

Table 40b. Pennsylvania -- 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
Population 18 years and over	9,362,065	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	8,579,465	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	782,600	477,980	61.1	170,035	21.7	105,895	13.5	28,695	3.7
Spanish or Spanish Creole	263,860	154,080	58.4	50,500	19.1	42,760	16.2	16,515	6.3
Other Indo-European languages	363,725	246,225	67.7	77,035	21.2	34,830	9.6	5,630	1.5
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	37,835	28,565	75.5	5,560	14.7	3,575	9.5	135	0.4
French Creole	3,465	1,940	56.0	995	28.7	445	12.8	85	2.5
Italian	65,590	44,900	68.5	13,400	20.4	6,565	10.0	720	1.1
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	7,050	4,045	57.4	1,520	21.6	1,150	16.3	335	4.8
German	57,215	43,645	76.3	9,840	17.2	3,595	6.3	135	0.2
Yiddish	5,300	4,080	77.0	860	16.2	335	6.3	25	0.5
Other West Germanic languages	37,705	25,595	67.9	11,445	30.4	635	1.7	30	0.1
Scandinavian languages	2,960	2,465	83.3	385	13.0	110	3.7	0	0.0
Greek	15,500	10,825	69.8	3,040	19.6	1,480	9.6	155	1.0
Russian	26,700	10,290	38.5	8,310	31.1	6,025	22.6	2,075	7.8
Polish	29,315	20,355	69.4	5,740	19.6	2,910	9.9	310	1.1
Serbo-Croatian	7,330	4,585	62.6	1,500	20.5	1,050	14.3	190	2.6
Other Slavic languages	22,495	14,940	66.4	4,535	20.2	2,740	12.2	280	1.2
Armenian	1,955	1,325	67.6	375	19.1	225	11.5	35	1.8
Persian	3,145	2,185	69.6	595	19.0	310	9.9	50	1.6
Gujarathi	7,445	4,650	62.5	1,790	24.0	750	10.1	255	3.4
Hindi	8,775	6,875	78.4	1,385	15.8	415	4.7	95	1.1
Urdu	3,720	2,645	71.1	750	20.2	230	6.2	95	2.6
Other Indic languages	10,265	6,265	61.0	2,500	24.4	1,095	10.7	405	4.0
Other Indo-European languages	9,965	6,065	60.9	2,500	25.1	1,180	11.9	215	2.2
Asian and Pacific Island languages	118,800	52,690	44.3	34,535	29.1	25,505	21.5	6,070	5.1
Chinese	36,045	15,330	42.5	10,500	29.1	7,365	20.4	2,850	7.9
Japanese	6,360	3,305	52.0	2,040	32.1	990	15.6	20	0.3
Korean	21,250	7,620	35.9	7,060	33.2	5,690	26.8	880	4.1
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	5,765	1,845	32.0	1,625	28.2	1,830	31.7	470	8.2
Miao, Hmong	470	245	52.7	105	22.6	90	19.4	25	5.4
Thai	1,720	745	43.2	750	43.5	195	11.3	35	2.0
Laotian	1,835	815	44.4	490	26.7	465	25.3	65	3.5
Vietnamese	20,560	5,585	27.2	6,340	30.8	7,275	35.4	1,360	6.6
Other Asian languages	13,875	9,650	69.6	3,080	22.2	865	6.2	280	2.0
Tagalog	8,845	6,265	70.8	2,140	24.2	390	4.4	50	0.6
Other Pacific Island languages	2,085	1,285	61.8	410	19.7	345	16.6	40	1.9
Other languages	36,210	24,980	69.0	7,960	22.0	2,800	7.7	475	1.3
Navajo	40	30	66.7	15	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	955	790	82.7	130	13.6	35	3.7	0	0.0
Hungarian	5,785	4,075	70.4	1,380	23.8	315	5.4	20	0.4
Arabic	15,595	9,690	62.1	3,775	24.2	1,820	11.7	310	2.0
Hebrew	4,590	3,850	83.9	645	14.1	90	2.0	4	0.1
African languages	8,250	5,900	71.6	1,790	21.7	420	5.1	135	1.6
Other and unspecified languages	1,000	650	64.7	235	23.4	115	11.5	4	0.4

(X) Not Applicable.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.