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Immigrant Communities of Philadelphia: Spatial Patterns and Revitalization

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Low English Proficiency

This chart shows how many people speak a language other than English at home (blue) and these categories are arranged by the percentage of those speakers who say that they speak English “less than very well” (orange line). This means, the first three language groups, Vietnamese, Chinese and Russian, have a very high percentage of people who do not speak English well (60-70%). The largest group of people speaking a language other than English is the Spanish-speaking population. While it is likely that the Vietnamese, Chinese, and Russian speaking individuals are foreign-born, the Spanish-speaking group consists of a large Puerto Rican (native-born) population. The groups on the right have very few numbers of people speaking this language as their primary language at home and appear to have higher English proficiency.