

**Table 33a. New Mexico -- 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>	1,689,910	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	1,072,945	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	616,965	415,910	67.4	115,980	18.8	58,175	9.4	26,900	4.4
<b>Spanish or Spanish Creole</b>	485,680	327,050	67.3	86,040	17.7	48,115	9.9	24,470	5.0
<b>Other Indo-European languages</b>	22,030	16,910	76.7	3,600	16.3	1,410	6.5	110	0.6
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	4,330	3,555	82.0	425	9.8	340	7.8	15	0.4
French Creole	15	4	50.0	4	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Italian	1,930	1,535	79.3	265	13.7	135	7.0	0	0.0
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	640	450	70.3	170	26.6	20	3.1	0	0.0
German	7,870	5,845	74.2	1,460	18.5	520	6.6	50	0.6
Yiddish	225	180	80.0	25	11.1	20	8.9	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	745	640	86.5	90	12.2	10	1.4	0	0.0
Scandinavian languages	650	500	76.9	95	14.6	45	6.9	10	1.5
Greek	715	575	79.9	120	16.7	25	3.5	0	0.0
Russian	720	475	66.1	185	25.7	55	7.7	4	0.6
Polish	675	505	74.8	125	18.5	45	6.7	0	0.0
Serbo-Croatian	315	225	71.4	50	15.9	30	9.5	10	3.2
Other Slavic languages	420	370	89.4	40	9.7	4	1.0	0	0.0
Armenian	25	25	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Persian	740	475	64.3	185	25.0	75	10.2	4	0.5
Gujarathi	470	295	62.2	130	27.4	45	9.5	4	0.8
Hindi	405	305	75.5	95	23.5	4	1.0	0	0.0
Urdu	355	285	80.3	55	15.5	15	4.2	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	430	345	79.3	30	6.9	35	8.1	25	5.8
Other Indo-European languages	360	310	86.1	50	13.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Asian and Pacific Island languages</b>	11,515	6,485	56.3	3,220	28.0	1,525	13.2	290	2.5
Chinese	2,985	1,515	50.8	1,010	33.8	360	12.1	100	3.4
Japanese	1,265	895	70.8	320	25.3	50	4.0	0	0.0
Korean	1,195	670	56.1	310	25.9	185	15.5	30	2.5
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	5	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Miao, Hmong	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Thai	430	255	59.4	110	25.6	60	14.0	4	0.9
Laotian	365	190	52.1	125	34.3	50	13.7	0	0.0
Vietnamese	2,525	1,010	40.0	710	28.1	660	26.1	145	5.7
Other Asian languages	625	430	68.9	165	26.4	25	4.0	4	0.6
Tagalog	1,600	1,140	71.3	370	23.1	90	5.6	0	0.0
Other Pacific Island languages	525	375	71.6	100	19.1	45	8.6	4	0.8
<b>Other languages</b>	97,735	65,465	68.0	23,120	23.7	7,125	7.3	2,025	2.1
Navajo	68,790	44,615	64.9	16,165	23.5	6,060	8.8	1,945	2.8
Other Native North American languages	26,880	19,305	71.8	6,555	24.4	980	3.7	40	0.2
Hungarian	255	210	80.8	50	19.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Arabic	980	660	67.4	245	25.0	60	6.1	15	1.5
Hebrew	375	365	98.9	4	1.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
African languages	270	155	56.4	95	34.6	15	5.5	10	3.6
Other and unspecified languages	185	155	84.2	10	5.4	4	2.2	15	8.2

(X) Not applicable.