

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

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Primary Language	State Total			
	# of Unique ³ Households	% of Households	# of Unique ³ Clients	% of Clients
Total Households	1,338,152	100.0%	2,233,794	100.0%
English	1,149,009	85.9%	1,859,019	83.2%
Spanish	106,830	8.0%	222,790	10.0%
Large Print English	15,210	1.1%	21,074	0.9%
Russian	14,745	1.1%	30,887	1.4%
Vietnamese	9,345	0.7%	14,237	0.6%
Chinese	7,893	0.6%	12,124	0.5%
Ukrainian	6,619	0.5%	16,094	0.7%
Korean	3,715	0.3%	4,918	0.2%
Arabic	2,470	0.2%	6,285	0.3%
Dari	2,371	0.2%	8,252	0.4%
Somali	1,776	0.1%	4,200	0.2%
Cambodian (Khmer)	1,634	0.1%	2,157	0.1%
Punjabi	1,540	0.1%	2,498	0.1%
Other Language	1,533	0.1%	3,061	0.1%
Amharic	1,464	0.1%	2,841	0.1%
Portuguese	1,311	0.1%	2,479	0.1%
French	1,235	0.1%	2,355	0.1%
Tigrigna	1,189	0.1%	2,377	0.1%
Farsi	1,022	0.1%	1,763	0.1%
Tagalog	832	0.1%	1,103	0.0%
Pashto	610	0.0%	2,531	0.1%
Romanian	583	0.0%	1,567	0.1%
Trukese	570	0.0%	1,267	0.1%
Laotian	433	0.0%	517	0.0%
Burmese	398	0.0%	1,086	0.0%
Haitian-Creole	338	0.0%	554	0.0%
Swahili	301	0.0%	762	0.0%
American Sign Language	296	0.0%	337	0.0%
Oromo	269	0.0%	765	0.0%
Samoan	248	0.0%	373	0.0%
Albanian	239	0.0%	462	0.0%
Thai	225	0.0%	293	0.0%
Hindi	213	0.0%	326	0.0%
Turkish	191	0.0%	321	0.0%
Serbo-Croatian	159	0.0%	177	0.0%
Japanese	144	0.0%	213	0.0%
Braille	124	0.0%	178	0.0%
Urdu	119	0.0%	204	0.0%
Persian	87	0.0%	149	0.0%
Ilocano	75	0.0%	90	0.0%
Gujarati	72	0.0%	106	0.0%
Hmong	71	0.0%	129	0.0%
French Creole	69	0.0%	112	0.0%
Bengali	49	0.0%	63	0.0%
Indonesian	45	0.0%	62	0.0%
Polish	44	0.0%	54	0.0%
Mien	42	0.0%	55	0.0%
Bulgarian	35	0.0%	41	0.0%
Armenian	28	0.0%	42	0.0%
German	24	0.0%	40	0.0%
Tongan	22	0.0%	30	0.0%
Fijian	21	0.0%	28	0.0%
Danish	19	0.0%	20	0.0%
Finnish	19	0.0%	33	0.0%
Kikuyu	19	0.0%	23	0.0%
Tamil	16	0.0%	18	0.0%
Dutch	15	0.0%	21	0.0%
Tibetan	14	0.0%	15	0.0%
Ibo	13	0.0%	19	0.0%
Hungarian	11	0.0%	15	0.0%
Malayalam	10	0.0%	15	0.0%
All other languages ⁴	129	0.0%	167	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.