

English Language Proficiency of Spanish-Speaking Population

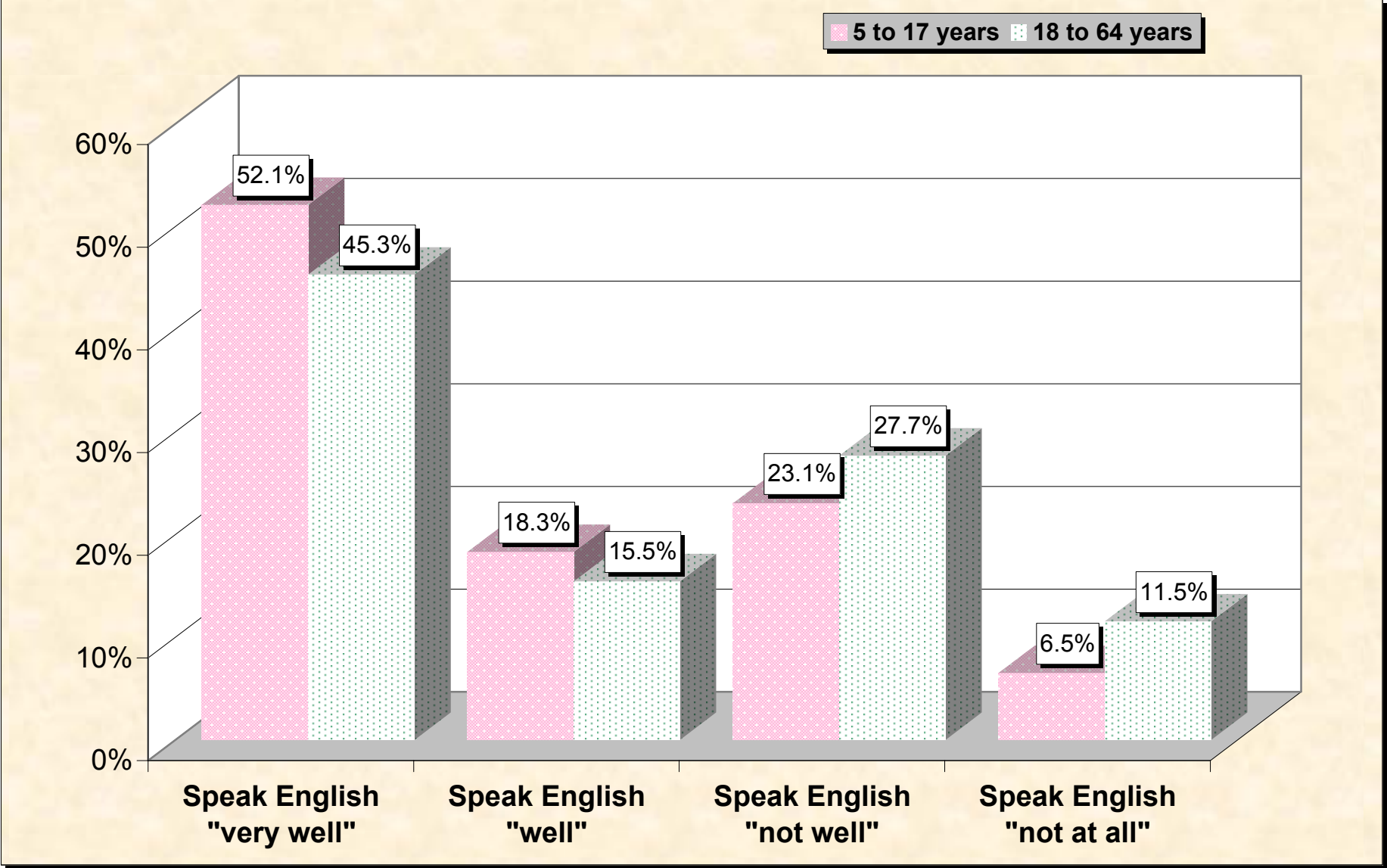
Buncombe County, North Carolina

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

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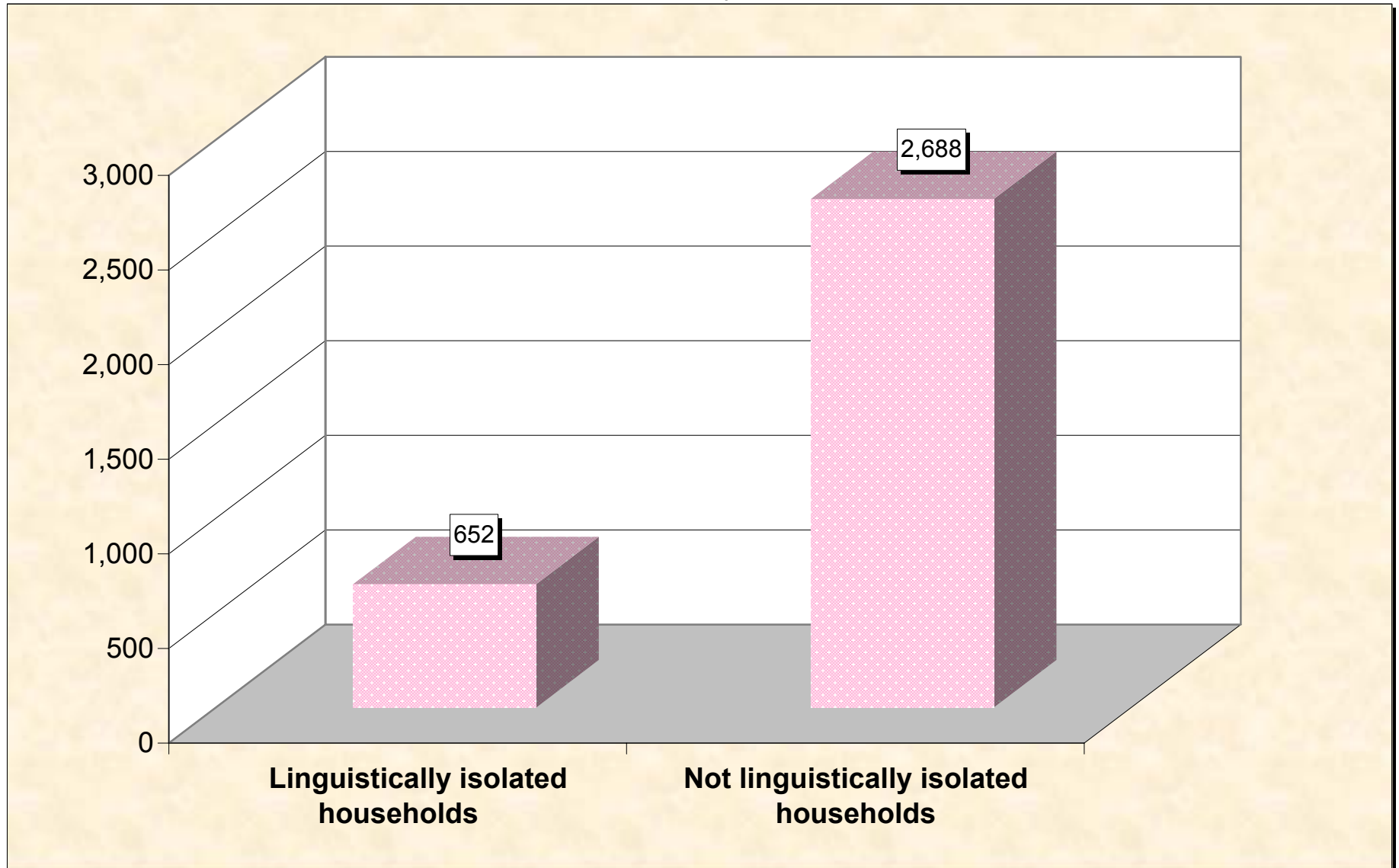
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Chart 1 -- English Proficiency by Age for Persons who Speak Spanish at Home Buncombe County, North Carolina



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 Buncombe County, North Carolina



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

Buncombe County, North Carolina

	5 to 17 years:	18 to 64 years:	65 years and over:
Total:			
194,791			
	33,542	129,495	31,754
Speak only English	31,337	121,147	30,781
Speak Spanish:	1,518	4,634	289
Speak English "very well"	791	2,100	187
Speak English "well"	278	716	34
Speak English "not well"	350	1,283	64
Speak English "not at all"	99	535	4
Speak other Indo-European languages:	484	2,437	572
Speak English "very well"	291	1,578	391
Speak English "well"	124	430	100
Speak English "not well"	61	363	63
Speak English "not at all"	8	66	18
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages:	168	1,021	64
Speak English "very well"	137	644	48
Speak English "well"	16	186	7
Speak English "not well"	12	124	9
Speak English "not at all"	3	67	0
Speak other languages:	35	256	48
Speak English "very well"	12	191	34
Speak English "well"	7	28	10
Speak English "not well"	16	27	4
Speak English "not at all"	0	10	0

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HOUSEHOLD LANGUAGE BY LINGUISTIC ISOLATION

source data for Chart 2

Buncombe County, North Carolina	
Total:	85,743
English	79,517
Spanish:	3,340
Linguistically isolated	652
Not linguistically isolated	2,688
Other Indo-European languages:	2,114
Linguistically isolated	315
Not linguistically isolated	1,799
Asian and Pacific Island languages:	591
Linguistically isolated	94
Not linguistically isolated	497
Other languages:	181
Linguistically isolated	15
Not linguistically isolated	166

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