

Table 49b. Washington - 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	Percent	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Population 18 years and over	4,384,340	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	3,775,205	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	609,135	317,900	52.2	136,460	22.4	110,605	18.3	44,695	7.3	29,885	12.6
Spanish or Spanish Creole	237,515	114,020	48.0	43,600	18.4	50,010	21.1	29,885	12.6		
Other Indo-European languages	144,855	94,125	65.0	26,870	18.5	18,375	12.7	5,490	3.8		
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	19,235	15,660	81.4	2,130	11.1	1,400	7.3	45	0.2		
French Creole	230	145	63.0	55	23.9	30	13.0	0	0.0		
Italian	5,755	4,585	79.6	740	12.9	420	7.3	15	0.3		
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	2,180	1,470	67.4	435	20.0	200	10.1	50	2.3		
German	36,055	28,565	79.2	4,175	11.6	2,200	6.3	120	0.3		
Yiddish	415	365	88.0	30	7.3	15	3.7	0	0.0		
Other West Germanic languages	4,345	3,605	83.0	620	14.3	120	2.8	0	0.0		
Scandinavian languages	9,825	8,145	82.9	1,315	13.4	345	3.5	15	0.2		
Greek	2,900	1,960	67.6	365	12.6	140	4.8	35	1.4		
Russian	21,680	6,825	31.5	6,815	31.5	6,520	30.1	2,525	11.6		
Polish	3,675	2,550	69.4	1,155	31.4	240	6.5	30	0.8		
Serbo-Croatian	3,985	1,765	44.3	1,550	39.1	780	19.6	190	4.8		
Other Slavic languages	10,770	2,910	27.0	2,590	24.1	3,635	33.8	1,635	15.2		
Armenian	520	335	64.6	80	15.0	85	15.9	35	6.5		
Persian	4,340	2,895	66.7	800	18.4	495	11.4	150	3.5		
Gujarati	900	695	77.2	175	19.6	20	2.2	15	1.7		
Hindi	4,520	3,440	76.1	910	20.1	145	3.2	35	0.8		
Urdu	1,555	1,175	75.6	270	17.4	90	5.8	15	1.0		
Other Indo-European languages	7,050	3,960	56.2	1,900	27.0	790	11.2	400	5.7		
Other Indo-European languages	6,305	3,370	53.5	2,050	32.5	695	11.0	185	2.9		
Asian and Pacific Island languages	202,375	94,030	46.5	60,210	29.8	39,470	19.5	8,665	4.3		
Chinese	41,390	17,815	43.0	12,635	30.5	8,090	19.6	2,850	6.9		
Japanese	21,160	11,555	54.6	6,480	30.6	2,855	14.0	175	0.8		
Korean	32,475	11,970	36.9	10,255	31.6	6,620	20.5	1,635	5.0		
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	10,100	3,785	37.5	2,870	28.4	2,650	26.2	800	7.9		
Miao, Hmong	885	385	43.5	215	24.3	250	28.3	35	4.0		
Thai	3,555	1,605	45.1	1,345	37.8	530	14.9	80	2.3		
Laotian	5,100	2,080	40.8	1,495	29.2	1,450	28.4	160	3.1		
Vietnamese	31,715	8,240	26.0	10,335	32.6	10,765	33.9	2,375	7.5		
Other Asian languages	5,305	3,555	67.0	1,225	23.1	345	6.5	185	3.5		
Tagalog	17,255	24,385	141.3	10,055	26.8	2,635	7.1	290	0.8		
Other Pacific Island languages	13,340	8,690	64.8	3,405	25.5	1,185	8.9	100	0.8		
Other languages	24,390	15,725	64.5	5,785	23.7	2,230	9.2	650	2.7		
Navajo	385	320	83.1	70	18.0	0	0.0	0	0.0		
Other Native North American languages	3,325	2,805	84.4	340	10.2	180	5.4	4	0.1		
Hungarian	1,475	940	63.8	385	26.0	140	9.5	15	1.0		
Arabic	5,415	3,315	61.2	1,860	28.8	405	7.5	140	2.6		
Hebrew	1,900	1,090	57.4	190	14.6	25	1.9	0	0.0		
African languages	9,645	5,225	54.2	2,880	29.9	1,295	13.4	240	2.5		
Other and unspecified languages	2,930	2,030	71.7	360	12.3	190	6.5	250	8.8		

(X) Not Applicable.