

## Compliance Today – November 2018 Limited English proficiency patients

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According to a 2015 publication from The Joint Commission, there were 322 languages spoken in the U.S. The top 10 most common are English, Spanish, French, Chinese, German, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Korean, Italian, and Russian.<sup>[1]</sup> The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)<sup>[2]</sup> cites that 57 million people in the U.S. speak a language other than English at home; and more than 25 million people living in the U.S. meet the definition of having limited English proficiency (LEP).

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