

Table 43b. South Dakota -- Ability to Speak English by Language Spoken at Home for the Population 18 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 18 years and over	552,120	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	515,610	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	36,510	23,725	65.0	8,280	22.7	3,990	10.9	515	1.4
Spanish or Spanish Creole	7,280	4,470	61.4	1,165	16.0	1,390	19.1	255	3.5
Other Indo-European languages	16,220	10,210	62.9	4,535	28.0	1,340	8.3	140	0.8
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	1,050	765	72.9	145	13.8	140	13.3	0	0.0
French Creole	10	0	0.0	10	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Italian	240	180	76.6	35	14.9	20	8.5	0	0.0
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	75	70	87.5	10	12.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
German	11,040	6,870	62.3	3,495	31.7	595	5.4	75	0.7
Yiddish	5	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	340	235	69.3	70	20.7	30	8.9	4	1.2
Scandinavian languages	950	750	79.0	145	15.3	45	4.7	10	1.1
Greek	125	95	76.0	30	24.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Russian	355	140	38.9	95	26.4	125	34.7	0	0.0
Polish	170	130	74.7	15	8.6	25	14.4	4	2.3
Serbo-Croatian	455	125	27.5	140	30.8	175	38.5	15	3.3
Other Slavic languages	865	510	59.0	200	23.1	130	15.0	25	2.9
Armenian	5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	100.0
Persian	65	30	43.5	4	5.8	35	50.7	0	0.0
Gujarathi	40	30	75.0	10	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Hindi	110	80	72.7	30	27.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Urdu	45	30	66.7	15	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	85	45	52.9	25	29.4	15	17.7	0	0.0
Other Indo-European languages	195	115	59.0	70	35.9	10	5.1	0	0.0
Asian and Pacific Island languages	2,655	1,240	46.4	855	32.2	505	19.1	60	2.4
Chinese	515	175	34.0	255	49.5	70	13.6	15	2.9
Japanese	260	95	36.5	115	44.2	50	19.2	0	0.0
Korean	275	155	56.4	70	25.5	50	18.2	0	0.0
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	35	4	12.1	10	30.3	15	45.5	4	12.1
Miao, Hmong	5	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Thai	175	80	44.7	50	27.9	45	25.1	4	2.2
Laotian	155	100	62.5	20	12.5	25	15.6	15	9.4
Vietnamese	470	90	19.0	155	32.6	205	43.2	25	5.3
Other Asian languages	200	160	78.4	40	19.6	4	2.0	0	0.0
Tagalog	450	295	66.3	115	25.8	35	7.9	0	0.0
Other Pacific Island languages	120	80	66.7	30	25.0	10	8.3	0	0.0
Other languages	10,355	7,805	75.4	1,725	16.6	760	7.3	65	0.6
Navajo	50	45	91.8	4	8.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	9,030	7,140	79.1	1,395	15.5	460	5.1	35	0.4
Hungarian	30	25	86.2	4	13.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Arabic	325	130	40.0	105	32.3	70	21.5	20	6.2
Hebrew	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
African languages	750	335	44.7	190	25.4	220	29.4	4	0.5
Other and unspecified languages	170	135	79.4	25	14.7	10	5.9	0	0.0

(X) Not Applicable.