

How to access the Department of Public Instruction’s certified data related to language

1. Go to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction’s (DPI) [WISEdash Public Portal](#).
2. Scroll down to the “User Help” section of the page. Select “Download statewide data files”.

User Help

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3. This takes you to the [WISEdash Data Files by Topic](#) page. From the dropdown menu titled “Download Type”, select “Native Language”.

WISEdash Data Files by Topic

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These files contain records for various topics for ALL public school districts and their schools in Wisconsin that are reported through WISEdash (or historically through WINSS).

These are statewide files. To download data for a SINGLE graph in WISEdash, go to the [WISEdash public portal](#) and select the data you want. Then click the "send" icon on the dashboard help toolbar, located below the filters, and above the bar graphs.

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Data View	Data Collection	Size	Uplo date
Certified	ACT Vendor File	860.68 KB	2023-03-21
Certified	ACT Vendor File	869.42 KB	2022-03-01
Certified	ACT Vendor File	892.78 KB	2021-05-11

4. Download the most recent zip file “[native language certified 2023-24.zip](#)”. Open the downloaded zip folder and review both the data disclaimer and layout files.

5. Open the data set itself, titled “native_language_certified_2023-24”. Rows 2 - 325 are aggregate statewide data. Starting at row 326, Native Language and English Language Learner status are presented by county and school district.

Note: Per DPI, “[Native Language](#)” is the language or dialect first learned by a child or first used by the child’s Parent/Guardian. This term is often referred to as primary language.