

Table 26a. Mississippi -- 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	2,641,455	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	2,545,930	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	95,520	59,465	62.3	18,610	19.5	13,725	14.4	3,725	3.9
Spanish or Spanish Creole	50,515	29,660	58.7	8,465	16.8	9,125	18.1	3,265	6.5
Other Indo-European languages	23,700	17,895	75.5	3,675	15.5	2,055	8.7	75	0.3
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	10,825	7,935	73.3	1,665	15.4	1,200	11.1	25	0.2
French Creole	140	125	86.8	15	10.4	4	2.8	0	0.0
Italian	1,335	1,115	83.5	125	9.4	95	7.1	0	0.0
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	420	320	76.2	65	15.5	35	8.3	0	0.0
German	5,500	4,355	79.2	800	14.6	330	6.0	15	0.3
Yiddish	20	20	83.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	16.7
Other West Germanic languages	515	440	85.4	55	10.7	20	3.9	0	0.0
Scandinavian languages	255	210	84.0	30	12.0	10	4.0	0	0.0
Greek	395	295	74.7	65	16.5	35	8.9	0	0.0
Russian	565	310	55.0	190	33.7	60	10.6	4	0.7
Polish	245	210	85.7	25	10.2	10	4.1	0	0.0
Serbo-Croatian	125	75	60.5	45	36.3	4	3.2	0	0.0
Other Slavic languages	140	70	50.0	40	28.6	30	21.4	0	0.0
Armenian	10	10	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Persian	435	190	43.7	195	44.8	50	11.5	0	0.0
Gujarathi	580	435	75.7	75	13.0	55	9.6	10	1.7
Hindi	800	735	92.5	15	1.9	45	5.7	0	0.0
Urdu	320	250	78.1	40	12.5	30	9.4	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	780	585	75.5	140	18.1	35	4.5	15	1.9
Other Indo-European languages	300	210	70.5	80	26.9	4	1.3	4	1.3
Asian and Pacific Island languages	13,560	7,255	53.5	3,945	29.1	2,055	15.2	290	2.1
Chinese	2,505	1,250	49.9	865	34.5	340	13.6	50	2.0
Japanese	1,000	730	73.4	170	17.1	90	9.1	4	0.4
Korean	1,485	715	48.2	525	35.4	220	14.8	25	1.7
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	155	75	48.4	55	35.5	25	16.1	0	0.0
Miao, Hmong	15	15	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Thai	395	235	58.8	95	23.8	60	15.0	10	2.5
Laotian	55	25	45.5	15	27.3	15	27.3	0	0.0
Vietnamese	4,915	1,970	40.1	1,610	32.8	1,145	23.3	190	3.9
Other Asian languages	705	575	81.6	80	11.4	50	7.1	0	0.0
Tagalog	2,005	1,470	73.5	445	22.3	80	4.0	4	0.2
Other Pacific Island languages	330	200	60.6	90	27.3	40	12.1	0	0.0
Other languages	7,750	4,655	60.0	2,525	32.6	475	6.1	95	1.2
Navajo	15	10	71.4	4	28.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	5,655	3,105	54.9	2,140	37.8	365	6.5	50	0.9
Hungarian	115	90	78.3	15	13.0	10	8.7	0	0.0
Arabic	1,080	700	64.8	240	22.2	95	8.8	45	4.2
Hebrew	255	195	76.5	60	23.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
African languages	580	510	88.1	65	11.2	4	0.7	0	0.0
Other and unspecified languages	50	45	91.8	4	8.2	0	0.0	0	0.0

(X) Not applicable.