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Socio-economic Indicators, Language Use,
Linguistically Isolated Language Environment, 2000

California, Hawaii, New Jersey, New York,
Los Angeles County, CA and Orange County, CA

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News Highlight:

Table 7. English-Speaking Ability Among Foreign-Born Population, New York, New Jersey, Hawaii, California, Los Angeles County, Orange County, 2000

1. California has the highest percentage of non-English speakers (89%) among the foreign-born population.
2. In Los Angeles County, non-English speakers constitute 91 percent of the total foreign-born population.
3. Non-English speaking percentage is the highest among Hispanics. About 94 percent of the foreign-born Hispanic population speaks other than English.
4. Among Asians, California shows the highest percentage of non-English speaking foreign-born population, 93 percent. In Los Angeles and Orange Counties, 94% percent of the foreign-born Asians speak other than English.
5. Among Asians in California, foreign-born Vietnamese shows the highest percentage (96%) of non-English speakers. The corresponding percentage for Koreans is 92 percent.
6. In Los Angeles and Orange Counties, 94 percent of foreign-born Koreans speak other than English.
7. In California, foreign-born Koreans show the highest percentage of persons with difficulty in English as compared with other Asians. Persons with English difficulty constitute 39 percent of the Asian (Korean) language speaking Koreans. In Los Angeles County, 43 percent of Koreans who speak Asian (Korean) language have difficulty with English.