

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

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Primary Language	State Total			
	# of Unique ³ Households	% of Households	# of Unique ³ Clients	% of Clients
Total Households	1,335,640	100.0%	2,218,612	100.0%
English	1,136,903	85.1%	1,824,019	82.2%
Spanish	112,304	8.4%	234,578	10.6%
Large Print English	16,981	1.3%	23,489	1.1%
Russian	14,590	1.1%	30,662	1.4%
Vietnamese	9,501	0.7%	14,498	0.7%
Chinese	8,069	0.6%	12,428	0.6%
Ukrainian	7,441	0.6%	17,946	0.8%
Korean	3,736	0.3%	4,986	0.2%
Dari	2,798	0.2%	9,724	0.4%
Arabic	2,582	0.2%	6,369	0.3%
Cambodian (Khmer)	1,674	0.1%	2,264	0.1%
Other Language	1,621	0.1%	3,387	0.2%
Punjabi	1,603	0.1%	2,587	0.1%
Somali	1,588	0.1%	3,830	0.2%
Amharic	1,586	0.1%	3,105	0.1%
Portuguese	1,467	0.1%	2,988	0.1%
French	1,404	0.1%	2,755	0.1%
Tigrigna	1,277	0.1%	2,636	0.1%
Farsi	1,030	0.1%	1,757	0.1%
Tagalog	817	0.1%	1,057	0.0%
Pashto	680	0.1%	2,740	0.1%
Trukese	614	0.0%	1,308	0.1%
Romanian	546	0.0%	1,418	0.1%
Haitian-Creole	472	0.0%	753	0.0%
Laotian	418	0.0%	498	0.0%
Burmese	390	0.0%	1,008	0.0%
Swahili	350	0.0%	815	0.0%
American SignLanguage	304	0.0%	352	0.0%
Oromo	263	0.0%	726	0.0%
Samoan	252	0.0%	383	0.0%
Turkish	248	0.0%	436	0.0%
Thai	241	0.0%	323	0.0%
Hindi	220	0.0%	326	0.0%
Albanian	172	0.0%	315	0.0%
Japanese	147	0.0%	225	0.0%
Serbo-Croatian	146	0.0%	157	0.0%
Braille	142	0.0%	190	0.0%
Urdu	127	0.0%	229	0.0%
Persian	90	0.0%	160	0.0%
Ilocano	72	0.0%	88	0.0%
Gujarati	71	0.0%	107	0.0%
French Creole	69	0.0%	118	0.0%
Hmong	60	0.0%	106	0.0%
Bengali	55	0.0%	73	0.0%
Indonesian	45	0.0%	64	0.0%
Polish	45	0.0%	50	0.0%
Mien	40	0.0%	47	0.0%
Bulgarian	32	0.0%	36	0.0%
Armenian	28	0.0%	49	0.0%
Tongan	24	0.0%	30	0.0%
German	23	0.0%	38	0.0%
Kikuyu	23	0.0%	25	0.0%
Danish	19	0.0%	22	0.0%
Tamil	19	0.0%	25	0.0%
Finnish	17	0.0%	18	0.0%
Fijian	15	0.0%	19	0.0%
Ibo	15	0.0%	19	0.0%
Tibetan	14	0.0%	15	0.0%
Hungarian	12	0.0%	15	0.0%
Malayalam	12	0.0%	15	0.0%
Dutch	11	0.0%	12	0.0%
Visayan	11	0.0%	12	0.0%
Yoruba	11	0.0%	13	0.0%
Cebuano	10	0.0%	11	0.0%
All other languages ⁴	93	0.0%	158	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.