

Table 34a. New York -- 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	17,749,110	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	12,786,190	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	4,962,920	2,652,665	53.5	1,154,550	23.3	841,360	17.0	314,345	6.3
Spanish or Spanish Creole	2,416,125	1,234,060	51.1	526,000	21.8	455,230	18.8	200,840	8.3
Other Indo-European languages	1,654,540	990,665	59.9	400,215	24.2	217,100	13.1	46,560	2.8
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	180,810	128,265	70.9	35,575	19.7	15,560	8.6	1,410	0.8
French Creole	114,745	65,510	57.1	30,490	26.6	15,210	13.3	3,530	3.1
Italian	294,270	194,790	66.2	61,050	20.8	33,500	11.4	4,935	1.7
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	41,380	23,465	56.7	10,440	25.2	6,210	15.0	1,260	3.1
German	92,710	73,090	78.8	15,380	16.6	4,010	4.3	230	0.3
Yiddish	113,515	69,760	61.5	26,545	23.4	14,485	12.8	2,720	2.4
Other West Germanic languages	13,415	9,840	73.3	2,870	21.4	590	4.4	120	0.9
Scandinavian languages	11,975	10,290	85.9	1,415	11.8	260	2.2	10	0.1
Greek	86,660	57,985	66.9	16,880	19.5	10,015	11.6	1,775	2.1
Russian	218,765	82,005	37.5	67,435	30.8	52,490	24.0	16,835	7.7
Polish	111,730	59,735	53.5	30,195	27.0	18,470	16.5	3,330	3.0
Serbo-Croatian	31,555	16,050	50.9	9,080	28.8	5,500	17.4	925	2.9
Other Slavic languages	39,620	21,850	55.2	10,285	26.0	6,270	15.8	1,210	3.1
Armenian	8,575	5,510	64.3	2,105	24.6	830	9.7	130	1.5
Persian	25,975	15,940	61.4	6,110	23.5	3,045	11.7	880	3.4
Gujarathi	16,910	11,300	66.8	3,880	23.0	1,195	7.1	535	3.2
Hindi	41,150	30,045	73.0	7,900	19.2	2,640	6.4	570	1.4
Urdu	52,450	31,010	59.1	14,105	26.9	5,915	11.3	1,420	2.7
Other Indic languages	97,210	49,290	50.7	31,665	32.6	13,380	13.8	2,880	3.0
Other Indo-European languages	61,130	34,945	57.2	16,805	27.5	7,520	12.3	1,860	3.0
Asian and Pacific Island languages	671,020	275,860	41.1	180,540	26.9	150,570	22.4	64,045	9.5
Chinese	374,625	125,625	33.5	98,235	26.2	94,810	25.3	55,960	14.9
Japanese	34,570	15,685	45.4	12,440	36.0	6,150	17.8	295	0.9
Korean	102,105	35,965	35.2	29,845	29.2	31,125	30.5	5,170	5.1
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	3,210	1,435	44.6	815	25.4	855	26.6	110	3.4
Miao, Hmong	180	80	44.4	40	22.2	50	27.8	10	5.6
Thai	7,200	3,225	44.9	2,500	34.8	1,380	19.2	85	1.2
Laotian	3,355	1,530	45.6	965	28.8	805	24.0	55	1.6
Vietnamese	20,250	6,370	31.5	6,415	31.7	6,315	31.2	1,145	5.7
Other Asian languages	53,400	33,650	63.0	13,400	25.1	5,425	10.2	925	1.7
Tagalog	65,505	48,715	74.4	13,865	21.2	2,670	4.1	255	0.4
Other Pacific Island languages	6,625	3,580	54.0	2,020	30.5	985	14.9	40	0.6
Other languages	221,235	152,080	68.7	47,800	21.6	18,460	8.3	2,900	1.3
Navajo	95	60	63.2	25	26.3	0	0.0	10	10.5
Other Native North American languages	3,905	3,000	76.7	600	15.4	285	7.3	25	0.6
Hungarian	18,420	10,725	58.2	5,520	30.0	1,940	10.5	235	1.3
Arabic	69,960	42,585	60.9	17,900	25.6	7,935	11.3	1,535	2.2
Hebrew	67,675	52,730	77.9	11,735	17.3	2,975	4.4	235	0.4
African languages	54,270	38,810	71.5	10,735	19.8	4,260	7.9	470	0.9
Other and unspecified languages	6,910	4,175	60.4	1,285	18.6	1,065	15.4	385	5.6

(X) Not applicable.