

Table 50a. West Virginia -- Ability to Speak English by Language Spoken at Home for the Population 5 Years and Over: 2000
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[Data based on a sample. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf3.pdf>]

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	1,706,930	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	1,661,035	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	45,895	32,345	70.5	7,780	17.0	5,320	11.6	450	1.0
Spanish or Spanish Creole	17,650	11,925	67.5	2,825	16.0	2,715	15.4	190	1.1
Other Indo-European languages	19,490	14,520	74.5	3,025	15.6	1,785	9.1	160	0.8
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	5,695	3,925	68.9	860	15.1	870	15.3	40	0.7
French Creole	40	30	88.2	4	11.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Italian	2,815	2,105	74.8	470	16.7	230	8.2	10	0.4
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	235	210	91.7	15	6.6	4	1.8	0	0.0
German	5,040	3,880	77.1	745	14.8	370	7.4	40	0.8
Yiddish	70	55	84.6	0	0.0	10	15.4	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	300	270	91.5	25	8.5	0	0.0	0	0.0
Scandinavian languages	205	170	85.0	15	7.5	15	7.5	0	0.0
Greek	910	725	79.2	115	12.6	75	8.2	0	0.0
Russian	370	225	60.0	95	25.3	40	10.7	15	4.0
Polish	765	600	78.4	140	18.3	25	3.3	0	0.0
Serbo-Croatian	265	185	68.5	70	25.9	15	5.6	0	0.0
Other Slavic languages	485	350	72.2	80	16.5	40	8.3	15	3.1
Armenian	5	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Persian	320	255	79.7	45	14.1	10	3.1	10	3.1
Gujarathi	165	115	70.6	40	24.5	4	2.5	4	2.5
Hindi	430	345	80.2	55	12.8	20	4.7	10	2.3
Urdu	350	290	82.9	60	17.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	805	620	76.5	140	17.3	35	4.3	15	1.9
Other Indo-European languages	225	155	67.4	60	26.1	15	6.5	0	0.0
Asian and Pacific Island languages	6,040	3,790	62.7	1,470	24.4	685	11.3	95	1.5
Chinese	1,635	790	48.3	530	32.4	235	14.4	80	4.9
Japanese	1,135	680	59.9	215	18.9	240	21.2	0	0.0
Korean	580	355	61.2	155	26.7	70	12.1	0	0.0
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Miao, Hmong	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Thai	165	120	72.7	35	21.2	10	6.1	0	0.0
Laotian	5	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Vietnamese	470	240	50.5	175	36.8	60	12.6	0	0.0
Other Asian languages	785	615	78.9	135	17.3	30	3.9	0	0.0
Tagalog	970	755	77.4	180	18.5	40	4.1	0	0.0
Other Pacific Island languages	290	225	77.6	50	17.2	0	0.0	15	5.2
Other languages	2,715	2,110	77.9	455	16.8	135	5.0	10	0.3
Navajo	55	25	50.0	25	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	210	155	75.6	10	4.9	40	19.5	0	0.0
Hungarian	320	230	70.8	80	24.6	15	4.6	0	0.0
Arabic	1,565	1,210	77.6	265	17.0	80	5.1	4	0.3
Hebrew	200	190	97.9	4	2.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
African languages	270	230	85.5	35	13.0	0	0.0	4	1.5
Other and unspecified languages	100	65	65.0	35	35.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

(X) Not applicable.