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Neighborhood Membership Language Profile 2026

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The following member language profile information is available to all Neighborhood network providers annually. We encourage all providers to review the patterns of member language needs, stratified by product compared with the 2020 US census data.

Note: Neighborhood has a more diverse language profile than the general Rhode Island population.

Census Data

According to the 2020 US Census, the most common non-English languages spoken as the primary language in Rhode Island households are Spanish, Portuguese, and French (including Cajun). The charts below provide Neighborhood's language profile based on each product line. Across all the product lines, English (75.50%) was the predominant language spoken, followed by Spanish (17.85%), Other Language (1.60%), and Portuguese (1.06%). The Medicaid and MMP Products are linguistically more diverse than the Commercial product, as illustrated in charts below.

Neighborhood Member Data by Product

The Neighborhood Medicaid product has the largest member count and shows the predominant language spoken was English (74.64%) followed by Spanish (22.57%) and Portuguese (.98%) which aligns with the 2020 US census data of most common non-English primary languages.

Medicaid Member Language Distribution 2026		
Language	**Total Members**	**Percentage**
ENGLISH	114,905	74.64%
SPANISH	34,745	22.57%
PORTUGUESE	1,506	0.98%
OTHER	1,390	0.90%
HAITIAN CREOLE	615	0.40%
ARABIC	186	0.12%
CHINESE	161	0.10%
SWAHILI	87	0.06%
KHMER	65	0.04%
TURKISH	56	0.04%
FRENCH	52	0.03%
RUSSIAN	39	0.03%
LAO	28	0.02%
VIETNAMESE	25	0.02%
SOMALI	22	0.01%
SIGN LANGUAGE	17	0.01%

HINDI	12	0.01%
URDU	7	0.00%
ARMENIAN	6	0.00%
FARSI	6	0.00%
KOREAN	5	0.00%
POLISH	5	0.00%
TAGALOG	3	0.00%
ITALIAN	3	0.00%
HMONG	2	0.00%
TIGRINYA	2	0.00%
EAST FRISIAN	1	0.00%
TOTAL	***153,951***	

In Neighborhood's Exchange product, over 91% are English and Spanish speaking members.

Exchange Member Language Distribution 2026		
Language	**Total Members**	**Percentage**
ENGLISH	27,041	73.83%
SPANISH	6,434	17.57%
OTHER	2,853	7.79%
PORTUGUESE	297	0.81%
Total	***36,625***	

In Neighborhood's Medicare product line is made up of English Spanish and Portuguese.

Medicare Member Language Distribution 2026		
Language	**Total Members**	**Percentage**
ENGLISH	8,520	77.43%
SPANISH	2,292	20.83%
PORTUGUESE	192	1.74%
TOTAL	***11,004***	

Resources

Given the language distribution within Neighborhood's membership, it is important to consider a range of language services. The following resources are available to assist network providers:

- Provider Education (CMEs and CEUs) - NHPRI.org
- https://www.nhpri.org/providers/provider-resources/provider-training/