

**Table 36b. North Dakota -- 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
<b>Population 18 years and over</b>	481,300	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	448,370	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	32,930	23,440	71.2	6,600	20.0	2,635	8.0	260	0.8
<b>Spanish or Spanish Creole</b>	6,185	4,075	65.9	1,205	19.5	815	13.2	90	1.5
<b>Other Indo-European languages</b>	22,115	16,020	72.4	4,495	20.3	1,440	6.5	155	0.7
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	1,285	980	76.0	160	12.4	145	11.3	4	0.3
French Creole	20	10	41.7	4	16.7	10	41.7	0	0.0
Italian	145	105	72.9	35	24.3	4	2.8	0	0.0
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	105	85	81.0	20	19.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
German	14,095	10,145	72.0	3,105	22.0	800	5.7	50	0.4
Yiddish	5	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	135	120	89.6	10	7.5	4	3.0	0	0.0
Scandinavian languages	2,970	2,500	84.1	360	12.1	110	3.7	4	0.1
Greek	120	90	75.0	10	8.3	20	16.7	0	0.0
Russian	300	180	60.2	70	23.4	45	15.1	4	1.3
Polish	430	290	66.8	125	28.8	15	3.5	4	0.9
Serbo-Croatian	560	130	23.2	160	28.6	195	34.8	75	13.4
Other Slavic languages	1,245	920	73.7	280	22.4	45	3.6	4	0.3
Armenian	10	10	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Persian	75	30	40.0	45	60.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Gujarathi	25	25	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hindi	185	165	89.2	20	10.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Urdu	50	25	50.0	25	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	185	135	73.0	25	13.5	25	13.5	0	0.0
Other Indo-European languages	160	75	46.9	45	28.1	30	18.8	10	6.3
<b>Asian and Pacific Island languages</b>	1,640	1,025	62.9	475	28.7	130	8.1	5	0.2
Chinese	365	170	46.7	155	42.6	35	9.6	4	1.1
Japanese	130	105	80.8	15	11.5	10	7.7	0	0.0
Korean	170	100	58.8	70	41.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	25	4	17.4	15	65.2	4	17.4	0	0.0
Miao, Hmong	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Thai	80	45	56.3	35	43.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Laotian	35	35	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Vietnamese	205	60	29.3	85	41.5	60	29.3	0	0.0
Other Asian languages	285	265	91.7	20	6.9	4	1.4	0	0.0
Tagalog	295	215	72.9	65	22.0	15	5.1	0	0.0
Other Pacific Island languages	45	30	68.2	10	22.7	4	9.1	0	0.0
<b>Other languages</b>	2,990	2,315	77.5	420	13.9	245	8.3	10	0.3
Navajo	35	30	88.2	0	0.0	4	11.8	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	2,150	1,830	85.2	255	11.9	60	2.8	4	0.2
Hungarian	35	30	88.2	4	11.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Arabic	240	135	56.3	60	25.0	45	18.8	0	0.0
Hebrew	20	15	79.0	0	0.0	4	21.1	0	0.0
African languages	305	100	32.9	70	23.0	130	42.8	4	1.3
Other and unspecified languages	204	170	85.4	25	12.6	4	2.0	0	0.0

(X) Not Applicable.