

**Table 22a. Maryland -- 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>	4,945,045	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	4,322,330	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	622,710	376,425	60.5	135,030	21.7	88,140	14.2	23,115	3.7
<b>Spanish or Spanish Creole</b>	230,830	122,250	53.0	49,250	21.3	43,620	18.9	15,710	6.8
<b>Other Indo-European languages</b>	198,930	140,300	71%	37,090	18.6	18,625	9.3	2,920	1.4
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	42,840	30,695	71.7	7,180	16.8	4,750	11.1	210	0.5
French Creole	6,720	4,510	67.1	1,395	20.7	665	9.9	155	2.3
Italian	13,800	9,735	70.5	2,805	20.3	1,185	8.6	75	0.5
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	7,455	4,590	61.6	1,700	22.8	905	12.1	260	3.5
German	23,795	19,245	80.9	3,200	13.5	1,255	5.3	95	0.4
Yiddish	2,125	1,675	78.8	310	14.6	125	5.9	15	0.7
Other West Germanic languages	3,140	2,500	79.6	500	15.9	120	3.8	20	0.6
Scandinavian languages	2,280	1,955	85.8	250	11.0	65	2.9	10	0.4
Greek	10,715	8,030	74.9	1,630	15.2	1,010	9.4	50	0.5
Russian	17,585	8,290	47.1	4,920	28.0	3,445	19.6	930	5.3
Polish	6,085	4,465	73.4	1,125	18.5	475	7.8	20	0.3
Serbo-Croatian	1,405	960	68.3	315	22.4	105	7.5	25	1.8
Other Slavic languages	4,460	3,245	72.7	895	20.0	285	6.4	40	0.9
Armenian	1,530	1,075	70.3	305	19.9	110	7.2	40	2.6
Persian	11,950	7,930	66.4	2,410	20.2	1,345	11.3	265	2.2
Gujarathi	6,010	4,110	68.3	1,235	20.5	535	8.9	135	2.2
Hindi	11,390	9,070	79.7	1,700	14.9	530	4.7	85	0.8
Urdu	8,195	5,730	69.9	1,735	21.2	545	6.7	190	2.3
Other Indic languages	11,345	8,170	72.0	2,195	19.4	735	6.5	245	2.2
Other Indo-European languages	6,105	4,335	71.0	1,285	21.1	425	7.0	60	1.0
<b>Asian and Pacific Island languages</b>	135,900	69,925	51.5	38,970	28.7	23,075	17.0	3,930	2.9
Chinese	41,885	20,295	48.5	12,810	30.6	6,905	16.5	1,870	4.5
Japanese	6,430	3,615	56.2	1,745	27.1	1,035	16.1	35	0.5
Korean	32,935	13,200	40.1	9,790	29.7	8,830	26.8	1,115	3.4
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	1,900	855	45.1	595	31.4	350	18.5	95	5.0
Miao, Hmong	20	10	50.0	10	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Thai	2,945	1,495	50.8	1,055	35.8	320	10.9	75	2.6
Laotian	870	395	45.4	295	33.9	165	19.0	15	1.7
Vietnamese	14,890	5,590	37.5	4,940	33.2	3,855	25.9	510	3.4
Other Asian languages	12,405	9,375	75.6	2,195	17.7	715	5.8	115	0.9
Tagalog	18,495	13,015	70.4	4,745	25.7	655	3.5	75	0.4
Other Pacific Island languages	3,125	2,080	66.6	785	25.1	240	7.7	20	0.6
<b>Other languages</b>	57,055	43,950	77.0	9,720	17.1	2,825	5.0	560	1.0
Navajo	70	45	65.2	4	5.8	20	29.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	535	480	89.7	40	7.5	15	2.8	0	0.0
Hungarian	1,370	1,000	73.0	250	18.3	120	8.8	0	0.0
Arabic	10,460	7,640	73.0	1,985	19.0	690	6.6	145	1.4
Hebrew	6,575	5,605	85.3	725	11.0	245	3.7	0	0.0
African languages	36,965	28,410	76.9	6,505	17.6	1,655	4.5	395	1.1
Other and unspecified languages	1,085	765	70.5	220	20.3	80	7.4	20	1.8

(X) Not applicable.