

Table 44a. Tennessee -- 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	5,315,920	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	5,059,405	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	256,515	148,250	57.8	49,230	19.2	44,000	17.2	15,035	5.9
Spanish or Spanish Creole	133,930	69,555	51.9	23,025	17.2	28,735	21.5	12,615	9.4
Other Indo-European languages	68,880	49,835	72.3	11,390	16.5	6,680	8.4	975	1.4
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	17,555	12,445	70.9	2,705	15.4	2,315	13.2	95	0.5
French Creole	510	290	56.3	100	19.4	100	19.4	25	4.9
Italian	3,135	2,535	80.9	410	13.1	175	5.6	15	0.5
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	1,260	980	77.8	205	16.3	65	5.2	10	0.8
German	20,265	16,090	79.4	2,670	13.2	1,390	6.9	115	0.6
Yiddish	325	250	75.8	60	18.2	20	6.1	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	2,100	1,640	77.9	385	18.3	65	3.1	15	0.7
Scandinavian languages	615	540	88.5	60	9.8	10	1.6	0	0.0
Greek	1,415	1,145	80.9	190	13.4	80	5.7	0	0.0
Russian	2,930	1,665	56.8	750	25.6	395	13.5	120	4.1
Polish	1,400	1,095	78.2	215	15.4	80	5.7	10	0.7
Serbo-Croatian	1,765	750	42.5	575	32.6	335	19.0	105	6.0
Other Slavic languages	1,300	700	53.6	255	19.5	240	18.4	110	8.4
Armenian	115	25	22.7	40	36.4	10	9.1	35	31.8
Persian	1,940	1,280	66.0	515	26.6	110	5.7	35	1.8
Gujarathi	2,495	1,800	72.1	415	16.6	180	7.2	100	4.0
Hindi	2,025	1,740	86.1	195	9.7	85	4.2	0	0.0
Urdu	1,320	1,070	81.4	170	12.9	75	5.7	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	2,170	1,710	78.6	370	17.0	70	3.2	25	1.2
Other Indo-European languages	4,250	2,085	49.1	1,105	26.0	885	20.9	170	4.0
Asian and Pacific Island languages	39,700	19,630	49.5	11,630	29.3	7,345	18.5	1,095	2.8
Chinese	7,490	3,610	48.2	2,525	33.7	1,110	14.8	250	3.3
Japanese	4,425	2,020	45.7	1,130	25.6	1,240	28.1	30	0.7
Korean	6,550	3,035	46.3	2,035	31.1	1,295	19.8	190	2.9
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	1,295	595	46.1	390	30.2	235	18.2	70	5.4
Miao, Hmong	265	125	47.2	140	52.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Thai	1,160	665	57.3	395	34.1	90	7.8	10	0.9
Laotian	4,495	2,075	46.2	1,240	27.6	1,025	22.8	155	3.5
Vietnamese	6,625	2,095	31.6	2,205	33.3	1,950	29.4	375	5.7
Other Asian languages	2,940	2,270	77.2	470	16.0	190	6.5	10	0.3
Tagalog	3,385	2,440	72.0	780	23.0	170	5.0	0	0.0
Other Pacific Island languages	1,075	710	65.8	325	30.1	40	3.7	4	0.4
Other languages	14,005	9,235	65.9	3,185	22.7	1,240	8.8	345	2.5
Navajo	50	30	60.0	20	40.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	915	760	83.5	110	12.1	40	4.4	0	0.0
Hungarian	565	420	74.3	105	18.6	40	7.1	0	0.0
Arabic	6,480	3,845	59.3	1,765	27.2	735	11.3	140	2.2
Hebrew	825	685	83.0	130	15.8	10	1.2	0	0.0
African languages	4,480	3,085	68.9	970	21.7	335	7.5	90	2.0
Other and unspecified languages	695	410	59.4	85	12.3	75	10.9	120	17.4

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