

Table 23b. Massachusetts -- 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	4,853,130	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	3,944,715	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	908,415	509,975	56.1	204,660	22.5	143,455	15.8	50,330	5.5
Spanish or Spanish Creole	270,460	139,090	51.4	59,475	22.0	49,290	18.2	22,605	8.4
Other Indo-European languages	460,495	282,450	61.3	97,210	21.1	63,045	13.7	17,790	3.9
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	76,850	59,960	78.0	11,630	15.1	5,050	6.6	205	0.3
French Creole	31,845	14,705	46.2	10,330	32.4	5,230	16.4	1,580	5.0
Italian	56,195	38,155	67.9	11,515	20.5	5,600	10.0	925	1.7
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	134,960	64,185	47.6	31,160	23.1	28,615	21.2	11,005	8.2
German	18,120	15,260	84.2	2,215	12.2	580	3.2	70	0.4
Yiddish	2,260	1,910	84.3	195	8.6	150	6.6	10	0.4
Other West Germanic languages	3,025	2,690	88.9	275	9.1	40	1.3	20	0.7
Scandinavian languages	4,220	3,665	86.9	425	10.1	125	3.0	4	0.1
Greek	26,015	17,985	69.1	4,960	19.1	2,725	10.5	345	1.3
Russian	27,575	10,235	37.1	8,350	30.3	7,250	26.3	1,740	6.3
Polish	25,180	17,010	67.6	5,345	21.2	2,505	10.0	320	1.3
Serbo-Croatian	2,800	1,400	50.0	715	25.5	555	19.8	130	4.6
Other Slavic languages	4,030	2,410	59.8	1,015	25.2	440	10.9	165	4.1
Armenian	7,215	5,055	70.1	1,370	19.0	675	9.4	115	1.6
Persian	4,060	2,710	66.8	925	22.8	340	8.4	85	2.1
Gujarathi	4,135	2,695	65.2	805	19.5	395	9.6	240	5.8
Hindi	8,240	6,575	79.8	1,235	15.0	310	3.8	120	1.5
Urdu	3,350	2,320	69.3	585	17.5	400	11.9	45	1.3
Other Indic languages	7,580	5,410	71.4	1,480	19.5	530	7.0	160	2.1
Other Indo-European languages	12,840	8,125	63.3	2,685	20.9	1,530	11.9	500	3.9
Asian and Pacific Island languages	139,650	61,235	43.8	40,140	28.7	28,780	20.6	9,495	6.8
Chinese	60,150	25,500	42.4	16,600	27.6	12,165	20.2	5,885	9.8
Japanese	8,845	4,345	49.2	2,810	31.8	1,565	17.7	120	1.4
Korean	10,590	5,265	49.7	3,220	30.4	1,910	18.0	195	1.8
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	13,830	4,840	35.0	3,865	28.0	3,870	28.0	1,255	9.1
Miao, Hmong	580	285	49.6	125	21.7	145	25.2	20	3.5
Thai	2,095	1,060	50.7	625	29.9	350	16.8	55	2.6
Laotian	2,690	990	36.9	965	35.9	640	23.8	90	3.4
Vietnamese	23,465	6,125	26.1	8,345	35.6	7,210	30.7	1,780	7.6
Other Asian languages	10,775	8,050	74.7	2,145	19.9	515	4.8	70	0.7
Tagalog	5,255	3,875	73.7	1,040	19.8	330	6.3	10	0.2
Other Pacific Island languages	1,385	890	64.3	395	28.5	85	6.1	15	1.1
Other languages	37,815	27,195	71.9	7,835	20.7	2,345	6.2	440	1.1
Navajo	35	35	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	780	645	82.8	105	13.5	25	3.2	4	0.5
Hungarian	1,480	1,075	72.9	310	21.0	85	5.8	4	0.3
Arabic	15,620	10,210	65.3	3,710	23.7	1,390	8.9	315	2.0
Hebrew	5,190	4,520	87.1	565	10.9	105	2.0	0	0.0
African languages	12,265	8,855	72.2	2,790	22.8	530	4.3	90	0.7
Other and unspecified languages	2,445	1,855	75.9	355	14.5	215	8.8	20	0.8

(X) Not Applicable.