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## English Learners (ELs) Who Are American Indian and/or Alaska Native (AI/AN)

### States With the Highest Percentage of ELs Who Were AI/AN: SY 2011–12

State	Percentage of AI/AN ELs in State	Number of AI/AN ELs in State	Total Number of ELs in State
Montana	75.3%	3,304	2,488
Alaska	50.0%	7,722	15,432
North Dakota	30.3%	1,156	3,817
New Mexico	16.9%	9,220	54,631
South Dakota	15.8%	672	4,263
Wyoming	9.8%	258	2,645
Oklahoma	4.8%	2,171	44,792
Arizona	3.1%	2,542	83,275
Nebraska	2.7%	527	19,415
Utah	2.4%	1,077	45,777
Total in U.S.	1.0%	46,322	4,745,918

### Fact

In SY 2011–12, the total EL population in the U.S. included 1.1 percent AI/AN students.

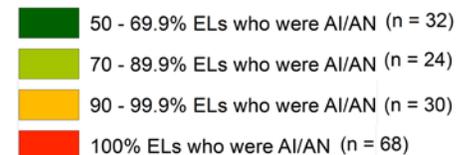
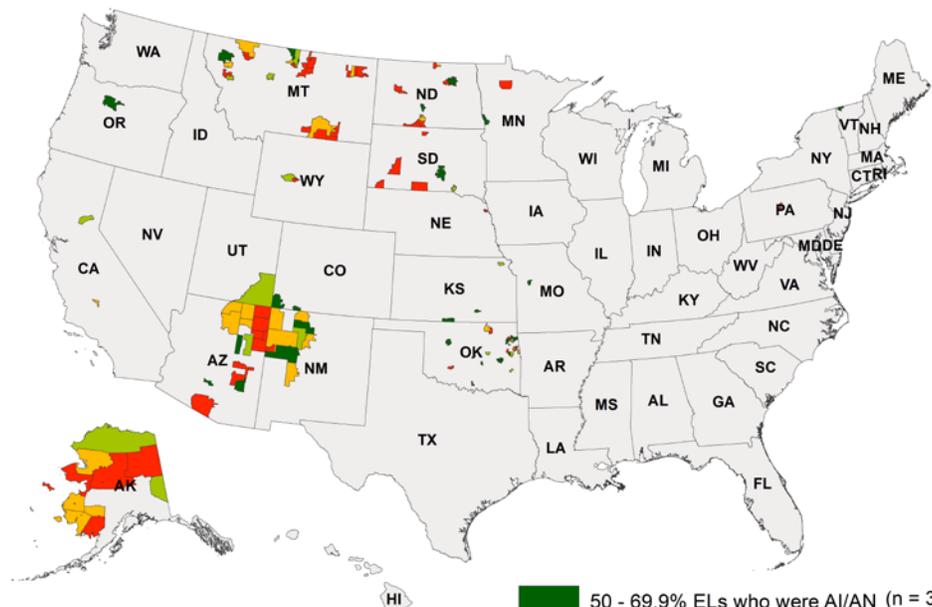
Montana had the highest percentage of ELs who were AI/AN (75.3 percent), followed by Alaska, with 49 percent.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Civil Rights Data Collection, SY 2011–12

### Local Education Agencies With High Percentages of ELs Who Were AI/AN: SY 2011–12

### Fact

In SY 2011–12, ELs who were AI/AN made up 100 percent of the EL population in 68 local education agencies.



Source: U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, Civil Rights Data Collection, SY 2011–12

