

**Table 2a. Alabama -- Ability to Speak English by Language Spoken at Home for the Population 5 Years and Over: 2000**

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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
<b>Population 5 years and over</b>	4,152,280	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	3,989,795	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	162,485	98,565	60.7	30,995	19.1	25,565	15.7	7,360	4.5
<b>Spanish or Spanish Creole</b>	89,730	49,430	55.1	15,795	17.6	17,985	20.0	6,520	7.3
<b>Other Indo-European languages</b>	43,810	32,585	74.4	7,445	17.0	3,595	8.2	185	0.4
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	13,655	9,725	71.3	2,405	17.6	1,515	11.1	4	0.0
French Creole	240	150	63.8	70	29.8	15	6.4	0	0.0
Italian	2,160	1,625	75.2	340	15.7	180	8.3	15	0.7
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	775	575	74.2	165	21.3	35	4.5	0	0.0
German	14,905	11,605	77.8	2,320	15.6	925	6.2	60	0.4
Yiddish	205	190	92.7	15	7.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	810	670	82.2	135	16.6	10	1.2	0	0.0
Scandinavian languages	475	390	83.0	80	17.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Greek	1,395	1,110	79.6	145	10.4	140	10.0	0	0.0
Russian	1,220	690	56.6	335	27.5	185	15.2	10	0.8
Polish	650	535	82.4	50	7.7	60	9.2	4	0.6
Serbo-Croatian	285	185	64.9	65	22.8	25	8.8	10	3.5
Other Slavic languages	705	455	64.5	145	20.6	105	14.9	0	0.0
Armenian	135	115	85.2	20	14.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Persian	965	585	60.3	215	22.2	145	15.0	25	2.6
Gujarathi	1,055	745	70.6	195	18.5	100	9.5	15	1.4
Hindi	1,535	1,185	77.2	260	16.9	75	4.9	15	1.0
Urdu	630	540	85.9	55	8.7	30	4.8	4	0.6
Other Indic languages	1,295	965	74.5	285	22.0	45	3.5	0	0.0
Other Indo-European languages	725	540	75.0	150	20.8	15	2.1	15	2.1
<b>Asian and Pacific Island languages</b>	22,120	11,575	52.3	6,480	29.3	3,585	16.2	475	2.1
Chinese	5,270	2,540	48.2	1,910	36.2	670	12.7	150	2.9
Japanese	2,200	1,275	57.8	580	26.3	335	15.2	15	0.7
Korean	4,030	1,960	48.6	1,185	29.4	840	20.8	45	1.1
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	495	225	45.9	140	28.6	105	21.4	20	4.1
Miao, Hmong	10	10	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Thai	815	345	42.3	345	42.3	125	15.3	0	0.0
Laotian	635	270	42.5	155	24.4	200	31.5	10	1.6
Vietnamese	4,560	1,975	43.3	1,300	28.5	1,060	23.3	225	4.9
Other Asian languages	1,760	1,290	73.3	390	22.2	80	4.6	0	0.0
Tagalog	1,700	1,230	72.1	370	21.7	95	5.6	10	0.6
Other Pacific Island languages	645	455	71.1	110	17.2	75	11.7	0	0.0
<b>Other languages</b>	6,820	4,975	72.9	1,275	18.6	395	5.8	180	2.6
Navajo	55	55	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	730	610	83.6	85	11.6	35	4.8	0	0.0
Hungarian	185	120	64.9	45	24.3	10	5.4	10	5.4
Arabic	2,620	1,845	70.5	540	20.6	230	8.8	4	0.2
Hebrew	410	350	84.3	55	13.3	10	2.4	0	0.0
African languages	2,305	1,785	77.4	435	18.9	70	3.0	15	0.7
Other and unspecified languages	515	210	41.2	110	21.6	40	7.8	150	29.4

(X) Not applicable.