424	26,639	28,096	29,831	30,228	30,418	32,584	32,940	31,879	6,659	6.22%
Burma (Myanmar)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,485	2,684	2,684	2.51%
Cambodia	1,058	1,453	1,324	1,409	1,544	1,413	1,355	860	792	822	-236	-0.22%
Indonesia	324	332	402	429	464	596	586	621	619	798	474	0.44%
Laos	4,411	4,532	4,582	4,543	4,154	3,808	3,886	4,291	4,233	3,740	-671	-0.63%
Malaysia	639	659	728	781	945	1,039	922	1,105	1,136	1,066	427	0.40%
Philippines	7,890	8,368	8,506	9,143	9,750	9,837	10,725	11,207	11,640	11,638	3,748	3.50%
Singapore	224	140	199	168	140	82	94	82	139	193	-31	-0.03%
Thailand	1,353	1,602	1,693	1,632	1,995	2,521	2,677	3,149	3,002	2,577	1,224	1.14%

Vietnam	8,553	8,635	7,876	8,088	8,790	8,753	8,091	9,117	8,894	8,339	-214	-0.20%
Other South Eastern Asia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	22	0.02%
Western Asia:	10,702	11,669	12,376	13,808	13,817	13,615	14,924	15,283	14,822	14,004	3,302	3.08%
Armenia	187	168	136	30	63	28	28	28	65	55	-132	-0.12%
Azerbaijan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	77	67	67	0.06%
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	13	13	0.01%
Iraq	4,167	4,770	5,472	6,366	6,539	7,052	8,077	8,432	7,701	6,988	2,821	2.64%
Israel	632	596	640	521	497	642	636	643	670	695	63	0.06%
Jordan	854	862	979	1,221	1,114	867	1,017	924	980	1,193	339	0.32%
Kuwait	544	480	551	721	779	428	444	336	634	689	145	0.14%
Lebanon	725	723	710	808	709	625	986	1,111	1,042	826	101	0.09%
Saudi Arabia	947	1,387	1,350	1,534	1,820	1,743	1,178	1,047	991	723	-224	-0.21%
Syria	471	575	585	551	493	484	324	382	476	397	-74	-0.07%
Turkey	804	775	711	729	719	739	890	1,048	1,027	922	118	0.11%
United Arab Emirates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	107	127	127	0.12%
Yemen	896	785	668	708	527	525	1,036	1,040	888	1,145	249	0.23%
Other Western Asia	475	548	574	619	557	482	308	292	150	164	-311	-0.29%
Asia, n.e.c.	-	-	-	-	-	-	754	835	787	831	831	0.78%
Africa:	28,382	31,414	30,801	33,132	34,390	35,290	36,699	41,595	43,212	43,774	15,392	14.38%
Eastern Africa:	9,726	9,687	9,282	10,078	10,528	11,148	10,309	11,476	10,946	11,621	1,895	1.77%
Eritrea	525	484	310	289	384	358	148	195	350	385	-140	-0.13%
Ethiopia	3,770	3,559	3,156	3,311	3,839	4,850	4,440	4,721	5,265	4,960	1,190	1.11%
Kenya	1,556	1,810	1,851	1,565	1,568	1,367	779	831	939	1,760	204	0.19%
Somalia	-	2,007	1,865	2,649	2,583	2,289	1,930	2,441	1,454	1,344	1,344	1.26%
Tanzania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	573	698	698	0.65%
Uganda	-	-	-	-	-	300	327	275	251	401	401	0.37%
Zimbabwe	-	-	-	-	-	536	450	391	404	287	287	0.27%
Other Eastern Africa	3,875	1,827	2,100	2,264	2,154	1,448	2,235	2,622	1,710	1,786	-2,089	-1.95%
Middle Africa:	1,203	1,132	1,196	1,127	833	1,146	2,574	2,994	3,746	4,202	2,999	2.80%
Cameroon	209	214	158	164	154	230	531	573	671	641	432	0.40%
Congo	-	-	-	-	-	322	657	698	1,075	1,407	1,407	1.31%
Democratic Republic of Congo (Zaire)	-	-	-	-	-	534	1,286	1,605	1,886	2,057	2,057	1.92%
Other Middle Africa	994	918	1,038	963	679	60	100	118	114	97	-897	-0.84%
Northern Africa:	7,818	9,794	9,544	10,557	11,594	12,077	12,050	13,552	14,472	14,441	6,623	6.19%
Algeria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	171	116	116	0.11%
Egypt	5,845	7,538	7,736	8,546	9,558	10,041	10,004	11,168	11,761	11,880	6,035	5.64%
Morocco	435	438	399	432	333	234	285	313	471	710	275	0.26%
Sudan	1,172	1,461	1,200	1,458	1,555	1,476	1,337	1,734	1,793	1,366	194	0.18%
Other Northern Africa	366	357	209	121	148	326	424	337	276	369	3	0.00%
Southern Africa:	1,234	1,203	1,089	1,131	1,073	1,165	1,562	1,720	1,753	2,060	826	0.77%
South Africa	1,193	1,178	1,064	1,081	1,021	1,130	1,514	1,645	1,731	2,037	844	0.79%
Other Southern Africa	41	25	25	50	52	35	48	75	22	23	-18	-0.02%
Western Africa:	6,970	8,446	8,662	8,749	8,797	8,309	7,618	8,969	9,484	9,068	2,098	1.96%
Cabo Verde	-	-	-	-	-	25	22	17	27	32	32	0.03%
Ghana	1,046	1,197	1,306	1,324	1,007	1,142	1,198	1,466	1,521	1,961	915	0.85%
Ivory Coast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	143	143	0.13%
Liberia	1,134	1,199	1,295	1,056	1,262	693	526	619	783	540	-594	-0.55%

