

English Language Proficiency of Spanish-Speaking Population

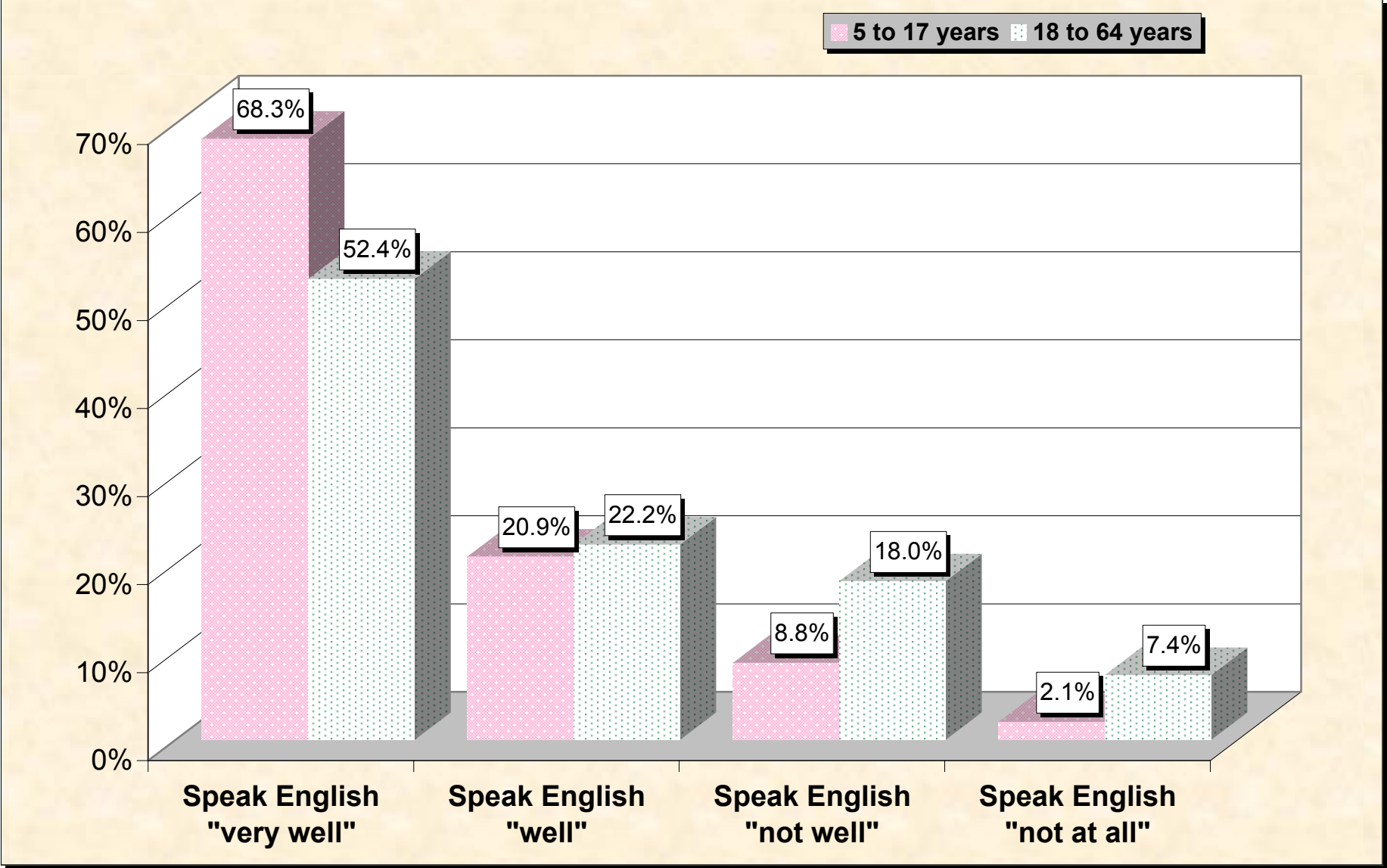
Massachusetts

Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data

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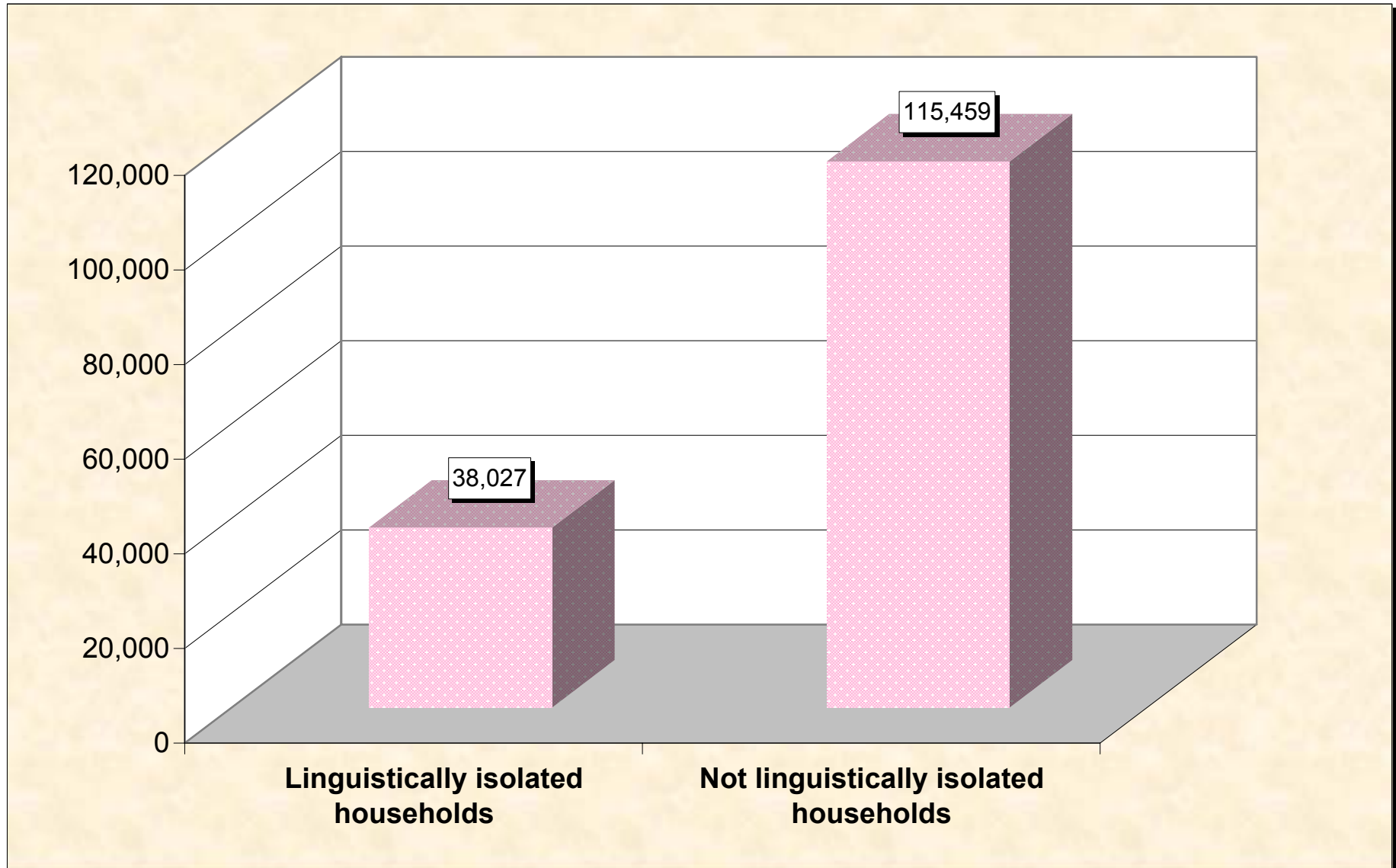
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Chart 1 -- English Proficiency by Age for Persons who Speak Spanish at Home Massachusetts



Source: Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data - P19. AGE BY LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME BY ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH FOR THE POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER [67] - Universe: Population 5 years and over

Chart 2 -- Linguistic Isolation of Spanish Language Households Massachusetts



Note: A **linguistically isolated Spanish language household** is one in which **no member** 14 years old and over (1) speaks only English or (2) speaks Spanish and speaks English "very well." In other words, all members 14 years old and over have at least some difficulty with English.

**AGE BY LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME BY ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH
FOR THE POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER**

source data for Chart 1

	Massachusetts		
	5 to 17 years:	18 to 64 years:	65 years and over:
Total:			
	5,954,249		
	1,101,119	3,993,529	859,601
Speak only English	893,964	3,226,612	718,103
Speak Spanish:	99,552	256,690	13,769
Speak English "very well"	68,011	134,475	4,617
Speak English "well"	20,758	56,988	2,488
Speak English "not well"	8,734	46,285	3,003
Speak English "not at all"	2,049	18,942	3,661
