



FIRST LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH

Immigrants are faced with economic and cultural adjustments when they arrive in the United States. Learning English is a major task that faces them. On average, it takes immigrants six years to be able to accomplish most of the normal English language communication tasks required of them.

SOURCE: National Center for ESL Literacy

The population of people seeking ESL services is growing faster than any other sector of the adult education and literacy system, and the average wait tends to be considerably longer than for either adult basic or adult secondary education programs.

SOURCE: N. Fitzgerald, ESL Instruction in Adult Education: Findings from a National Evaluation.

NATIONAL STATISTICS

Nativity and Place of Birth		
Born in the United States	246,786,466	
Foreign Born	31,107,889	
Foreign born entering between 1990 and 2000	13,178,276	
Region of Birth of Foreign Born		
Europe	4,915,557	15.8%
Asia	8,226,254	26.4%
Africa	881,300	2.8%
Oceania	168,046	0.5%
Latin America	16,086,974	51.7%
Northern America	829,442	2.7%
Language Spoken at Home (population 5 years and over)		
English only	215,423,557	82.1%
Language other than English	46,951,595	17.9%
Speak English less than "very well"	21,320,407	8.1%
Spanish	28,101,052	10.7%
Speak English less than "very well"	13,751,256	5.2%
Other Indo-European languages	10,017,989	3.8%
Speak English less than "very well"	3,390,301	1.3%
Asian and Pacific Island languages	6,960,065	2.7%
Speak English less than "very well"	3,590,024	1.4%

SOURCE: U.S. Census 2000.

FLORIDA STATISTICS

Over 1.5 million of Florida's residents speak little or no English, making it difficult to access information that can assist them in everyday survival skills such as obtaining a driver's license, filling out a tax return, or knowing where to locate specific social services and recreational opportunities.

There is not enough space in programs to serve everyone who wants to learn English. Most cities have waiting lists of several months to several years, and some rural areas have no available classes.

In 1999, there were 115, 535 Florida adults enrolled in English for Limited English Proficient Adults programs and 3,980 adults in Citizenship classes.

SOURCE: Florida Department of Education, Adult General Education Information, Sept.2000.

Florida has a larger non-English speaking population than all states except California, Texas, and New York. Demographic changes in ethnicity within the state have been amplified in the public school population. Among ethnic groups, the most dramatic growth has occurred with Florida's Hispanic population of students which increased from 99,241 in 1976 to 612,985 in 2001.

Students enrolled in the K-12 Limited English Proficiency Program in 2001-02 numbered 204,236. During the October 2002 Survey Week in Florida school districts, there were 146,602 students from Grades 1-12 enrolled in ESOL classes.

Florida is projected to rank 3rd among all states in the number of arriving foreign immigrants during the next quarter century. The projected gain for Florida by 2025 is 1.9 million.

SOURCE: Change, and Response to Change in Florida's Public Schools 2002.

The five top Florida counties with people reporting they lived outside the U.S. five years before the 2000 census:

Miami-Dade	9.8%	Hendry	8.1%
Hamilton	9.3%	DeSoto	8.0%
Osceola	9.0%		

County	Foreign Born			Entered 1990 to March 2000
	Total Population	%	Number	
Florida	15,982,378	16.7	2,670,828	38.6
Alachua	217,955	7.3	15,895	51.3
Baker	22,259	1.1	250	33.2
Bay	148,217	3.6	5,382	28.6
Bradford	26,088	1.8	459	18.7
Brevard	476,230	6.5	31,001	26.1
Broward	1,623,018	25.3	410,387	40.9
Calhoun	13,017	2.2	286	28.3
Charlotte	141,627	8	11,292	20.2
Citrus	118,085	4.9	5,742	17.1
Clay	140,814	4.5	6,356	28.6
Collier	251,377	18.3	46,071	51.8
Columbia	56,513	2.3	1,316	30.8
DeSoto	32,209	18.7	6,037	66.3
Dixie	13,827	2	282	25.5
Duval	778,879	5.9	45,651	42.9
Escambia	294,410	3.7	10,821	33.1
Flagler	49,832	9.9	4,957	19.4
Franklin	11,057	1.9	210	24.3
Gadsden	45,087	4.1	1,848	41
Gilchrest	14,437	1.7	251	40.2
Glades	10,576	7.9	839	27.8
Gulf	13,332	2.1	275	33.5
Hamilton	13,327	2.3	300	59
Hardee	26,938	17.5	4,702	55.1
Hendry	36,210	24	8,700	49.8
Hernando	130,802	5.3	6,942	16.9
Highlands	87,366	9.1	7,912	44.2
Hillborough	998,948	11.5	115,151	42.6
Holmes	18,564	1.7	320	21.9
Indian River	112,947	8.1	9,151	35
Jackson	46,755	1.5	706	20.7
Jefferson	12,902	1.2	159	2.5
Lafayette	7,022	6.6	466	68.5

