

Table 35b. North Carolina -- Ability to Speak English by Language Spoken at Home for the Population 18 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
Population 18 years and over	6,087,995	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	5,601,940	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	486,055	238,995	49.2	91,620	18.9	103,805	21.4	51,635	10.6
Spanish or Spanish Creole	297,270	117,855	39.7	50,995	17.2	80,645	27.1	47,775	16.1
Other Indo-European languages	104,035	76,320	73.4	17,470	16.8	9,095	8.7	1,145	1.1
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	28,615	21,410	74.8	4,230	14.8	2,825	9.9	155	0.5
French Creole	1,140	795	70.0	305	26.9	15	1.3	20	1.8
Italian	5,780	4,505	77.9	835	14.5	420	7.3	20	0.4
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	2,800	2,025	72.2	490	17.5	265	9.5	25	0.9
German	25,805	20,720	80.3	3,565	13.8	1,480	5.7	45	0.2
Yiddish	460	330	71.9	125	27.2	4	0.9	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	2,230	1,920	86.3	270	12.1	25	1.1	10	0.5
Scandinavian languages	2,335	1,975	84.6	285	12.2	60	2.6	15	0.6
Greek	5,625	3,960	70.4	995	17.7	620	11.0	50	0.9
Russian	3,415	1,800	52.6	1,000	29.2	545	15.9	75	2.2
Polish	2,595	1,860	71.8	460	17.8	235	9.1	35	1.4
Serbo-Croatian	1,460	630	43.2	395	27.1	375	25.7	60	4.1
Other Slavic languages	2,195	1,075	49.1	545	24.9	470	21.5	100	4.6
Armenian	110	90	78.3	25	21.7	0	0.0	0	0.0
Persian	2,040	1,290	63.4	475	23.3	225	11.1	45	2.2
Gujarathi	4,735	3,135	66.2	1,005	21.2	420	8.9	175	3.7
Hindi	3,735	2,990	80.1	510	13.7	175	4.7	60	1.6
Urdu	2,435	1,560	64.1	520	21.4	295	12.1	60	2.5
Other Indic languages	4,015	2,605	64.9	895	22.3	390	9.7	125	3.1
Other Indo-European languages	2,500	1,640	65.6	540	21.6	250	10.0	70	2.8
Asian and Pacific Island languages	63,035	29,755	47.2	18,780	29.8	12,305	19.5	2,195	3.5
Chinese	13,180	6,055	45.9	4,055	30.8	2,525	19.2	545	4.1
Japanese	5,600	3,025	54.1	1,710	30.6	805	14.4	55	1.0
Korean	9,535	4,085	42.9	3,185	33.4	2,010	21.1	250	2.6
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	2,415	820	34.0	610	25.3	745	30.9	240	9.9
Miao, Hmong	3,850	1,370	35.6	1,210	31.5	1,055	27.4	210	5.5
Thai	1,825	885	48.5	695	38.1	230	12.6	15	0.8
Laotian	3,360	1,050	31.3	1,260	37.5	875	26.0	175	5.2
Vietnamese	10,885	3,295	30.3	3,520	32.3	3,420	31.4	650	6.0
Other Asian languages	4,710	3,655	77.7	850	18.1	190	4.0	10	0.2
Tagalog	5,935	4,440	74.8	1,255	21.1	240	4.0	4	0.1
Other Pacific Island languages	1,750	1,075	61.4	425	24.3	210	12.0	40	2.3
Other languages	21,715	15,065	69.4	4,375	20.1	1,760	8.1	515	2.3
Navajo	210	175	81.4	40	18.6	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	1,755	1,305	74.4	305	17.4	140	8.0	4	0.2
Hungarian	990	760	76.4	160	16.1	60	6.0	15	1.5
Arabic	8,525	5,615	65.9	2,090	24.5	705	8.3	115	1.4
Hebrew	1,045	870	83.7	130	12.5	35	3.4	4	0.4
African languages	7,810	5,680	72.7	1,455	18.6	515	6.6	165	2.1
Other and unspecified languages	1,375	665	48.4	195	14.2	310	22.6	205	14.9

(X) Not Applicable.