

**Table 10a. District of Columbia -- 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>	539,660	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	449,240	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	90,415	52,180	57.7	17,660	19.5	14,825	16.4	5,745	6.4
<b>Spanish or Spanish Creole</b>	49,460	24,105	48.7	9,135	18.5	11,305	22.86	4,915	9.9
<b>Other Indo-European languages</b>	23,720	17,905	75.5	4,060	17.1	1,490	6.3	265	1.1
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	9,085	6,580	72.5	1,680	18.5	750	8.26	70	0.8
French Creole	600	350	58.3	175	29.2	65	10.83	10	1.7
Italian	1,725	1,150	66.9	435	25.3	100	5.81	35	2.0
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	1,015	710	70.3	180	17.8	105	10.4	15	1.5
German	2,695	2,330	86.5	255	9.5	110	4.08	0	0.0
Yiddish	115	115	100.0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	455	390	85.7	65	14.3	0	0	0	0.0
Scandinavian languages	635	590	93.1	40	6.3	0	0	4	0.6
Greek	790	645	81.7	135	17.1	10	1.27	0	0.0
Russian	1,110	835	75.2	175	15.8	75	6.76	25	2.3
Polish	370	260	70.3	80	21.6	30	8.11	0	0.0
Serbo-Croatian	780	625	80.2	110	14.1	40	5.13	4	0.5
Other Slavic languages	895	670	74.4	155	17.2	60	6.67	15	1.7
Armenian	85	75	88.3	15	17.6	0	0	0	0.0
Persian	585	415	71.1	150	25.7	4	0.68	15	2.6
Gujarathi	180	155	86.1	15	8.6	0	0	4	2.3
Hindi	475	415	87.4	55	11.6	10	2.11	0	0.0
Urdu	605	410	67.8	125	20.7	70	11.57	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	550	450	81.8	30	5.5	25	4.55	45	8.2
Other Indo-European languages	970	735	75.8	180	18.6	40	4.12	15	1.6
<b>Asian and Pacific Island languages</b>	8,975	4,465	49.7	2,425	27.0	1,585	17.7	495	5.5
Chinese	2,910	1,330	45.7	610	21.0	645	22.16	325	11.2
Japanese	930	590	63.4	265	28.5	55	5.91	20	2.2
Korean	710	460	64.8	145	20.4	75	10.56	30	4.2
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	30	10	33.3	20	66.7	0	0	0	0.0
Miao, Hmong	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Thai	230	90	39.1	80	34.8	60	26.09	0	0.0
Laotian	65	30	46.2	35	53.9	0	0	0	0.0
Vietnamese	1,610	400	24.8	590	36.7	515	31.99	105	6.5
Other Asian languages	730	525	71.9	95	13.0	95	13.01	15	2.1
Tagalog	1,355	725	53.5	535	39.5	95	7.01	0	0.0
Other Pacific Island languages	405	305	75.3	50	12.4	50	12.35	0	0.0
<b>Other languages</b>	8,260	5,705	69.0	2,040	24.7	445	53.8	70	8.4
Navajo	5	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	75	35	47.3	35	47.3	4	5.41	0	0.0
Hungarian	305	235	77.1	55	18.0	15	4.92	0	0.0
Arabic	2,095	1,530	73.0	455	21.7	90	4.3	20	1.0
Hebrew	380	325	85.5	55	14.5	0	0	0	0.0
African languages	5,180	3,375	65.2	1,420	27.4	335	6.47	50	1.0
Other and unspecified languages	220	200	90.9	20	9.1	0	0	0	0.0

(X) Not applicable.