

**Table 28a. Montana -- 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>	847,360	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	803,030	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	44,330	31,670	71.4	8,755	19.8	3,645	8.2	265	0.6
<b>Spanish or Spanish Creole</b>	12,955	9,540	73.7	1,730	13.4	1,570	12.1	110	0.9
<b>Other Indo-European languages</b>	17,980	12,915	71.8	3,790	21.0	1,150	6.4	120	0.6
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	3,300	2,725	82.6	330	10.0	240	7.3	4	0.1
French Creole	10	4	50.0	4	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Italian	760	555	73.5	110	14.6	80	10.6	10	1.3
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	165	135	81.8	20	12.1	10	6.1	0	0.0
German	9,415	6,400	68.0	2,485	26.4	485	5.2	45	0.5
Yiddish	5	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	390	340	87.2	40	10.3	10	2.6	0	0.0
Scandinavian languages	1,335	985	73.8	305	22.9	40	3.0	4	0.3
Greek	330	265	80.3	50	15.2	15	4.6	0	0.0
Russian	610	305	49.6	145	23.6	125	20.3	40	6.5
Polish	295	175	59.5	70	23.8	45	15.3	4	1.4
Serbo-Croatian	365	270	74.0	65	17.8	30	8.2	0	0.0
Other Slavic languages	570	395	69.4	105	18.5	65	11.4	4	0.7
Armenian	5	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Persian	20	15	79.0	4	21.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Gujarathi	25	25	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hindi	55	45	81.8	10	18.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Urdu	25	15	60.0	10	40.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	80	55	69.6	20	25.3	0	0.0	4	5.1
Other Indo-European languages	225	195	87.1	25	11.2	4	1.8	0	0.0
<b>Asian and Pacific Island languages</b>	3,065	1,745	56.9	940	30.7	355	11.4	25	1.0
Chinese	530	245	46.3	210	39.7	70	13.2	4	0.8
Japanese	710	400	56.3	235	33.1	60	8.5	15	2.1
Korean	480	260	54.9	120	25.3	90	19.0	4	0.8
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	5	4	50.0	4	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Miao, Hmong	60	25	45.5	20	36.4	10	18.2	0	0.0
Thai	100	75	72.1	25	24.0	4	3.9	0	0.0
Laotian	30	15	51.7	0	0.0	10	34.5	4	13.8
Vietnamese	225	115	51.1	60	26.7	50	22.2	0	0.0
Other Asian languages	220	145	65.9	55	25.0	20	9.1	0	0.0
Tagalog	420	280	66.7	125	29.8	15	3.6	0	0.0
Other Pacific Island languages	285	180	62.3	85	29.4	20	6.9	4	1.4
<b>Other languages</b>	10,335	7,470	72.4	2,295	22.1	565	5.5	5	0.0
Navajo	140	100	74.1	25	18.5	10	7.4	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	9,235	6,630	71.8	2,090	22.7	505	5.5	4	0.0
Hungarian	135	115	85.2	20	14.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Arabic	150	125	86.8	4	2.8	15	10.4	0	0.0
Hebrew	75	65	94.2	4	5.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
African languages	90	70	74.5	20	21.3	4	4.3	0	0.0
Other and unspecified languages	515	365	70.9	120	23.3	30	5.8	0	0.0

(X) Not applicable.