

**Table 8a. Connecticut -- 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>	3,184,515	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	2,600,600	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	583,915	349,115	59.8	130,350	22.3	81,715	14.0	22,735	3.9
<b>Spanish or Spanish Creole</b>	268,045	151,505	56.5	56,925	21.2	43,690	16.3	15,925	5.9
<b>Other Indo-European languages</b>	251,335	160,980	64.0	55,830	22.2	29,100	11.6	5,425	2.2
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	42,945	31,800	74.0	8,325	19.4	2,685	6.3	140	0.3
French Creole	7,855	4,160	52.9	2,265	28.8	1,150	14.6	285	3.6
Italian	50,890	34,035	66.9	10,805	21.2	5,515	10.8	540	1.1
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	30,665	14,820	48.3	8,050	26.3	6,100	19.9	1,700	5.5
German	14,310	11,885	83.0	1,895	13.2	520	3.6	15	0.1
Yiddish	1,710	1,415	82.8	245	14.3	50	2.9	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	1,835	1,535	83.7	250	13.6	50	2.7	0	0.0
Scandinavian languages	3,535	3,110	88.0	345	9.8	75	2.1	4	0.1
Greek	9,445	6,455	68.3	2,020	21.4	900	9.5	70	0.7
Russian	8,805	4,250	48.3	2,480	28.2	1,770	20.1	305	3.5
Polish	38,490	21,395	55.6	10,115	26.3	5,875	15.3	1,115	2.9
Serbo-Croatian	2,545	1,175	46.3	595	23.4	550	21.7	220	8.7
Other Slavic languages	6,310	3,900	61.8	1,580	25.0	750	11.9	80	1.3
Armenian	970	685	70.3	165	16.9	100	10.3	25	2.6
Persian	1,765	1,280	72.5	270	15.3	115	6.5	100	5.7
Gujarathi	3,355	2,230	66.5	740	22.1	285	8.5	100	3.0
Hindi	4,860	3,930	80.8	710	14.6	190	3.9	35	0.7
Urdu	3,310	2,335	70.5	735	22.2	190	5.7	50	1.5
Other Indic languages	5,750	3,625	63.0	1,475	25.7	525	9.1	125	2.2
Other Indo-European languages	11,980	6,970	58.2	2,770	23.1	1,720	14.4	525	4.4
<b>Asian and Pacific Island languages</b>	47,995	24,745	51.6	14,075	29.3	7,880	16.4	1,290	27.0
Chinese	15,780	8,475	53.7	4,280	27.1	2,435	15.4	595	3.8
Japanese	3,830	1,820	47.5	1,305	34.1	685	17.9	20	0.5
Korean	4,530	1,955	43.2	1,475	32.6	975	21.6	120	2.7
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	2,045	790	38.6	650	31.8	530	25.9	75	3.7
Miao, Hmong	115	65	56.5	20	17.4	30	26.1	0	0.0
Thai	780	380	48.7	260	33.3	130	16.7	10	1.3
Laotian	3,040	1,215	40.0	950	31.3	735	24.2	140	4.6
Vietnamese	6,600	2,260	34.2	2,355	35.7	1,720	26.1	265	4.0
Other Asian languages	5,335	3,860	72.4	1,105	20.7	310	5.8	60	1.1
Tagalog	5,040	3,415	67.8	1,325	26.3	285	5.7	10	0.2
Other Pacific Island languages	905	510	56.4	350	38.7	45	5.0	0	0.0
<b>Other languages</b>	16,540	11,880	71.8	3,520	21.3	1,040	6.3	100	0.6
Navajo	40	35	77.8	10	22.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	230	175	76.1	35	15.2	20	8.7	0	0.0
Hungarian	3,670	2,790	70.3	945	23.8	225	5.7	10	0.3
Arabic	5,170	3,380	65.3	1,290	24.9	455	8.8	50	1.0
Hebrew	2,160	1,845	85.4	250	11.6	55	2.6	10	0.5
African languages	3,655	2,655	72.6	760	20.8	210	5.8	30	0.8
Other and unspecified languages	1,315	1,005	76.4	235	17.9	75	5.7	0	0.0

(X) Not applicable.

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