

Table 21b. Maine -- 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	973,945	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	889,610	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	84,335	62,775	74.4	15,055	17.9	5,905	7.0	600	0.7
Spanish or Spanish Creole	7,440	5,425	72.9	1,105	14.9	815	11.0	95	1.3
Other Indo-European languages	70,170	53,410	76.1	12,290	17.5	4,165	5.9	305	0.4
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	59,250	45,000	76.0	10,700	18.1	3,365	5.7	185	0.3
French Creole	40	20	50.0	20	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Italian	1,400	1,110	79.6	205	14.7	80	5.7	0	0.0
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	510	400	77.7	80	15.5	10	1.9	25	4.9
German	3,495	3,030	86.7	275	7.9	185	5.3	4	0.1
Yiddish	100	90	91.8	4	4.1	4	4.1	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	335	320	94.4	15	4.4	0	0.0	4	1.2
Scandinavian languages	700	605	87.1	70	10.1	20	2.9	0	0.0
Greek	675	490	72.7	125	18.6	55	8.2	4	0.6
Russian	705	355	50.7	125	17.9	190	27.1	30	4.3
Polish	695	490	70.5	180	25.9	25	3.6	0	0.0
Serbo-Croatian	400	135	33.8	155	38.8	110	27.5	0	0.0
Other Slavic languages	375	265	70.7	80	21.3	15	4.0	15	4.0
Armenian	85	80	95.2	0	0.0	4	4.8	0	0.0
Persian	250	145	58.0	60	24.0	20	8.0	25	10.0
Gujarathi	60	25	42.4	30	50.9	4	6.8	0	0.0
Hindi	110	100	90.9	10	9.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Urdu	100	80	80.0	20	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	195	175	89.7	20	10.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Indo-European languages	690	500	72.5	115	16.7	65	9.4	10	1.5
Asian and Pacific Island languages	4,675	2,475	53.0	1,250	26.7	770	16.5	180	3.8
Chinese	1,025	465	45.6	285	27.9	185	18.1	85	8.3
Japanese	530	315	59.4	155	29.3	60	11.3	0	0.0
Korean	370	205	56.2	100	27.4	60	16.4	0	0.0
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	725	310	42.8	155	21.4	235	32.4	25	3.5
Miao, Hmong	5	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Thai	95	55	59.1	30	32.3	4	4.3	4	4.3
Laotian	115	55	50.0	20	18.2	35	31.8	0	0.0
Vietnamese	735	295	39.9	225	30.4	165	22.3	55	7.4
Other Asian languages	215	190	88.4	15	7.0	10	4.7	0	0.0
Tagalog	675	460	67.8	205	30.2	10	1.5	4	0.6
Other Pacific Island languages	200	125	62.8	60	30.2	10	5.0	4	2.0
Other languages	2,050	1,465	71.7	410	19.8	155	7.5	20	1.0
Navajo	10	4	50.0	4	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	975	765	78.5	185	19.0	25	2.6	0	0.0
Hungarian	110	110	96.5	4	3.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Arabic	260	165	62.3	90	34.0	10	3.8	0	0.0
Hebrew	95	85	91.4	4	4.3	4	4.3	0	0.0
African languages	305	125	41.0	65	21.3	95	31.2	20	6.6
Other and unspecified languages	290	215	74.1	55	19.0	20	6.9	0	0.0

(X) Not Applicable.