Spanish is the language of mass media and nearly all written communications in Peru. Even so, over 26% of the population speak a different language as their first language. Spanish is less common in areas where Quechua and Aymara are widely used, especially in parts of the Andes and the Amazon, in Apurimac, Cusco and Puno Provinces.

90.2% Adult male literacy rate (2007)
85.3% Adult female literacy rate (2007)