

## Language

Among the nation's 50 most populous metros, Houston ranks 5th in percent of population that struggles with English.

Percentage of Population That Speaks English Less Than "Very Well" by Metro Area		
Rank	Area	Speak English less than "very well"
1	Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Pompano Beach, FL Metro Area	23.8%
2	Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA Metro Area	22.1%
3	San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA Metro Area	19.4%
4	New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA Metro Area	16.6%
<b>5</b>	<b>Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX Metro Area</b>	<b>16.5%</b>
6	San Francisco-Oakland-Berkeley, CA Metro Area	14.8%
7	Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario, CA Metro Area	14.3%
8	Las Vegas-Henderson-Paradise, NV Metro Area	13.7%
9	Orlando-Kissimmee-Sanford, FL Metro Area	12.8%
10	San Diego-Chula Vista-Carlsbad, CA Metro Area	12.7%
11	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX Metro Area	12.4%
12	Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metro Area	11.2%
13	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI Metro Area	10.7%
14	Sacramento-Roseville-Folsom, CA Metro Area	10.5%
15	San Antonio-New Braunfels, TX Metro Area	10.1%
16	Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown, TX Metro Area	9.7%
17	Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH Metro Area	9.6%
18	Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA Metro Area	9.0%
19	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL Metro Area	8.6%
20	Providence-Warwick, RI-MA Metro Area	8.0%
21	Phoenix-Mesa-Chandler, AZ Metro Area	7.8%
22	Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Alpharetta, GA Metro Area	7.1%
23	Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO Metro Area	6.5%
24	Hartford-East Hartford-Middletown, CT Metro Area	6.5%
25	Salt Lake City, UT Metro Area	6.5%
26	Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE-MD Metro Area	6.3%
27	Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA Metro Area	6.3%
28	Charlotte-Concord-Gastonia, NC-SC Metro Area	5.6%
29	Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN Metro Area	5.5%
30	Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI Metro Area	5.4%
31	Raleigh-Cary, NC Metro Area	5.3%
32	Oklahoma City, OK Metro Area	5.0%
33	Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, MI Metro Area	4.9%
34	Jacksonville, FL Metro Area	4.6%
35	New Orleans-Metairie, LA Metro Area	4.5%
36	Richmond, VA Metro Area	4.5%
37	Milwaukee-Waukesha, WI Metro Area	4.3%
38	Kansas City, MO-KS Metro Area	4.2%
39	Baltimore-Columbia-Towson, MD Metro Area	4.1%
40	Cleveland-Elyria, OH Metro Area	4.1%
41	Columbus, OH Metro Area	3.8%
42	Indianapolis-Carmel-Anderson, IN Metro Area	3.8%
43	Buffalo-Cheektowaga, NY Metro Area	3.4%
44	Louisville/Jefferson County, KY-IN Metro Area	3.4%
45	Memphis, TN-MS-AR Metro Area	3.3%
46	Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC Metro Area	2.9%
47	Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN Metro Area	2.7%
48	Birmingham-Hoover, AL Metro Area	2.4%
49	St. Louis, MO-IL Metro Area	1.8%
50	Pittsburgh, PA Metro Area	1.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey