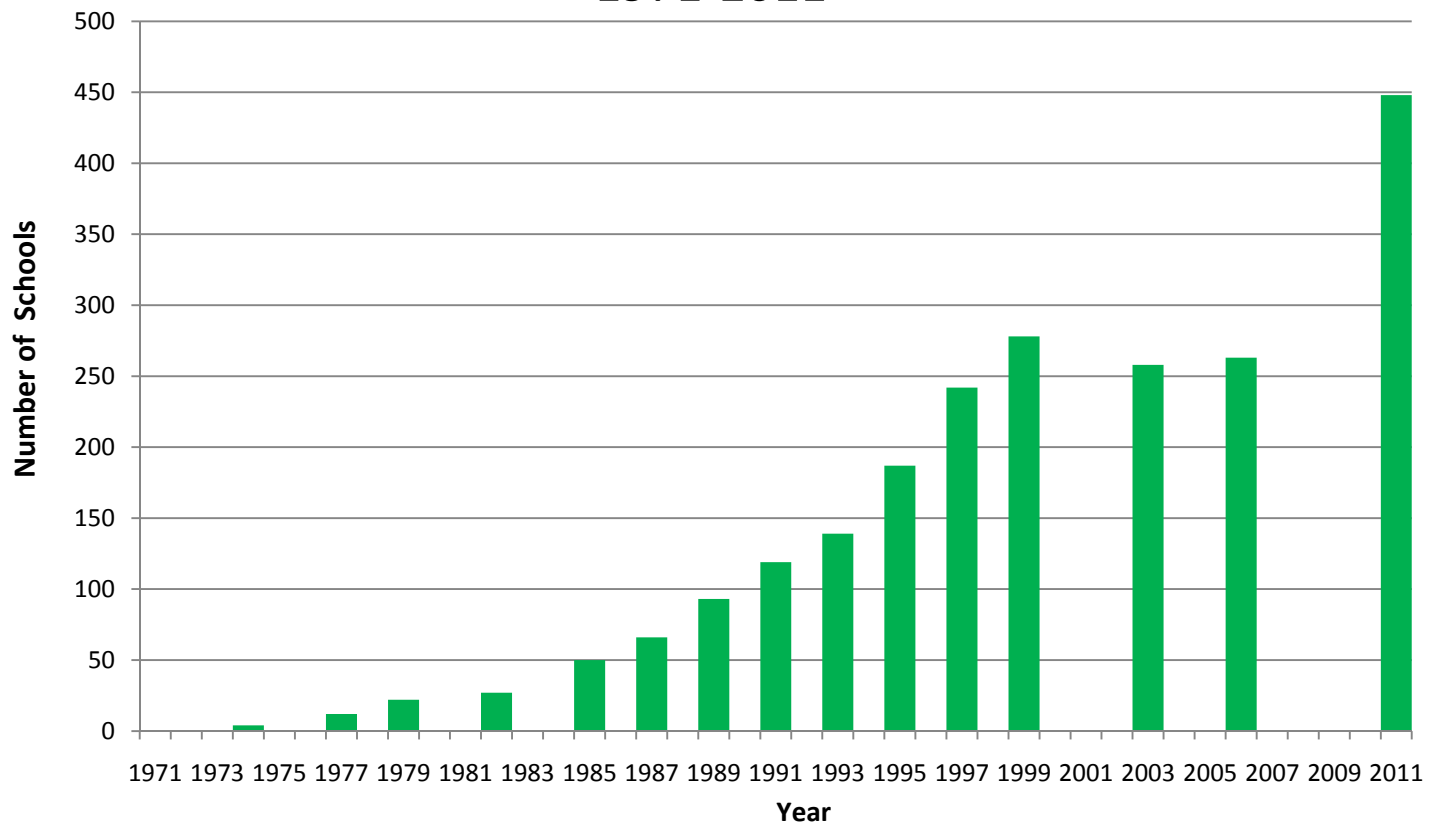


Growth of Language Immersion in the United States 1971-2011



Please note: This graph shows the growth of immersion programs in the U.S. over forty years, from 1971-2011. These data were compiled from CAL's immersion directories published over the last three decades. The directories were available in print version from 1981 until 1999, after which time the directory became available online. Data were self-reported, and in some instances, immersion programs were not included in a particular year's directory because the programs were not known to CAL. Note that the 2003 data reported here were compiled from the online directory as well as from data collected at a later date. The current directory (2011) is CAL's best attempt at searching out and including all known language immersion programs in public schools in the country. In addition, some private (independent) schools are included in the directory, though the list of these schools is not exhaustive.

**Growth of Language
Immersion Programs in the
U.S, 1971-2011**

Year	Total Number of Immersion Schools
1971	3
1973	4
1975	
1977	12
1979	22
1981	
1983	27
1985	50
1987	66
1989	93
1991	119
1993	139
1995	187
1997	242
1999	278
2001	
2003	258
2005	
2007	263
2009	
2011	448