

YouGov Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 11th - 24th April 2025

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Were you or were you not brought up in a household where someone spoke a language other than English fluently on a regular basis?

Yes, I was	19	12	18	17	6	17	8	20	18	33	26	13	7	20	18	19	19	14	16	16	44	15	9	74
No, I was not	80	87	82	82	93	82	91	80	81	66	73	87	93	80	81	80	80	85	84	83	54	85	90	24
Don't know	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	1	2

How useful, if at all, would you say it is to be able to speak a language other than English?

Very useful	46	36	55	50	28	51	36	44	48	56	50	42	37	50	40	46	43	46	44	43	55	45	42	63
Fairly useful	41	47	38	40	47	41	45	41	40	34	39	42	45	39	43	40	44	42	41	41	34	42	43	28
TOTAL USEFUL	86	83	93	91	75	91	81	85	88	90	89	84	83	89	83	86	87	88	85	84	90	87	86	91
Not very useful	8	9	5	7	13	6	10	9	7	7	6	9	10	7	9	8	6	6	10	9	5	7	8	7
Not useful at all	3	4	1	0	7	1	5	3	2	0	2	4	4	2	4	3	4	2	2	3	2	3	3	0
TOTAL NOT USEFUL	10	14	6	7	19	7	15	12	9	8	8	12	14	9	12	11	10	8	12	12	7	11	11	7
Don't know	3	3	1	2	6	2	4	3	3	2	3	4	3	2	4	3	3	4	2	4	3	2	3	2

Can you speak any languages other than English fluently (i.e. have a full conversation with a native speaker)?

Yes, I can	20	15	20	21	10	20	11	19	20	25	24	17	13	24	15	20	21	15	18	18	43	15	11	67
No, I can't	79	84	79	78	90	79	88	80	79	74	74	83	86	76	84	79	78	84	81	81	55	85	88	31
Don't know	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	2

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You said previously you can speak at least one foreign language fluently (i.e. have a full conversation with a native speaker). Which language(s) other than English can you speak fluently?

[Asked only to those who said they can speak at least one foreign language fluently; n=840]

French	26	40	25	36	48	36	42	26	27	18	15	35	58	29	20	27	20	26	24	33	18	34	44	10
Spanish	11	8	15	4	19	14	11	11	12	12	10	12	14	13	9	10	14	22	14	9	10	9	17	7
German	11	17	10	10	24	11	23	10	13	10	6	19	19	13	8	11	12	20	10	10	5	17	19	4
Urdu	10	3	9	7	1	10	6	9	10	16	10	10	4	8	12	10	1	7	15	7	13	6	0	18
Hindi	9	11	10	9	1	10	7	10	8	11	9	10	6	10	8	9	3	14	7	8	12	8	1	16
Punjabi	6	5	7	5	1	7	8	6	5	4	5	9	3	5	7	6	0	5	8	8	4	6	0	11
Italian	5	2	4	6	0	5	6	4	6	5	4	7	8	5	4	5	5	11	3	4	6	5	8	3
Welsh	4	4	5	3	8	6	3	4	5	4	5	4	3	5	3	1	62	5	3	0	0	1	7	1
Gujarati	4	11	4	0	2	7	3	4	4	3	3	7	4	3	5	5	0	0	4	5	6	3	0	8
Cantonese	4	6	4	7	12	3	3	5	3	5	5	3	1	5	1	4	0	2	4	4	7	2	0	8
Afrikaans	3	4	3	9	1	2	8	4	3	2	3	3	5	3	3	4	0	0	4	4	3	3	3	3
Mandarin	3	1	3	3	7	1	1	4	2	5	4	1	1	4	1	3	1	1	2	0	6	2	0	6
Russian	3	3	0	4	0	0	2	2	3	8	3	1	1	4	1	3	0	8	3	2	0	5	4	2
Arabic	3	0	2	5	0	1	0	3	3	8	2	3	1	3	2	3	0	6	4	1	3	3	0	5
Portuguese	3	3	2	0	1	1	2	2	4	3	4	1	0	1	6	3	0	1	4	2	5	2	1	4
Bengali	3	1	3	1	0	3	1	3	2	7	3	2	0	2	3	3	0	0	4	3	4	1	0	5
Japanese	2	1	2	1	4	2	0	1	4	3	3	1	1	3	2	2	2	8	2	0	3	2	1	4
Turkish	2	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	3	7	2	0	0	1	3	2	0	5	1	6	1	1	2	2
Polish	2	1	0	2	0	2	1	2	2	1	2	2	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	0	2	3	3	0
Dutch	2	2	1	0	3	2	3	1	2	0	1	0	7	2	1	1	0	7	1	0	0	3	3	0
Greek	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	9	1	0	1	1	2	1
Romanian	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	3	1	0	5	0	5	1	1	2	1
Swahili	1	2	2	1	0	2	3	2	1	1	1	2	3	1	2	1	0	3	1	0	2	2	0	2
Swedish	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	2	1	3	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	5	0	0	3	1	2	1
Indonesian	1	0	0	3	2	0	1	2	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	4	0	0	1	0	2
Tamil	1	2	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	2
Persian/Farsi	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	5	0	0	1	1	0	2
Korean	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	2
Hungarian	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0
Tagalog/Filipino	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1
Finnish	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0
Thai	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	1
Scottish Gaelic	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	1	0
Norwegian	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Hebrew	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Danish	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Some other language	16	11	16	13	2	10	9	15	17	20	20	10	8	14	22	17	5	16	17	12	20	16	10	22

