

Table 43a. South Dakota -- Ability to Speak English by Language Spoken at Home for the Population 5 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 5 years and over	703,820	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	658,245	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	45,575	29,200	64.1	10,485	23.0	5,230	11.5	660	1.5
Spanish or Spanish Creole	10,050	6,055	60.3	1,765	17.6	1,910	19.0	320	3.2
Other Indo-European languages	19,510	11,810	60.6	5,640	28.9	1,850	9.4	210	1.1
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	1,255	920	73.3	165	13.2	170	13.6	0	0.0
French Creole	20	0	0.0	20	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Italian	295	235	79.7	35	11.9	25	8.5	0	0.0
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	100	85	85.9	10	10.1	4	4.0	0	0.0
German	13,420	7,910	58.9	4,395	32.8	980	7.3	135	1.0
Yiddish	5	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	375	275	72.6	70	18.5	30	7.9	4	1.1
Scandinavian languages	1,025	820	80.0	150	14.6	45	4.4	10	1.0
Greek	135	105	75.5	30	21.6	4	2.9	0	0.0
Russian	410	160	39.1	120	29.3	125	30.6	4	1.0
Polish	185	140	76.1	15	8.2	25	13.6	4	2.2
Serbo-Croatian	575	185	32.5	175	30.7	195	34.2	15	2.6
Other Slavic languages	1,055	590	55.9	280	26.5	155	14.7	30	2.8
Armenian	5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	100.0
Persian	90	30	33.7	4	4.5	55	61.8	0	0.0
Gujarathi	55	35	70.0	15	30.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hindi	110	80	70.2	30	26.3	4	3.5	0	0.0
Urdu	55	35	70.0	15	30.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	110	50	47.6	40	38.1	15	14.3	0	0.0
Other Indo-European languages	235	150	63.8	70	29.8	15	6.4	0	0.0
Asian and Pacific Island languages	3,055	1,550	47.8	925	30.2	515	16.5	65	2.1
Chinese	570	220	38.6	265	46.5	70	12.3	15	2.6
Japanese	300	125	41.7	120	40.0	55	18.3	0	0.0
Korean	315	195	61.9	70	22.2	50	15.9	0	0.0
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	60	20	31.3	20	31.3	20	31.3	4	6.3
Miao, Hmong	5	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Thai	205	95	45.5	65	31.1	45	21.5	4	1.9
Laotian	230	170	72.3	25	10.6	25	10.6	15	6.4
Vietnamese	555	150	27.0	170	30.6	205	36.9	30	5.4
Other Asian languages	235	185	77.4	50	20.9	4	1.7	0	0.0
Tagalog	455	305	67.0	115	25.3	35	7.7	0	0.0
Other Pacific Island languages	125	90	69.2	30	23.1	10	7.7	0	0.0
Other languages	12,960	2,155	75.5	2,158	16.7	955	7.3	65	0.5
Navajo	55	50	92.6	4	7.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	11,245	8,845	78.7	1,710	15.2	655	5.8	35	0.3
Hungarian	30	25	86.2	4	13.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Arabic	385	180	46.8	115	29.9	70	18.2	20	5.2
Hebrew	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
African languages	1,040	520	50.1	295	28.4	220	21.2	4	0.4
Other and unspecified languages	200	165	80.5	30	14.6	10	4.9	0	0.0

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