

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

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Primary Language	State Total			
	# of Unique ³ Households	% of Households	# of Unique ³ Clients	% of Clients
Total Households	1,320,966	100.0%	2,183,144	100.0%
English	1,124,307	85.1%	1,793,989	82.2%
Spanish	110,888	8.4%	230,553	10.6%
Large Print English	17,825	1.3%	24,674	1.1%
Russian	13,728	1.0%	28,585	1.3%
Vietnamese	9,347	0.7%	14,026	0.6%
Chinese	8,041	0.6%	12,247	0.6%
Ukrainian	7,001	0.5%	17,152	0.8%
Korean	3,703	0.3%	4,943	0.2%
Dari	2,856	0.2%	10,305	0.5%
Arabic	2,601	0.2%	6,435	0.3%
Other Language	1,663	0.1%	3,488	0.2%
Amharic	1,656	0.1%	3,222	0.1%
Cambodian (Khmer)	1,656	0.1%	2,205	0.1%
Punjabi	1,641	0.1%	2,624	0.1%
Somali	1,524	0.1%	3,749	0.2%
Portuguese	1,518	0.1%	3,128	0.1%
French	1,317	0.1%	2,663	0.1%
Tigrigna	1,240	0.1%	2,594	0.1%
Farsi	1,033	0.1%	1,767	0.1%
Tagalog	835	0.1%	1,080	0.0%
Pashto	704	0.1%	2,932	0.1%
Trukese	633	0.0%	1,353	0.1%
Romanian	504	0.0%	1,278	0.1%
Haitian-Creole	430	0.0%	730	0.0%
Laotian	407	0.0%	483	0.0%
Burmese	379	0.0%	971	0.0%
Swahili	357	0.0%	886	0.0%
American Sign Language	296	0.0%	336	0.0%
Samoan	264	0.0%	399	0.0%
Oromo	263	0.0%	767	0.0%
Thai	251	0.0%	345	0.0%
Hindi	226	0.0%	340	0.0%
Turkish	186	0.0%	368	0.0%
Albanian	173	0.0%	338	0.0%
Serbo-Croatian	149	0.0%	162	0.0%
Braille	139	0.0%	197	0.0%
Japanese	138	0.0%	224	0.0%
Urdu	137	0.0%	246	0.0%
Persian	101	0.0%	188	0.0%
Gujarati	72	0.0%	108	0.0%
Ilocano	71	0.0%	81	0.0%
Hmong	59	0.0%	101	0.0%
French Creole	58	0.0%	101	0.0%
Bengali	53	0.0%	67	0.0%
Indonesian	50	0.0%	79	0.0%
Polish	40	0.0%	42	0.0%
Mien	39	0.0%	47	0.0%
Bulgarian	33	0.0%	37	0.0%
Armenian	30	0.0%	49	0.0%
Kikuyu	29	0.0%	34	0.0%
Tamil	21	0.0%	34	0.0%
Tongan	20	0.0%	22	0.0%
Danish	18	0.0%	24	0.0%
Dutch	18	0.0%	19	0.0%
Finnish	18	0.0%	19	0.0%
Cebuano	16	0.0%	20	0.0%
Fijian	16	0.0%	21	0.0%
German	15	0.0%	27	0.0%
Ibo	12	0.0%	15	0.0%
Tibetan	11	0.0%	12	0.0%
Yoruba	11	0.0%	13	0.0%
Zulu	11	0.0%	16	0.0%
Chamorro	10	0.0%	14	0.0%
Malayalam	10	0.0%	12	0.0%
Visayan	10	0.0%	11	0.0%
All other languages ⁴	98	0.0%	147	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.