



Language Diversity in North Carolina

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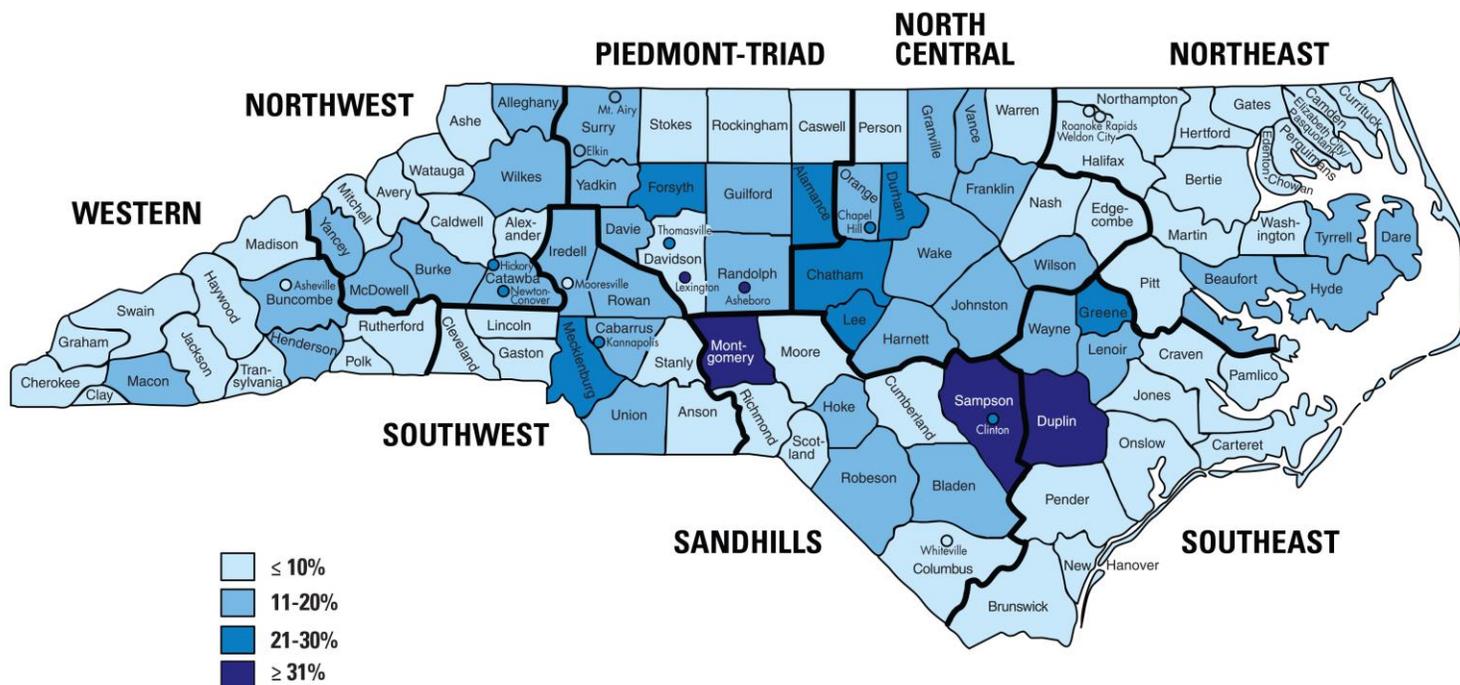
Introduction

The state of North Carolina celebrates a diverse student population, and a quick snapshot reveals:

- About 231,152 students, approximately 15% of the total student population, report a primary language other than English spoken in the home.*
- The October 1 2015 Headcount Report to the General Assembly indicates that 99,513 students, approximately 6% of the total student population, are identified as having limited proficiency in English.
- The top 5 languages (and percent of total student population) spoken in the home other than English (84.89%) are: Spanish (12.8%), Arabic (0.33%), Vietnamese (0.25%), Chinese (0.22%), and Hmong (0.17%).

Percentage of Students with Primary Home Language Other than English

The map below shows the range of percentage of public school students with a primary home language other than English by Local Education Agency (LEA). Charter School students are represented within the county in which the school is located.*



*The data was compiled from information in PowerSchool as reported on the Home Language Survey (January, 2016).

