

**Table 5a. Arkansas -- 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>	2,492,205	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	2,368,450	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	123,755	66,045	53.4	24,660	19.9	22,915	18.5	10,135	8.2
<b>Spanish or Spanish Creole</b>	82,465	38,930	47.2	16,125	19.6	18,100	22.0	9,305	11.3
<b>Other Indo-European languages</b>	22,695	17,365	76.6	3,265	14.3	1,895	8.4	175	0.7
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	7,310	5,320	72.8	1,135	15.5	820	11.2	30	0.4
French Creole	155	140	87.5	20	12.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Italian	1,105	980	88.7	70	6.3	55	5.0	0	0.0
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	320	260	81.5	45	14.1	10	3.1	4	1.3
German	7,445	5,960	80.1	960	12.9	510	6.9	15	0.2
Yiddish	20	20	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	920	775	84.7	105	11.5	35	3.8	0	0.0
Scandinavian languages	255	215	86.0	15	6.0	20	8.0	0	0.0
Greek	315	265	85.5	20	6.5	25	8.1	0	0.0
Russian	570	390	68.4	80	14.0	85	14.9	15	2.6
Polish	630	485	77.0	115	18.3	30	4.8	0	0.0
Serbo-Croatian	380	195	51.3	85	22.4	70	18.4	30	7.9
Other Slavic languages	485	335	69.8	55	11.5	60	12.5	30	6.3
Armenian	140	95	67.9	45	32.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Persian	325	255	78.5	60	18.5	10	3.1	0	0.0
Gujarathi	380	165	43.4	115	30.3	60	15.8	40	10.5
Hindi	395	375	94.9	20	5.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Urdu	445	370	82.2	55	12.2	25	5.6	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	420	300	71.4	85	20.2	35	8.3	0	0.0
Other Indo-European languages	670	455	68.0	165	24.7	45	6.7	4	0.6
<b>Asian and Pacific Island languages</b>	15,240	7,375	48.4	4,690	30.8	2,610	17.1	565	3.7
Chinese	2,530	1,205	47.6	785	31.0	485	19.2	55	2.2
Japanese	1,195	670	56.1	415	34.7	100	8.4	10	0.8
Korean	1,250	500	39.8	470	37.5	245	19.5	40	3.2
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	15	0	0.0	4	28.6	10	71.4	0	0.0
Miao, Hmong	130	75	57.7	45	34.6	10	7.7	0	0.0
Thai	355	195	54.9	105	29.6	45	12.7	10	2.8
Laotian	2,500	1,155	46.2	650	26.0	565	22.6	130	5.2
Vietnamese	3,465	1,140	32.9	1,200	34.6	870	25.1	255	7.4
Other Asian languages	985	665	67.5	225	22.8	60	6.1	35	3.6
Tagalog	1,625	1,140	69.9	370	22.7	105	6.4	15	0.9
Other Pacific Island languages	1,185	630	53.2	420	35.4	115	9.7	20	1.7
<b>Other languages</b>	3,355	2,380	71.0	585	17.4	305	9.1	85	2.5
Navajo	55	40	80.0	0	0.0	10	20.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	880	670	76.1	115	13.1	95	10.8	0	0.0
Hungarian	250	135	53.2	45	17.7	70	27.6	4	1.6
Arabic	955	690	72.3	190	19.9	50	5.2	25	2.6
Hebrew	170	130	76.9	35	20.7	4	2.4	0	0.0
African languages	805	585	72.7	155	19.3	45	5.6	20	2.5
Other and unspecified languages	245	130	54.2	45	18.8	30	12.5	35	14.6

(X) Not applicable.