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Would you like to be able to speak another language other than English fluently?

Yes, I would	92	90	97	91	84	93	88	91	92	88	96	87	89	92	92	91	97	96	83	92	96	93	91	93
No, I would not	5	6	1	5	3	3	3	6	4	11	3	6	3	4	6	5	0	0	11	5	3	3	3	6
Don't know	4	4	2	4	13	4	9	3	4	1	1	7	8	4	2	4	3	4	7	3	0	4	6	1

Would you like to be able to speak a language other than English fluently?

[Asked only to those who said they cannot speak any foreign language fluently; n=2053]

Yes, I would	75	65	82	83	71	85	65	76	74	84	81	71	66	81	68	74	82	75	73	70	80	76	75	85
No, I would not	18	26	14	8	21	11	26	17	20	9	15	22	24	14	23	19	10	20	19	22	13	18	19	11
Don't know	7	9	4	9	7	4	9	7	7	7	4	7	10	5	9	7	8	4	9	7	7	5	7	4

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If you could learn a language other than English,
which language would that be?

[Asked only to those who said they cannot speak any
foreign language fluently and would like to; n=1579]

Afrikaans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arabic	2	1	2	1	0	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	1	2	1	2	0	2	2	1	5	1	1	9
Bengali	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
Cantonese	1	1	1	0	2	1	2	2	1	0	2	0	2	1	2	2	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	1
Danish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dutch	1	1	1	0	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	2	1	0
Finnish	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
French	18	22	17	22	16	20	18	17	19	10	16	17	27	20	15	18	15	13	19	15	18	19	18	16
German	10	12	10	8	9	10	9	13	7	18	8	8	10	8	12	9	4	16	10	10	9	9	10	3
Greek	2	3	1	1	4	1	3	2	2	2	1	2	4	2	1	2	0	1	1	1	3	3	2	0
Gujarati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	4
Hebrew	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	1
Hindi	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Hungarian	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Indonesian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Italian	8	9	9	5	9	10	6	6	9	4	8	10	6	8	7	8	7	6	6	9	9	8	8	4
Japanese	4	3	4	5	3	3	4	5	3	4	6	3	1	4	5	4	1	8	4	4	2	5	4	5
Korean	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mandarin	3	4	3	7	3	3	2	5	1	4	3	3	2	3	4	4	0	0	4	2	3	4	3	6
Norwegian	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Persian/Farsi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Polish	1	0	1	4	3	1	2	1	2	0	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	0
Portuguese	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	1
Punjabi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Romanian	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Russian	1	0	0	1	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	3	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Scottish Gaelic	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	6	0	0	1	1	1	0
Spanish	30	27	33	26	30	28	30	27	32	32	29	32	27	30	30	30	17	30	34	32	26	29	30	28
Swahili	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Swedish	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0
Tagalog/Filipino	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	2
Tamil	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thai	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Turkish	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0
Urdu	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	2
Welsh	3	2	3	2	1	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	1	36	0	1	1	2	1	3	1
Some other language	3	2	3	1	2	2	4	3	4	4	4	1	4	3	3	3	5	2	2	4	3	3	3	5
Don't know	6	6	4	8	7	6	5	4	7	2	5	7	7	5	6	6	4	7	3	8	4	7	6	5

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What would you say is the main reason that you would you want to speak a language other than English?

