



*Contemporary sociolinguistic
situation in the USA*



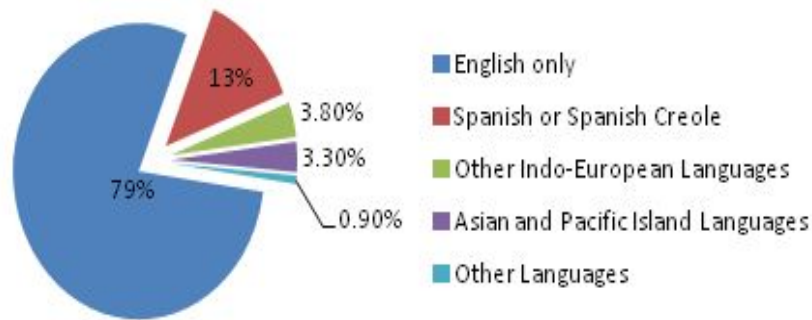
Plan

- 1. USA one of the few countries without a national language.*
- 2. Spoken languages in the USA.*
- 3. The population of the USA.*
- 4. Writing speech.*
- 5. Interesting facts about African-Americans.*
- 6. Conclusion.*

United States - one of the few countries without a national language. English is the main language in paperwork, in schools, but there isn't the law of the state language in the United States.



Percent of Languages Spoken in U.S. in 2012 (ages 5 and up)



TOP SPOKEN LANGUAGES IN THE U.S.

