

AT A GLANCE

English learner students in the United States



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

4,800,000

55%

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

67%

of those in urban areas

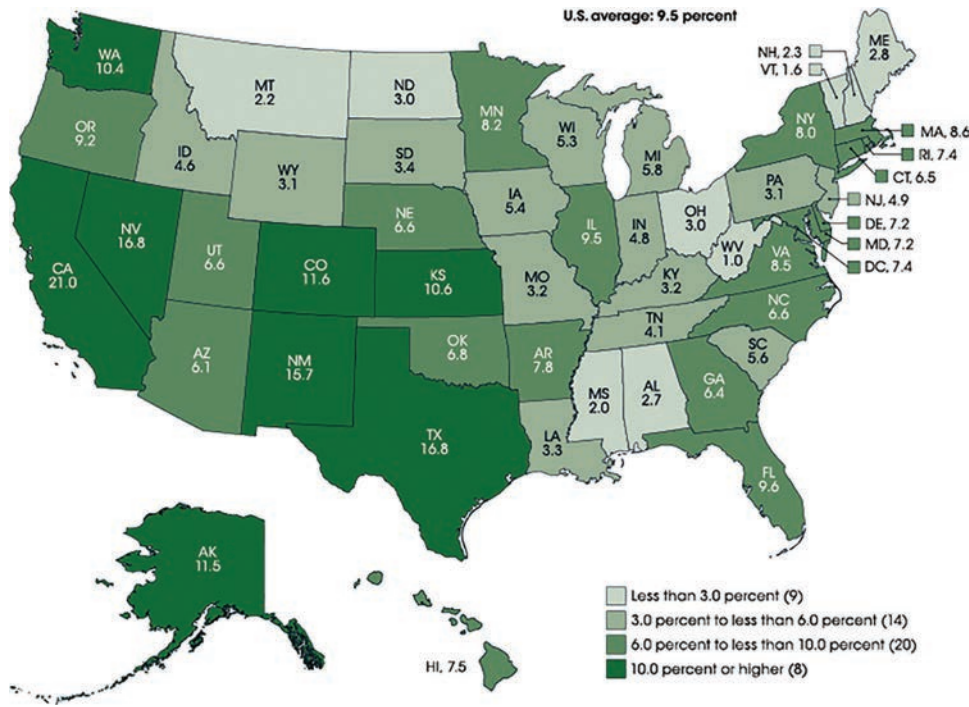
58%

of those in suburban areas

42%

of those in rural areas²

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



Percentage of English learner students in public schools in 2015³

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

¹ www2.ed.gov/datastory/el-characteristics

² nces.ed.gov/surveys/sass/tables/sass1112_498_t1n.asp

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