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

Fact
In SY 2015–16, six states identified AI/AN languages among the top five non-English languages most commonly spoken by ELs. Alaska and New Mexico reported the highest number of ELs who speak an AI/AN language with 6,775 and 6,240 speakers, respectively.

States Reporting American Indian and/or Alaska Native Languages as One of Five Most Common EL Languages Spoken: SY 2015–16

Most Common AI/AN EL Languages as Reported by Six States:
SY 2015–16

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<th>Language</th>
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<td>Yupik languages</td>
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Fact
In SY 2015–16, the AI/AN languages reported in state lists of top-five EL languages spoken included Navajo/Navaho, Yupik, and Inupiaq, among other languages.

Note: Alaska, Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Utah reported AI/AN languages among the top five most commonly spoken languages for ELs, other than English. New Mexico reported “Navajo/Navaho and Zuni” as two of the top five spoken languages. Montana reported “North American Indian” as one of the languages.

Source: EDFacts/Consolidated State Performance Report, SY 2015–16
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Scores: All Non-ELs, All ELs, AI/AN Non-ELs, and AI/AN ELs: 2009–2015

Fourth-Grade Reading

Fourth-Grade Mathematics


NAEP Proficiency Level Distributions for ELs Who Are AI/AN: 2011, 2013, and 2015

Fourth-Grade Reading

Fourth-Grade Mathematics


Fact

ELs who are AI/AN consistently scored at a lower level than other ELs in fourth-grade reading and mathematics on the NAEP assessment from 2009 to 2015. More ELs who are AI/AN scored at basic or above in fourth-grade reading and mathematics on the NAEP assessments in 2015 than in 2011 or 2013.