MAJOR LANGUAGE GROUPS BY SPEAKER POPULATION

ENGLISH 230.9 MILLION

SPANISH 37.6 MILLION

CHINESE 2.9 MILLION

TAGALOG 1.6 MILLION

VIETNAMESE 1.4 MILLION

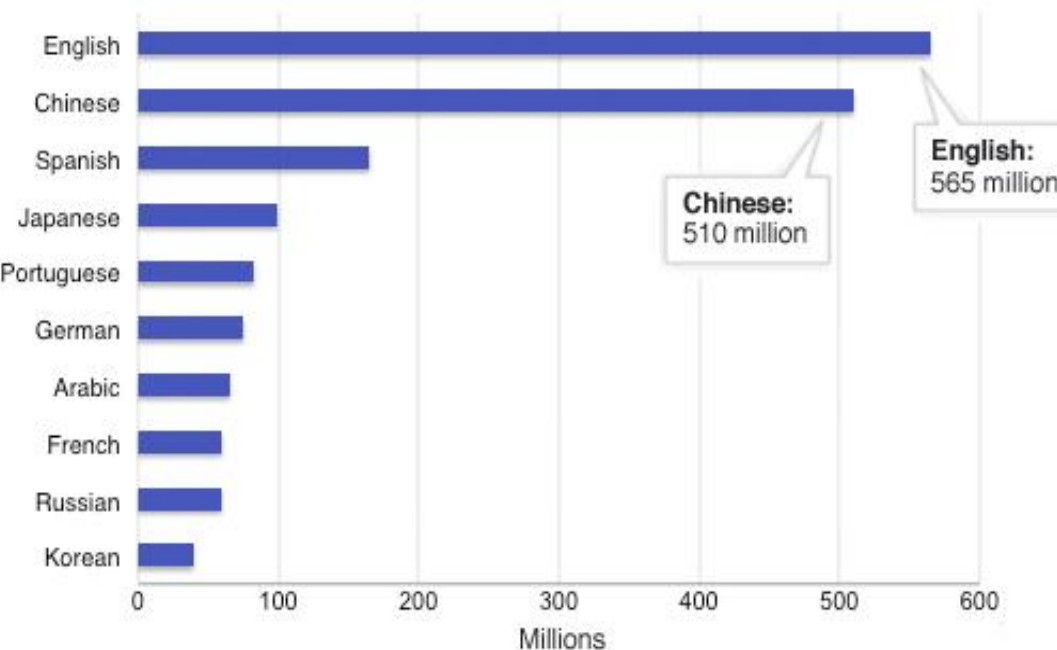
FRENCH 1.3 MILLION

KOREAN 1.1 MILLION

GERMAN 1.1 MILLION

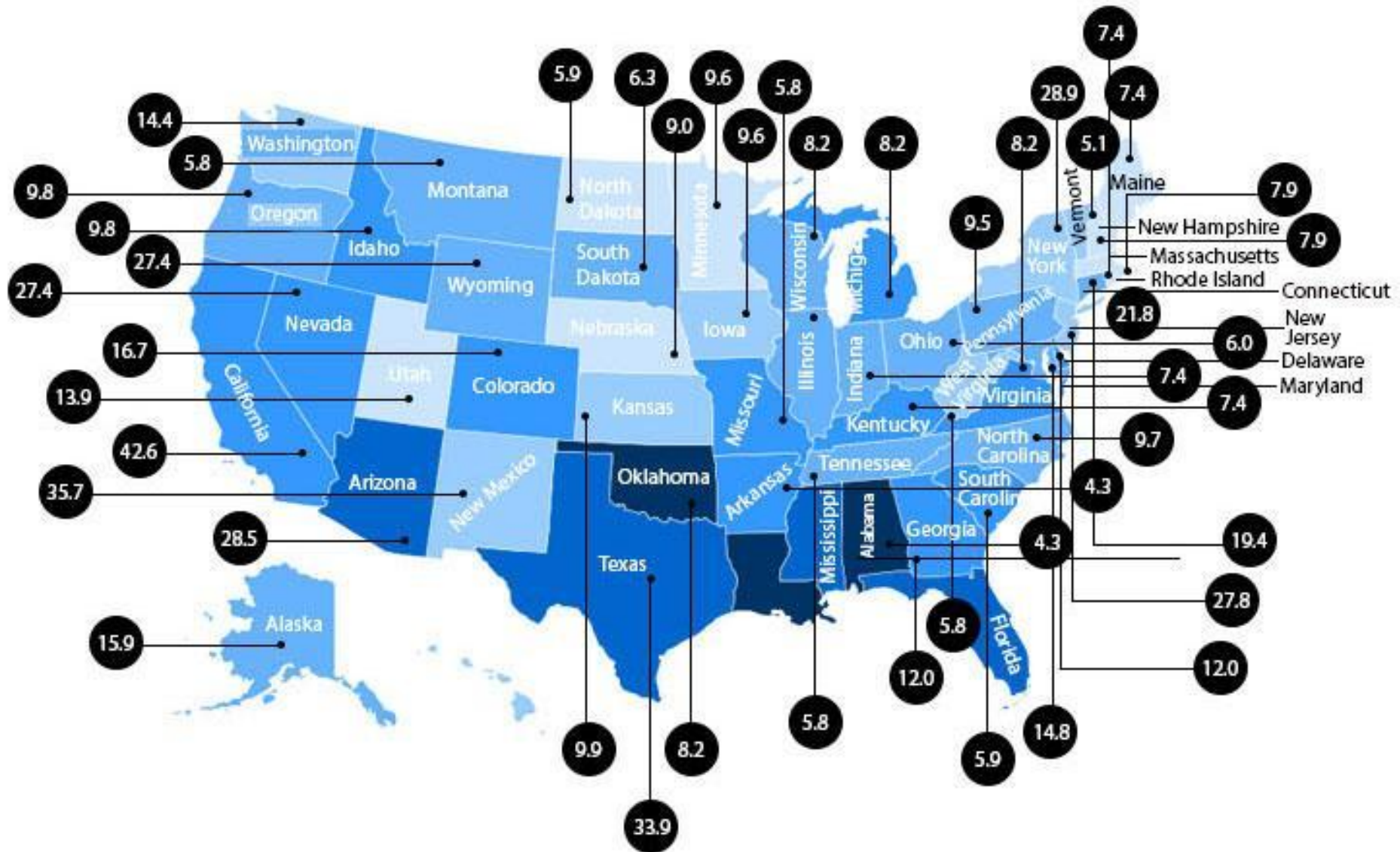
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011 American Community Survey

