

Table 24b. Michigan -- 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	7,345,850	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	6,715,285	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	630,565	384,500	61.0	135,775	21.5	85,175	13.5	25,115	4.0
Spanish or Spanish Creole	186,100	108,115	58.1	32,795	17.6	31,545	17.0	13,645	7.3
Other Indo-European languages	259,900	174,875	67.3	52,805	20.3	27,525	10.6	4,695	1.8
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	31,045	23,770	76.6	4,395	14.2	2,685	8.7	190	0.6
French Creole	605	310	51.8	225	37.6	60	10.0	4	0.7
Italian	27,885	18,645	66.9	5,900	21.2	2,980	10.7	360	1.3
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	2,730	1,795	65.8	660	24.2	260	9.5	15	0.6
German	44,700	34,675	77.6	6,995	15.7	2,965	6.6	65	0.2
Yiddish	1,870	1,425	76.2	350	18.7	95	5.1	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	9,015	7,140	79.2	1,615	17.9	260	2.9	4	0.0
Scandinavian languages	2,765	2,235	81.0	395	14.3	125	4.5	4	0.1
Greek	10,085	7,000	69.4	1,950	19.3	1,020	10.1	115	1.1
Russian	10,040	4,205	41.9	3,165	31.5	2,090	20.8	580	5.8
Polish	37,295	25,465	68.3	7,900	21.2	3,485	9.4	440	1.2
Serbo-Croatian	9,830	4,315	43.9	2,400	24.4	2,420	24.6	695	7.1
Other Slavic languages	13,090	7,850	60.0	3,265	24.9	1,700	13.0	280	2.1
Armenian	3,100	2,150	69.4	605	19.5	305	9.8	40	1.3
Persian	2,675	1,935	72.5	495	18.5	165	6.2	75	2.8
Gujarathi	5,440	3,435	63.1	1,095	20.1	685	12.6	230	4.2
Hindi	8,825	7,240	82.0	1,200	13.6	340	3.9	45	0.5
Urdu	5,975	4,230	70.8	1,250	20.9	375	6.3	120	2.0
Other Indic languages	11,255	6,365	56.6	2,810	25.0	1,555	13.8	525	4.7
Other Indo-European languages	21,675	10,680	49.3	6,130	28.3	3,965	18.3	900	4.2
Asian and Pacific Island languages	86,755	45,060	51.9	26,130	30.1	13,310	15.3	2,260	2.6
Chinese	22,845	10,820	47.4	7,840	34.3	3,265	14.3	925	4.1
Japanese	9,055	4,065	44.9	2,865	31.6	2,020	22.3	105	1.2
Korean	11,130	4,360	39.2	4,210	37.8	2,340	21.0	220	2.0
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	1,230	425	34.6	465	37.8	265	21.5	75	6.1
Miao, Hmong	3,260	1,135	34.8	1,030	31.6	845	25.9	250	7.7
Thai	1,645	785	47.7	635	38.6	225	13.7	0	0.0
Laotian	1,840	740	40.2	670	36.4	410	22.3	20	1.1
Vietnamese	9,340	2,895	31.0	2,960	31.7	2,915	31.2	570	6.1
Other Asian languages	13,030	10,165	78.0	2,325	17.8	485	3.7	60	0.5
Tagalog	11,085	8,290	74.8	2,395	21.6	380	3.4	20	0.2
Other Pacific Island languages	2,290	1,380	60.3	735	32.1	160	7.0	15	0.7
Other languages	97,805	56,450	57.7	24,040	24.6	12,795	13.1	4,520	4.6
Navajo	75	70	94.6	4	5.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	2,300	1,870	81.3	240	10.4	160	7.0	30	1.3
Hungarian	4,550	3,365	73.9	880	19.3	305	6.7	4	0.1
Arabic	56,430	30,665	54.4	14,615	25.9	8,100	14.4	3,045	5.4
Hebrew	2,620	2,285	87.1	235	9.0	105	4.0	0	0.0
African languages	6,765	5,205	76.9	1,145	16.9	340	5.0	75	1.1
Other and unspecified languages	25,065	12,995	51.9	6,920	27.6	3,785	15.1	1,365	5.5

(X) Not Applicable.