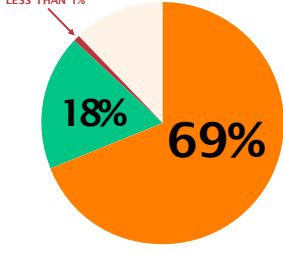


# SECOND LANGUAGE ACQUISITION: BY THE NUMBERS

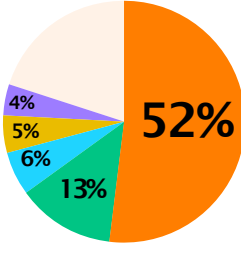
Learning a new language can expand your understanding of the world—and help you excel at whatever you choose to do in it. Just like individuals, nations also benefit from speaking more than one language. In today's globalized, multicultural world, countries are more interconnected than ever before—making multilingualism increasingly vital to every nation's economic growth.

## LANGUAGES MOST STUDIED IN U.S.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS STUDYING A WORLD LANGUAGE:



COLLEGE STUDENTS STUDYING A WORLD LANGUAGE:



FRENCH ARABIC, CHINESE, JAPANESE, KOREAN, RUSSIAN, URDU SPANISH GERMAN ITALIAN JAPANESE

## LANGUAGE LEARNING ADVANTAGES

**EDUCATION – ENHANCED LEARNING AND HIGHER TEST SCORES:**

On the SAT, students who studied world languages for four or more years score higher on average than their peers.

**MATH - ALMOST 140 PTS HIGHER**

**CRITICAL READING - 140 PTS HIGHER**

**WRITING - OVER 150 PTS HIGHER**

FOUR OR MORE YEARS

**CAREER – EXPANDED OPPORTUNITIES AND HIGHER SALARIES:**

Bilingual workers earn 5% to 20% more than those who speak only one language

MONOLINGUAL WORKERS

BILINGUAL WORKERS

5% TO 20% MORE

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The U.S. Department of Labor expects translation and interpretation to be among the fastest-growing occupations through 2020



## WORLD LANGUAGE LEARNING: EUROPEAN UNION VS. UNITED STATES

EUROPEAN UNION

53%

BILINGUAL CITIZENS

44%

MULTILINGUAL CITIZENS

6 TO 9 YEARS OLD AGE MOST STUDENTS BEGIN WORLD LANGUAGE STUDY

9

YEARS MOST STUDENTS STUDY WORLD LANGUAGES

UNITED STATES

18%

BILINGUAL CITIZENS

9%

MULTILINGUAL CITIZENS

14 YEARS OLD AGE MOST STUDENTS BEGIN WORLD LANGUAGE STUDY

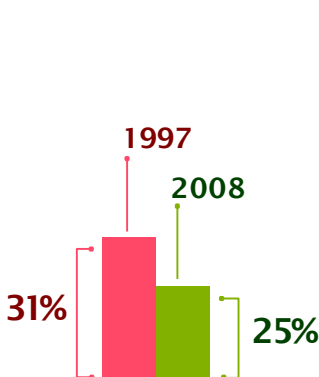
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YEARS MOST STUDENTS STUDY WORLD LANGUAGES

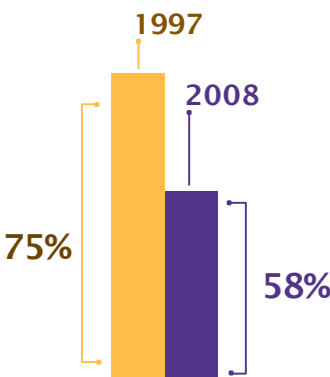
## WORLD LANGUAGE LEARNING IN U.S. SCHOOLS

K-12

THE NUMBER OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS OFFERING WORLD LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION:



THE NUMBER OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS OFFERING WORLD LANGUAGE CLASSES:



## HIGHER EDUCATION

HOW NEW LANGUAGES ARE LEARNED:



SPEAKING



LISTENING



READING



WRITING



CULTURE

TECHNOLOGY INCREASINGLY USED IN CLASSROOMS:



INTERACTIVE COMPUTER PROGRAMS



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