

Table 17b. Iowa -- 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		Speak		Speak		Speak	
	Number	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 18 years and over	2,193,990	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	2,069,610	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	124,380	69,905	56.2	25,060	20.2	22,050	17.7	7,370	5.9
Spanish or Spanish Creole	58,265	30,000	51.5	9,880	17.0	12,875	22.1	5,510	9.5
Other Indo-European languages	40,250	27,650	68.7	7,290	18.1	4,460	11.1	855	2.1
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	5,755	4,215	73.3	755	13.1	710	12.4	70	1.2
French Creole	70	45	65.2	20	29.0	4	5.8	0	0.0
Italian	1,060	805	75.9	150	14.2	105	9.9	0	0.0
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	290	235	79.9	55	18.7	4	1.4	0	0.0
German	14,195	11,065	77.9	2,285	16.1	810	5.7	40	0.3
Yiddish	120	95	77.2	20	16.3	4	3.3	4	3.3
Other West Germanic languages	2,870	2,045	71.3	730	25.4	90	3.0	10	0.4
Scandinavian languages	2,185	1,750	80.3	340	15.6	75	3.4	15	0.7
Greek	650	500	76.3	105	16.0	40	6.1	10	1.5
Russian	1,795	915	51.0	500	27.9	340	18.9	40	2.2
Polish	610	420	68.9	145	23.8	45	7.4	0	0.0
Serbo-Croatian	4,805	1,205	25.1	1,235	25.7	1,815	37.8	545	11.4
Other Slavic languages	1,935	1,410	72.9	295	15.3	170	8.8	60	3.1
Armenian	25	25	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Persian	405	310	75.8	85	20.8	10	2.4	4	1.0
Gujarathi	370	260	70.3	80	21.6	20	5.4	10	2.7
Hindi	1,095	875	79.9	125	11.4	85	7.8	10	0.9
Urdu	405	350	86.4	30	7.4	25	6.2	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	900	615	68.3	210	23.3	65	7.2	10	1.1
Other Indo-European languages	710	515	73.1	125	17.7	45	6.4	20	2.8
Asian and Pacific Island languages	20,950	8,975	42.8	6,935	33.1	4,160	19.8	880	4.2
Chinese	4,545	2,085	45.9	1,855	40.8	530	11.7	75	1.7
Japanese	1,135	625	55.1	400	35.2	110	9.7	0	0.0
Korean	1,955	720	36.8	835	42.7	360	18.4	40	2.1
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	575	215	37.4	160	27.8	170	29.6	30	5.2
Miao, Hmong	95	60	63.2	15	15.8	20	21.1	0	0.0
Thai	1,100	485	44.1	360	32.7	225	20.5	30	2.7
Laotian	2,945	1,210	41.1	855	29.0	650	22.1	230	7.8
Vietnamese	4,985	1,065	21.3	1,580	31.7	1,895	38.0	450	9.0
Other Asian languages	1,450	1,115	76.7	270	18.6	65	4.5	4	0.3
Tagalog	1,250	895	71.6	275	22.0	55	4.4	25	2.0
Other Pacific Island languages	915	505	55.3	325	35.6	80	8.8	4	0.4
Other languages	4,910	3,280	66.7	955	19.5	555	11.3	125	2.4
Navajo	15	15	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	1,035	825	79.7	120	11.6	90	8.7	0	0.0
Hungarian	160	105	66.0	50	31.5	4	2.5	0	0.0
Arabic	1,605	950	59.2	420	26.2	225	14.0	10	0.6
Hebrew	310	290	92.1	15	4.8	10	3.2	0	0.0
African languages	1,590	945	59.3	330	20.7	225	14.1	95	6.0
Other and unspecified languages	195	145	76.7	25	13.2	4	2.1	15	7.9

(X) Not Applicable.

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