

Table 44b. Tennessee -- 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	4,292,045	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	4,082,205	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	209,845	119,645	57.0	39,695	18.9	36,690	17.5	13,810	6.6
Spanish or Spanish Creole	107,140	54,305	50.7	17,470	16.3	23,715	22.1	11,650	10.9
Other Indo-European languages	57,745	41,835	72.5	9,545	16.5	5,555	9.6	815	1.4
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	14,370	10,245	71.3	2,225	15.5	1,810	12.6	90	0.6
French Creole	345	160	46.5	85	24.7	95	27.6	4	1.2
Italian	2,800	2,250	80.4	370	13.2	165	5.9	15	0.5
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	1,145	925	80.8	165	14.4	45	3.9	10	0.9
German	17,615	14,115	80.1	2,295	13.0	1,175	6.7	30	0.2
Yiddish	325	250	75.8	60	18.2	20	6.1	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	1,655	1,345	81.3	305	18.4	4	0.2	0	0.0
Scandinavian languages	560	490	87.5	60	10.7	10	1.8	0	0.0
Greek	1,215	970	79.8	180	14.8	65	5.4	0	0.0
Russian	2,490	1,345	54.0	665	26.7	360	14.5	120	4.8
Polish	1,225	960	78.4	180	14.7	75	6.1	10	0.8
Serbo-Croatian	1,405	535	38.2	425	30.4	335	23.9	105	7.5
Other Slavic languages	1,105	620	56.1	165	14.9	215	19.5	105	9.5
Armenian	115	25	22.7	40	36.4	10	9.1	35	31.8
Persian	1,650	1,050	63.8	465	28.3	95	5.8	35	2.1
Gujarathi	2,145	1,515	70.5	375	17.4	160	7.4	100	4.7
Hindi	1,845	1,615	87.3	170	9.2	65	3.5	0	0.0
Urdu	1,010	800	79.2	155	15.4	55	5.5	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	1,770	1,330	75.4	350	19.8	60	3.4	25	1.4
Other Indo-European languages	2,950	1,285	43.6	800	27.2	725	24.6	135	4.6
Asian and Pacific Island languages	33,080	15,825	47.8	9,880	29.8	6,355	19.2	1,020	3.1
Chinese	6,300	2,885	45.8	2,185	34.7	1,015	16.1	220	3.5
Japanese	3,775	1,810	48.0	1,015	26.9	930	24.7	15	0.4
Korean	5,535	2,405	43.4	1,840	33.2	1,125	20.3	170	3.1
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	930	290	31.2	335	36.0	235	25.3	70	7.5
Miao, Hmong	215	80	38.1	130	61.9	0	0.0	0	0.0
Thai	1,065	625	58.7	350	32.9	80	7.5	10	0.9
Laotian	3,465	1,375	39.7	1,030	29.7	910	26.3	150	4.3
Vietnamese	5,095	1,430	28.1	1,540	30.3	1,745	34.3	375	7.4
Other Asian languages	2,640	2,065	78.2	410	15.5	155	5.9	10	0.4
Tagalog	3,090	2,215	71.7	745	24.1	130	4.2	0	0.0
Other Pacific Island languages	975	645	65.9	295	30.1	35	3.6	4	0.4
Other languages	11,875	7,680	64.7	2,800	23.6	1,065	8.9	325	2.8
Navajo	40	25	55.6	20	44.4	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	820	670	82.2	105	12.9	40	4.9	0	0.0
Hungarian	470	340	72.3	95	20.2	35	7.5	0	0.0
Arabic	5,425	3,090	57.0	1,565	28.9	645	11.9	125	2.3
Hebrew	650	530	81.5	110	16.9	10	1.5	0	0.0
African languages	3,875	2,705	69.8	830	21.4	255	6.6	85	2.2
Other and unspecified languages	595	325	54.2	80	13.3	75	12.5	120	20.0

(X) Not Applicable.