



QT-P17. Ability to Speak English: 2000

Data Set: [Census 2000 Summary File 3 \(SF 3\) - Sample Data](#)

Geographic Area: **Alaska**

NOTE: [Corrected counts](#) are available for one or more geographies displayed in this table.

NOTE: Data based on a sample except in P3, P4, H3, and H4. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, definitions, and count corrections see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expfs3.htm>.

Subject	Number	Percent
POPULATION 5 YEARS AND OVER BY LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME AND ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH		
Population 5 years and over	579,740	100.0
Speak only English	496,982	85.7
Speak a language other than English	82,758	14.3
Spanish		
Spanish	16,674	100.0
Speak English "very well"	10,873	65.2
Speak English "well"	3,247	19.5
Speak English "not well"	2,092	12.5
Speak English "not at all"	462	2.8
Other Indo-European languages		
Other Indo-European languages	12,851	100.0
Speak English "very well"	9,184	71.5
Speak English "well"	2,221	17.3
Speak English "not well"	1,258	9.8
Speak English "not at all"	188	1.5
Asian and Pacific Island languages		
Asian and Pacific Island languages	22,186	100.0
Speak English "very well"	10,527	47.4
Speak English "well"	7,317	33.0
Speak English "not well"	3,739	16.9
Speak English "not at all"	603	2.7
All other languages		
All other languages	31,047	100.0
Speak English "very well"	21,332	68.7
Speak English "well"	7,192	23.2
Speak English "not well"	2,234	7.2
Speak English "not at all"	289	0.9
ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH		
Population 5 years and over	579,740	100.0
Speak a language other than English	82,758	14.3
5 to 17 years	18,541	3.2
18 to 64 years	57,504	9.9
65 years and over	6,713	1.2
Speak English less than "very well"	30,842	5.3
5 to 17 years	6,126	1.1
18 to 64 years	21,108	3.6
65 years and over	3,608	0.6
ABILITY TO SPEAK ENGLISH IN HOUSEHOLD		
Linguistically isolated households ¹	5,268	(X)
Population 5 years and over in households		
Population 5 years and over in households	560,669	100.0
In linguistically isolated households ¹	13,104	2.3
5 to 17 years	3,465	0.6
18 to 64 years	8,074	1.4
65 years and over	1,565	0.3

(X) Not applicable.

¹ A linguistically isolated household is one in which no member 14 years old and over (1) speaks only English or (2) speaks a non-English language and speaks English "very well." In other words, all members 14 years old and over have at least some difficulty with English.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 3, Matrices P19, P20, PCT13, and PCT14.