

Table 50b. West Virginia -- Ability to Speak English by Language Spoken at Home for the Population 18 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 18 years and over	1,406,570	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	1,367,930	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	38,640	27,585	71.4	6,545	16.9	4,115	10.7	390	1.0
Spanish or Spanish Creole	13,800	9,610	69.6	2,080	15.1	1,940	14.1	170	1.2
Other Indo-European languages	17,080	12,785	74.8	2,670	15.7	1,470	8.6	155	0.9
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	4,590	3,180	69.3	660	14.4	710	15.5	40	0.9
French Creole	40	30	88.2	4	11.8	0	0.0	0	0.0
Italian	2,650	1,965	74.2	450	17.0	225	8.5	10	0.4
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	200	180	90.5	15	7.5	4	2.0	0	0.0
German	4,470	3,475	77.7	685	15.3	270	6.0	40	0.9
Yiddish	70	55	84.6	0	0.0	10	15.4	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	275	245	90.7	25	9.3	0	0.0	0	0.0
Scandinavian languages	175	160	92.0	10	5.8	4	2.3	0	0.0
Greek	880	700	79.6	110	12.5	70	8.0	0	0.0
Russian	330	205	62.1	80	24.2	35	10.6	10	3.0
Polish	720	565	77.9	135	18.6	25	3.5	0	0.0
Serbo-Croatian	230	160	68.1	60	25.5	15	6.4	0	0.0
Other Slavic languages	440	330	75.9	50	11.5	40	9.2	15	3.5
Armenian	5	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Persian	280	220	78.9	45	16.1	4	1.4	10	3.6
Gujarathi	150	110	71.4	40	26.0	0	0.0	4	2.6
Hindi	360	290	79.5	50	13.7	15	4.1	10	2.7
Urdu	325	270	81.8	60	18.2	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Indic languages	705	520	73.8	140	19.9	30	4.3	15	2.1
Other Indo-European languages	190	120	61.5	60	30.8	15	7.7	0	0.0
Asian and Pacific Island languages	5,395	3,345	62.0	1,380	25.6	605	11.2	60	1.2
Chinese	1,370	610	44.4	505	36.7	210	15.3	50	3.6
Japanese	1,005	595	59.2	200	19.9	210	20.9	0	0.0
Korean	530	330	61.7	155	29.0	50	9.4	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	160	115	74.2	30	19.4	10	6.5	0	0.0
Laotian	5	4	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Vietnamese	425	220	51.8	145	34.1	60	14.1	0	0.0
Other Asian languages	700	555	79.3	120	17.1	25	3.6	0	0.0
Tagalog	925	715	76.9	175	18.8	40	4.3	0	0.0
Other Pacific Island languages	270	205	75.9	50	18.5	0	0.0	15	5.6
Other languages	2,360	1,840	77.9	415	17.5	100	4.2	10	0.3
Navajo	20	4	21.1	15	79.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	175	135	77.1	10	5.7	30	17.1	0	0.0
Hungarian	295	225	75.0	60	20.0	15	5.0	0	0.0
Arabic	1,345	1,030	76.6	255	19.0	55	4.1	4	0.3
Hebrew	200	190	97.9	4	2.1	0	0.0	0	0.0
African languages	255	215	84.7	35	13.8	0	0.0	4	1.6
Other and unspecified languages	70	40	53.3	35	46.7	0	0.0	0	0.0

(X) Not Applicable.