

English Language Proficiency of Spanish-Speaking Population

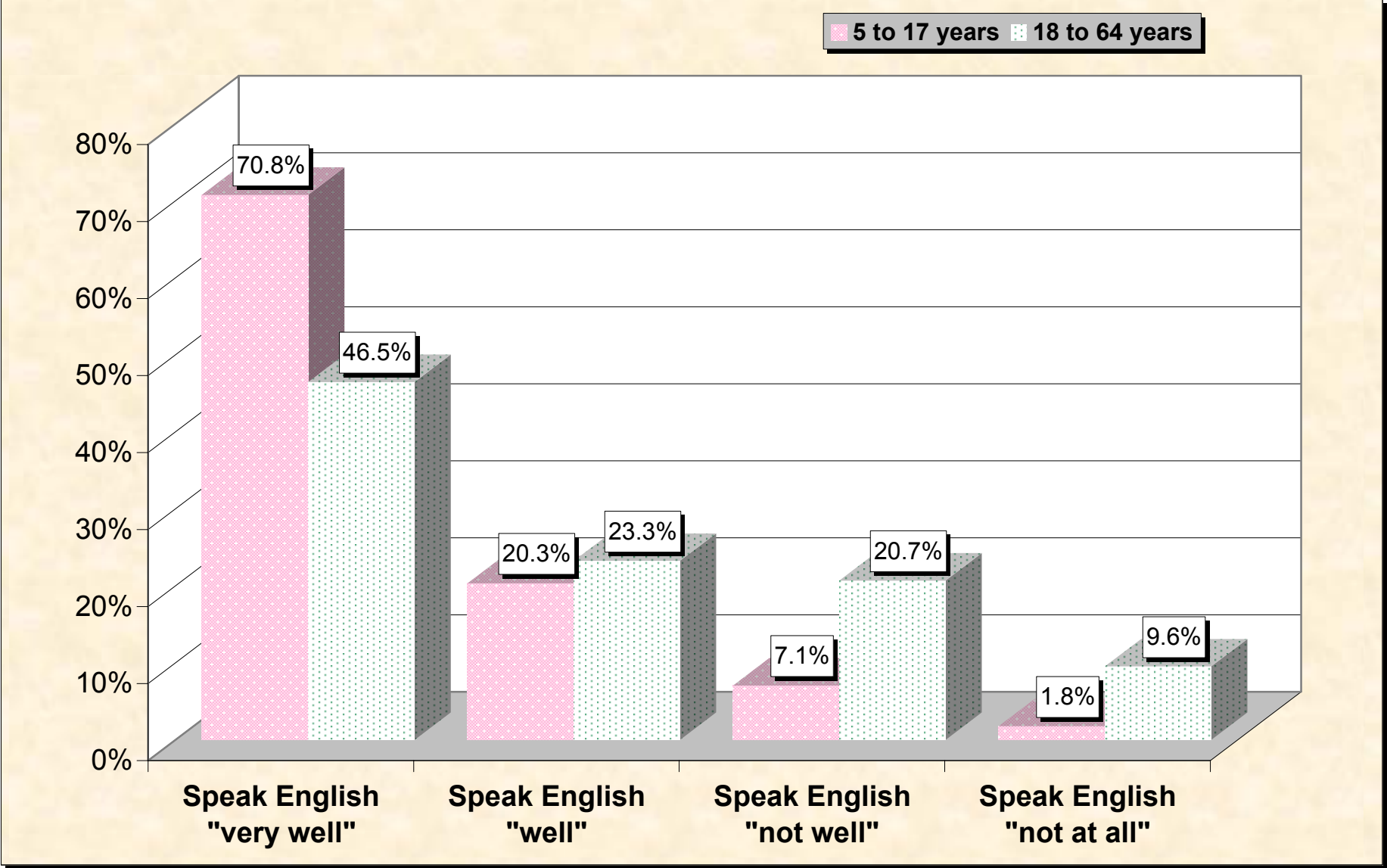
Essex County, Massachusetts

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

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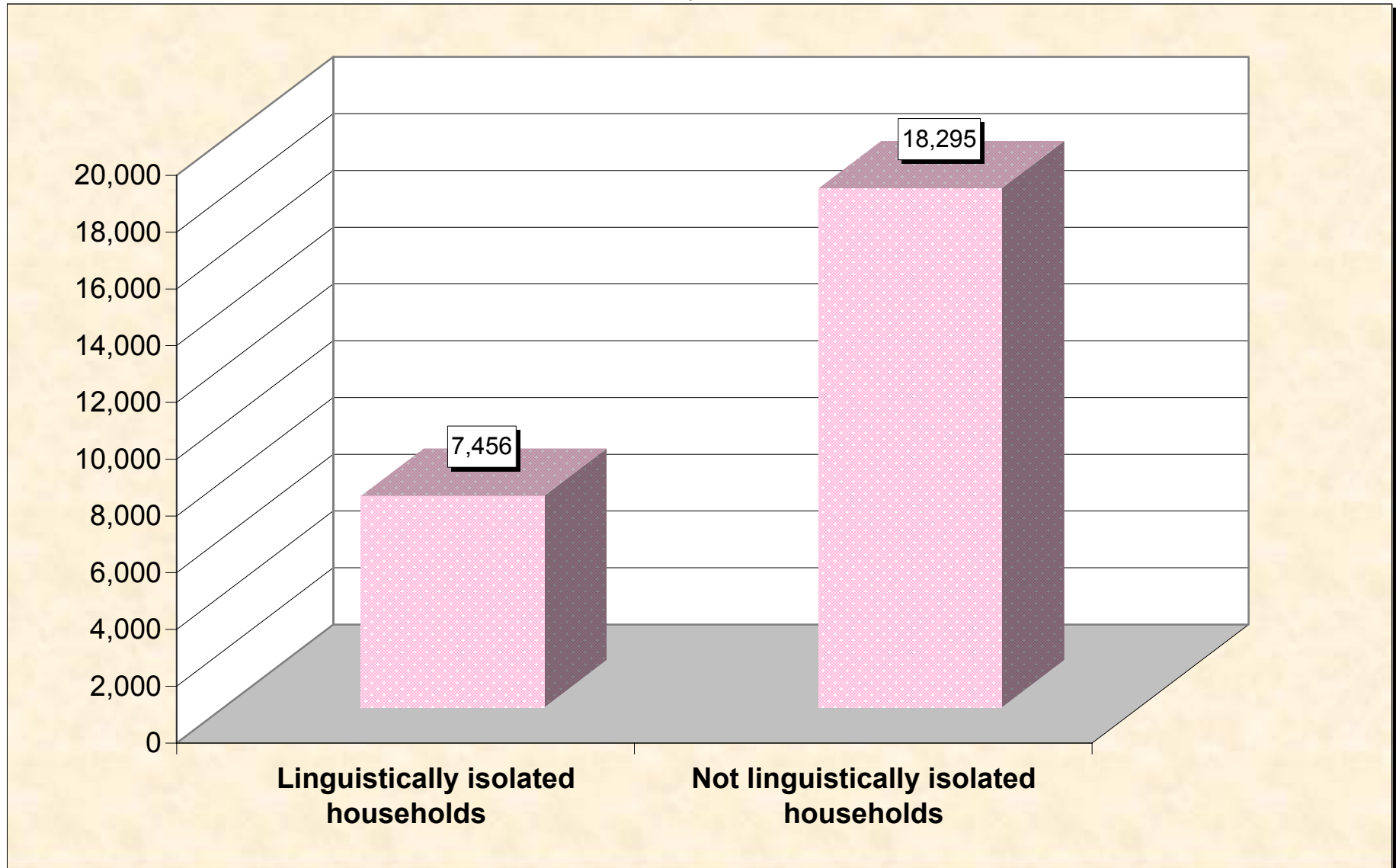
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Chart 1 -- English Proficiency by Age for Persons who Speak Spanish at Home Essex County, Massachusetts



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 Essex County, 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

Essex County, Massachusetts

	5 to 17 years:	18 to 64 years:	65 years and over:
Total:			
675,622			
	133,841	441,558	100,223
Speak only English	104,040	356,494	84,338
Speak Spanish:	20,706	45,956	2,325
Speak English very well""	14,657	21,363	527
Speak English well""	4,213	10,690	350
Speak English not well""	1,466	9,513	571
Speak English not at all""	370	4,390	877
Speak other Indo-European languages:	5,084	27,176	12,327
Speak English very well""	3,993	18,337	7,934
Speak English well""	744	5,194	1,992
Speak English not well""	334	3,335	1,879
Speak English not at all""	13	310	522
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages:	3,478	9,386	683
Speak English very well""	2,082	3,950	114
Speak English well""	1,002	2,889	145
Speak English not well""	330	2,187	247
Speak English not at all""	64	360	177
Speak other languages:	533	2,546	550
Speak English very well""	486	1,799	355
Speak English well""	33	567	105
Speak English not well""	8	155	55
Speak English not at all""	6	25	35

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HOUSEHOLD LANGUAGE BY LINGUISTIC ISOLATION

source data for Chart 2

Essex County, Massachusetts	
Total:	275,410
English	216,784
Spanish:	25,751
Linguistically isolated	7,456
Not linguistically isolated	18,295
Other Indo-European languages:	26,352
Linguistically isolated	4,241
Not linguistically isolated	22,111
Asian and Pacific Island languages:	4,745
Linguistically isolated	1,481
Not linguistically isolated	3,264
Other languages:	1,778
Linguistically isolated	246
Not linguistically isolated	1,532

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