



Representative Mel Ponder Florida-House District 4



Families



37,348 Children under the age of 18
(**22.0%** of the total population)

From a total of **19,089** families:

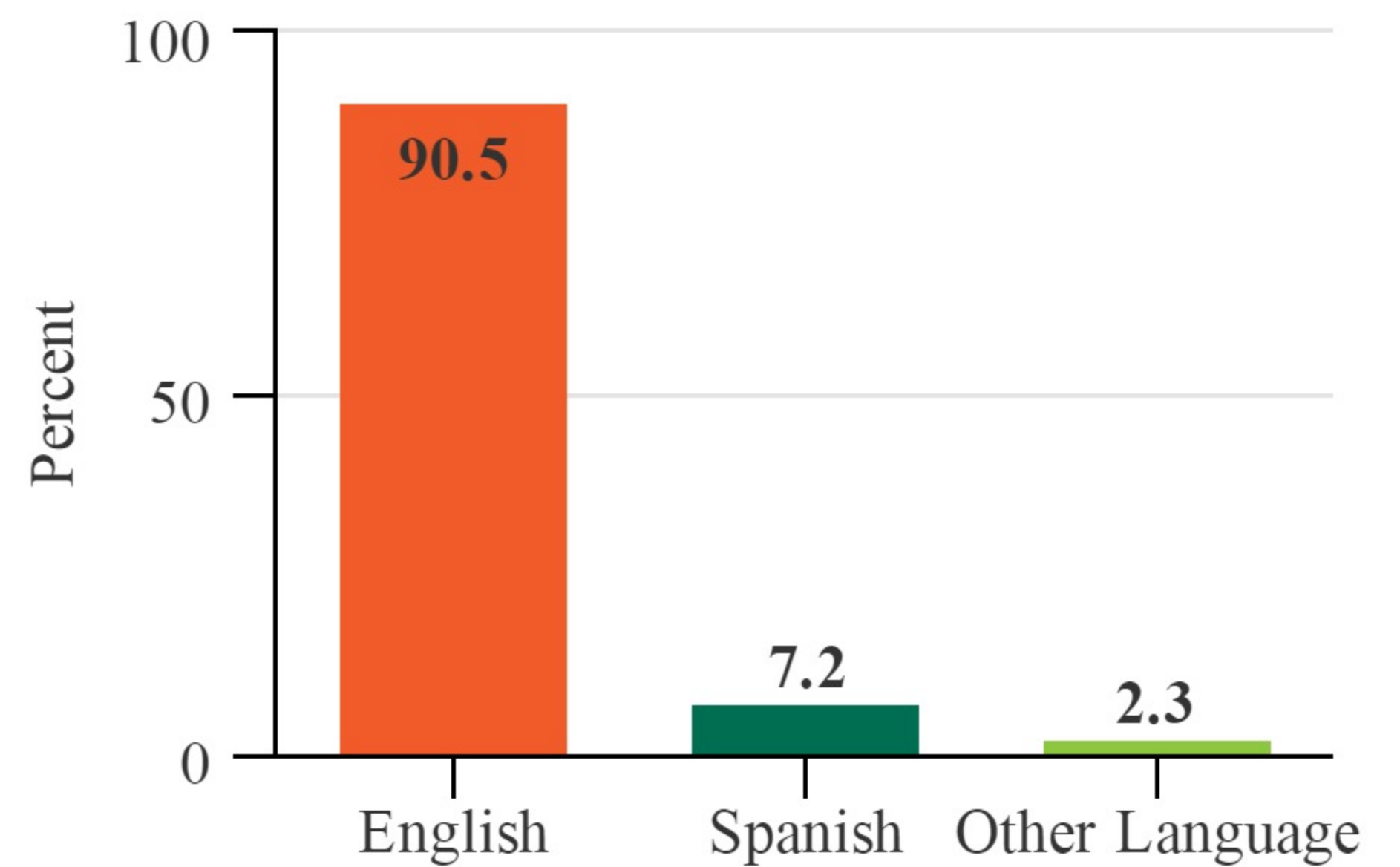


6,578 (34.5%) are headed by single parents



Of the **3,026** grandparents living with their grandchildren **41.4%** are responsible for those children

Language Spoken at Home



Economy and Health

4,575 Families and **8,489** Children under 18 live in poverty



7.2%

of Children under 18 live with parents who **lack** secure employment

5.9%

of Teens 16-19 are **not** in school and **not** working

2,757

Children have **no** health insurance



Education



2,480 3 and 4 year olds are **enrolled** in school (**56.4%**)



83.7% High School students **graduated** on time

We need policies that ensure that all of Florida's children have:



Access to healthcare



Quality early childhood educational experiences



Programs that focus on preventing juvenile justice involvement, child abuse and neglect, and substance use and abuse



Economic and educational opportunities that help parents support their families