

**Table 10b. District of Columbia -- Ability to Speak English by Language Spoken at Home for the Population 18 Years and Over: 2000**  
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[Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf3.pdf>]

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>	457,725	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	379,535	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	78,195	44,465	56.9	15,085	19.3	13,310	17.0	5,330	6.8
<b>Spanish or Spanish Creole</b>	40,780	18,720	45.9	7,410	18.2	10,080	24.7	4,570	11.2
<b>Other Indo-European languages</b>	21,835	16,505	74.0	3,810	17.4	1,305	6.0	215	0.9
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	8,170	5,920	72.5	1,620	19.8	600	7.3	30	0.4
French Creole	525	315	60.6	140	26.9	55	10.6	10	1.9
Italian	1,595	1,060	66.7	415	26.1	80	5.0	35	2.2
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	955	655	68.6	180	18.9	105	11.0	15	1.6
German	2,545	2,190	86.1	255	10.0	100	3.9	0	0.0
Yiddish	115	115	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	410	375	91.5	35	8.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Scandinavian languages	625	575	92.9	40	6.5	0	0.0	4	0.7
Greek	780	635	81.4	135	17.3	10	1.3	0	0.0
Russian	1,060	785	74.1	175	16.5	75	7.1	25	2.4
Polish	345	250	72.5	65	18.8	30	8.7	0	0.0
Serbo-Croatian	765	615	80.5	105	13.7	40	5.2	4	0.5
Other Slavic languages	760	560	73.8	135	17.8	60	7.9	4	0.5
Armenian	85	75	83.3	15	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Persian	560	400	71.6	140	25.0	4	0.7	15	2.7
Gujarathi	180	155	89.1	15	8.6	0	0.0	4	2.3
Hindi	460	400	86.0	55	11.8	10	2.2	0	0.0
Urdu	520	355	68.3	95	18.3	70	13.5	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	535	435	81.3	30	5.6	25	4.7	45	8.4
Other Indo-European languages	845	640	75.3	155	18.2	40	4.7	15	1.8
<b>Asian and Pacific Island languages</b>	8,300	4,205	50.6	2,075	25.0	1,525	18.4	490	5.9
Chinese	2,735	1,220	44.6	570	20.8	625	22.9	320	11.7
Japanese	900	570	63.3	255	28.3	55	6.1	20	2.2
Korean	690	460	66.7	135	19.6	65	9.4	30	4.4
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	30	10	33.3	20	66.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Miao, Hmong	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Thai	195	80	41.0	55	28.2	60	30.8	0	0.0
Laotian	65	30	46.2	35	53.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
Vietnamese	1,285	295	22.9	385	29.8	505	39.2	105	8.1
Other Asian languages	705	510	72.3	90	12.8	90	12.8	15	2.1
Tagalog	1,310	725	55.3	495	37.8	90	6.9	0	0.0
Other Pacific Island languages	385	305	79.2	40	10.4	40	10.4	0	0.0
<b>Other languages</b>	7,280	5,040	69.3	1,790	24.5	400	5.5	55	0.8
Navajo	5	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	60	35	64.8	15	27.8	4	7.4	0	0.0
Hungarian	295	235	79.7	45	15.3	15	5.1	0	0.0
Arabic	1,885	1,365	72.4	420	22.3	80	4.2	20	1.1
Hebrew	320	295	92.2	25	7.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
African languages	4,525	2,935	64.9	1,255	27.7	300	6.6	35	0.8
Other and unspecified languages	195	170	89.5	20	10.5	0	0.0	0	0.0

(X) Not Applicable.