

Neighborhood Membership Language Profile 2025

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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, and compare with the 2020 U.S. 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 the charts below.

Neighborhood Member Data by Product

The Neighborhood Medicaid product has the largest member count and shows the predominant language spoken was English (74.79%) followed by Spanish (21.97%) and Portuguese (1.03%), which aligns with the 2020 US census data of most common non-English primary languages.

Medicaid Member Language Distribution 2025		
Language	Total Members	Percentage
ENGLISH	149,916	74.79%
SPANISH	44,037	21.97%
OTHER	2,509	1.25%
PORTUGUESE	2,057	1.03%
HAITIAN CREOLE	1,010	0.50%
ARABIC	186	0.09%
CHINESE	157	0.08%

SWAHILI	138	0.07%
FRENCH	84	0.04%
KHMER	83	0.04%
RUSSIAN	52	0.03%
TURKISH	49	0.02%
LAO	40	0.02%
SOMALI	31	0.02%
SIGN LANGUAGE	28	0.01%
VIETNAMESE	25	0.01%
HMONG	10	0.00%
Total	200,452	

In Neighborhood’s Exchange product, over 92% of members speak English or Spanish.

Exchange Member Language Distribution 2025		
Language	Total Members	Percentage
English	36,895	72.19%
Spanish	10,456	20.46%
Portuguese	576	1.13%
OTHER	3,184	6.23%
Total	51,111	

In Neighborhood’s MMP product, there are fewer French-speaking members than Khmer, Chinese, Russian and Arabic, compared to the 2020 U.S. Census data where French is one of the top three non-English languages. Portuguese has a higher percentage of member count than Medicaid and Commercial products. For the MMP population, the third most common non-English language is Khmer (.74%).

MMP Member Language Distribution 2025		
Language	Total Members	Percentage
English	10,060	72.37%
Spanish	2,496	17.96%
OTHER	805	5.79%
Portuguese	257	1.85%
Khmer	103	0.74%
Chinese	43	0.31%
Lao	33	0.24%
Russian	29	0.21%
Arabic	16	0.12%
French	13	0.09%
Vietnamese	10	0.07%
TOTAL	13,900	

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/>