



English Language Proficiency: Variation by County

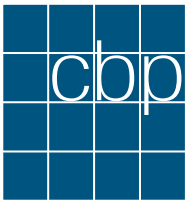
Percentage of People Ages 18 to 64 Who Speak English Less Than “Very Well,” 2008-2012

The share of Californians ages 18 to 64 who speak English less than “very well” was **21.7 percent** in the years 2008 through 2012. This statewide share obscures significant differences across California counties. Trinity County had the lowest share (1.0 percent), while Imperial County had the highest (33.8 percent).

COUNTY	PERCENT SHARE WHO SPEAK ENGLISH LESS THAN “VERY WELL”	PERCENT MARGIN OF ERROR	COUNTY	PERCENT SHARE WHO SPEAK ENGLISH LESS THAN “VERY WELL”	PERCENT MARGIN OF ERROR
Alameda	20.3%	+/- 0.3	Orange	23.6%	+/- 0.3
Alpine	4.0%	+/- 4.7	Placer	6.0%	+/- 0.5
Amador	3.5%	+/- 0.9	Plumas	2.7%	+/- 1.1
Butte	6.4%	+/- 0.5	Riverside	19.4%	+/- 0.3
Calaveras	2.7%	+/- 1.0	Sacramento	14.8%	+/- 0.3
Colusa	29.3%	+/- 3.3	San Benito	23.4%	+/- 2.4
Contra Costa	15.6%	+/- 0.4	San Bernardino	19.4%	+/- 0.3
Del Norte	4.5%	+/- 0.9	San Diego	16.9%	+/- 0.2
El Dorado	5.1%	+/- 0.6	San Francisco	20.7%	+/- 0.5
Fresno	22.4%	+/- 0.5	San Joaquin	21.3%	+/- 0.6
Glenn	19.0%	+/- 2.2	San Luis Obispo	7.6%	+/- 0.6
Humboldt	3.7%	+/- 0.6	San Mateo	21.2%	+/- 0.6
Imperial	33.8%	+/- 1.3	Santa Barbara	21.3%	+/- 0.8
Inyo	6.6%	+/- 1.9	Santa Clara	23.4%	+/- 0.4
Kern	21.1%	+/- 0.5	Santa Cruz	14.7%	+/- 0.8
Kings	21.1%	+/- 1.2	Shasta	3.4%	+/- 0.5
Lake	7.0%	+/- 1.3	Sierra	4.9%	+/- 3.7
Lassen	5.7%	+/- 1.0	Siskiyou	5.0%	+/- 0.9
Los Angeles	29.2%	+/- 0.2	Solano	13.4%	+/- 0.6
Madera	22.9%	+/- 1.5	Sonoma	13.1%	+/- 0.5
Marin	11.5%	+/- 0.7	Stanislaus	19.5%	+/- 0.7
Mariposa	1.5%	+/- 1.3	Sutter	22.1%	+/- 1.6
Mendocino	11.0%	+/- 1.1	Tehama	9.0%	+/- 1.2
Merced	26.9%	+/- 1.1	Trinity	1.0%	+/- 0.9
Modoc	5.7%	+/- 2.0	Tulare	26.5%	+/- 0.8
Mono	12.2%	+/- 3.4	Tuolumne	3.3%	+/- 0.6
Monterey	32.0%	+/- 0.9	Ventura	19.3%	+/- 0.5
Napa	19.8%	+/- 1.3	Yolo	16.5%	+/- 1.0
Nevada	3.1%	+/- 0.7	Yuba	11.8%	+/- 1.3

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