Language Ability

In most counties in this study, the majority of Latino residents have indicated that they speak Spanish at home; only in Racine County are there fairly equal percentages of "only English" and Spanish speakers.

For those who report speaking Spanish at home, generally a large percentage indicate that they also speak English very well or well. Those who do not speak English at all are a small fraction of the Latino population in these counties.

Table 7. Language Spoken at Home, and Self-Identified English Ability, 2010-14

Language Spoken at Home	Brown County	Kenosha County	Milwaukee County	Racine County	Dane County	Fond du Lac County	Door County	Kewaunee County	Trempealeau County
Only English	25%	41%	30%	52%	29%	38%	42%	41%	23%
Spanish*	74%	59%	70%	48%	71%	61%	58%	59%	75%
Of those that speak Spanish at home, they also report that they:									
Speak English "very well"	49%	67%	53%	54%	48%	50%	76%	41%	33%
Speak English "well"	20%	17%	21%	22%	23%	17%	14%	13%	31%
Speak English "not well"	19%	9%	20%	18%	22%	23%	8%	30%	27%
Speak English "not at all"	12%	7%	6%	6%	7%	10%	2%	15%	10%

^{*}a small (<1%) of Latinos indicate speaking a language other than English or Spanish at home