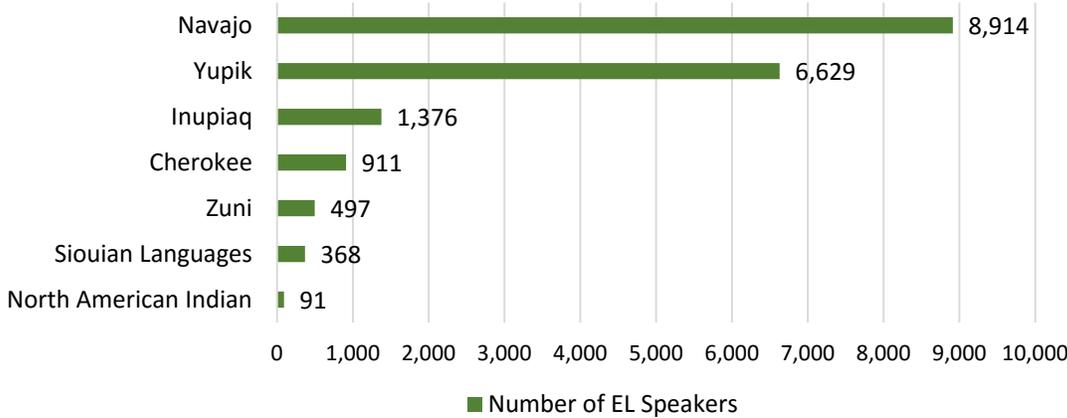


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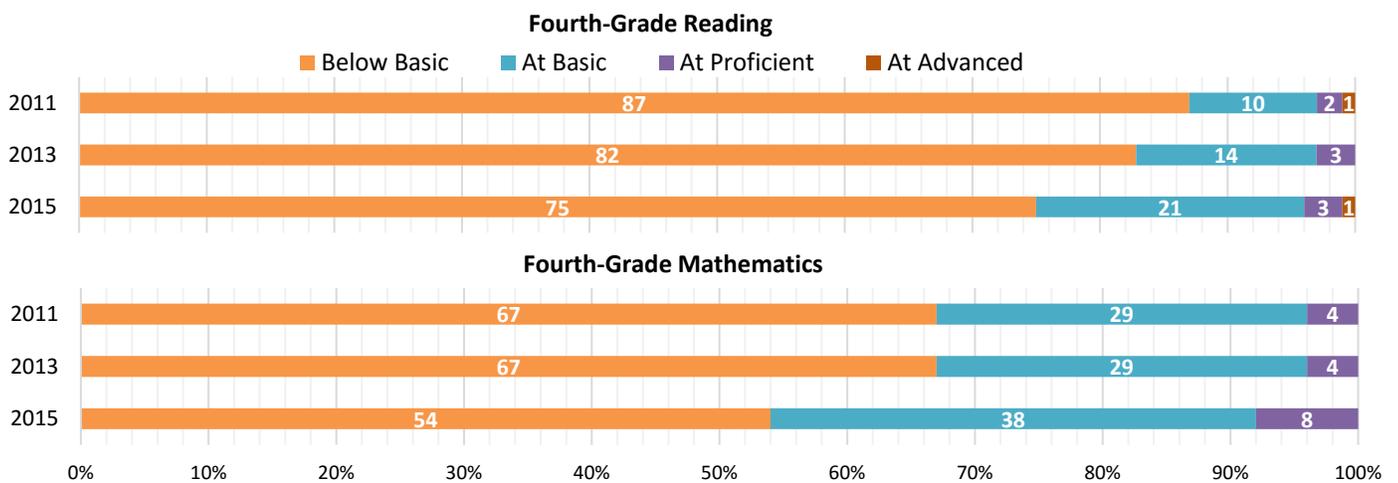
### AI/AN Languages Spoken by ELs as Reported by Seven States: SY 2013–14



**Fact**  
 In SY 2013–14, the seven AI/AN languages spoken by ELs, as reported by seven states, were Navajo, Yupik, Inupiaq, Cherokee, Zuni, Siouian languages, and North American Indian.

Note: Alaska, Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Utah reported AI/AN languages among the top five most commonly spoken languages for ELs, other than English. Montana reported “North American Indian” as one of the languages.  
 Source: EDFacts/Consolidated State Performance Report, SY 2013–14

### National Assessment of Educational Progress\* Proficiency Level Distributions for ELs Who Are AI/AN: 2011, 2013, and 2015



\* Also known as the Nation’s Report Card, NAEP is the largest nationally representative assessment of what students know about mathematics, reading, science, writing, the arts, civics, economics, geography, U.S. history, and technology and engineering literacy.  
 Sources: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 2011, 2013, and 2015 Reading and Mathematics Assessments. For more information, visit <http://www.nationsreportcard.gov/>.

**Fact**  
 ELs who were AI/AN scored higher in fourth-grade reading and mathematics in 2015 than in 2011 on the NAEP assessments.

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