

**Table 39b. Oregon -- 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>	2,577,130	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	2,276,095	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	301,035	146,730	48.7	64,660	21.5	62,020	20.6	27,620	9.2
<b>Spanish or Spanish Creole</b>	161,540	68,155	42.2	30,935	19.2	40,230	24.9	22,220	13.8
<b>Other Indo-European languages</b>	67,005	44,450	66.3	12,155	18.1	8,205	12.3	2,190	3.3
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	9,605	7,710	80.3	1,035	10.8	835	8.7	25	0.3
French Creole	155	65	41.9	20	12.9	50	32.3	20	12.9
Italian	2,895	2,345	81.1	335	11.6	200	6.9	10	0.4
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	1,015	795	78.4	155	15.3	60	5.9	4	0.4
German	16,395	13,455	82.1	2,000	12.2	875	5.3	65	0.4
Yiddish	135	80	61.5	35	26.9	15	11.5	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	2,735	2,270	82.9	415	15.2	55	2.0	0	0.0
Scandinavian languages	3,030	2,500	82.5	365	12.1	150	5.0	15	0.5
Greek	1,065	755	70.6	220	20.6	90	8.4	4	0.4
Russian	11,005	3,705	33.7	2,985	27.1	3,085	28.0	1,230	11.2
Polish	1,125	735	65.4	290	25.8	95	8.5	4	0.4
Serbo-Croatian	1,210	505	41.6	335	27.6	335	27.6	40	3.3
Other Slavic languages	3,820	1,295	33.9	1,030	27.0	1,060	27.8	435	11.4
Armenian	260	130	51.0	95	37.3	30	11.8	0	0.0
Persian	2,280	1,430	62.7	455	20.0	320	14.0	75	3.3
Gujarathi	765	540	70.6	100	13.1	110	14.4	15	2.0
Hindi	2,400	1,930	80.4	340	14.2	120	5.0	10	0.4
Urdu	555	440	79.3	85	15.3	30	5.4	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	2,040	1,565	76.7	370	18.1	95	4.7	10	0.5
Other Indo-European languages	4,525	2,215	48.9	1,485	32.8	605	13.4	225	5.0
<b>Asian and Pacific Island languages</b>	61,720	26,790	43.4	19,400	31.4	12,590	20.4	2,940	4.8
Chinese	12,875	5,085	39.5	3,915	30.4	2,715	21.1	1,160	9.0
Japanese	7,765	4,320	55.6	2,100	27.0	1,260	16.2	85	1.1
Korean	7,395	2,530	34.2	2,400	32.5	2,050	27.7	415	5.6
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	2,195	825	37.6	705	32.1	525	23.9	140	6.4
Miao, Hmong	950	415	43.7	280	29.5	210	22.1	45	4.7
Thai	1,340	620	46.3	540	40.3	175	13.1	4	0.3
Laotian	2,285	895	39.1	840	36.7	470	20.5	85	3.7
Vietnamese	14,425	4,110	28.5	5,315	36.9	4,130	28.6	870	6.0
Other Asian languages	3,375	2,185	64.7	830	24.6	310	9.2	50	1.5
Tagalog	5,435	3,620	66.7	1,350	24.9	415	7.6	45	0.8
Other Pacific Island languages	3,685	2,180	59.2	1,135	30.8	330	9.0	40	1.1
<b>Other languages</b>	10,770	7,335	68.2	2,170	20.2	995	9.2	270	2.5
Navajo	170	100	58.8	40	23.5	30	17.7	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	1,535	1,295	84.4	175	11.4	65	4.2	0	0.0
Hungarian	830	620	74.7	195	23.5	15	1.8	0	0.0
Arabic	3,115	2,110	67.7	715	23.0	225	7.2	65	2.1
Hebrew	635	565	89.1	65	10.3	4	0.6	0	0.0
African languages	2,300	1,280	55.7	655	28.5	315	13.7	50	2.2
Other and unspecified languages	2,180	1,365	62.8	325	14.9	335	15.4	150	6.9

(X) Not Applicable.