

Table 6b. California -- 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
Population 18 years and over	24,650,185	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	15,128,125	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	9,522,060	4,355,670	45.7	2,199,530	23.1	1,913,155	20.1	1,053,710	11.1
Spanish or Spanish Creole	5,917,070	2,497,990	42.2	1,233,880	20.9	1,305,185	22.1	880,020	14.9
Other Indo-European languages	1,145,000	734,445	64.1	243,300	21.2	125,845	11.0	41,415	3.6
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	118,560	95,400	80.5	16,845	14.2	5,980	5.0	335	0.3
French Creole	3,515	2,500	71.1	625	17.8	360	10.2	30	0.9
Italian	78,760	58,210	73.9	14,295	18.2	5,680	7.2	575	0.7
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	68,470	41,320	60.4	14,915	21.8	9,480	13.9	2,755	4.0
German	130,010	107,030	82.3	17,875	13.8	4,810	3.7	295	0.2
Yiddish	8,610	6,990	81.1	1,210	14.1	340	4.0	75	0.9
Other West Germanic languages	29,200	23,780	81.4	4,755	16.3	635	2.2	35	0.1
Scandinavian languages	26,215	22,705	86.6	2,710	10.3	745	2.8	55	0.2
Greek	26,460	20,010	75.6	4,395	16.6	1,830	6.9	225	0.9
Russian	99,060	36,520	36.9	31,470	31.8	23,635	23.9	7,430	7.5
Polish	20,625	13,755	66.7	4,995	24.2	1,690	8.2	185	0.9
Serbo-Croatian	21,075	12,475	59.2	5,625	26.7	2,385	11.3	590	2.8
Other Slavic languages	23,400	11,800	50.4	6,015	25.7	3,980	17.0	1,610	6.9
Armenian	124,475	52,110	41.9	33,330	26.8	26,175	21.0	12,855	10.3
Persian	128,835	73,285	56.9	32,620	25.3	16,870	13.1	6,060	4.7
Gujarathi	27,475	18,650	67.9	5,440	19.8	2,475	9.0	910	3.3
Hindi	64,150	48,385	75.4	11,310	17.6	3,654	5.7	800	1.3
Urdu	24,555	17,345	70.6	4,920	20.0	1,710	7.0	585	2.4
Other Indic languages	90,435	53,355	59.0	22,040	24.4	9,930	11.0	5,110	5.7
Other Indo-European languages	31,115	18,825	60.5	7,910	25.4	3,480	11.2	900	2.9
Asian and Pacific Island languages	2,251,930	986,725	43.8	676,240	30.0	464,090	20.6	124,875	5.5
Chinese	686,385	248,080	36.1	207,885	30.3	166,995	24.3	63,425	9.2
Japanese	138,760	62,795	45.3	46,265	33.3	27,925	20.1	1,780	1.3
Korean	243,830	77,320	31.7	73,615	30.2	78,485	32.2	14,415	5.9
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	46,650	14,920	32.0	11,950	25.6	14,060	30.1	5,720	12.3
Miao, Hmong	32,275	9,315	28.9	8,245	25.6	9,085	28.2	5,630	17.4
Thai	34,175	13,195	38.6	13,580	39.7	6,385	18.7	1,015	3.0
Laotian	28,890	9,965	34.5	8,050	27.9	8,210	28.4	2,665	9.2
Vietnamese	323,870	90,035	27.8	111,835	34.5	98,140	30.3	23,860	7.4
Other Asian languages	63,535	41,595	65.5	13,340	21.0	6,270	9.9	2,325	3.7
Tagalog	558,640	362,195	64.8	154,790	27.7	38,620	6.9	3,035	0.5
Other Pacific Island languages	94,920	57,325	60.4	26,685	28.1	9,910	10.4	1,005	1.1
Other languages	208,065	136,510	65.6	46,110	22.2	18,040	8.7	7,400	3.6
Navajo	1,630	1,340	82.2	245	15.0	45	2.8	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	5,865	4,790	81.7	610	10.4	400	6.8	65	1.1
Hungarian	17,905	11,660	65.1	4,675	26.1	1,340	7.5	225	1.3
Arabic	87,610	55,880	63.8	21,625	24.7	8,155	9.3	1,950	2.2
Hebrew	28,260	22,170	78.5	4,800	17.0	1,160	4.1	130	0.5
African languages	37,010	26,930	72.8	7,205	19.5	2,245	6.1	630	1.7
Other and unspecified languages	29,785	13,735	46.1	6,950	23.3	4,695	15.8	4,400	14.8

(X) Not Applicable.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.