Nigeria	2,589	3,376	3,262	3,834	4,000	4,208	3,773	4,776	4,662	4,454	1,865	1.74%
Senegal	-	-	-	-	-	420	521	603	847	728	728	0.68%
Sierra Leone	407	359	451	267	284	206	110	142	157	92	-315	-0.29%
Togo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	234	232	232	0.22%
Other Western Africa	1,794	2,315	2,348	2,268	2,244	1,615	1,468	1,346	1,173	886	-908	-0.85%
Africa, n.e.c.	1,431	1,152	1,028	1,490	1,565	1,445	2,586	2,884	2,811	2,382	951	0.89%
Oceania:	1,867	1,846	1,736	1,620	1,674	1,749	1,708	1,823	2,217	2,686	819	0.77%
Australia and New Zealand Subregion:	1,507	1,427	1,490	1,358	1,314	1,285	1,155	1,294	1,449	1,593	86	0.08%
Australia	1,094	1,063	1,062	939	948	936	796	932	1,109	1,336	242	0.23%
Other Australian and New Zealand Subregion	413	364	428	419	366	349	359	362	340	257	-156	-0.15%
Fiji	73	65	8	8	7	-	-	13	15	17	-56	-0.05%
Marshall Islands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	141	68	68	0.06%
Micronesia	-	-	-	-	-	175	299	232	404	710	710	0.66%
Oceania, n.e.c.	287	354	238	254	353	289	254	284	208	298	11	0.01%
Americas:	154,036	156,564	154,761	158,707	160,622	164,767	164,169	173,162	181,739	218,969	64,933	60.66%
Latin America:	145,675	146,972	145,361	150,062	151,903	156,071	156,023	163,894	171,293	208,229	62,554	58.44%
Caribbean:	9,785	10,647	10,933	10,875	11,160	11,496	11,736	12,443	13,259	16,130	6,345	5.93%
Bahamas	520	606	726	616	673	534	524	478	391	449	-71	-0.07%
Barbados	118	98	73	77	72	51	38	24	32	53	-65	-0.06%
Cuba	4,229	4,549	4,580	4,281	4,108	4,539	4,436	4,758	4,841	6,416	2,187	2.04%
Dominica	147	124	125	257	138	184	137	225	83	69	-78	-0.07%
Dominican Republic	1,050	1,105	984	1,187	1,668	1,554	1,632	1,710	1,963	2,471	1,421	1.33%
Grenada	42	60	54	52	92	127	163	99	85	61	19	0.02%
Haiti	1,259	1,445	1,683	1,729	1,609	1,260	1,487	1,475	1,598	1,742	483	0.45%
Jamaica	1,386	1,623	1,517	1,582	1,715	1,938	2,073	2,088	2,405	3,128	1,742	1.63%
St. Lucia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85	57	57	0.05%
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	98	105	96	79	67	32	37	31	46	51	-47	-0.04%
Trinidad and Tobago	610	704	847	806	795	981	866	1,090	1,195	1,218	608	0.57%
West Indies	65	34	50	35	6	55	84	77	83	112	47	0.04%
Other Caribbean	261	194	198	174	217	241	259	388	452	303	42	0.04%
