

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

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Primary Language	State Total			
	# of Unique ³ Households	% of Households	# of Unique ³ Clients	% of Clients
Total Households	1,329,595	100.0%	2,201,914	100.0%
English	1,131,244	85.1%	1,808,174	82.1%
Spanish	111,924	8.4%	233,529	10.6%
Large Print English	17,568	1.3%	24,315	1.1%
Russian	14,129	1.1%	29,485	1.3%
Vietnamese	9,412	0.7%	14,226	0.6%
Chinese	8,073	0.6%	12,346	0.6%
Ukrainian	7,195	0.5%	17,579	0.8%
Korean	3,727	0.3%	4,967	0.2%
Dari	2,908	0.2%	10,395	0.5%
Arabic	2,624	0.2%	6,493	0.3%
Cambodian (Khmer)	1,655	0.1%	2,216	0.1%
Other Language	1,655	0.1%	3,469	0.2%
Amharic	1,633	0.1%	3,195	0.1%
Punjabi	1,627	0.1%	2,618	0.1%
Somali	1,557	0.1%	3,886	0.2%
Portuguese	1,505	0.1%	3,075	0.1%
French	1,363	0.1%	2,710	0.1%
Tigrigna	1,265	0.1%	2,609	0.1%
Farsi	1,056	0.1%	1,781	0.1%
Tagalog	842	0.1%	1,091	0.0%
Pashto	721	0.1%	2,982	0.1%
Trukese	607	0.0%	1,294	0.1%
Romanian	527	0.0%	1,352	0.1%
Haitian-Creole	474	0.0%	776	0.0%
Laotian	407	0.0%	480	0.0%
Burmese	382	0.0%	977	0.0%
Swahili	350	0.0%	858	0.0%
American SignLanguage	296	0.0%	342	0.0%
Oromo	267	0.0%	750	0.0%
Samoan	257	0.0%	388	0.0%
Thai	250	0.0%	333	0.0%
Hindi	225	0.0%	347	0.0%
Turkish	191	0.0%	377	0.0%
Albanian	175	0.0%	332	0.0%
Serbo-Croatian	146	0.0%	158	0.0%
Braille	143	0.0%	201	0.0%
Japanese	141	0.0%	223	0.0%
Urdu	134	0.0%	228	0.0%
Persian	94	0.0%	171	0.0%
Ilocano	70	0.0%	81	0.0%
Gujarati	69	0.0%	104	0.0%
Hmong	60	0.0%	106	0.0%
French Creole	59	0.0%	106	0.0%
Bengali	53	0.0%	70	0.0%
Indonesian	49	0.0%	72	0.0%
Polish	42	0.0%	45	0.0%
Mien	40	0.0%	47	0.0%
Bulgarian	33	0.0%	37	0.0%
Kikuyu	30	0.0%	35	0.0%
Armenian	26	0.0%	39	0.0%
Finnish	22	0.0%	23	0.0%
Tongan	19	0.0%	21	0.0%
Danish	18	0.0%	25	0.0%
Fijian	18	0.0%	23	0.0%
Tamil	18	0.0%	25	0.0%
Dutch	16	0.0%	20	0.0%
German	15	0.0%	24	0.0%
Cebuano	14	0.0%	16	0.0%
Zulu	13	0.0%	25	0.0%
Tibetan	12	0.0%	13	0.0%
Ibo	11	0.0%	15	0.0%
Malayalam	11	0.0%	14	0.0%
Yoruba	11	0.0%	13	0.0%
Sudanese	10	0.0%	25	0.0%
All other languages ⁴	107	0.0%	162	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.