

**Table 41b. Rhode Island -- 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
<b>Population 18 years and over</b>	800,810	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	642,910	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	157,900	86,445	54.8	35,040	22.2	26,350	16.7	10,060	6.4
<b>Spanish or Spanish Creole</b>	55,830	23,545	42.2	12,175	21.8	13,000	23.3	7,105	12.7
<b>Other Indo-European languages</b>	81,670	52,115	63.8	17,230	21.1	10,035	12.3	2,290	2.8
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	18,190	13,870	76.3	3,230	17.8	1,005	5.5	85	0.5
French Creole	3,030	1,325	43.7	875	28.8	685	22.6	150	4.9
Italian	13,010	9,370	72.0	2,380	18.3	1,200	9.2	65	0.5
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	32,515	16,970	52.2	8,025	24.7	5,725	17.6	1,795	5.5
German	2,690	2,265	84.4	330	12.3	90	3.4	0	0.0
Yiddish	470	415	89.3	30	6.5	20	4.3	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	580	535	93.2	35	6.1	4	0.7	0	0.0
Scandinavian languages	655	570	87.0	55	8.4	30	4.6	0	0.0
Greek	1,670	1,195	71.6	320	19.2	150	9.0	4	0.2
Russian	1,680	630	37.5	535	31.9	405	24.1	110	6.6
Polish	2,655	1,690	63.8	560	21.1	340	12.8	60	2.3
Serbo-Croatian	140	95	67.9	45	32.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Slavic languages	370	280	75.7	60	16.2	30	8.1	0	0.0
Armenian	1,440	1,030	71.8	245	17.1	150	10.5	10	0.7
Persian	250	170	68.3	65	26.1	10	4.0	4	1.6
Gujarathi	205	165	80.5	15	7.3	25	12.2	0	0.0
Hindi	515	435	85.3	60	11.8	15	2.9	0	0.0
Urdu	145	65	46.4	55	39.3	20	14.3	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	455	340	74.7	85	18.7	20	4.4	10	2.2
Other Indo-European languages	1,005	690	68.7	210	20.9	105	10.5	0	0.0
<b>Asian and Pacific Island languages</b>	15,310	7,240	47.4	4,585	29.9	2,875	18.8	610	3.9
Chinese	3,235	1,545	47.8	1,050	32.5	500	15.5	135	4.2
Japanese	670	355	53.0	250	37.3	65	9.7	0	0.0
Korean	1,245	565	45.2	540	43.2	120	9.6	25	2.0
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	3,590	1,540	42.9	825	23.0	1,030	28.7	195	5.4
Miao, Hmong	625	250	40.0	200	32.0	115	18.4	60	9.6
Thai	235	105	44.9	85	36.3	40	17.1	4	1.7
Laotian	2,405	885	36.7	740	30.7	615	25.5	170	7.1
Vietnamese	805	325	40.4	270	33.5	200	24.8	10	1.2
Other Asian languages	890	670	75.3	195	21.9	25	2.8	0	0.0
Tagalog	1,380	850	61.6	385	27.9	140	10.2	4	0.3
Other Pacific Island languages	230	165	71.7	40	17.4	25	10.9	0	0.0
<b>Other languages</b>	5,090	3,545	69.7	1,055	20.7	435	8.6	55	1.0
Navajo	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	155	130	83.9	15	9.7	10	6.5	0	0.0
Hungarian	210	190	90.9	15	7.2	4	1.9	0	0.0
Arabic	1,805	1,105	61.2	470	26.0	205	11.4	25	1.4
Hebrew	380	335	88.4	40	10.6	4	1.1	0	0.0
African languages	2,280	1,650	72.5	450	19.8	160	7.0	15	0.7
Other and unspecified languages	265	135	50.9	65	24.5	55	20.8	10	3.8

(X) Not Applicable.

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