Central America:	124,433	124,823	122,266	126,674	127,527	130,603	129,032	134,866	138,763	167,037	42,604	39.80%
Belize	296	405	393	478	480	430	404	544	421	633	337	0.31%
Costa Rica	622	814	818	939	968	952	727	775	928	839	217	0.20%
El Salvador	8,159	7,762	6,867	7,906	8,986	9,384	9,272	10,322	10,313	11,216	3,057	2.86%
Guatemala	11,993	12,291	11,973	11,846	12,504	15,094	15,359	18,780	21,286	27,618	15,625	14.60%
Honduras	7,884	8,165	8,667	9,990	11,431	11,918	12,374	14,573	17,433	25,569	17,685	16.52%
Mexico	93,177	92,949	90,868	93,281	91,172	91,131	89,257	88,254	86,435	98,353	5,176	4.84%
Nicaragua	734	824	1,006	875	788	739	638	679	920	1,507	773	0.72%
Panama	1,221	1,320	1,364	1,180	1,019	917	960	922	1,008	1,181	-40	-0.04%
Other Central America	347	293	310	179	179	38	41	17	19	121	-226	-0.21%
South America:	11,457	11,502	12,162	12,513	13,216	13,972	15,255	16,585	19,271	25,062	13,605	12.71%
Argentina	1,088	1,131	1,589	1,275	1,307	1,319	1,149	1,271	1,137	1,343	255	0.24%
Bolivia	323	309	287	343	366	340	302	206	288	277	-46	-0.04%
Brazil	1,482	1,405	1,457	1,707	1,778	1,710	2,192	2,209	3,098	3,321	1,839	1.72%
Chile	1,065	1,027	1,041	1,088	804	736	830	688	948	1,105	40	0.04%
Colombia	2,716	2,963	2,956	3,137	3,107	3,125	3,249	3,640	3,879	5,481	2,765	2.58%
Ecuador	844	709	631	540	683	691	886	934	820	1,132	288	0.27%

Guyana	659	581	630	486	515	374	426	530	596	650	-9	-0.01%
Peru	1,551	1,620	1,948	2,163	2,081	2,205	2,581	2,222	2,336	2,406	855	0.80%
Uruguay	179	92	95	113	114	207	167	148	119	173	-6	-0.01%
Venezuela	1,391	1,489	1,318	1,486	2,342	3,134	3,355	4,657	5,936	8,918	7,527	7.03%
Other South America	159	176	210	175	119	131	118	80	114	256	97	0.09%
Northern America:	8,361	9,592	9,400	8,645	8,719	8,696	8,146	9,268	10,446	10,740	2,379	2.22%
Canada	8,274	9,495	9,335	8,556	8,598	8,527	8,004	9,094	10,295	10,597	2,323	2.17%
Other Northern America	87	97	65	89	121	169	142	174	151	143	56	0.05%

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Disability Statistics

Disability Prevalence by State in the United States

The percentage of non-institutionalized males or females with hearing disability, all ages, all races, regardless of ethnicity, across all levels of education in the United States in 2023.

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