[Asked to those who would like to learn another language; n=2365]

To use when travelling abroad	29	35	29	32	31	31	34	29	28	20	25	33	37	30	27	29	20	28	31	27	24	31	31	16
For personal improvement	21	22	19	20	26	19	24	23	19	19	22	21	22	20	23	21	20	25	19	22	20	23	23	16
Understanding media in foreign languages	3	2	3	4	2	2	2	3	2	7	2	1	3	2	3	3	4	2	3	2	2	2	3	3
To engage with other cultures	18	15	19	21	13	22	15	19	18	17	19	21	15	18	19	18	14	24	19	16	22	17	18	20
To improve my employment opportunities	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	4	5	8	7	2	0	5	3	4	12	3	4	4	6	4	4	7
Enjoyment of learning languages	8	7	9	6	6	8	8	5	10	6	8	8	9	7	9	8	9	3	6	12	9	8	7	10
I would like to live abroad	4	3	5	3	6	4	4	5	4	7	5	3	3	5	4	5	1	3	7	3	5	4	4	5
To communicate with family or friends	8	9	6	8	6	7	6	7	9	12	8	6	7	9	6	8	8	5	6	10	10	8	6	16
Some other reason	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	3	5	3	3	4	3	10	4	4	2	3	3	3	5
Don't know	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	2	2	1	1	0	1	1	2

In your previous answers you said that you do not fluently speak a language other than English, but would like to. What would you say is the main reason that you have not yet learned to fluently speak a language other than English?

[Asked only to those who said they cannot speak any foreign language fluently and would like to; n=1579]

I have not had time to learn	21	17	22	20	19	21	15	18	23	26	28	18	7	24	15	21	25	18	23	19	26	18	19	26
I have found it too difficult to learn	22	22	21	23	20	22	20	22	21	27	22	21	19	21	22	21	29	26	19	26	18	20	21	21
I have not had a pressing enough reason to learn	28	36	28	21	27	27	31	32	24	20	25	29	36	29	26	29	19	23	27	30	21	32	29	22
I was put off by lessons at school	10	9	13	11	11	12	11	10	10	7	8	13	12	9	12	10	1	13	11	10	14	9	10	5
I worry I could never be good enough	8	5	8	7	8	6	10	8	8	6	7	8	10	6	9	8	6	5	9	6	9	8	8	7
Some other reason	10	8	8	16	11	9	10	8	12	9	9	8	13	9	11	10	14	7	9	9	9	11	9	16
Don't know	3	3	1	2	3	2	2	3	2	6	2	2	3	2	4	2	6	8	2	0	3	2	3	3

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What would you say is the main reason that you would not want to be able to speak a language other than English?

[Asked only to those who cannot speak a foreign language and don't want to; n=353]

I do not need to know any other language	28	28	31	24	36	29	28	29	27	0	27	36	26	31	26	27	39	37	25	28	20	29	30	4
I am too old to learn	13	20	9	25	17	17	15	14	12	0	7	7	27	11	15	13	23	12	14	12	4	14	14	6
It is too difficult to learn	14	10	18	9	13	20	11	14	15	35	21	14	5	14	14	15	8	10	12	21	30	12	14	44
I do not travel abroad	13	13	12	11	7	6	16	10	15	0	5	17	19	9	16	12	0	22	16	14	5	10	13	6
English is the only language you need	12	11	5	10	19	7	15	18	8	32	3	16	15	14	11	13	8	7	18	3	7	17	11	13
I do not have the time	11	10	13	2	3	11	8	7	14	21	22	6	3	12	10	11	21	6	10	13	10	11	11	7
Some other reason	6	6	9	19	5	10	6	4	7	0	11	1	5	9	3	6	0	5	5	4	17	6	6	0
Don't know	2	2	3	0	0	1	1	2	3	13	3	3	0	1	4	3	0	0	1	5	7	2	1	20

*Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.