

Table 35a. North Carolina -- 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	7,513,165	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	6,909,650	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	603,515	305,660	50.7	116,510	19.3	124,515	20.6	56,835	9.4
Spanish or Spanish Creole	378,940	160,150	42.3	68,705	18.1	97,390	25.7	52,700	13.9
Other Indo-European languages	119,960	87,920	73.3	20,215	16.8	10,600	8.8	1,230	1.0
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	33,200	24,450	73.7	5,050	15.2	3,500	10.5	195	0.6
French Creole	1,440	1,020	70.8	370	25.7	30	2.1	20	1.4
Italian	6,235	4,905	78.7	865	13.9	440	7.1	20	0.3
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	3,170	2,335	73.5	545	17.2	270	8.5	25	0.8
German	28,520	22,710	79.6	3,995	14.0	1,750	6.1	60	0.2
Yiddish	465	340	72.5	125	26.7	4	0.9	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	2,540	2,175	85.6	320	12.6	35	1.4	10	0.4
Scandinavian languages	2,765	2,335	84.3	355	12.8	65	2.4	15	0.5
Greek	6,405	4,615	72.1	1,060	16.6	680	10.6	50	0.8
Russian	4,110	2,195	53.4	1,225	29.8	605	14.7	85	2.1
Polish	2,965	2,190	73.7	485	16.3	260	8.8	35	1.2
Serbo-Croatian	1,920	940	49.2	505	26.4	405	21.2	60	3.1
Other Slavic languages	2,640	1,370	52.0	660	25.1	500	19.0	105	4.0
Armenian	115	90	75.6	25	21.0	4	3.4	0	0.0
Persian	2,430	1,610	66.3	525	21.6	250	10.3	45	1.9
Gujarathi	5,725	3,915	68.4	1,155	20.2	480	8.4	175	3.1
Hindi	4,155	3,370	81.1	540	13.0	185	4.5	60	1.4
Urdu	3,210	2,010	62.7	745	23.2	390	12.2	60	1.9
Other Indic languages	4,835	3,295	68.2	995	20.6	415	8.6	125	2.6
Other Indo-European languages	3,115	2,050	65.8	660	21.2	330	10.6	75	2.4
Asian and Pacific Island languages	78,245	39,180	50.1	22,410	28.6	14,335	18.3	2,320	3.0
Chinese	15,700	7,895	50.3	4,525	28.8	2,730	17.4	550	3.5
Japanese	6,315	3,450	54.6	1,870	29.6	940	14.9	55	0.9
Korean	11,385	5,385	47.3	3,485	30.6	2,260	19.8	260	2.3
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	3,360	1,395	41.5	775	23.1	950	28.3	240	7.1
Miao, Hmong	7,495	3,205	42.8	2,500	33.4	1,515	20.2	270	3.6
Thai	2,020	1,000	49.6	710	35.2	290	14.4	15	0.7
Laotian	4,600	1,890	41.1	1,525	33.2	995	21.7	185	4.0
Vietnamese	13,595	4,780	35.2	4,280	31.5	3,855	28.4	675	5.0
Other Asian languages	5,180	4,000	77.2	925	17.8	240	4.6	20	0.4
Tagalog	6,520	4,870	74.7	1,325	20.3	320	4.9	4	0.1
Other Pacific Island languages	2,080	1,305	62.7	495	23.8	240	11.5	40	1.9
Other languages	26,370	18,410	69.8	5,185	19.7	2,190	8.3	590	2.2
Navajo	220	185	82.2	40	17.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	2,095	1,570	75.2	350	16.8	165	7.9	4	0.2
Hungarian	1,040	780	75.0	170	16.4	75	7.2	15	1.4
Arabic	10,835	7,380	68.1	2,440	22.5	875	8.1	145	1.3
Hebrew	1,320	1,090	82.6	160	12.1	65	4.9	4	0.3
African languages	9,180	6,590	71.8	1,770	19.3	635	6.9	185	2.0
Other and unspecified languages	1,675	815	48.7	255	15.2	375	22.4	230	13.7

(X) Not applicable.