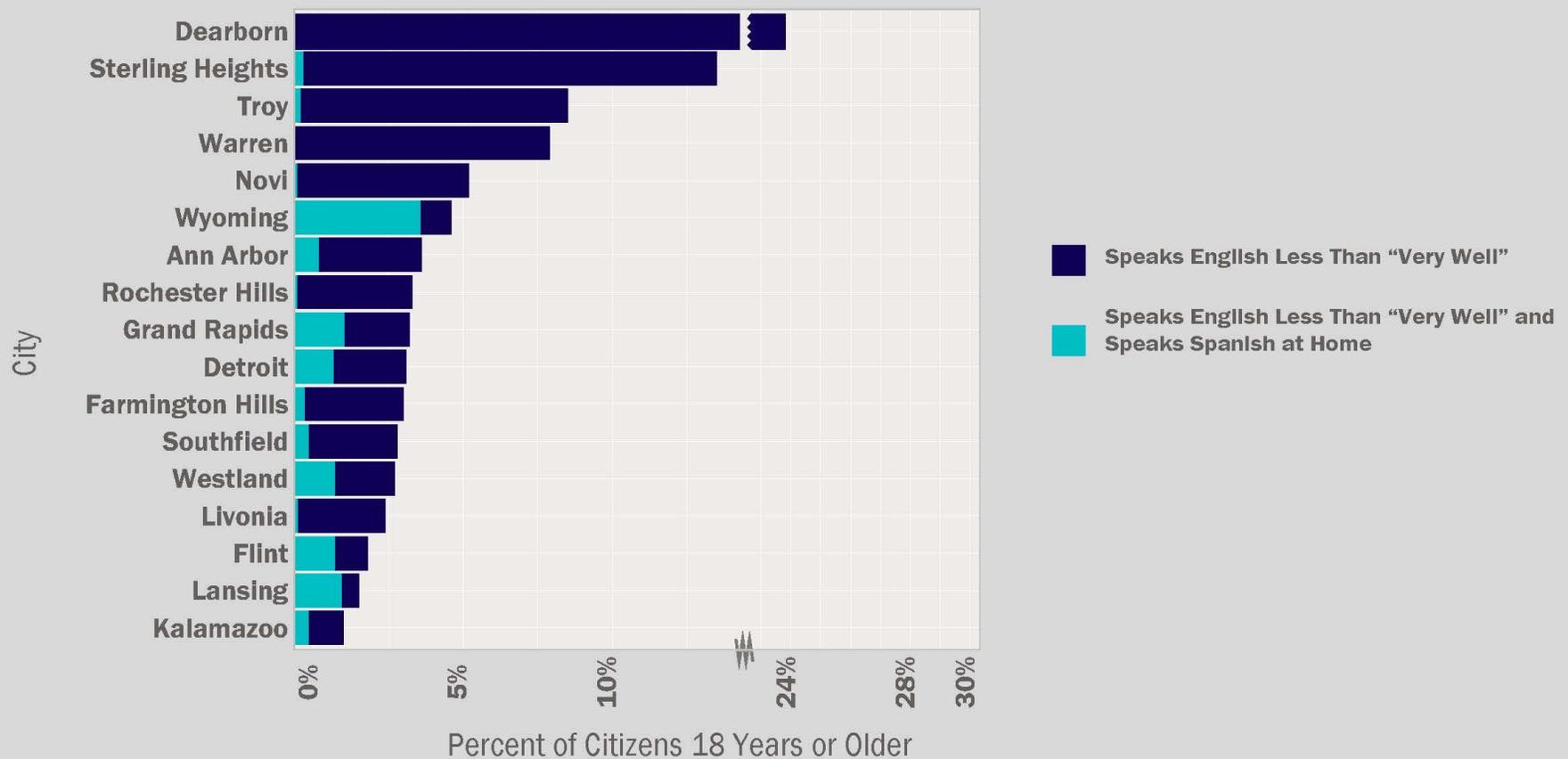


# English Proficiency Among Michigan Citizens 18 Years or Older, Select Cities

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Dearborn and Sterling Heights are outliers among Michigan's largest cities: approximately 23.9% of Dearborn's citizen population aged 18 or older speak English less than "very well". In Sterling Heights, that figure is 13.6%. According to the Secretary of State's Language Access Task Force, the primary non-Spanish language spoken in both Dearborn and Sterling Heights is Arabic. The Task Force identified Arabic as the primary foreign language spoken in multiple municipalities, along with Spanish and, to a lesser extent, Chinese; however, it should be noted that the ACS data and the Language Access Task Force's report use different metrics and do not constitute a one-to-one comparison.\*



\* Neither the American Community Survey nor the Language Access Task Force's Report provide the percentage breakdown of non-Spanish speakers by municipality. Other ACS data provides more disaggregated data; however, that data is largely broken down by language family (i.e. Slavic, Indo-European) and concerns limited-English speaking households, not individuals, regardless of citizenship status.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau 2022 American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates

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