County	Foreign Born			Entered 1990 to March 2000
	Total Population	%	Number	
Lake	210,528	5.1	10,820	36.2
Lee	440,888	9.2	40,362	44.2
Leon	239,452	4.7	11,345	44.9
Levy	34,450	2.6	894	31
Liberty	7,021	2.1	146	59.6
Madison	18,733	2	372	50.5
Manatee	264,002	8.4	22,235	44.1
Marion	258,916	5.2	13,352	24.9
Martin	126,731	8.1	10,318	35.6
Miami-Dade	2,253,362	50.9	1,147,765	36.2
Monroe	79,589	14.7	11,732	41.5
Nassau	57,663	2.7	1,541	37.2
Okaloosa	170,498	5.3	8,984	25.5
Okeechobee	35,910	11.5	4,131	49.6
Orange	896,344	14.4	128,904	45.8
Osceola	172,493	14	24,110	45.9
Palm Beach	1,131,184	17.4	196,852	41.5
Pasco	344,765	7	24,129	28.6
Pinellas	921,482	9.5	87,685	37.5
Polk	483,924	6.9	33,519	43.3
Putnam	70,423	3.4	2,371	37.2
St. Johns	123,135	4.9	6,038	23.1
St. Lucie	192,695	10.5	20,165	36.4
Santa Rosa	117,743	3	3,549	29.1
Sarasota	325,957	9.3	30,416	36.9
Seminole	365,196	9.1	33,285	36.1
Sumter	53,345	5.5	2,938	28.2
Suwannee	34,844	4.7	1,631	63.5
Taylor	19,256	1.7	319	21.3
Union	13,442	2.1	284	31.3
Volusia	443,343	6.4	28,353	30
Wakulla	22,863	1.5	334	22.5
Walton	40,601	3.2	1,312	32.7
Washington	20,973	2.5	520	25.4

