

# Preparedness Matters

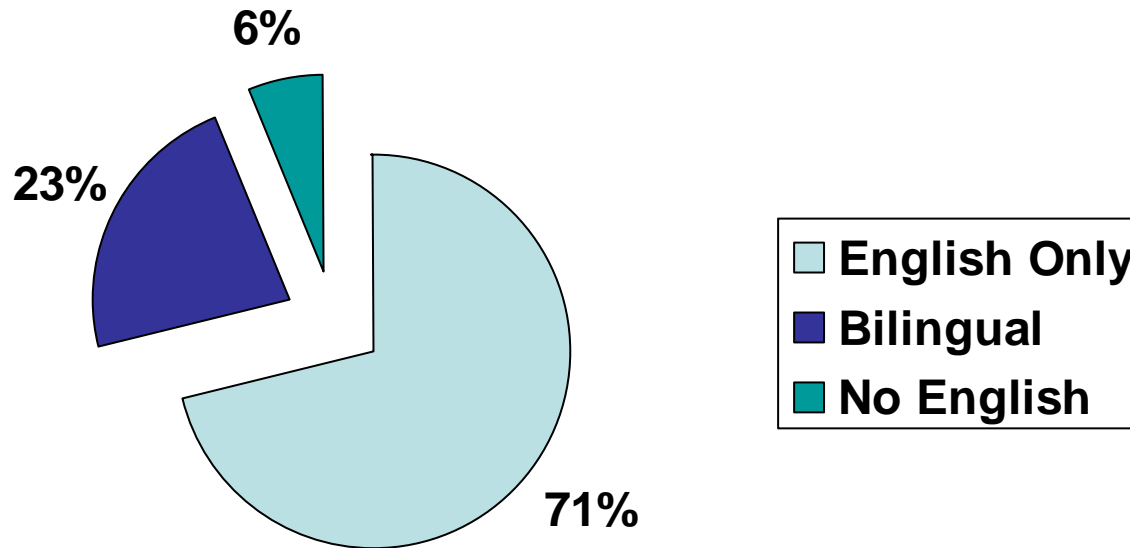
Vulnerability is defined as the degree to which one's livelihood (or that of a population) is at risk by an encounter with a given hazard. Included is both the actual damage/harm of the event and the resilience of those affected.



Limited English  
Proficiency  
Is  
A Vulnerability

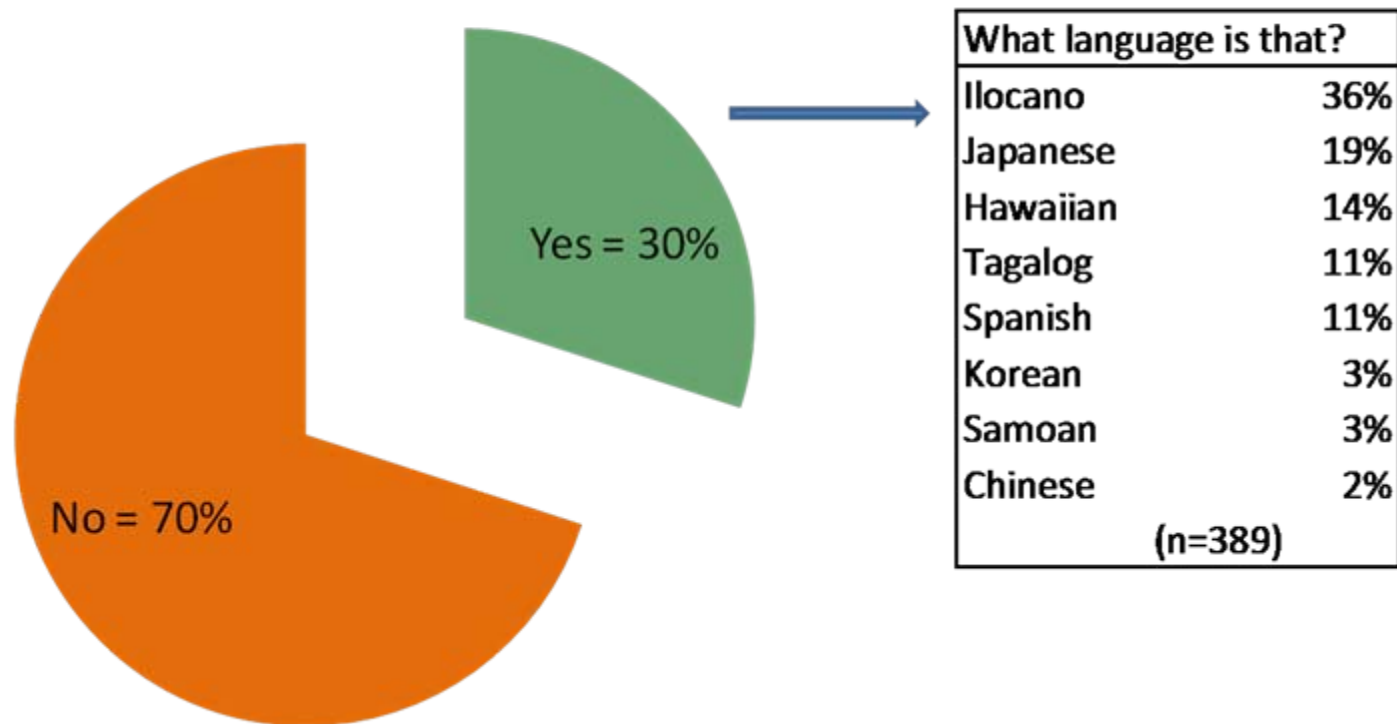


# Non-English Speakers




English-speaking Ability  
Pop.= 917,212 adults 18+

INCIDENCE OF NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING RELATIVES  
IN HAWAII'S MASS MARKET AUDIENCE



Do any members of your family speak a language other than English? (n=1,304)



The best hope that  
persons at greatest risk  
will be assisted to survive  
and recover with minimal  
health and other  
consequences .....



lie in the effective work by health, social work and other professionals.



Service providers must have and be able to utilize the best knowledge about vulnerable populations to craft plans and interventions before, during and after a disaster.



# Make A Difference

Interventions before a disaster

- I** dentify potential emergency situations
- N** ote community resources
- T** alk about individual situation
- O** utline their plan in writing
- U** pdate plan as things change
- C** ommunicate regularly & test the plan
- H** ave peace of mind



Like the Maile lei, which is intricately and delicately woven by strand to form the perfect open ended lei, our LEP residents must be fully and precisely integrated in the conduct of community affairs, including emergency preparedness. Their integration leaves open-ended possibilities for success