

**Table 49a. Washington -- 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
<b>Population 5 years and over</b>	5,501,395	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	4,730,510	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	770,885	419,970	54.5	173,615	22.5	128,765	16.7	48,535	6.3
<b>Spanish or Spanish Creole</b>	321,490	166,115	51.7	62,345	19.4	60,260	18.7	32,770	10.2
<b>Other Indo-European languages</b>	176,720	114,440	64.8	33,995	19.2	22,095	12.5	6,190	3.5
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	22,385	17,930	80.1	2,550	11.4	1,810	8.1	95	0.4
French Creole	315	220	68.8	65	20.3	35	10.9	0	0.0
Italian	6,185	4,960	80.1	770	12.4	445	7.2	15	0.2
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	2,675	1,740	65.1	605	22.6	280	10.5	50	1.9
German	39,700	32,115	80.9	4,820	12.1	2,620	6.6	145	0.4
Yiddish	425	375	89.3	30	7.1	15	3.6	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	4,620	3,845	83.2	625	13.5	150	3.3	0	0.0
Scandinavian languages	10,695	8,845	82.7	1,470	13.8	360	3.4	15	0.1
Greek	2,800	2,210	78.8	395	14.1	165	5.9	35	1.3
Russian	31,340	11,985	38.2	8,685	27.7	7,920	25.3	2,750	8.8
Polish	4,285	2,765	64.5	1,220	28.5	255	6.0	45	1.1
Serbo-Croatian	4,935	2,440	49.4	1,415	28.7	865	17.5	215	4.4
Other Slavic languages	15,595	4,995	32.0	4,145	26.6	4,520	29.0	1,935	12.4
Armenian	675	465	68.8	95	14.0	85	12.5	35	5.2
Persian	5,315	3,755	70.7	865	16.3	545	10.3	150	2.8
Gujarathi	1,015	785	77.0	200	19.6	20	2.0	15	1.5
Hindi	5,190	3,960	76.4	985	19.0	205	4.0	35	0.7
Urdu	1,875	1,455	77.6	315	16.8	90	4.8	15	0.8
Other Indic languages	8,715	5,160	59.2	2,225	25.5	895	10.3	435	5.0
Other Indo-European languages	7,980	4,435	55.5	2,515	31.5	825	10.3	210	2.6
<b>Asian and Pacific Island languages</b>	242,835	119,750	49.3	70,520	29.0	43,685	18.0	8,880	3.7
Chinese	48,460	22,615	46.7	14,325	29.6	8,640	17.8	2,880	5.9
Japanese	24,055	13,600	56.6	6,890	28.7	3,355	14.0	205	0.9
Korean	39,520	16,670	42.2	11,790	29.8	9,420	23.8	1,645	4.2
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	14,560	6,800	46.7	3,900	26.8	3,060	21.0	800	5.5
Miao, Hmong	1,565	650	41.5	530	33.9	350	22.4	35	2.2
Thai	4,065	1,925	47.4	1,460	35.9	600	14.8	80	2.0
Laotian	6,545	3,100	47.4	1,730	26.4	1,550	23.7	165	2.5
Vietnamese	39,830	12,075	30.3	13,450	33.8	11,835	29.7	2,470	6.2
Other Asian languages	6,365	4,195	65.9	1,515	23.8	470	7.4	185	2.9
Tagalog	41,675	27,455	65.9	10,840	26.0	3,085	7.4	295	0.7
Other Pacific Island languages	16,200	10,665	65.9	4,085	25.2	1,325	8.2	120	0.7
<b>Other languages</b>	29,840	19,665	65.9	6,755	22.6	2,725	9.1	695	2.3
Navajo	445	375	83.5	70	15.6	4	0.9	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	4,150	3,480	83.9	445	10.7	220	5.3	4	0.1
Hungarian	1,590	1,050	66.0	385	24.2	140	8.8	15	0.9
Arabic	6,490	4,085	62.9	1,745	26.9	520	8.0	140	2.2
Hebrew	1,560	1,315	84.3	215	13.8	30	1.9	0	0.0
African languages	12,420	7,080	57.0	3,485	28.1	1,595	12.8	260	2.1
Other and unspecified languages	3,180	2,280	71.7	410	12.9	215	6.8	275	8.7

(X) Not applicable.