

New 2018-2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Released

Last week, the Census Bureau released the [newest 5-year estimates from the American Community Survey \(ACS\)](#). These estimates detail America's economic and social characteristics for the period from 2018 to 2022. [Unlike the 1-year ACS estimates, which only describe geographies with populations over 65,000, these multi-year estimates also cover small geographic areas.](#) This means we get data for all of Utah's counties, small cities and towns, and neighborhoods within larger cities.

The American Community Survey explores more than 40 different topics. A few findings from the newest data include:

8 in 10 Utahns speak English at home.

- During the 2018-2022 period, 84.5% of Utahns spoke English at home, a slight decrease from the previous five-year period, 2013-2017, when 85.2% did.
- Among Utahns who spoke a language other than English at home, more than two-thirds (67.4%) spoke Spanish.
- The third most common language spoken in Utah homes was Chinese (including Mandarin and Cantonese), spoken by 3.4% of Utahns who do not speak English at home.

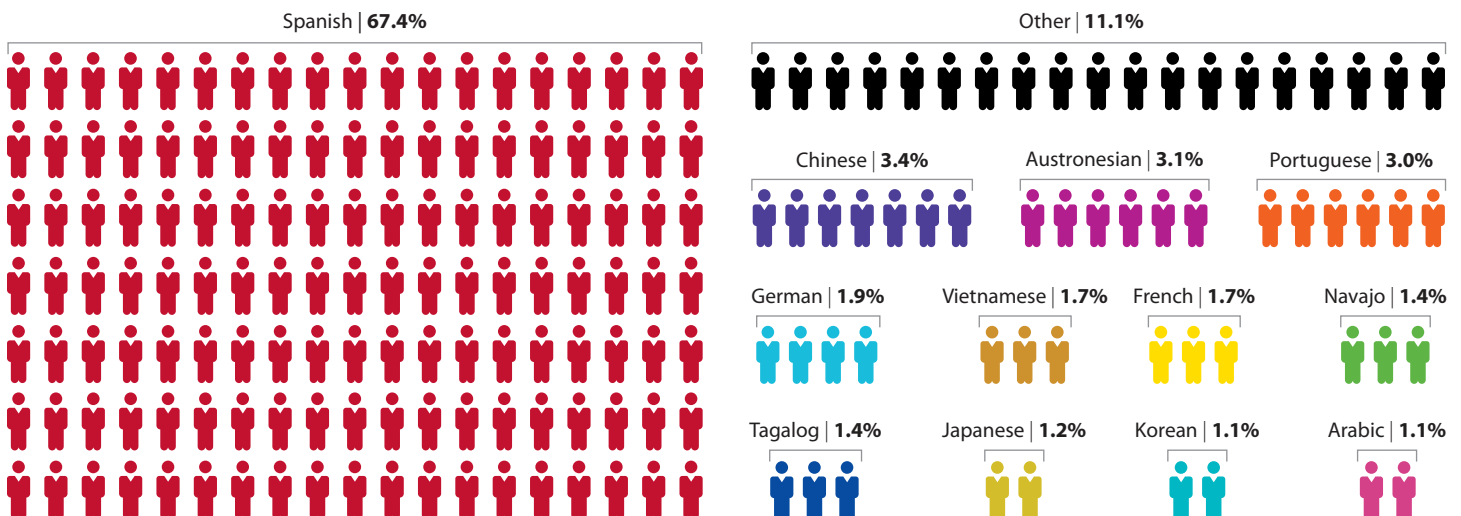
Utah boasts the 2nd lowest poverty level in the nation.

- During the estimate period, 8.5% of Utahns lived on incomes below the poverty level. Only New Hampshire had a lower overall rate.
- Utah's poverty rate decreased from 11.0% in the previous five-year estimate period (2013-2017).
- Utah's youth poverty rate (for children under 18) decreased from 12.5% to 8.8%, while the poverty rate for residents age 60 and older stayed the same.

Utah's foreign-born population did not grow.

- More than 276,000 Utahns were born outside of the United States, accounting for 8.4% of the state's total population. Statistically speaking, his population size and share match the 2013-2017 estimates.
- Over 70% of foreign-born Utahns 16 and over were employed during the period between 2018 and 2022, exceeding the 66.4% rate for Utahns born in the United States.
- Over 70% of Utah's foreign-born residents entered the United States prior to 2010.

Figure 1: Languages other than English spoken in Utah Homes, 2018-2022

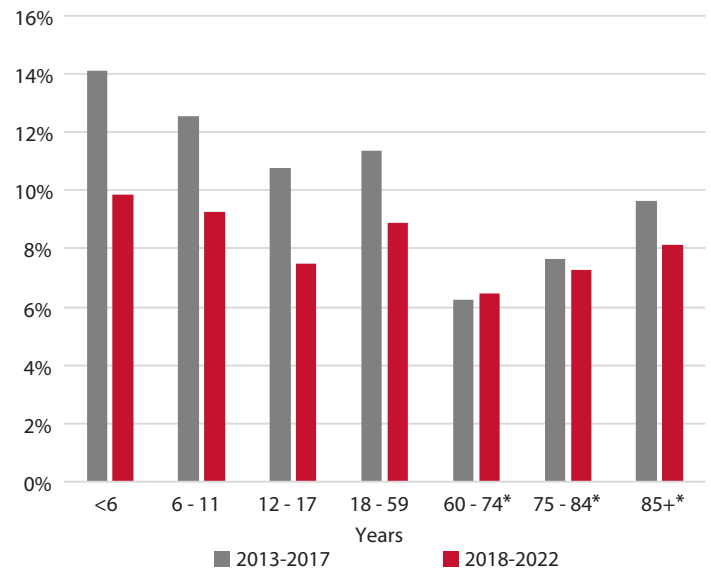


Note: "Other" includes 29 languages and language groups spoken by less than 5,000 residents combined category. "Chinese" includes Mandarin and Cantonese. "Austronesian languages" include Samoan, Hawaiian, and Ilocano, among others. "Tagalog" includes Filipino. Data represents the population 5 years and older. Full information available in Table B16001. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

All summary tables from the 2022 5-year ACS data are now at your fingertips, available at www.data.census.gov. To encourage your exploration, here are a few additional tables that might be of interest:

- Utahns ages 25 to 39 with bachelor's degrees in engineering earned the highest median incomes (\$87,010) of any college major, followed by degrees in computers, mathematics, or statistics (\$85,509), and business (\$73,131). [Data is available in table B15014.](#)
- Summit County residents worked from home at higher rates than residents in any other Utah county: 20.2%. The next highest was Wasatch County (16.3%), followed by Salt Lake County (15.3%). [Data is available in table B08301.](#)

Figure 2: Utah Poverty Rates by Age, 2013-2017 & 2018-2022



Note: *Differences between the 2013-2017 and 2018-2022 estimates were statistically insignificant for the 60-74, 75-84, and 85+ age groups.
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates