

Table 42b. South Carolina -- 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	3,002,920	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	2,843,215	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	159,705	92,340	57.8	30,030	18.8	27,095	17.0	10,240	6.4
Spanish or Spanish Creole	85,995	42,835	49.8	15,090	17.6	18,920	22.0	9,155	10.7
Other Indo-European languages	47,305	35,330	74.7	7,695	16.3	3,945	8.3	335	0.7
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	15,490	11,335	73.2	2,385	15.4	1,710	11.0	65	0.4
French Creole	205	145	70.7	60	29.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Italian	2,800	2,085	74.3	525	18.7	185	6.6	10	0.4
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	1,035	645	62.3	170	16.4	140	13.5	80	7.7
German	13,645	10,885	79.8	1,975	14.5	770	5.6	15	0.1
Yiddish	135	95	67.9	25	17.9	20	14.3	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	1,285	1,130	88.0	125	9.7	25	2.0	4	0.3
Scandinavian languages	700	590	84.3	75	10.7	35	5.0	0	0.0
Greek	2,300	1,655	72.0	385	16.7	210	9.1	50	2.2
Russian	1,360	825	60.4	285	20.9	225	16.5	30	2.2
Polish	1,055	730	68.9	215	20.3	105	9.9	10	0.9
Serbo-Croatian	300	235	79.7	40	13.6	20	6.8	0	0.0
Other Slavic languages	755	515	68.3	170	22.6	65	8.6	4	0.5
Armenian	35	35	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Persian	470	345	72.6	120	25.3	10	2.1	0	0.0
Gujarathi	1,695	1,120	66.1	405	23.9	145	8.6	25	1.5
Hindi	1,150	925	80.4	150	13.0	75	6.5	0	0.0
Urdu	485	340	70.3	130	26.9	4	0.8	10	2.1
Other Indic languages	1,185	850	71.7	185	15.6	115	9.7	35	3.0
Other Indo-European languages	1,215	850	70.0	280	23.1	85	7.0	0	0.0
Asian and Pacific Island languages	21,335	10,575	49.6	6,320	29.6	3,915	18.4	530	2.5
Chinese	4,560	1,840	40.4	1,545	33.9	920	20.2	255	5.6
Japanese	2,335	1,290	55.4	685	29.4	350	15.0	4	0.2
Korean	2,840	1,220	43.0	1,025	36.1	555	19.5	40	1.4
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	290	110	38.1	50	17.3	125	43.3	4	1.4
Miao, Hmong	535	175	32.7	115	21.5	245	45.8	0	0.0
Thai	695	315	45.3	300	43.2	60	8.6	20	2.9
Laotian	765	345	44.8	245	31.8	155	20.1	25	3.3
Vietnamese	3,100	1,070	34.5	895	28.9	1,005	32.4	130	4.2
Other Asian languages	1,435	1,030	71.8	320	22.3	55	3.8	30	2.1
Tagalog	4,125	2,785	67.5	975	23.6	360	8.7	4	0.1
Other Pacific Island languages	655	390	60.0	160	24.6	85	13.1	15	2.3
Other languages	5,065	3,605	71.1	925	18.2	315	6.3	220	4.3
Navajo	30	30	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	235	215	91.5	20	8.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hungarian	380	285	76.0	80	21.3	10	2.7	0	0.0
Arabic	2,165	1,535	70.9	395	18.2	195	9.0	40	1.9
Hebrew	565	430	76.9	125	22.4	4	0.7	0	0.0
African languages	1,205	970	80.5	200	16.6	15	1.2	20	1.7
Other and unspecified languages	495	140	28.0	105	21.0	95	19.0	160	32.0

(X) Not Applicable.