

Table 21a. Maine -- 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	1,204,165	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	1,110,200	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	93,965	69,905	74.4	16,370	17.4	6,990	7.4	705	0.8
Spanish or Spanish Creole	9,610	6,945	72.3	1,465	15.2	1,075	11.2	125	1.3
Other Indo-European languages	76,080	57,915	76.1	13,005	17.1	4,825	6.3	340	0.4
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	63,640	48,275	75.9	11,260	17.7	3,905	6.1	200	0.3
French Creole	55	25	45.5	30	54.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Italian	1,475	1,190	80.7	205	13.9	80	5.4	0	0.0
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	520	405	77.9	80	15.4	10	1.9	25	4.8
German	4,005	3,385	84.5	340	8.5	260	6.5	20	0.5
Yiddish	115	100	92.6	4	3.7	4	3.7	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	385	350	90.0	20	5.1	15	3.9	4	1.0
Scandinavian languages	780	675	87.1	70	9.0	30	3.9	0	0.0
Greek	765	580	75.9	125	16.4	55	7.2	4	0.5
Russian	895	505	56.1	170	18.9	195	21.7	30	3.3
Polish	765	555	72.6	185	24.2	25	3.3	0	0.0
Serbo-Croatian	520	245	46.7	170	32.4	110	21.0	0	0.0
Other Slavic languages	400	285	70.4	90	22.2	15	3.7	15	3.7
Armenian	85	80	95.2	0	0.0	4	4.8	0	0.0
Persian	340	235	69.1	60	17.7	20	5.9	25	7.4
Gujarathi	65	25	42.4	30	50.9	4	6.8	0	0.0
Hindi	130	115	92.0	10	8.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Urdu	110	90	81.8	20	18.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	245	225	91.8	20	8.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Indo-European languages	785	560	71.3	125	15.9	90	11.5	10	1.3
Asian and Pacific Island languages	5,735	3,250	56.7	1,455	25.3	840	14.7	190	3.3
Chinese	1,260	645	51.2	310	24.6	210	16.7	95	7.5
Japanese	605	365	60.3	165	27.3	75	12.4	0	0.0
Korean	405	225	55.0	110	26.9	70	17.1	4	1.0
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	1,085	595	55.1	225	20.8	235	21.8	25	2.3
Miao, Hmong	5	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Thai	110	60	57.7	30	28.9	10	9.6	4	3.9
Laotian	135	65	48.2	35	25.9	35	25.9	0	0.0
Vietnamese	910	430	47.3	250	27.5	175	19.2	55	6.0
Other Asian languages	235	210	89.4	15	6.4	10	4.3	0	0.0
Tagalog	770	510	65.9	250	32.3	10	1.3	4	0.5
Other Pacific Island languages	215	140	65.4	60	28.0	10	4.7	4	1.9
Other languages	2,540	1,790	70.7	445	17.4	250	9.8	55	2.1
Navajo	10	4	50.0	4	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	1,180	950	80.2	210	17.7	25	2.1	0	0.0
Hungarian	110	110	96.5	4	3.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Arabic	335	230	68.9	90	27.0	10	3.0	4	1.2
Hebrew	120	110	93.2	4	3.4	4	3.4	0	0.0
African languages	480	165	34.4	75	15.6	190	39.6	50	10.4
Other and unspecified languages	300	225	75.0	55	18.3	20	6.7	0	0.0

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