Speak other Indo-European languages:	69,290	347,389	113,105
Speak English "very well"	53,077	216,430	66,021
Speak English "well"	10,902	76,818	20,391
Speak English "not well"	4,858	44,926	18,117
Speak English "not at all"	453	9,215	8,576
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages:	31,605	129,059	10,589
Speak English "very well"	20,089	59,375	1,858
Speak English "well"	8,408	38,536	1,604
Speak English "not well"	2,810	25,322	3,457
Speak English "not at all"	298	5,826	3,670
Speak other languages:	6,708	33,779	4,035
Speak English "very well"	5,347	24,408	2,789
Speak English "well"	920	7,151	683
Speak English "not well"	409	1,942	403
Speak English "not at all"	32	278	160

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HOUSEHOLD LANGUAGE BY LINGUISTIC ISOLATION

source data for Chart 2

	Massachusetts
Total:	2,444,588
English	1,927,088
Spanish:	153,486
Linguistically isolated	38,027
Not linguistically isolated	115,459
Other Indo-European languages:	277,613
Linguistically isolated	52,346
Not linguistically isolated	225,267
Asian and Pacific Island languages:	64,183
Linguistically isolated	21,623
Not linguistically isolated	42,560
Other languages:	22,218
Linguistically isolated	3,011
Not linguistically isolated	19,207

Note: A **linguistically isolated household** is one in which **no member** 14 years old and over (1) speaks only English or (2) speaks a non-English language and speaks English "very well." In other words, all members 14 years old and over have at least some difficulty with English.

Source: Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data - P20. HOUSEHOLD LANGUAGE BY LINGUISTIC ISOLATION [14] - Universe: Households