

Households on Cash, Food, and Medical Assistance¹ Programs in Washington State By Primary Language², February 2024

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| Primary Language | State Total | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| | # of Unique ³ Households | % of Households | # of Unique ³ Clients | % of Clients |
| Total Households | 1,347,370 | 100.0% | 2,247,323 | 100.0% |
| English | 1,159,859 | 86.1% | 1,875,321 | 83.4% |
| Spanish | 105,848 | 7.9% | 221,196 | 9.8% |
| Large Print English | 15,035 | 1.1% | 20,839 | 0.9% |
| Russian | 14,715 | 1.1% | 30,845 | 1.4% |
| Vietnamese | 9,319 | 0.7% | 14,238 | 0.6% |
| Chinese | 7,864 | 0.6% | 12,086 | 0.5% |
| Ukrainian | 6,517 | 0.5% | 15,846 | 0.7% |
| Korean | 3,714 | 0.3% | 4,930 | 0.2% |
| Arabic | 2,453 | 0.2% | 6,265 | 0.3% |
| Dari | 2,311 | 0.2% | 8,042 | 0.4% |
| Somali | 1,768 | 0.1% | 4,149 | 0.2% |
| Cambodian (Khmer) | 1,613 | 0.1% | 2,117 | 0.1% |
| Punjabi | 1,545 | 0.1% | 2,495 | 0.1% |
| Other Language | 1,522 | 0.1% | 3,092 | 0.1% |
| Amharic | 1,443 | 0.1% | 2,813 | 0.1% |
| Portuguese | 1,263 | 0.1% | 2,364 | 0.1% |
| French | 1,175 | 0.1% | 2,274 | 0.1% |
| Tigrigna | 1,171 | 0.1% | 2,354 | 0.1% |
| Farsi | 1,035 | 0.1% | 1,811 | 0.1% |
| Tagalog | 821 | 0.1% | 1,083 | 0.0% |
| Pashto | 603 | 0.0% | 2,496 | 0.1% |
| Romanian | 592 | 0.0% | 1,574 | 0.1% |
| Trukese | 546 | 0.0% | 1,225 | 0.1% |
| Laotian | 440 | 0.0% | 527 | 0.0% |
| Burmese | 401 | 0.0% | 1,108 | 0.0% |
| Haitian-Creole | 333 | 0.0% | 534 | 0.0% |
| Swahili | 299 | 0.0% | 738 | 0.0% |
| American Sign Language | 292 | 0.0% | 327 | 0.0% |
| Oromo | 265 | 0.0% | 749 | 0.0% |
| Albanian | 243 | 0.0% | 467 | 0.0% |
| Samoan | 242 | 0.0% | 357 | 0.0% |
| Thai | 218 | 0.0% | 286 | 0.0% |
| Hindi | 214 | 0.0% | 324 | 0.0% |
| Turkish | 187 | 0.0% | 323 | 0.0% |
| Serbo-Croatian | 160 | 0.0% | 179 | 0.0% |
| Japanese | 148 | 0.0% | 219 | 0.0% |
| Braille | 131 | 0.0% | 188 | 0.0% |
| Urdu | 113 | 0.0% | 197 | 0.0% |
| Persian | 86 | 0.0% | 140 | 0.0% |
| Ilocano | 74 | 0.0% | 90 | 0.0% |
| Hmong | 71 | 0.0% | 130 | 0.0% |
| Gujarati | 70 | 0.0% | 103 | 0.0% |
| French Creole | 66 | 0.0% | 103 | 0.0% |
| Bengali | 51 | 0.0% | 66 | 0.0% |
| Indonesian | 45 | 0.0% | 64 | 0.0% |
| Polish | 45 | 0.0% | 55 | 0.0% |
| Mien | 42 | 0.0% | 55 | 0.0% |
| Bulgarian | 36 | 0.0% | 42 | 0.0% |
| Armenian | 28 | 0.0% | 42 | 0.0% |
| Tongan | 26 | 0.0% | 38 | 0.0% |
| German | 23 | 0.0% | 36 | 0.0% |
| Fijian | 22 | 0.0% | 33 | 0.0% |
| Danish | 20 | 0.0% | 23 | 0.0% |
| Finnish | 20 | 0.0% | 34 | 0.0% |
| Dutch | 17 | 0.0% | 29 | 0.0% |
| Kikuyu | 17 | 0.0% | 19 | 0.0% |
| Tamil | 15 | 0.0% | 17 | 0.0% |
| Tibetan | 14 | 0.0% | 15 | 0.0% |
| Ibo | 13 | 0.0% | 17 | 0.0% |
| Hungarian | 11 | 0.0% | 15 | 0.0% |
| Norwegian | 11 | 0.0% | 13 | 0.0% |
| Salish | 10 | 0.0% | 22 | 0.0% |
| All other languages ⁴ | 119 | 0.0% | 144 | 0.0% |

Data Notes:

¹ Medical Assistance includes cases served by the Community Service Division (CSD), Home and Community Services (HCS), Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), and the Health Benefit Exchange (HBE) / Health Care Authority (HCA).

² The primary language used by the household (spoken and written).

³ Each household/client is counted once regardless of the number of services received.

⁴ Combines languages with household counts between 1 and 9.