

**Table 17a. Iowa -- Ability to Speak English by Language Spoken at Home for the Population 5 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 5 years and over</b>	2,738,500	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	2,578,475	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	160,020	91,915	57.4	32,785	20.5	27,215	17.0	8,110	5.1
<b>Spanish or Spanish Creole</b>	79,490	42,885	54.0	14,120	17.8	16,440	20.7	6,045	7.6
<b>Other Indo-European languages</b>	49,030	33,380	69.2	9,285	19.2	5,385	11.2	980	2.0
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	7,475	5,440	72.8	1,020	13.7	935	12.5	80	1.1
French Creole	80	50	63.3	25	31.7	4	5.1	0	0.0
Italian	1,205	925	76.8	170	14.1	110	9.1	0	0.0
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	365	285	77.2	80	21.7	4	1.1	0	0.0
German	17,260	13,020	75.4	2,985	17.3	1,145	6.6	110	0.6
Yiddish	160	125	79.1	25	15.8	4	2.5	4	2.5
Other West Germanic languages	3,550	2,350	66.2	975	27.5	180	5.1	45	1.3
Scandinavian languages	2,385	1,920	80.5	375	15.7	75	3.1	15	0.6
Greek	710	560	78.3	105	14.7	40	5.6	10	1.4
Russian	2,235	1,190	53.4	610	27.4	390	17.5	40	1.8
Polish	660	450	68.2	165	25.0	45	6.8	0	0.0
Serbo-Croatian	6,450	2,200	34.1	1,675	26.0	2,015	31.2	560	8.7
Other Slavic languages	2,050	1,505	73.4	315	15.4	170	8.3	60	2.9
Armenian	25	25	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Persian	440	325	74.9	90	20.7	15	3.5	4	0.9
Gujarathi	440	320	73.6	85	19.5	20	4.6	10	2.3
Hindi	1,185	955	80.6	135	11.4	85	7.2	10	0.8
Urdu	475	410	87.2	35	7.5	25	5.3	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	1,085	755	69.6	255	23.5	65	6.0	10	0.9
Other Indo-European languages	795	575	72.3	150	18.9	50	6.3	20	2.5
<b>Asian and Pacific Island languages</b>	25,335	11,730	46.3	8,045	31.7	4,635	18.3	925	3.7
Chinese	5,190	2,570	49.5	1,970	37.9	575	11.1	80	1.5
Japanese	1,235	685	55.5	405	32.8	145	11.7	0	0.0
Korean	2,495	1,100	44.1	910	36.5	445	17.8	40	1.6
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	820	355	43.3	260	31.7	175	21.3	30	3.7
Miao, Hmong	155	85	53.1	45	28.1	30	18.8	0	0.0
Thai	1,305	640	49.0	395	30.3	240	18.4	30	2.3
Laotian	3,940	1,895	48.1	1,055	26.8	760	19.3	230	5.8
Vietnamese	6,180	1,620	26.2	2,085	33.7	1,985	32.1	490	7.9
Other Asian languages	1,535	1,185	77.0	275	17.9	75	4.9	4	0.3
Tagalog	1,450	1,005	69.1	300	20.6	125	8.6	25	1.7
Other Pacific Island languages	1,025	595	57.8	345	33.5	85	8.3	4	0.4
<b>Other languages</b>	6,165	3,920	63.6	1,335	21.7	750	12.1	160	2.6
Navajo	15	15	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	1,185	925	77.8	170	14.3	90	7.6	4	0.3
Hungarian	175	125	69.8	50	27.9	4	2.2	0	0.0
Arabic	2,055	1,155	56.2	585	28.5	285	13.9	30	1.5
Hebrew	375	355	93.4	15	4.0	10	2.6	0	0.0
African languages	2,135	1,195	56.0	480	22.5	355	16.6	105	4.9
Other and unspecified languages	220	150	70.1	40	18.7	4	1.9	20	9.4

(X) Not applicable.