AT A GLANCE

English learner students in the United States

There are more than 4.8 million English learners in U.S. schools.¹

55%

...of public school teachers in 2011-12 taught at least one English learner.²

67% 58% 42%

of those in urban areas of those in suburban areas of those in rural areas²

ENGLISH LEARNERS IN U.S. SCHOOLS SPEAK OVER 400 LANGUAGES.

NATIONALLY, 77% OF ENGLISH LEARNERS SPEAK SPANISH, BUT THERE IS DIVERSITY ACROSS STATES.¹

For example:

Nationally

77% – SPANISH

In Alaska, 40% of English learners speak Yupik languages.

40% – YUPIK

In Maine, 32.4% Somali, 13% Arabic, 9.5% Spanish, and 9.2% French.

32.4% – SOMALI

Sources
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