

**Table 51b. Wisconsin -- 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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Population 18 years and over</b>	3,996,290	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	3,714,480	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	281,805	167,180	59.3	57,480	20.4	42,605	15.1	14,540	5.2
<b>Spanish or Spanish Creole</b>	124,060	65,050	52.4	23,115	18.6	24,710	19.9	11,180	9.0
<b>Other Indo-European languages</b>	105,675	75,660	71.6	19,850	18.8	9,155	8.7	1,010	0.9
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	10,945	8,270	75.6	1,335	12.2	1,265	11.6	70	0.6
French Creole	145	100	69.0	20	13.8	25	17.2	0	0.0
Italian	6,360	4,425	69.6	1,150	18.1	725	11.4	60	0.9
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	745	505	67.8	120	16.1	100	13.4	20	2.7
German	40,440	30,560	75.6	7,165	17.7	2,670	6.6	50	0.1
Yiddish	485	405	83.5	65	13.4	15	3.1	0	0.0
Other West Germanic languages	4,235	2,850	67.3	1,270	30.0	110	2.6	4	0.1
Scandinavian languages	5,170	4,275	82.6	640	12.4	245	4.7	15	0.3
Greek	2,390	1,835	76.8	400	16.7	135	5.7	20	0.8
Russian	4,665	2,075	44.5	1,275	27.3	1,020	21.9	295	6.3
Polish	11,280	7,990	70.8	2,325	20.6	890	7.9	75	0.7
Serbo-Croatian	4,345	2,290	52.7	1,195	27.5	725	16.7	135	3.1
Other Slavic languages	3,455	2,515	72.8	640	18.5	255	7.4	45	1.3
Armenian	440	385	87.5	35	8.0	20	4.6	0	0.0
Persian	920	685	74.5	130	14.1	70	7.6	35	3.8
Gujarathi	700	415	59.3	205	29.3	65	9.3	15	2.1
Hindi	2,090	1,645	78.8	390	18.7	50	2.4	4	0.2
Urdu	1,250	835	66.9	285	22.8	125	10.0	4	0.3
Other Indic languages	2,360	1,545	65.5	560	23.7	195	8.3	60	2.5
Other Indo-European languages	3,255	2,045	62.9	650	20.0	460	14.2	95	2.9
<b>Asian and Pacific Island languages</b>	41,010	18,460	45.0	12,310	30.0	7,965	19.4	2,275	5.6
Chinese	6,855	3,075	44.9	2,520	36.8	995	14.5	265	3.9
Japanese	2,705	1,565	57.9	615	22.7	500	18.5	25	0.9
Korean	3,325	1,440	43.3	1,215	36.5	620	18.7	50	1.5
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	405	120	29.7	115	28.5	165	40.8	4	1.0
Miao, Hmong	15,125	5,090	33.7	4,315	28.5	4,100	27.1	1,620	10.7
Thai	805	325	40.4	370	46.0	105	13.1	4	0.5
Laotian	2,275	765	33.6	700	30.8	620	27.3	190	8.4
Vietnamese	2,505	930	37.1	940	37.5	535	21.4	100	4.0
Other Asian languages	2,725	2,125	78.0	420	15.4	165	6.1	15	0.6
Tagalog	2,915	2,280	78.2	540	18.5	90	3.1	4	0.1
Other Pacific Island languages	1,370	740	54.0	560	40.9	70	5.1	0	0.0
<b>Other languages</b>	11,065	8,010	72.4	2,205	19.9	775	7.0	75	0.7
Navajo	20	20	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Native North American languages	2,985	2,380	79.8	410	13.7	190	6.4	4	0.1
Hungarian	920	590	64.1	255	27.7	75	8.2	0	0.0
Arabic	3,260	2,220	68.1	775	23.8	235	7.2	30	0.9
Hebrew	785	630	80.3	100	12.7	55	7.0	0	0.0
African languages	1,700	1,115	65.6	465	27.4	115	6.8	4	0.2
Other and unspecified languages	1,395	1,050	75.5	200	14.4	105	7.6	35	2.5

(X) Not Applicable.