

**Table 34b. New York -- 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
<b>Population 18 years and over</b>	14,302,265	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	10,267,865	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	4,034,405	2,027,360	50.3	958,145	23.8	750,060	18.6	298,840	7.4
<b>Spanish or Spanish Creole</b>	1,875,880	875,165	46.7	411,430	21.9	399,130	21.3	190,155	10.1
<b>Other Indo-European languages</b>	1,406,365	815,895	57.9	352,925	25.1	195,415	13.9	43,130	3.1
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	152,535	108,450	71.1	30,330	19.9	12,590	8.3	1,160	0.8
French Creole	90,170	47,385	52.6	25,960	28.8	13,490	15.0	3,335	3.7
Italian	273,620	177,985	65.1	58,595	21.4	32,145	11.8	4,890	1.8
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	35,540	18,880	53.1	9,590	27.0	5,855	16.5	1,215	3.4
German	85,185	67,585	79.3	14,045	16.5	3,455	4.1	100	0.1
Yiddish	77,055	51,815	67.2	17,040	22.1	7,385	9.6	815	1.1
Other West Germanic languages	11,130	8,545	76.8	2,180	19.6	320	2.9	85	0.8
Scandinavian languages	11,070	9,550	86.3	1,300	11.7	210	1.9	10	0.1
Greek	76,475	49,180	64.3	15,915	20.8	9,640	12.6	1,740	2.3
Russian	187,015	57,960	31.0	61,695	33.0	50,700	27.1	16,660	8.9
Polish	100,055	50,795	50.8	28,130	28.1	17,845	17.8	3,285	3.3
Serbo-Croatian	26,440	12,310	46.6	8,065	30.5	5,205	19.7	860	3.3
Other Slavic languages	34,820	18,780	53.9	9,070	26.1	5,865	16.8	1,105	3.2
Armenian	7,640	4,685	61.4	2,010	26.3	810	10.6	130	1.7
Persian	20,770	11,835	57.0	5,345	25.7	2,735	13.2	850	4.1
Gujarathi	13,990	8,920	63.8	3,455	24.7	1,080	7.7	535	3.8
Hindi	35,545	25,675	72.2	6,915	19.5	2,405	6.8	550	1.6
Urdu	39,275	21,665	55.2	11,375	29.0	4,895	12.5	1,335	3.4
Other Indic languages	77,715	35,970	46.3	27,075	34.8	12,000	15.4	2,670	3.4
Other Indo-European languages	50,325	26,925	53.5	14,825	29.5	6,770	13.5	1,800	3.6
<b>Asian and Pacific Island languages</b>	570,935	215,720	37.8	152,640	26.7	139,610	24.5	62,960	11.0
Chinese	316,635	93,095	29.4	80,230	25.3	88,215	27.9	55,095	17.4
Japanese	30,910	13,660	44.2	11,490	37.2	5,515	17.9	240	0.8
Korean	85,625	25,535	29.8	25,850	30.2	29,165	34.1	5,075	5.9
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	2,180	765	35.1	575	26.4	730	33.5	110	5.1
Miao, Hmong	130	50	38.5	30	23.1	40	30.8	10	7.7
Thai	6,290	2,560	40.7	2,320	36.9	1,335	21.2	80	1.3
Laotian	2,580	930	36.0	860	33.3	740	28.6	55	2.1
Vietnamese	16,500	4,610	27.9	5,020	30.4	5,755	34.9	1,115	6.8
Other Asian languages	45,410	27,775	61.2	11,770	25.9	4,975	11.0	890	2.0
Tagalog	59,015	43,765	74.2	12,755	21.6	2,235	3.8	255	0.4
Other Pacific Island languages	5,660	2,980	52.7	1,740	30.7	905	16.0	35	0.6
<b>Other languages</b>	181,225	121,580	67.1	41,150	22.7	15,905	8.8	2,590	1.4
Navajo	90	60	66.7	20	22.2	0	0.0	10	11.1
Other Native North American languages	3,195	2,460	76.9	485	15.2	230	7.2	25	0.8
Hungarian	17,455	9,920	56.8	5,400	30.9	1,900	10.9	235	1.4
Arabic	55,805	31,660	56.7	15,735	28.2	7,010	12.6	1,400	2.5
Hebrew	52,940	41,145	77.7	9,460	17.9	2,200	4.2	135	0.3
African languages	45,590	32,745	71.8	8,860	19.4	3,555	7.8	430	0.9
Other and unspecified languages	6,155	3,590	58.3	1,195	19.4	1,010	16.4	360	5.9

(X) Not Applicable.