

English Language Proficiency of Spanish-Speaking Population

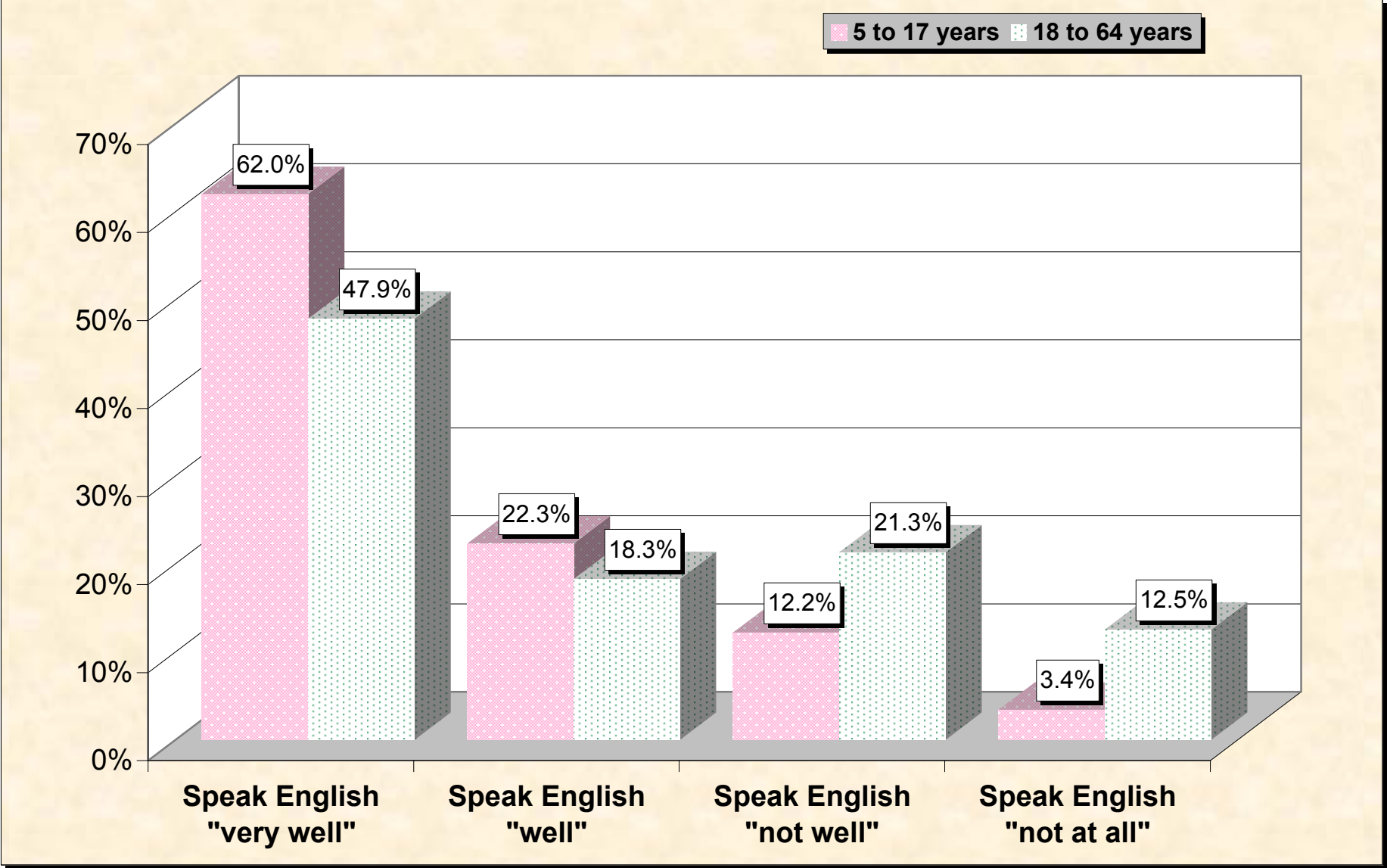
Washington

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

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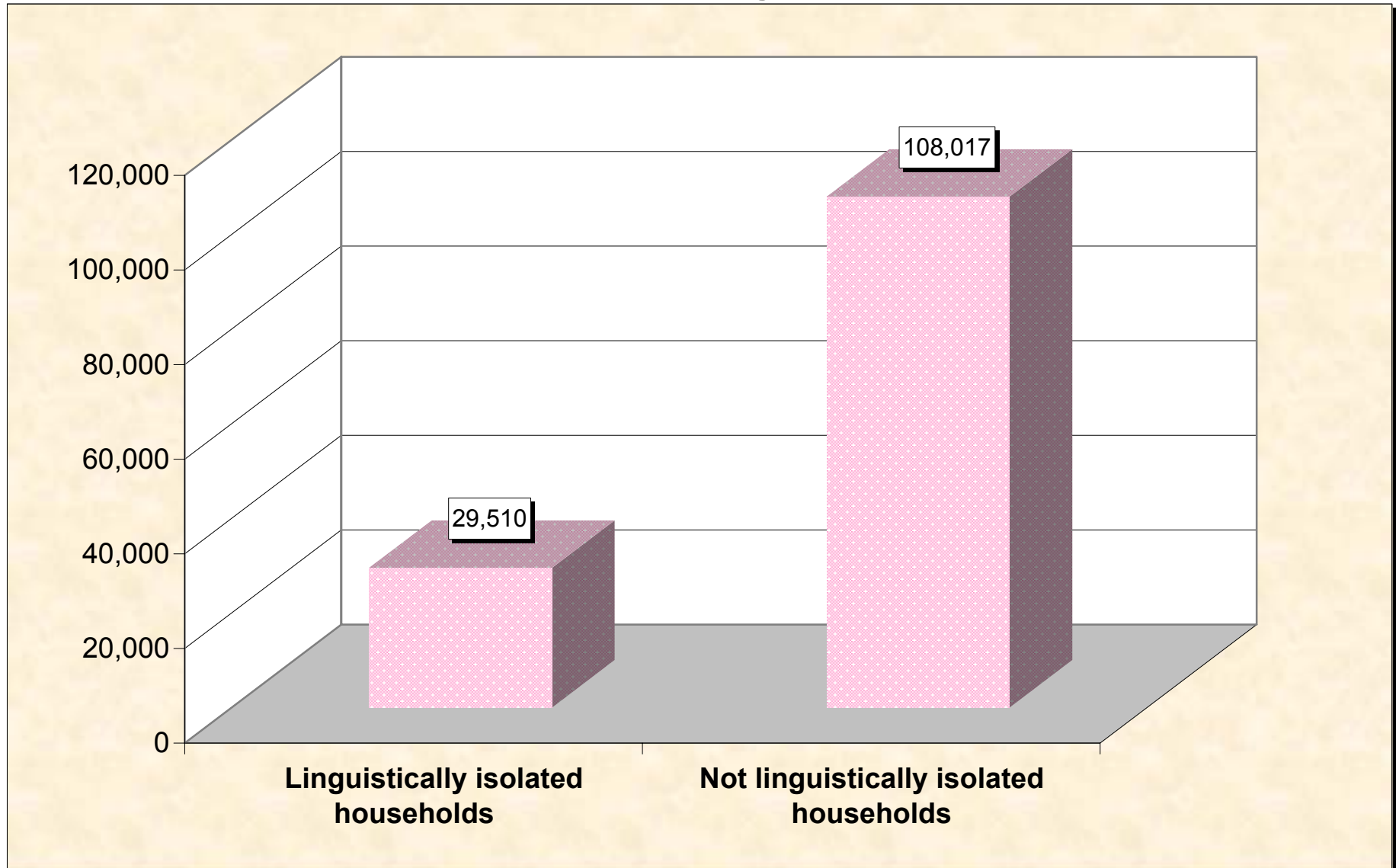
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Chart 1 -- English Proficiency by Age for Persons who Speak Spanish at Home Washington



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 Washington



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

	Washington		
	5 to 17 years:	18 to 64 years:	65 years and over:
Total:			
5,501,398			
	1,117,057	3,722,179	662,162
Speak only English	955,306	3,172,965	602,241
Speak Spanish:	83,975	226,612	10,903
Speak English "very well"	52,094	108,471	5,551
Speak English "well"	18,748	41,428	2,170
Speak English "not well"	10,251	48,290	1,719
Speak English "not at all"	2,882	28,423	1,463
Speak other Indo-European languages:	31,865	119,885	24,972
Speak English "very well"	20,318	78,271	15,852
Speak English "well"	7,126	22,697	4,172
Speak English "not well"	3,721	15,917	2,457
Speak English "not at all"	700	3,000	2,491
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages:	40,461	180,709	21,666
Speak English "very well"	25,720	87,416	6,612
Speak English "well"	10,309	55,264	4,947
Speak English "not well"	4,216	33,251	6,219
Speak English "not at all"	216	4,778	3,888
Speak other languages:	5,450	22,008	2,380
Speak English "very well"	3,942	14,204	1,521
Speak English "well"	970	5,316	467
Speak English "not well"	495	1,953	277
Speak English "not at all"	43	535	115

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HOUSEHOLD LANGUAGE BY LINGUISTIC ISOLATION

source data for Chart 2

	Washington
Total:	2,272,261
English	1,913,283
Spanish:	137,527
Linguistically isolated	29,510
Not linguistically isolated	108,017
Other Indo-European languages:	101,512
Linguistically isolated	15,457
Not linguistically isolated	86,055
Asian and Pacific Island languages:	104,483
Linguistically isolated	28,368
Not linguistically isolated	76,115
Other languages:	15,456
Linguistically isolated	2,821
Not linguistically isolated	12,635

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