

Table 48a. Virginia -- 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	6,619,265	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	5,884,075	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	735,190	431,460	58.7	159,865	21.7	109,650	14.9	34,215	4.7
Spanish or Spanish Creole	316,275	164,335	52.0	63,710	20.1	62,780	19.9	25,450	8.1
Other Indo-European languages	195,845	142,720	72.9	35,110	17.9	15,255	7.5	2,754	1.4
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	40,115	29,390	73.3	6,905	17.2	3,755	9.4	70	0.2
French Creole	2,665	2,015	75.8	520	19.6	105	4.0	20	0.8
Italian	10,100	7,675	76.0	1,545	15.3	810	8.0	65	0.6
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	5,565	3,970	71.4	1,085	19.5	400	7.2	105	1.9
German	32,735	26,455	80.8	4,440	13.6	1,760	5.4	85	0.3
Yiddish	595	460	77.3	85	14.3	50	8.4	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	4,035	3,550	88.0	425	10.5	60	1.5	0	0.0
Scandinavian languages	3,405	3,015	88.4	330	9.7	45	1.3	20	0.6
Greek	6,885	5,410	78.6	1,025	14.9	365	5.3	85	1.2
Russian	9,145	4,925	53.9	2,365	25.9	1,530	16.7	325	3.6
Polish	3,515	2,580	73.4	625	17.8	280	8.0	30	0.9
Serbo-Croatian	3,360	1,715	51.0	875	26.0	620	18.5	150	4.5
Other Slavic languages	2,865	2,205	77.0	430	15.0	205	7.2	25	0.9
Armenian	1,190	885	74.4	215	18.1	85	7.2	4	0.3
Persian	19,200	12,190	63.5	4,750	24.8	1,675	8.7	580	3.0
Gujarathi	4,060	2,810	69.2	785	19.3	320	7.9	145	3.6
Hindi	11,945	9,485	79.4	1,745	14.6	600	5.0	120	1.0
Urdu	15,250	10,695	70.1	3,050	20.0	1,175	7.7	330	2.2
Other Indic languages	13,765	9,620	69.9	2,870	20.9	915	6.7	360	2.6
Other Indo-European languages	5,445	3,670	67.4	1,040	19.1	500	9.2	235	4.3
Asian and Pacific Island languages	170,135	87,975	51.7	49,335	29.0	27,750	16.3	5,090	3.0
Chinese	29,835	14,660	49.1	8,995	30.2	4,645	15.6	1,535	5.1
Japanese	8,020	4,475	55.8	2,140	26.7	1,315	16.4	90	1.1
Korean	39,635	16,580	41.8	11,380	28.7	9,930	25.1	1,745	4.4
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	4,870	2,185	44.8	1,700	34.9	895	18.4	95	2.0
Miao, Hmong	60	60	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Thai	3,740	2,020	54.1	1,290	34.5	395	10.6	30	0.8
Laotian	2,880	1,325	46.0	965	33.5	535	18.6	55	1.9
Vietnamese	31,920	11,970	37.5	11,435	35.8	7,120	22.3	1,395	4.4
Other Asian languages	12,115	9,010	74.3	2,310	19.1	760	6.3	40	0.3
Tagalog	33,600	23,535	70.0	8,215	24.5	1,790	5.3	60	0.2
Other Pacific Island languages	3,465	2,155	62.1	905	26.1	365	10.5	45	1.3
Other languages	52,935	36,430	68.8	11,715	22.1	3,864	7.3	914	1.7
Navajo	135	100	77.5	25	19.4	4	3.1	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	1,070	835	78.4	180	16.9	50	4.7	0	0.0
Hungarian	1,765	1,380	78.4	285	16.2	60	3.4	35	2.0
Arabic	25,985	17,850	68.7	5,570	21.4	2,120	8.2	445	1.7
Hebrew	1,300	1,145	88.1	135	10.4	15	1.2	4	0.3
African languages	21,165	14,065	66.5	5,355	25.3	1,375	6.5	370	1.8
Other and unspecified languages	1,520	1,055	69.4	165	10.9	240	15.8	60	4.0

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