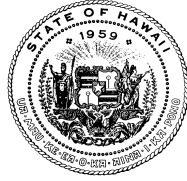


DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



ELIZABETH A. CHAR, M.D.
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF LANGUAGE ACCESS
1177 Alakea Street, Room B-100
Honolulu, HI 96801-3378
doh.ola@doh.hawaii.gov

APHIRAK BAMRUNGRUAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

OFFICE OF LANGUAGE ACCESS
MEMORANDUM No. 2021-004
November 4, 2021

TO: All Language Access Coordinators

FROM: Aphirak Bamrungruan, Executive Director
Office of Language Access

SUBJECT: The top 14 languages spoken by individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP) in the State of Hawaii

According to the 2015-2019 American Community Survey (ACS), Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) data from the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT), the top 14 languages spoken by individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP) in the State of Hawaii are:

1. Ilocano (36,962)
2. Japanese (17,269)
3. Tagalog (16,590)
4. Korean (12,430)
5. Spanish (7,971)
6. Cantonese (7,466)
7. Vietnamese (6,786)
8. Chuukese (5,711)
9. Mandarin (3,866)
10. Marshallese (3,412)
11. Hawaiian (2,875)
12. Samoan (2,473)
13. Cebuano (2,020)
14. Thai (1,545)

These are languages spoken by at least 5% of the state population or 1,000.00 people.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our office via email at DOH.OLA@doh.hawaii.gov or at (808) 586-8730.