County	Population	Speak English "Very Well"	Speak English "Well"	Speak English "Not Well"	Speak English "Not at All"				
Florida	15,043,603	1,918,999	12.8%	712,799	4.7%	550,678	3.7%	291,388	1.9%
Alachua	206,860	17,450	8.4%	4,292	2.1%	1,842	.9%	227	.1%
Baker	20,670	541	2.6%	161	.8%	72	.3%	28	.1%
Bay	139,213	5,969	4.3%	1,734	1.2%	1,134	.8%	88	.1%
Bradford	24,690	799	3.2%	212	.9%	97	.4%	37	.1%
Brevard	451,553	27,582	6.1%	7,463	1.7%	3,748	.8%	658	.1%
Broward	1,520,842	264,476	17.4%	95,561	6.3%	59,953	3.9%	17,811	1.2%
Calhoun	12,264	469	3.8%	114	.9%	65	.5%	35	.3%
Charlotte	136,659	7,927	5.8%	2,089	1.5%	1,095	.8%	148	.1%
Citrus	113,648	4,805	4.2%	1,712	.9%	794	.7%	184	.2%
Clay	131,720	7,446	5.7%	1,777	1.3%	829	.6%	128	.1%
Collier	238,077	26,907	11.3%	12,761	5.4%	12,354	5.2%	7,642	3.2%
Columbia	52,904	1,692	3.2%	589	1.1%	347	.7%	55	.1%
DeSoto	30,331	2,604	8.6%	1,030	3.4%	1,470	4.8%	2,219	7.3%
Dixie	13,080	374	2.9%	132	1.0%	58	.4%	14	.1%
Duval	723,198	44,261	6.1%	14,191	2.0%	8,478	1.2%	1,443	.2%
Escambia	276,629	12,725	4.6%	3,515	1.3%	2,214	.8%	379	.1%
Flagler	47,707	3,623	7.6%	1,273	2.7%	405	.8%	379	.1%
Franklin	10,551	388	3.7%	138	1.3%	10	.1%	0	.0%
Gadsden	42,047	1,590	3.8%	512	1.2%	692	1.6%	307	.7%
Gilchrist	13,615	425	3.1%	65	.5%	85	.6%	3	.0%
Glades	9,966	1,172	11.8%	283	2.8%	275	2.8%	148	1.5%
Gulf	12,723	383	3.0%	131	1.0%	52	.4%	1	.0%
Hamilton	12,564	520	4.1%	141	1.1%	89	.7%	56	.4%
Hardee	24,870	3,798	15.3%	1,391	5.6%	1,543	6.2%	1,262	5.1%
Hendry	33,340	5,286	15.9%	2,159	6.5%	2,434	7.3%	2,795	8.4%
Hernando	124,914	7,825	6.3%	2,463	2.0%	1,218	1.0%	146	.1%
Highlands	82,787	5,845	7.1%	2,571	3.1%	1,648	2.0%	1,426	1.7%
Hillborough	931,276	113,230	12.2%	39,227	4.2%	28,250	3.0%	13,819	1.5%
Holmes	17,531	537	3.1%	154	.9%	75	.4%	30	.2%
Indian River	107,745	6,496	6.0%	2,307	2.1%	1,595	1.5%	849	.8%
Jackson	44,253	1,323	3.0%	436	1.0%	128	.3%	50	.1%
Jefferson	12,244	198	1.6%	105	.9%	67	.5%	7	.1%
Lafayette	6,620	324	4.9%	149	2.3%	125	1.9%	153	2.3%
Lake	199,560	10,922	5.5%	2,875	1.4%	2,194	1.1%	845	.4%
Lee	417,783	32,151	7.7%	10,843	2.6%	9,080	2.2%	4,501	1.1%
Leon	225,718	12,706	5.6%	2,791	1.2%	1,444	.6%	207	.1%
Levy	32,501	1,204	3.7%	309	1.0%	403	1.2%	57	.2%
Liberty	6,641	218	3.3%	66	1.0%	56	.8%	23	.3%
Madison	17,646	506	2.9%	141	.8%	140	.8%	65	.4%
Manatee	249,004	17,085	6.9%	6,459	2.6%	4,552	1.8%	2,427	1.0%
Marion	245,837	13,898	5.7%	4,123	1.7%	2,830	1.2%	812	.3%
Martin	121,277	7,353	6.1%	2,898	2.4%	2,132	1.8%	2,427	1.0%
Miami-Dade	2,108,512	700,351	33.2%	285,783	13.6%	261,782	12.4%	184,249	8.7%
Monroe	76,301	10,000	13.1%	2,777	3.6%	2,566	3.4%	994	1.3%
Nassau	54,148	1,549	2.9%	299	.6%	167	.3%	72	.1%
Okaloosa	159,735	8,470	5.3%	2,451	1.5%	1,516	.9%	160	.1%
Okeechobee	33,568	3,198	9.5%	1,145	3.4%	1,311	3.9%	802	2.4%
Orange	835,287	125,021	15.0%	47,230	5.7%	30,937	3.7%	9,102	1.1%
Osceola	161,025	30,739	19.1%	12,514	7.8%	7,938	4.9%	2,437	1.5%
Palm Beach	1,069,257	128,367	12.0%	51,028	4.8%	37,764	3.5%	15,032	1.4%
Pasco	326,884	21,943	6.7%	6,654	2.0%	3,903	1.2%	1,090	.3%
Pinellas	876,588	65,509	7.5%	22,208	2.5%	13,968	1.6%	3,177	.4%
Polk	453,180	30,300	6.7%	6,654	2.0%	3,903	1.2%	1,090	.3%
Putnam	66,043	2,545	3.9%	1,078	1.6%	863	1.3%	304	.5%
St. Johns	116,709	5,866	5.0%	1,217	1.0%	581	.5%	175	.1%
St. Lucie	182,029	14,210	7.8%	5,277	2.9%	3,792	2.1%	1,809	1.0%
Santa Rosa	109,975	4,174	3.8%	1,062	1.0%	550	.5%	57	.1%
Sarasota	313,327	19,776	6.3%	7,341	2.3%	4,388	1.4%	1,482	.5%
Seminole	341,949	35,675	10.4%	9,924	2.9%	6,262	1.8%	1,442	.4%
Sumter	51,222	2,840	5.5%	1,165	2.3%	508	1.0%	133	.3%
Suwannee	32,789	1,110	3.4%	310	.9%	557	1.7%	420	1.3%
Taylor	18,111	593	3.3%	105	.6%	84	.5%	0	.0%
Union	12,707	607	4.8%	113	.9%	106	.8%	51	.4%
Volusia	421,553	28,605	6.8%	9,959	2.4%	5,351	1.3%	1,493	.4%
Wakulla	21,496	670	3.1%	80	.4%	122	.6%	48	.2%
Walton	38,441	1,288	3.4%	329	.9%	291	.8%	43	.1%
Washington	19,709	560	2.8%	289	1.5%	178	.9%	56	.3%

SOURCE: U.S. Census 2000