

Table 15b. Illinois -- 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	9,180,065	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	7,420,005	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	1,760,060	870,890	49.5	412,815	23.5	336,010	19.1	140,345	8.0
Spanish or Spanish Creole	931,780	396,730	42.6	203,935	21.9	217,020	23.3	114,090	12.2
Other Indo-European languages	550,890	318,005	57.7	135,100	24.5	80,940	14.7	16,850	3.1
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	33,605	25,745	76.6	4,870	14.5	2,830	8.4	155	0.5
French Creole	3,235	2,070	64.0	775	24.0	310	9.6	80	2.5
Italian	48,205	32,040	66.5	9,935	20.6	5,610	11.6	620	1.3
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	3,725	2,600	69.8	760	20.4	325	8.7	40	1.1
German	56,995	44,260	77.7	9,320	16.4	3,205	5.6	205	0.4
Yiddish	3,325	2,810	84.5	320	9.6	185	5.6	10	0.3
Other West Germanic languages	4,575	3,750	82.0	685	15.0	105	2.3	35	0.8
Scandinavian languages	5,965	5,145	86.3	610	10.2	185	3.1	25	0.4
Greek	36,005	24,800	68.9	7,045	19.6	3,710	10.3	450	1.3
Russian	32,545	11,585	35.6	11,065	34.0	7,815	24.0	2,080	6.4
Polish	158,495	66,600	42.0	47,990	30.3	35,815	22.6	8,090	5.1
Serbo-Croatian	25,025	11,975	47.9	6,970	27.9	4,830	19.3	1,250	5.0
Other Slavic languages	25,150	13,170	52.4	6,900	27.4	4,365	17.4	715	2.8
Armenian	2,085	1,360	65.2	440	21.1	265	12.7	20	1.0
Persian	5,155	3,435	66.6	1,210	23.5	400	7.8	110	2.1
Gujarathi	22,905	12,500	54.6	5,940	25.9	3,290	14.4	1,175	5.1
Hindi	16,490	12,445	75.5	2,870	17.4	1,000	6.1	175	1.1
Urdu	24,745	16,405	66.3	5,805	23.5	2,045	8.3	495	2.0
Other Indic languages	14,840	9,775	65.9	3,615	24.4	1,155	7.8	295	2.0
Other Indo-European languages	27,830	15,535	55.8	7,970	28.6	3,500	12.6	825	3.0
Asian and Pacific Island languages	214,360	114,120	53.2	59,785	27.9	32,575	15.2	7,880	3.7
Chinese	55,575	24,565	44.2	16,445	29.6	10,055	18.1	4,505	8.1
Japanese	13,315	6,065	45.5	4,545	34.1	2,580	19.4	130	1.0
Korean	36,525	13,125	35.9	11,915	32.6	9,730	26.6	1,755	4.8
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	2,505	1,005	40.2	690	27.6	640	25.6	165	6.6
Miao, Hmong	250	135	54.2	85	34.1	25	10.0	4	1.6
Thai	5,525	2,355	42.6	2,375	43.0	755	13.7	40	0.7
Laotian	3,695	1,460	39.5	1,190	32.2	945	25.6	100	2.7
Vietnamese	13,405	4,310	32.2	4,530	33.8	3,905	29.1	660	4.9
Other Asian languages	23,380	17,150	73.4	4,625	19.8	1,285	5.5	315	1.4
Tagalog	56,670	41,540	73.3	12,565	22.2	2,385	4.2	180	0.3
Other Pacific Island languages	3,525	2,405	68.2	830	23.6	260	7.4	30	0.9
Other languages	63,025	42,035	66.7	13,995	22.2	5,470	8.7	1,525	2.4
Navajo	125	80	64.0	25	20.0	20	16.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	1,105	845	76.5	140	12.7	120	10.9	0	0.0
Hungarian	3,890	2,535	65.3	1,005	25.9	270	7.0	75	1.9
Arabic	27,215	17,455	64.2	6,335	23.3	2,750	10.1	670	2.5
Hebrew	4,410	3,745	84.9	450	10.2	215	4.9	0	0.0
African languages	13,210	10,380	78.6	2,180	16.5	565	4.3	85	0.6
Other and unspecified languages	13,070	6,995	53.5	3,855	29.5	1,525	11.7	695	5.3

(X) Not Applicable.

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