The U.S. Census Bureau defines a Limited English Proficient (LEP) person as someone who speaks English “not well” or “not at all”.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 23.7% (or 490,968 persons) of the Houston residents speak English less than “very well” compared to 8.2% in the United States (“not well” and “not at all” combined). This is almost three times higher than the nation.

38.3% (or 792,174 persons) of the Houston residents (5 years and over) speak Spanish at home.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2014 1-Year Estimates.