

Table 6a. California -- 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
Population 5 years and over	31,416,625	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	19,014,875	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	12,401,755	6,123,975	49.4	2,920,870	23.6	2,227,800	18.0	1,129,110	9.1
Spanish or Spanish Creole	8,105,505	3,801,555	46.9	1,792,445	22.1	1,561,405	19.3	950,100	11.7
Other Indo-European languages	1,335,330	881,745	66.0	274,075	20.5	136,820	10.2	42,695	3.2
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	135,065	108,770	80.5	18,830	13.9	7,095	5.3	370	0.3
French Creole	4,105	2,965	72.1	725	17.6	390	9.5	30	0.7
Italian	84,190	62,875	74.7	14,790	17.6	5,950	7.1	580	0.7
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	78,405	49,665	63.4	15,925	20.3	10,020	12.8	2,790	3.6
German	141,670	116,745	82.4	19,020	13.4	5,600	4.0	305	0.2
Yiddish	8,950	7,275	81.3	1,240	13.9	360	4.0	75	0.8
Other West Germanic languages	30,795	25,110	81.5	4,920	16.0	730	2.4	35	0.1
Scandinavian languages	28,655	24,805	86.6	2,935	10.2	860	3.0	55	0.2
Greek	28,845	22,105	76.7	4,525	15.7	1,985	6.9	225	0.8
Russian	118,380	49,225	41.6	36,090	30.5	25,140	21.2	7,925	6.7
Polish	23,435	16,100	68.7	5,315	22.7	1,835	7.8	185	0.8
Serbo-Croatian	23,870	14,640	61.3	6,105	25.6	2,520	10.6	605	2.5
Other Slavic languages	28,695	14,535	50.6	7,775	27.1	4,615	16.1	1,775	6.2
Armenian	155,235	75,740	48.8	38,760	25.0	27,665	17.8	13,075	8.4
Persian	154,320	93,820	60.8	36,405	23.6	17,990	11.7	6,105	4.0
Gujarathi	33,110	23,170	70.0	6,250	18.9	2,780	8.4	915	2.8
Hindi	76,135	57,645	75.7	13,240	17.4	4,410	5.8	840	1.1
Urdu	31,590	22,820	72.3	6,110	19.3	2,040	6.5	615	2.0
Other Indic languages	112,120	69,815	62.3	25,960	23.2	11,095	9.9	5,250	4.7
Other Indo-European languages	37,750	23,920	63.4	9,155	24.3	3,745	9.9	935	2.5
Asian and Pacific Island languages	2,709,180	1,270,590	46.9	801,470	29.6	508,755	18.8	128,360	4.7
Chinese	815,385	330,090	40.5	242,630	29.8	178,440	21.9	64,225	7.9
Japanese	154,635	73,000	47.2	49,485	32.0	29,890	19.3	2,260	1.5
Korean	298,075	113,240	38.0	85,905	28.8	84,080	28.2	14,850	5.0
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	71,305	28,470	39.9	20,290	28.5	16,665	23.4	5,880	8.3
Miao, Hmong	65,530	22,795	34.8	22,265	34.0	14,260	21.8	6,210	9.5
Thai	39,970	17,355	43.4	14,730	36.9	6,850	17.1	1,035	2.6
Laotian	41,315	17,470	42.3	11,905	28.8	9,210	22.3	2,730	6.6
Vietnamese	407,120	135,870	33.4	139,380	34.2	107,380	26.4	24,490	6.0
Other Asian languages	76,015	49,285	64.8	17,070	22.5	7,265	9.6	2,390	3.1
Tagalog	626,400	412,360	65.8	167,330	26.7	43,465	6.9	3,240	0.5
Other Pacific Island languages	113,430	70,645	62.3	30,485	26.9	11,250	9.9	1,045	0.9
Other languages	251,740	170,085	67.6	52,880	21.0	20,815	8.3	7,960	3.2
Navajo	1,775	1,475	83.1	255	14.4	45	2.5	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	6,730	5,480	81.4	680	10.1	470	7.0	100	1.5
Hungarian	19,230	12,860	66.9	4,765	24.8	1,380	7.2	225	1.2
Arabic	108,340	72,660	67.1	24,445	22.6	9,205	8.5	2,030	1.9
Hebrew	34,645	27,455	79.2	5,560	16.1	1,490	4.3	145	0.4
African languages	45,470	32,915	72.4	8,940	19.7	2,920	6.4	695	1.5
Other and unspecified languages	35,550	17,240	48.5	8,235	23.2	5,310	14.9	4,765	13.4

(X) Not applicable.