

Table 20a. Louisiana -- 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	4,153,365	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	3,771,005	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	382,365	265,455	69.4	74,700	19.5	36,750	9.6	5,460	1.4
Spanish or Spanish Creole	105,190	66,580	63.3	20,755	19.7	14,680	14.0	3,175	3.0
Other Indo-European languages	225,750	171,800	76.1	39,750	17.6	13,535	6.0	660	0.3
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	194,315	148,175	76.3	34,295	17.7	11,360	5.9	480	0.3
French Creole	4,470	3,160	70.7	955	21.4	350	7.8	4	0.1
Italian	3,730	2,820	75.6	590	15.8	310	8.3	10	0.3
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	1,300	935	72.0	270	20.8	90	6.9	4	0.3
German	8,045	6,325	78.6	1,115	13.9	590	7.3	15	0.2
Yiddish	75	70	89.7	4	5.1	4	5.1	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	715	635	88.8	60	8.4	20	2.8	0	0.0
Scandinavian languages	710	595	83.2	100	14.0	20	2.8	0	0.0
Greek	1,525	1,245	81.9	205	13.5	70	4.6	0	0.0
Russian	935	565	60.4	285	30.5	65	7.0	20	2.1
Polish	480	380	80.0	80	16.8	15	3.2	0	0.0
Serbo-Croatian	805	515	64.0	160	19.9	95	11.8	35	4.4
Other Slavic languages	480	310	64.6	105	21.9	65	13.5	0	0.0
Armenian	140	110	79.1	25	18.0	4	2.9	0	0.0
Persian	915	640	70.3	195	21.4	60	6.6	15	1.7
Gujarathi	1,565	1,055	67.6	345	22.1	135	8.7	25	1.6
Hindi	1,365	1,190	86.9	140	10.2	40	2.9	0	0.0
Urdu	1,305	1,025	78.5	205	15.7	55	4.2	20	1.5
Other Indic languages	2,180	1,540	70.6	495	22.7	115	5.3	30	1.4
Other Indo-European languages	690	500	72.5	125	18.1	65	9.4	0	0.0
Asian and Pacific Island languages	41,965	20,210	48.2	12,330	29.4	7,865	18.8	1,555	3.7
Chinese	5,735	2,685	46.8	1,930	33.7	965	16.8	155	2.7
Japanese	1,810	1,045	57.7	560	30.9	195	10.8	10	0.6
Korean	2,405	1,110	46.2	810	33.7	460	19.1	25	1.0
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	380	205	54.1	60	15.8	110	29.0	4	1.1
Miao, Hmong	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Thai	705	440	62.4	200	28.4	65	9.2	0	0.0
Laotian	1,385	485	35.0	535	38.6	295	21.3	70	5.1
Vietnamese	23,325	9,645	41.4	7,020	30.1	5,380	23.1	1,280	5.5
Other Asian languages	1,980	1,540	77.8	310	15.7	125	6.3	4	0.2
Tagalog	3,335	2,350	70.4	785	23.5	200	6.0	4	0.1
Other Pacific Island languages	900	705	78.3	120	13.3	75	8.3	0	0.0
Other languages	9,460	6,865	72.6	1,860	19.7	665	7.0	65	0.7
Navajo	100	80	80.0	10	10.0	10	10.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	680	485	70.9	150	21.9	45	6.6	4	0.6
Hungarian	350	275	79.7	60	17.4	10	2.9	0	0.0
Arabic	5,490	3,740	68.2	1,215	22.2	485	8.8	45	0.8
Hebrew	390	340	87.2	50	12.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
African languages	2,280	1,825	80.2	335	14.7	95	4.2	20	0.9
Other and unspecified languages	180	120	66.7	40	22.2	20	11.1	0	0.0

(X) Not applicable.