

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

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Primary Language	State Total			
	# of Unique ³ Households	% of Households	# of Unique ³ Clients	% of Clients
Total Households	1,337,348	100.0%	2,218,009	100.0%
English	1,138,246	85.1%	1,822,242	82.2%
Spanish	112,405	8.4%	234,783	10.6%
Large Print English	17,182	1.3%	23,799	1.1%
Russian	14,454	1.1%	30,299	1.4%
Vietnamese	9,443	0.7%	14,281	0.6%
Chinese	8,111	0.6%	12,423	0.6%
Ukrainian	7,340	0.5%	17,916	0.8%
Korean	3,758	0.3%	5,008	0.2%
Dari	2,876	0.2%	10,112	0.5%
Arabic	2,619	0.2%	6,500	0.3%
Other Language	1,676	0.1%	3,560	0.2%
Cambodian (Khmer)	1,655	0.1%	2,221	0.1%
Punjabi	1,622	0.1%	2,625	0.1%
Amharic	1,602	0.1%	3,146	0.1%
Somali	1,581	0.1%	3,855	0.2%
Portuguese	1,514	0.1%	3,123	0.1%
French	1,365	0.1%	2,693	0.1%
Tigrigna	1,294	0.1%	2,698	0.1%
Farsi	1,063	0.1%	1,815	0.1%
Tagalog	825	0.1%	1,061	0.0%
Pashto	709	0.1%	2,930	0.1%
Trukese	641	0.0%	1,385	0.1%
Romanian	538	0.0%	1,401	0.1%
Haitian-Creole	481	0.0%	778	0.0%
Laotian	414	0.0%	487	0.0%
Burmese	386	0.0%	997	0.0%
Swahili	348	0.0%	860	0.0%
American Sign Language	300	0.0%	347	0.0%
Oromo	267	0.0%	723	0.0%
Samoan	257	0.0%	388	0.0%
Thai	244	0.0%	326	0.0%
Hindi	233	0.0%	348	0.0%
Turkish	231	0.0%	422	0.0%
Albanian	164	0.0%	314	0.0%
Japanese	147	0.0%	235	0.0%
Serbo-Croatian	145	0.0%	157	0.0%
Braille	140	0.0%	183	0.0%
Urdu	127	0.0%	223	0.0%
Persian	96	0.0%	175	0.0%
Gujarati	72	0.0%	108	0.0%
Ilocano	72	0.0%	87	0.0%
French Creole	65	0.0%	112	0.0%
Hmong	59	0.0%	104	0.0%
Bengali	51	0.0%	69	0.0%
Indonesian	46	0.0%	68	0.0%
Polish	42	0.0%	45	0.0%
Mien	40	0.0%	48	0.0%
Bulgarian	34	0.0%	38	0.0%
Kikuyu	25	0.0%	31	0.0%
Armenian	24	0.0%	38	0.0%
Tamil	22	0.0%	31	0.0%
Tongan	22	0.0%	25	0.0%
Finnish	21	0.0%	22	0.0%
German	18	0.0%	25	0.0%
Dutch	17	0.0%	19	0.0%
Danish	16	0.0%	19	0.0%
Fijian	15	0.0%	19	0.0%
Sudanese	13	0.0%	36	0.0%
Tibetan	13	0.0%	14	0.0%
Cebuano	12	0.0%	16	0.0%
Ibo	12	0.0%	16	0.0%
Yoruba	12	0.0%	14	0.0%
Malayalam	11	0.0%	14	0.0%
Zulu	10	0.0%	16	0.0%
All other languages⁴	105	0.0%	136	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.