

Table 15a. Illinois -- 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	11,547,505	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	9,326,785	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	2,220,720	1,165,995	52.5	512,875	23.1	387,845	17.5	154,000	6.9
Spanish or Spanish Creole	1,253,675	587,680	46.9	279,650	22.3	259,455	20.7	126,885	10.1
Other Indo-European languages	640,235	386,885	60.5	149,735	23.4	86,290	13.5	17,325	27.1
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	40,810	30,810	75.5	6,100	15.0	3,710	9.1	190	0.5
French Creole	4,035	2,725	67.6	895	22.2	330	8.2	80	2.0
Italian	51,975	35,350	68.0	10,170	19.6	5,825	11.2	625	1.2
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	4,195	2,925	69.7	880	21.0	350	8.3	40	1.0
German	63,365	49,200	77.6	10,235	16.2	3,725	5.9	210	0.3
Yiddish	3,510	2,970	84.6	345	9.8	185	5.3	10	0.3
Other West Germanic languages	5,375	4,320	80.4	815	15.2	205	3.8	35	0.7
Scandinavian languages	6,465	5,505	85.2	665	10.3	270	4.2	25	0.4
Greek	40,580	28,720	70.8	7,460	18.4	3,950	9.7	450	1.1
Russian	38,055	15,850	41.6	12,050	31.7	8,060	21.2	2,100	5.5
Polish	185,750	87,285	47.0	53,025	28.6	37,210	20.0	8,225	4.4
Serbo-Croatian	29,630	15,380	51.9	7,860	26.5	5,100	17.2	1,295	4.4
Other Slavic languages	27,770	15,010	54.0	7,515	27.1	4,520	16.3	730	2.6
Armenian	2,325	1,525	65.5	485	20.8	300	12.9	20	0.9
Persian	6,075	4,105	67.5	1,405	23.1	460	7.6	110	1.8
Gujarathi	28,725	17,035	59.3	6,900	24.0	3,590	12.5	1,200	4.2
Hindi	18,735	14,210	75.9	3,195	17.1	1,095	5.8	235	1.3
Urdu	32,420	22,550	69.6	6,980	21.5	2,335	7.2	555	1.7
Other Indic languages	17,630	12,055	68.4	4,015	22.8	1,240	7.0	320	1.8
Other Indo-European languages	32,805	19,355	59.0	8,745	26.7	3,830	11.7	875	2.7
Asian and Pacific Island languages	248,800	137,735	55.4	67,150	27.0	35,720	14.4	8,200	3.3
Chinese	65,250	30,935	47.4	18,855	28.9	10,915	16.7	4,550	7.0
Japanese	15,480	7,230	46.7	4,960	32.0	3,050	19.7	240	1.6
Korean	43,710	18,145	41.5	13,310	30.5	10,450	23.9	1,810	4.1
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	3,235	1,490	46.1	880	27.2	700	21.6	165	5.1
Miao, Hmong	415	220	53.1	165	39.9	25	6.0	4	1.0
Thai	6,290	2,910	46.3	2,535	40.3	800	12.7	40	0.6
Laotian	4,835	2,390	49.4	1,380	28.5	960	19.9	105	2.2
Vietnamese	16,485	5,860	35.5	5,670	34.4	4,270	25.9	690	4.2
Other Asian languages	26,745	19,780	73.9	5,165	19.3	1,445	5.4	360	1.4
Tagalog	62,365	46,040	73.8	13,325	21.4	2,805	4.5	195	0.3
Other Pacific Island languages	3,985	2,735	68.6	905	22.7	305	7.7	40	1.0
Other languages	78,005	53,695	68.8	16,340	20.9	6,380	8.2	1,585	2.0
Navajo	125	80	64.0	25	20.0	20	16.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	1,245	920	73.9	165	13.3	160	12.9	0	0.0
Hungarian	4,270	2,790	65.3	1,105	25.9	300	7.0	75	1.8
Arabic	35,395	23,915	67.6	7,620	21.5	3,175	9.0	685	1.9
Hebrew	5,705	4,780	83.8	660	11.6	265	4.7	0	0.0
African languages	15,380	11,900	77.4	2,555	16.6	790	5.1	135	0.9
Other and unspecified languages	15,885	9,305	58.6	4,205	26.5	1,675	10.6	695	4.4

(X) Not applicable.