Top Ten Languages on the Internet, May 2011



Source: Broadband Commission

% of Languages other than English spoken in different states of the USA

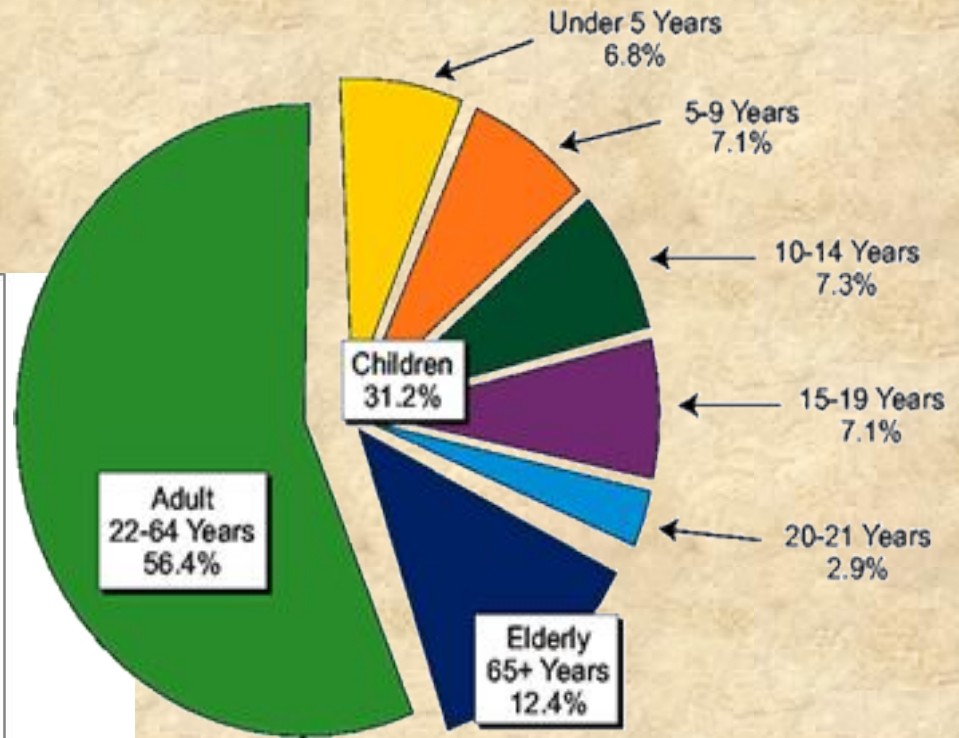
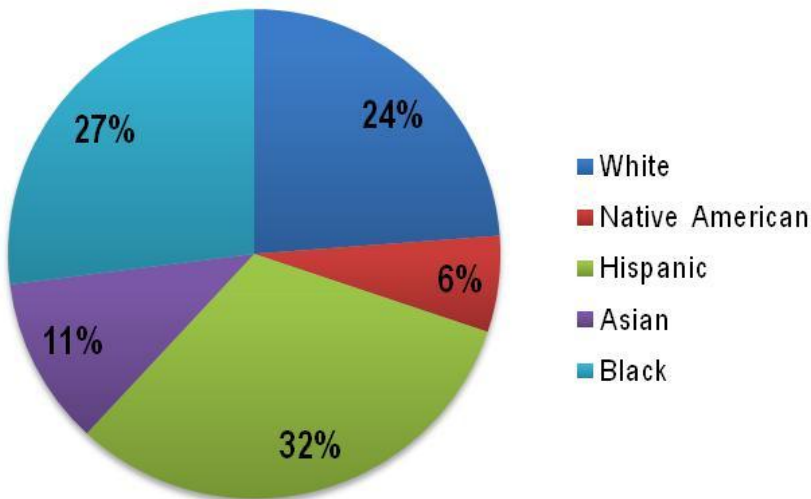


English actually plays the role of the state language of the country and its studying included in school curricula.



The country's population –is about 290 million people. The population of the United States is in the third place in the world after China and India.

Race Distribution



Today American society often compared to salad bowl, emphasizing the preservation of the identity of each ethnic group.



*Sometimes
American society
compared with
"pizza", the
ingredients of
which is partially
penetrated into
each other. It
emphasizes a
partial
interpenetration
of national
cultures.*



In writing speech, spelling quite clearly shows who owns the line, the British or the Americans.



*In unstressed syllables suffix -OUR
often replaced by -OR:*

color, labor, flavor, humor, parlor.

End -RE replaced -ER in AME:

center, meter, liter, theater.



In AmE there is simplification of writing, the loss of double consonants, like, for example,

traveler's, traveling,
programing.

Little differently than in British English used prepositions and articles.

- *1. in school, in hotel / at school, at hotel*
- *2. in weeks, in ages / for weeks, for ages*
- *3. on the street / in the street*

In the American English, there are some lexical features.

- 1. sidewalk / not pavement
- 2. elevator / not lift
- 3. flat / not puncture
- 4. icing / not frosting

Interesting facts

- 1. African-Americans often use numbers as a sort of code that are understandable only to the initiated. For example, the black population of California instead of the word murder says "187", because in this state there is criminal article for murder under the number 187. The number referral service - 411, so "give me 411" means "give me the information."

Interesting facts

- *2. Very common in Ebonikse is to use the informal names of cities. New York, for example, since the beginning of the 20th century called Big Apple.*

Interesting facts

- *3. On the misconceptions that have arisen due to the fact that in American English is changing the meaning of words, based many of the problems associated with cross-cultural communication, in communication between representatives of different cultures. For example, African-Americans gave the English word bad a new meaning, which means "pride, rebelliousness, dignity."*

Conclusion

- *Language – is the phenomenon of the public, so the development of language, one way or another, depends on the development of society.*
- *English language in the United States is a complex system that involves many different variations. It contains a variety of dialects and even today it is a rich material for the study.*

Conclusion

- *Currently in the US there are many ethnic groups. They may have specific racial and physical differences, their own language and their own religion. One striking example of ethnic groups in the United States are African-Americans. They have not only the unique culture and traditions, but also its own version of the English language.*

Thanks for your attention

