

**Table 5b. Arkansas -- Ability to Speak English by Language Spoken at Home for the Population 18 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 18 years and over</b>	1,993,340	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	1,896,495	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	96,850	50,800	52.5	18,500	19.1	18,375	19.0	9,175	9.5
<b>Spanish or Spanish Creole</b>	62,205	28,215	45.4	11,340	18.2	14,250	22.9	8,395	13.5
<b>Other Indo-European languages</b>	19,015	14,660	77.1	2,670	14.0	1,530	8.0	155	0.8
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	5,635	4,090	72.6	830	14.7	685	12.2	30	0.5
French Creole	155	135	87.1	20	12.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
Italian	1,040	920	88.5	65	6.3	55	5.3	0	0.0
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	275	225	82.1	35	12.8	10	3.7	4	1.5
German	6,560	5,325	81.2	840	12.8	380	5.8	15	0.2
Yiddish	20	20	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	700	645	92.3	50	7.2	4	0.6	0	0.0
Scandinavian languages	225	200	91.3	4	1.8	15	6.9	0	0.0
Greek	255	210	82.4	20	7.8	25	9.8	0	0.0
Russian	510	370	73.3	65	12.9	70	13.9	0	0.0
Polish	615	475	77.2	110	17.9	30	4.9	0	0.0
Serbo-Croatian	305	150	48.4	70	22.6	60	19.4	30	9.7
Other Slavic languages	410	265	64.6	55	13.4	60	14.6	30	7.3
Armenian	125	85	68.0	40	32.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Persian	255	210	82.4	45	17.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Gujarathi	310	110	36.1	115	37.7	40	13.1	40	13.1
Hindi	350	330	94.3	20	5.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Urdu	300	235	77.1	45	14.8	25	8.2	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	370	255	69.9	85	23.3	25	6.9	0	0.0
Other Indo-European languages	600	395	65.9	155	25.9	45	7.5	4	0.7
<b>Asian and Pacific Island languages</b>	12,710	5,855	46.0	3,990	31.4	2,315	18.2	550	4.4
Chinese	2,195	970	44.2	725	33.0	445	20.3	55	2.5
Japanese	1,055	560	53.1	405	38.4	80	7.6	10	1.0
Korean	1,095	420	38.2	440	40.0	200	18.2	40	3.6
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	15	0	0.0	4	28.6	10	71.4	0	0.0
Miao, Hmong	115	60	52.2	45	39.1	10	8.7	0	0.0
Thai	315	155	49.2	105	33.3	45	14.3	10	3.2
Laotian	1,925	780	40.4	495	25.7	525	27.2	130	6.7
Vietnamese	2,760	755	27.4	975	35.4	770	28.0	255	9.3
Other Asian languages	890	615	69.1	195	21.9	60	6.7	20	2.3
Tagalog	1,440	1,010	70.1	325	22.6	90	6.3	15	1.0
Other Pacific Island languages	910	530	58.6	275	30.4	80	8.8	20	2.2
<b>Other languages</b>	2,920	2,070	70.8	500	17.1	280	9.5	75	2.5
Navajo	40	35	89.7	0	0.0	4	10.3	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	760	600	79.0	70	9.2	90	11.8	0	0.0
Hungarian	250	135	53.2	45	17.7	70	27.6	4	1.6
Arabic	840	585	69.6	190	22.6	40	4.8	25	3.0
Hebrew	145	125	86.8	15	10.4	4	2.8	0	0.0
African languages	710	510	71.8	140	19.7	40	5.6	20	2.8
Other and unspecified languages	170	80	45.7	40	22.9	30	17.1	25	14.3

(X) Not Applicable.