

English Language Proficiency of Spanish-Speaking Population

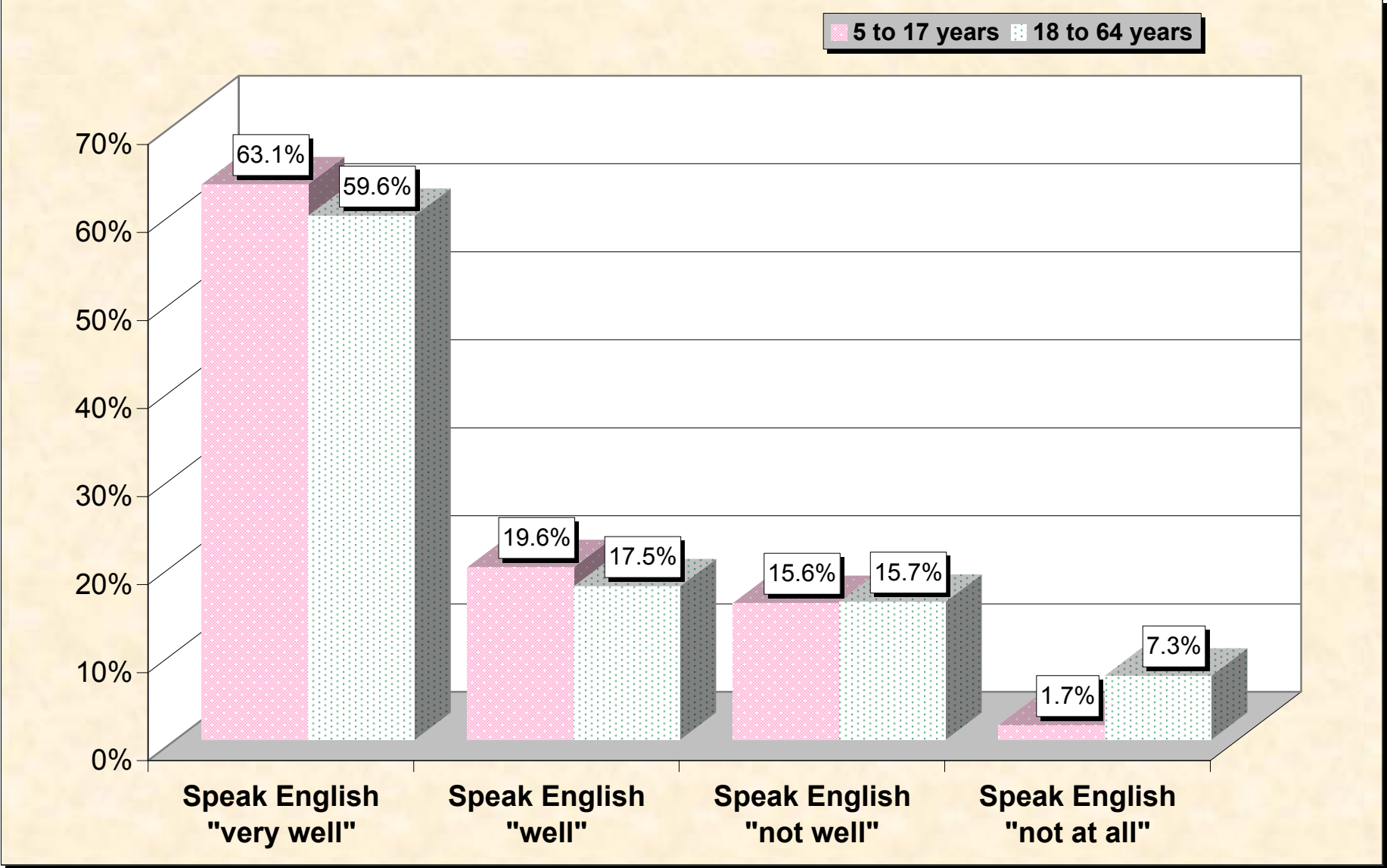
Pierce County, Washington

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

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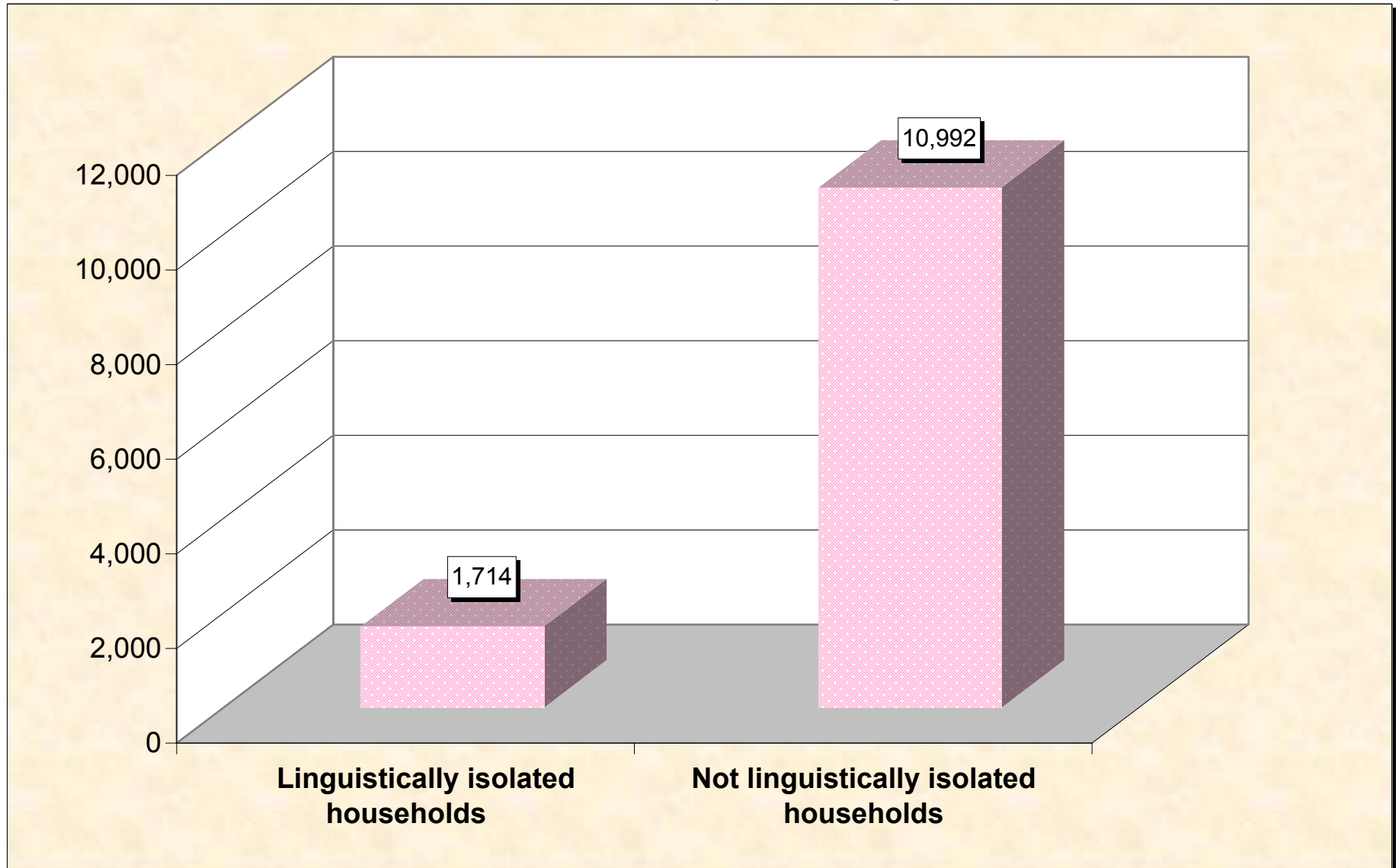
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Chart 1 -- English Proficiency by Age for Persons who Speak Spanish at Home Pierce County, Washington



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 Pierce County, 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

	Pierce County, Washington		
	5 to 17 years:	18 to 64 years:	65 years and over:
Total:			
651,081			
	140,518	439,177	71,386
Speak only English	126,358	384,426	63,649
Speak Spanish:	5,281	18,497	824
Speak English "very well"	3,334	11,016	588
Speak English "well"	1,037	3,229	142
Speak English "not well"	822	2,904	71
Speak English "not at all"	88	1,348	23
Speak other Indo-European languages:	2,908	12,698	3,459
Speak English "very well"	1,843	9,255	2,499
Speak English "well"	604	1,934	595
Speak English "not well"	392	1,337	260
Speak English "not at all"	69	172	105
Speak Asian and Pacific Island languages:	5,792	22,321	3,334
Speak English "very well"	3,784	10,574	1,077
Speak English "well"	1,398	6,447	787
Speak English "not well"	600	4,540	859
Speak English "not at all"	10	760	611
Speak other languages:	179	1,235	120
Speak English "very well"	143	928	84
Speak English "well"	25	260	19
Speak English "not well"	11	33	17
Speak English "not at all"	0	14	0

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HOUSEHOLD LANGUAGE BY LINGUISTIC ISOLATION

source data for Chart 2

Pierce County, Washington	
Total:	260,897
English	220,453
Spanish:	12,706
Linguistically isolated	1,714
Not linguistically isolated	10,992
Other Indo-European languages:	12,417
Linguistically isolated	1,291
Not linguistically isolated	11,126
Asian and Pacific Island languages:	14,451
Linguistically isolated	3,655
Not linguistically isolated	10,796
Other languages:	870
Linguistically isolated	68
Not linguistically isolated	802

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