

Table 41a. Rhode Island -- Ability to Speak English by Language Spoken at Home for the Population 5 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 5 years and over	985,185	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	788,560	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	196,625	113,000	57.5	42,840	21.8	30,240	15.4	10,545	5.4
Spanish or Spanish Creole	79,445	39,040	49.1	17,240	21.7	15,625	19.7	7,535	9.5
Other Indo-European languages	91,450	59,930	65.5	18,425	20.1	10,780	11.8	2,310	2.5
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	19,385	14,745	76.1	3,310	17.1	1,245	6.4	85	0.4
French Creole	4,335	2,260	52.1	1,190	27.5	720	16.6	165	3.8
Italian	13,760	9,995	72.6	2,435	17.7	1,265	9.2	65	0.5
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	37,435	20,960	56.0	8,600	23.0	6,085	16.3	1,795	4.8
German	2,840	2,410	85.0	330	11.6	95	3.4	0	0.0
Yiddish	475	425	89.5	30	6.3	20	4.2	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	630	575	92.0	35	5.6	15	2.4	0	0.0
Scandinavian languages	725	645	88.4	55	7.5	30	4.1	0	0.0
Greek	1,860	1,370	73.7	325	17.5	160	8.6	4	0.2
Russian	1,920	800	41.6	605	31.4	410	21.3	110	5.7
Polish	2,965	1,970	66.6	590	19.9	340	11.5	60	2.0
Serbo-Croatian	160	110	71.0	45	29.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Slavic languages	380	290	76.3	60	15.8	30	7.9	0	0.0
Armenian	1,595	1,160	72.7	260	16.3	165	10.3	10	0.6
Persian	335	230	69.9	85	25.8	10	3.0	4	1.2
Gujarathi	225	170	75.6	30	13.3	25	11.1	0	0.0
Hindi	530	450	85.7	60	11.4	15	2.9	0	0.0
Urdu	165	85	51.5	60	36.4	20	12.1	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	655	520	79.4	105	16.0	20	3.1	10	1.5
Other Indo-European languages	1,070	755	70.6	210	19.6	105	9.8	0	0.0
Asian and Pacific Island languages	19,925	9,935	49.9	5,975	30.0	3,365	16.9	650	3.2
Chinese	3,880	1,955	50.3	1,225	31.5	570	14.7	135	3.5
Japanese	745	415	55.7	265	35.6	65	8.7	0	0.0
Korean	1,435	715	49.8	570	39.7	125	8.7	25	1.7
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	5,585	2,560	45.8	1,510	27.0	1,285	23.0	230	4.1
Miao, Hmong	1,115	525	47.1	380	34.1	150	13.5	60	5.4
Thai	240	110	46.0	85	35.6	40	16.7	4	1.7
Laotian	3,195	1,360	42.6	950	29.7	710	22.2	175	5.5
Vietnamese	1,005	465	46.3	315	31.3	215	21.4	10	1.0
Other Asian languages	960	720	75.0	215	22.4	25	2.6	0	0.0
Tagalog	1,530	955	62.7	415	27.2	150	9.8	4	0.3
Other Pacific Island languages	230	165	71.7	40	17.4	25	10.9	0	0.0
Other languages	5,805	4,095	70.6	1,195	20.6	465	8.0	55	0.9
Navajo	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	170	145	85.3	15	8.8	10	5.9	0	0.0
Hungarian	215	195	91.1	15	7.0	4	1.9	0	0.0
Arabic	2,085	1,310	62.8	530	25.4	220	10.6	25	1.2
Hebrew	435	380	86.6	55	12.5	4	0.9	0	0.0
African languages	2,580	1,885	73.1	510	19.8	170	6.6	15	0.6
Other and unspecified languages	315	180	57.1	70	22.2	55	17.5	10	3.2

(X) Not applicable.