

Language Identification Questions

The most precise way to estimate LEP service populations is to identify and track the primary language of LEP individuals that interact with the program, service, or activity.

One means of tracking LEP data is to include language based questions on surveys, applications, and other means of obtaining feedback. Staff members may also track language use information that they gather during interviews or other in-person interactions.

US Census Bureau Language Identification Questions:

1. Do you speak a language other than English at home?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
2. What language do you speak at home?
 - a. Write in or provide drop down of language options.
3. How well do you speak/understand English?
 - a. Very well (fluent)
 - b. Well (conversational)
 - c. Not well
 - d. Not at all

Alternative Language Identification Questions

1. Is English your preferred language?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
2. If English is not your preferred language, please select your preferred language below.
 - a. Provide drop down of language options.

“I Speak” Language Identification

1. “I Speak” form for use with hard copy questionnaires:
<https://www.lep.gov/ISpeakCards2004.pdf>
2. Other “I Speak” language identification resources:
<https://www.lep.gov/resources/resources.html>