## Statewide Households on Cash, Food, or Medical Assistance<sup>1</sup> Programs in Washington State by Primary Language<sup>2</sup>, July 2025

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|                                  | # of Unique <sup>3</sup> | % of       | # of Unique <sup>3</sup> |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------|
|                                  | Households               | Households | Clients                  | % of Clients |
| Total Households                 | 1,317,667                | 100.0%     | 2,173,170                | 100.0%       |
| English                          | 1,122,952                | 85.2%      | 1,789,398                | 82.3%        |
| Spanish                          | 109,327                  | 8.3%       | 226,228                  | 10.4%        |
| Large Print English              | 18,212                   | 1.4%       | 25,200                   | 1.2%         |
| Russian                          | 13,374                   | 1.0%       | 27,679                   | 1.3%         |
| Vietnamese                       | 9,282                    | 0.7%       | 13,877                   | 0.6%         |
| Chinese                          | 8,078                    | 0.6%       | 12,277                   | 0.6%         |
| Ukrainian                        | 6,842                    | 0.5%       | 16,934                   | 0.8%         |
| Korean                           | 3,705                    | 0.3%       | 4,930                    | 0.2%         |
| Dari                             | 2,856                    | 0.2%       | 10,323                   | 0.5%         |
| Arabic                           | 2,600                    | 0.2%       | 6,371                    | 0.3%         |
| Amharic                          | 1,655                    | 0.1%       | 3,198                    | 0.1%         |
| Other Language                   | 1,648                    | 0.1%       | 3,502                    | 0.2%         |
| Cambodian (Khmer)                | 1,640                    | 0.1%       | 2,165                    | 0.1%         |
| Punjabi                          | 1,630                    | 0.1%       | 2,613                    | 0.1%         |
| Portuguese                       | 1,486                    | 0.1%       | 3,076                    | 0.1%         |
| Somali                           | 1,479                    | 0.1%       | 3,651                    | 0.2%         |
| Tigrigna                         | 1,225                    | 0.1%       | 2,596                    | 0.1%         |
| French                           | 1,224                    | 0.1%       | 2,579                    | 0.1%         |
| Farsi                            | 1,048                    | 0.1%       | 1,810                    | 0.1%         |
| Tagalog                          | 824                      | 0.1%       | 1,066                    | 0.0%         |
| Pashto                           | 717                      | 0.1%       | 2,952                    | 0.1%         |
| Trukese                          | 620                      | 0.0%       | 1,344                    | 0.1%         |
| Romanian                         | 492                      | 0.0%       | 1.249                    | 0.1%         |
| Haitian-Creole                   | 417                      | 0.0%       | 712                      | 0.0%         |
| Laotian                          | 399                      | 0.0%       | 474                      | 0.0%         |
| Burmese                          | 368                      | 0.0%       | 931                      | 0.0%         |
| Swahili                          | 347                      | 0.0%       | 827                      | 0.0%         |
| American Sign Language           | 299                      | 0.0%       | 336                      | 0.0%         |
| Oromo                            | 275                      | 0.0%       | 801                      | 0.0%         |
| Samoan                           | 267                      | 0.0%       | 416                      | 0.0%         |
| Thai                             | 246                      | 0.0%       | 341                      | 0.0%         |
| Hindi                            | 230                      | 0.0%       | 351                      | 0.0%         |
| Albanian                         | 185                      | 0.0%       | 345                      | 0.0%         |
| Turkish                          | 172                      | 0.0%       | 352                      | 0.0%         |
| Serbo-Croatian                   | 150                      | 0.0%       | 165                      | 0.0%         |
| Braille                          | 147                      | 0.0%       | 202                      | 0.0%         |
| Japanese                         | 141                      | 0.0%       | 221                      | 0.0%         |
| Urdu                             | 141                      | 0.0%       | 250                      | 0.0%         |
| Persian                          | 106                      | 0.0%       | 200                      | 0.0%         |
| Gujarati                         | 73                       | 0.0%       | 111                      | 0.0%         |
| Ilocano                          | 66                       | 0.0%       | 74                       | 0.0%         |
| Hmong                            | 64                       | 0.0%       | 108                      | 0.0%         |
| French Creole                    | 62                       | 0.0%       | 108                      | 0.0%         |
| Bengali                          | 53                       | 0.0%       | 68                       | 0.0%         |
| All other languages <sup>4</sup> | 543                      | 0.0%       | 759                      | 0.0%         |

## **Data Notes:**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The primary language used by the household (spoken and written).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Each household/client is counted once regardless of the number of services received.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 4}$  Combines languages with household counts between 1 and 49.