

Table 1a. United States – 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	262,375,150	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak only English	215,423,555	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak language other than English	46,951,595	25,631,190	54.6	10,333,555	22.0	7,620,720	16.2	3,366,130	7.2
Spanish or Spanish Creole	28,101,050	14,349,795	51.1	5,819,410	20.7	5,130,400	18.3	2,801,450	10.0
Other Indo-European languages	10,017,990	6,627,685	66.2	2,091,450	20.9	1,078,915	10.8	219,925	2.2
French (incl. Patois, Cajun)	1,643,840	1,228,800	74.8	269,460	16.4	138,000	8.4	7,580	0.5
French Creole	453,370	245,855	54.2	121,915	26.9	70,960	15.7	14,635	3.2
Italian	1,008,370	701,220	69.5	195,900	19.4	99,270	9.8	11,980	1.2
Portuguese or Portuguese Creole	564,630	320,445	56.8	125,465	22.2	90,410	16.0	28,310	5.0
German	1,383,440	1,079,695	78.0	219,465	15.9	79,560	5.8	4,720	0.3
Yiddish	178,945	123,160	68.8	35,455	19.8	17,295	9.7	3,030	1.7
Other West Germanic languages	251,135	182,050	72.5	58,290	23.2	9,420	3.8	1,375	0.6
Scandinavian languages	162,250	137,615	84.8	19,110	11.8	5,165	3.2	365	0.2
Greek	365,435	262,850	71.9	65,025	17.8	33,345	9.1	4,215	1.2
Russian	706,240	304,890	43.2	209,055	29.6	148,670	21.1	43,625	6.2
Polish	667,415	387,695	58.1	167,235	25.1	95,030	14.2	17,455	2.6
Serbo-Croatian	233,865	119,270	51.0	61,255	26.2	42,970	18.4	10,370	4.4
Other Slavic languages	301,080	176,715	58.7	72,945	24.2	41,860	13.9	9,560	3.2
Armenian	202,710	108,555	53.6	48,470	23.9	31,870	15.7	13,815	6.8
Persian	312,085	198,040	63.5	70,910	22.7	32,960	10.6	10,175	3.3
Gujarathi	235,990	155,010	65.7	50,635	21.5	22,520	9.5	7,820	3.3
Hindi	317,055	245,190	77.3	51,930	16.4	16,680	5.3	3,255	1.0
Urdu	262,900	180,020	68.5	56,735	21.6	20,815	7.9	5,330	2.0
Other Indic languages	439,290	274,140	62.4	108,510	24.7	43,395	9.9	13,240	3.0
Other Indo-European languages	327,945	196,470	59.9	83,685	25.5	38,720	11.8	9,070	2.8
Asian and Pacific Island languages	6,960,065	3,370,045	48.4	2,023,310	29.1	1,260,260	18.1	306,455	4.4
Chinese	2,022,145	855,690	42.3	595,330	29.4	408,595	20.2	162,525	8.0
Japanese	477,995	241,705	50.6	146,615	30.7	84,020	17.6	5,660	1.2
Korean	894,065	361,165	40.4	268,475	30.0	228,390	25.6	36,030	4.0
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	181,890	77,620	42.7	51,650	28.4	41,460	22.8	11,160	6.1
Miao, Hmong	168,065	65,865	39.2	55,910	33.3	34,405	20.5	11,885	7.1
Thai	120,465	57,630	47.8	43,250	35.9	17,635	14.6	1,950	1.6
Laotian	149,305	67,565	45.3	43,175	28.9	32,100	21.5	6,465	4.3
Vietnamese	1,009,625	342,595	33.9	340,060	33.7	270,950	26.8	56,020	5.6
Other Asian languages	398,435	282,565	70.9	81,740	20.5	28,000	7.0	6,135	1.5
Tagalog	1,224,240	827,560	67.6	311,465	25.4	79,720	6.5	5,495	0.5
Other Pacific Island languages	313,840	190,085	60.6	85,640	27.3	34,985	11.2	3,130	1.0
Other languages	1,872,490	1,283,660	68.6	399,395	21.3	151,125	8.1	38,305	2.0
Navajo	178,015	115,025	64.6	42,975	24.1	14,390	8.1	5,625	3.2
Other Native North American languages	203,465	149,020	73.2	41,010	20.2	12,430	6.1	1,005	0.5
Hungarian	117,975	79,600	67.5	28,310	24.0	9,005	7.6	1,060	0.9
Arabic	614,580	403,395	65.6	140,055	22.8	58,595	9.5	12,535	2.0
Hebrew	195,375	158,450	81.1	28,575	14.6	7,770	4.0	580	0.3
African languages	418,505	294,455	70.4	87,135	20.8	30,875	7.4	6,035	1.4
Other and unspecified languages	144,575	83,715	57.9	31,335	21.7	18,060	12.5	11,465	7.9

(X) Not applicable.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.