

Table 33b. New Mexico -- 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	1,311,480	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	812,730	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	498,745	336,125	67.4	91,380	18.3	46,285	9.3	24,950	5.0
Spanish or Spanish Creole	393,740	264,850	67.3	68,120	17.3	38,185	9.7	22,585	5.7
Other Indo-European languages	19,405	14,850	76.5	3,255	16.7	1,215	6.3	85	0.5
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	3,795	3,150	83.0	370	9.8	260	6.9	15	0.4
French Creole	15	4	50.0	4	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Italian	1,785	1,420	79.6	260	14.6	105	5.9	0	0.0
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	505	340	67.3	150	29.7	15	3.0	0	0.0
German	7,015	5,225	74.4	1,310	18.7	460	6.6	25	0.4
Yiddish	215	170	79.1	25	11.6	20	9.3	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	685	610	89.2	70	10.2	4	0.6	0	0.0
Scandinavian languages	595	465	78.2	95	16.0	25	4.2	10	1.7
Greek	615	485	78.9	105	17.1	25	4.1	0	0.0
Russian	620	400	64.6	165	26.7	50	8.1	4	0.7
Polish	590	435	73.7	110	18.6	45	7.6	0	0.0
Serbo-Croatian	250	170	66.7	45	17.7	30	11.8	10	3.9
Other Slavic languages	355	315	90.3	30	8.6	4	1.2	0	0.0
Armenian	15	15	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Persian	650	395	60.9	175	27.0	75	11.6	4	0.6
Gujarathi	365	200	53.5	125	33.4	45	12.0	4	1.1
Hindi	370	285	76.2	85	22.7	4	1.1	0	0.0
Urdu	310	240	77.4	55	17.7	15	4.8	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	345	260	74.3	30	8.6	35	10.0	25	7.1
Other Indo-European languages	305	265	86.9	40	13.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Asian and Pacific Island languages	9,780	5,305	54.3	2,780	28.5	1,405	14.3	290	2.9
Chinese	2,460	1,195	48.6	850	34.6	315	12.8	100	4.1
Japanese	1,160	795	68.8	310	26.8	50	4.3	0	0.0
Korean	980	505	51.5	305	31.1	140	14.3	30	3.1
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	395	245	61.4	95	23.8	55	13.8	4	1.0
Laotian	255	115	45.1	90	35.3	50	19.6	0	0.0
Vietnamese	2,115	750	35.4	580	27.4	645	30.4	145	6.8
Other Asian languages	545	385	71.4	125	23.2	25	4.6	4	0.7
Tagalog	1,445	1,010	69.9	345	23.9	90	6.2	0	0.0
Other Pacific Island languages	415	295	72.1	80	19.6	30	7.3	4	1.0
Other languages	75,820	51,125	67.4	17,225	22.7	5,485	7.2	1,990	2.6
Navajo	53,390	34,545	64.7	12,115	22.7	4,800	9.0	1,920	3.6
Other Native North American languages	20,645	15,295	74.1	4,705	22.8	605	2.9	40	0.2
Hungarian	240	195	79.6	50	20.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Arabic	815	510	62.7	245	30.1	55	6.8	4	0.5
Hebrew	295	290	98.6	4	1.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
African languages	270	155	57.6	95	35.3	15	5.6	4	1.5
Other and unspecified languages	165	140	82.8	10	5.9	4	2.4	15	8.9

(X) Not Applicable.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.