

Households on Cash, Food, and Medical Assistance¹ Programs in Washington State By Primary Language², February 2025

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Primary Language	State Total			
	# of Unique ³ Households	% of Households	# of Unique ³ Clients	% of Clients
Total Households	1,331,742	100.0%	2,207,187	100.0%
English	1,133,374	85.1%	1,813,156	82.1%
Spanish	111,960	8.4%	233,739	10.6%
Large Print English	17,327	1.3%	24,039	1.1%
Russian	14,274	1.1%	29,850	1.4%
Vietnamese	9,417	0.7%	14,252	0.6%
Chinese	8,098	0.6%	12,390	0.6%
Ukrainian	7,273	0.5%	17,729	0.8%
Korean	3,765	0.3%	5,016	0.2%
Dari	2,891	0.2%	10,228	0.5%
Arabic	2,621	0.2%	6,508	0.3%
Other Language	1,672	0.1%	3,503	0.2%
Cambodian (Khmer)	1,644	0.1%	2,194	0.1%
Amharic	1,627	0.1%	3,200	0.1%
Punjabi	1,623	0.1%	2,618	0.1%
Somali	1,554	0.1%	3,863	0.2%
Portuguese	1,505	0.1%	3,103	0.1%
French	1,349	0.1%	2,691	0.1%
Tigrigna	1,277	0.1%	2,658	0.1%
Farsi	1,060	0.1%	1,788	0.1%
Tagalog	831	0.1%	1,073	0.0%
Pashto	705	0.1%	2,911	0.1%
Trukese	600	0.0%	1,260	0.1%
Romanian	527	0.0%	1,370	0.1%
Haitian-Creole	467	0.0%	759	0.0%
Laotian	414	0.0%	495	0.0%
Burmese	388	0.0%	996	0.0%
Swahili	341	0.0%	844	0.0%
American SignLanguage	295	0.0%	336	0.0%
Oromo	268	0.0%	742	0.0%
Samoan	252	0.0%	386	0.0%
Thai	250	0.0%	332	0.0%
Hindi	226	0.0%	339	0.0%
Turkish	205	0.0%	380	0.0%
Albanian	167	0.0%	315	0.0%
Serbo-Croatian	144	0.0%	156	0.0%
Braille	143	0.0%	196	0.0%
Japanese	143	0.0%	228	0.0%
Urdu	128	0.0%	220	0.0%
Persian	95	0.0%	173	0.0%
Gujarati	71	0.0%	106	0.0%
Ilocano	70	0.0%	81	0.0%
French Creole	64	0.0%	110	0.0%
Hmong	60	0.0%	106	0.0%
Bengali	51	0.0%	66	0.0%
Indonesian	46	0.0%	70	0.0%
Polish	42	0.0%	45	0.0%
Mien	40	0.0%	48	0.0%
Bulgarian	34	0.0%	38	0.0%
Kikuyu	28	0.0%	32	0.0%
Armenian	24	0.0%	35	0.0%
Finnish	23	0.0%	24	0.0%
Tamil	22	0.0%	27	0.0%
Tongan	20	0.0%	22	0.0%
Danish	17	0.0%	22	0.0%
Fijian	17	0.0%	21	0.0%
German	17	0.0%	27	0.0%
Dutch	16	0.0%	20	0.0%
Cebuano	13	0.0%	14	0.0%
Tibetan	12	0.0%	13	0.0%
Zulu	12	0.0%	18	0.0%
Ibo	11	0.0%	15	0.0%
Malayalam	10	0.0%	13	0.0%
Salish	10	0.0%	15	0.0%
Sudanese	10	0.0%	30	0.0%
Yoruba	10	0.0%	12	0.0%
All other languages ⁴	92	0.0%	121	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.