

Table 1b. United States -- Ability to Speak English by Language Spoken at Home for the Population 18 Years and Over: 2000
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[Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf3.pdf>]

Language spoken at home	Total	Speak English "very well"		Speak English "well"		Speak English "not well"		Speak English "not at all"	
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 18 years and over	209,279,150	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	172,107,320	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	37,171,830	19,344,540	52.0	8,162,415	22.0	6,529,795	17.6	3,135,080	8.4
Spanish or Spanish Creole	21,270,950	10,104,380	47.5	4,272,685	20.1	4,298,485	20.2	2,595,400	12.2
Other Indo-European languages	8,572,925	5,571,465	65.0	1,833,330	21.4	961,220	11.2	206,880	2.4
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	1,411,140	1,062,100	75.3	232,330	16.5	110,205	7.8	6,505	0.5
French Creole	340,745	164,360	48.2	99,925	29.3	62,735	18.4	13,725	4.0
Italian	940,340	644,935	68.6	188,820	20.1	94,795	10.1	11,790	1.3
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	479,395	253,950	53.0	112,950	23.6	85,025	17.7	27,465	5.7
German	1,218,480	962,690	79.0	188,360	15.5	64,470	5.3	2,965	0.2
Yiddish	139,705	102,775	73.6	25,745	18.4	10,115	7.2	1,070	0.8
Other West Germanic languages	204,615	157,285	76.9	42,625	20.8	4,340	2.1	360	0.2
Scandinavian languages	146,845	124,935	85.1	17,120	11.7	4,470	3.0	320	0.2
Greek	326,925	230,195	70.4	61,425	18.8	31,150	9.5	4,150	1.3
Russian	588,725	222,710	37.8	184,495	31.3	139,545	23.7	41,975	7.1
Polish	591,735	328,015	55.4	155,375	26.3	91,185	15.4	17,155	2.9
Serbo-Croatian	192,495	90,985	47.3	52,170	27.1	39,480	20.5	9,860	5.1
Other Slavic languages	263,670	153,360	58.2	63,645	24.1	37,940	14.4	8,720	3.3
Armenian	166,220	80,015	48.1	42,455	25.5	30,160	18.1	13,590	8.2
Persian	258,010	154,765	60.0	63,075	24.5	30,125	11.7	10,045	3.9
Gujarathi	194,050	121,580	62.7	44,290	22.8	20,485	10.6	7,695	4.0
Hindi	275,980	212,275	76.9	45,995	16.7	14,575	5.3	3,135	1.1
Urdu	201,240	132,600	65.9	46,090	22.9	17,500	8.7	5,050	2.5
Other Indic languages	359,795	214,665	59.7	93,690	26.0	38,755	10.8	12,680	3.5
Other Indo-European languages	272,815	157,270	57.7	72,750	26.7	34,165	12.5	8,625	3.2
Asian and Pacific Island languages	5,801,125	2,637,660	45.5	1,722,445	29.7	1,143,750	19.7	297,295	5.1
Chinese	1,705,035	650,170	38.1	514,355	30.2	380,340	22.3	160,175	9.4
Japanese	422,440	207,525	49.1	135,030	32.0	75,490	17.9	4,400	1.0
Korean	737,985	257,595	34.9	235,015	31.9	210,560	28.5	34,815	4.7
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	123,950	42,585	34.4	34,780	28.1	35,815	28.9	10,770	8.7
Miao, Hmong	85,410	28,285	33.1	23,545	27.6	22,765	26.7	10,820	12.7
Thai	106,000	47,450	44.8	40,240	38.0	16,405	15.5	1,910	1.8
Laotian	111,000	41,700	37.6	33,705	30.4	29,370	26.5	6,225	5.6
Vietnamese	804,565	231,310	28.8	271,740	33.8	247,190	30.7	54,325	6.8
Other Asian languages	345,700	244,300	70.7	70,880	20.5	24,655	7.1	5,870	1.7
Tagalog	1,096,450	732,265	66.8	288,700	26.3	70,370	6.4	5,115	0.5
Other Pacific Island languages	262,590	154,475	58.8	74,455	28.4	30,790	11.7	2,870	1.1
Other languages	1,526,820	1,031,025	67.5	333,955	21.9	126,340	8.3	35,505	2.3
Navajo	135,460	86,735	64.0	31,620	23.3	11,535	8.5	5,565	4.1
Other Native North American languages	163,475	121,445	74.3	31,725	19.4	9,435	5.8	875	0.5
Hungarian	110,330	73,335	66.5	27,375	24.8	8,610	7.8	1,010	0.9
Arabic	490,360	307,670	62.7	120,415	24.6	50,545	10.3	11,735	2.4
Hebrew	155,395	125,480	80.8	23,730	15.3	5,760	3.7	425	0.3
African languages	350,230	249,140	71.1	71,710	20.5	24,095	6.9	5,290	1.5
Other and unspecified languages	121,570	67,220	55.3	27,380	22.5	16,360	13.5	10,605	8.7

(X) Not Applicable.