NOT JUST IN ENGLISH:

Finding Government Information in Other Languages

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WHO?

Speakers of other languages

Teachers, professors, librarians who work with speakers of other languages

Information on speakers of other languages:

https://www.census.gov/topics/population/language-use/publications.html

Federal Depository Library Program

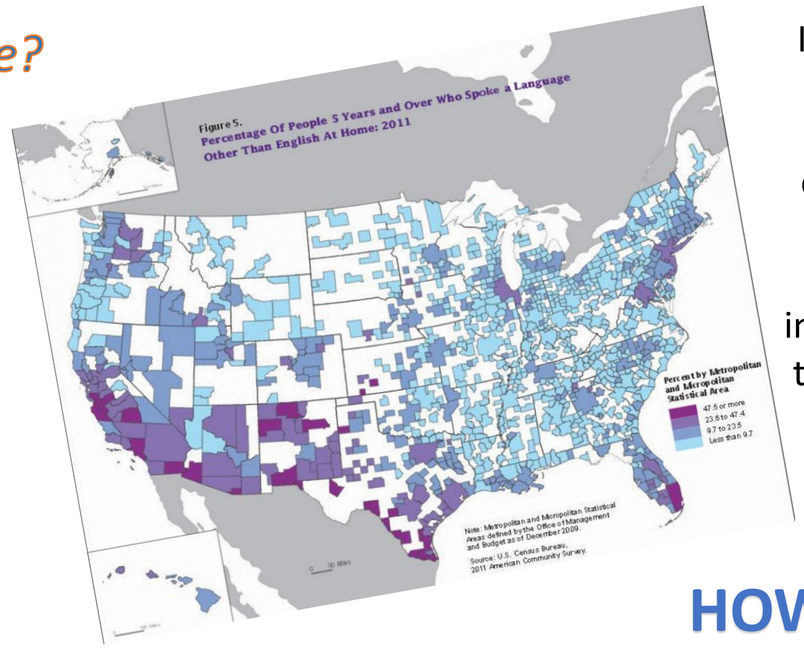
WHEN?

Accessible 24/7 on many government websites including www.usa.gov

(the main Internet portal of the US Government)

WHAT?

Information in other languages exists on various levels and for all ages. Other languages include: Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, German, Italian, Korean, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese.



WHY?

In 1980, 23 million people spoke a language other than English at home, compared with 60 million people in 2010 (representing a 158% increase, during which time the population grew 38%).

Source: Language Use in the United States: 2011

US Census Bureau

WHERE?

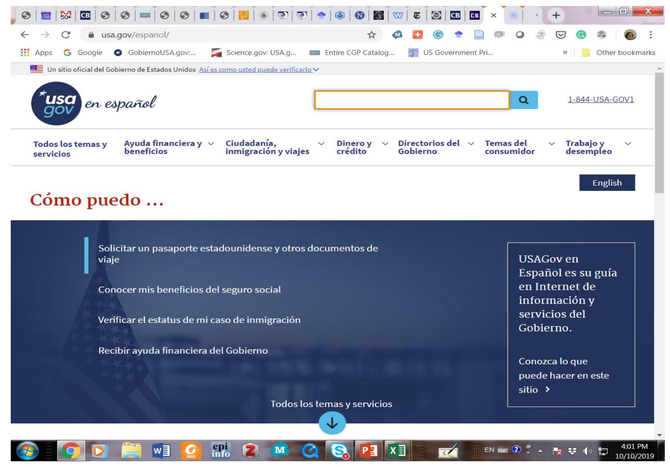
Where can I find information?

https://libguides.fdlp.gov/SpanishLanguageDocuments

https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/other-languages

https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/help-available-at-irsgov-in-different-languages-and-formats

https://medlineplus.gov/languages/languages.html

HOW?

1. Start with a search on www.usa.gov with the phrase “materials in _____” and fill in the blank with the language you need.
2. Go to the https://catalog.gpo.gov (GPO Catalog of Government Publications) and follow the above search strategy.
3. As you find materials, go to the specific websites listed and check for more information.
4. If you are looking for a specific topic, then do a search for “_____in _____”, where an example is “health in Spanish”.