

Households on Cash, Food, and Medical Assistance¹ Programs in Washington State By Primary Language², August 2023

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Primary Language	State Total			
	# of Unique ³ Households	% of Households	# of Unique ³ Clients	% of Clients
Total Households	1,381,719	100.0%	2,306,344	100.0%
English	1,203,828	87.1%	1,950,288	84.6%
Spanish	100,033	7.2%	212,016	9.2%
Russian	14,359	1.0%	30,408	1.3%
Large Print English	13,924	1.0%	19,284	0.8%
Vietnamese	9,457	0.7%	14,477	0.6%
Chinese	7,769	0.6%	12,014	0.5%
Ukrainian	6,041	0.4%	14,767	0.6%
Korean	3,723	0.3%	4,988	0.2%
Arabic	2,276	0.2%	5,856	0.3%
Dari	2,069	0.1%	7,023	0.3%
Somali	1,803	0.1%	4,266	0.2%
Cambodian (Khmer)	1,654	0.1%	2,217	0.1%
Punjabi	1,496	0.1%	2,408	0.1%
Amharic	1,403	0.1%	2,730	0.1%
Other Language	1,242	0.1%	2,776	0.1%
Tigrigna	1,143	0.1%	2,231	0.1%
Portuguese	1,074	0.1%	1,968	0.1%
Farsi	1,014	0.1%	1,725	0.1%
Tagalog	819	0.1%	1,086	0.0%
French	705	0.1%	1,596	0.1%
Pashto	579	0.0%	2,324	0.1%
Romanian	517	0.0%	1,330	0.1%
Trukese	473	0.0%	1,071	0.0%
Laotian	444	0.0%	537	0.0%
Burmese	402	0.0%	1,152	0.0%
American Sign Language	288	0.0%	319	0.0%
Albanian	256	0.0%	506	0.0%
Oromo	247	0.0%	730	0.0%
Swahili	242	0.0%	634	0.0%
Samoan	235	0.0%	363	0.0%
Thai	222	0.0%	293	0.0%
Haitian-Creole	214	0.0%	369	0.0%
Hindi	197	0.0%	295	0.0%
Serbo-Croatian	159	0.0%	179	0.0%
Japanese	143	0.0%	220	0.0%
Turkish	141	0.0%	239	0.0%
Braille	132	0.0%	199	0.0%
Urdu	107	0.0%	171	0.0%
Persian	78	0.0%	136	0.0%
Hmong	70	0.0%	141	0.0%
Ilocano	69	0.0%	85	0.0%
Gujarati	64	0.0%	94	0.0%
Mien	47	0.0%	62	0.0%
Polish	44	0.0%	54	0.0%
French Creole	43	0.0%	77	0.0%
Bengali	40	0.0%	54	0.0%
Bulgarian	35	0.0%	41	0.0%
Indonesian	33	0.0%	45	0.0%
Tongan	29	0.0%	41	0.0%
Armenian	28	0.0%	41	0.0%
Danish	22	0.0%	31	0.0%
Fijian	22	0.0%	32	0.0%
German	19	0.0%	26	0.0%
Kikuyu	19	0.0%	22	0.0%
Dutch	17	0.0%	23	0.0%
Finnish	17	0.0%	26	0.0%
Tibetan	14	0.0%	15	0.0%
Tamil	13	0.0%	15	0.0%
Ibo	12	0.0%	15	0.0%
Hungarian	11	0.0%	14	0.0%
Chamorro	10	0.0%	24	0.0%
Italian	10	0.0%	15	0.0%
Malayalam	10	0.0%	14	0.0%
Zulu	10	0.0%	14	0.0%
All other languages ⁴	103	0.0%	132	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/Health Care Authority.

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.