English Learners (ELs) Who Are Hispanic/Latino

Spanish-Speaking ELs by State, Including DC: SY 2015–16

Fact

- In SY 2015–16, 37 states and the District of Columbia reported 65% or more of ELs speaking Spanish.
- In 2015–16, over 75% of ELs in U.S. public schools were Hispanic and predominantly concentrated (more than 60%) in four states (CA, TX, FL, and IL).

In SY 2015-16, Hispanic ELs represented approximately 7.6% of all students and over 75% of ELs in U.S. public schools.

As of 2015, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, 94.3% of Hispanic children under 18 were born in the United States.

Spanish-Speaking ELs in U.S. Public Schools, SYs 2011–12 to 2015–16

Fact
- In SY 2015-16, Spanish was the most commonly spoken language among ELs.
- ELs in U.S. public schools speak over 400 different languages and dialects.


National Assessment of Educational Achievement, Fourth Grade Mathematics: Hispanic/Latino ELs And Non-ELs, SYs 2013-17

Fact
In SYs 2013–14 to 2016–17:
- Hispanic ELs consistently performed less well than Hispanic non-ELs in fourth grade mathematics.
- Only 12% of Hispanic ELs scored as “proficient” compared to over 30% of Hispanic Non-ELs.