

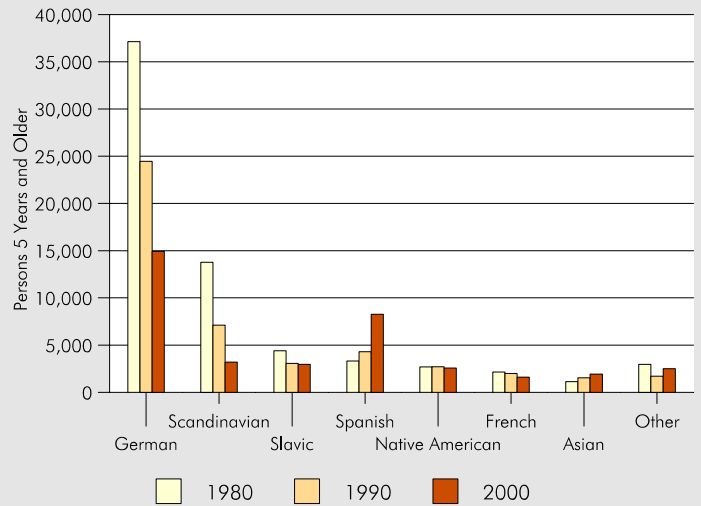
## Languages Spoken at Home in North Dakota: 2000

In 1980, 11.3 percent of North Dakotans spoke a language other than English in their home. Twenty years later, Census 2000 data show that the proportion of North Dakota residents speaking a language other than English in their home dropped to 6.3 percent (Table 1). Nationally, the percentage increased from 11.0 percent in 1980 to 17.9 percent in 2000 (Figure 2).

At the same time the non-English speaking population in North Dakota declined, it also changed in composition. In 1980, the majority of non-English speakers (54.9 percent) were speaking German in their homes; 20.4 percent Scandinavian. These percentages declined to 39.3 percent and 8.4 percent, respectively, in 2000. During these same two decades, persons speaking Spanish or Asian languages in their homes increased (4.9 percent to 21.7 percent and 1.7 percent to 5.1 percent, respectively) (Figure 1).

Census data on languages spoken at home refer to persons ages 5 and older. Most people who reported speaking a language other than English at home also speak English.

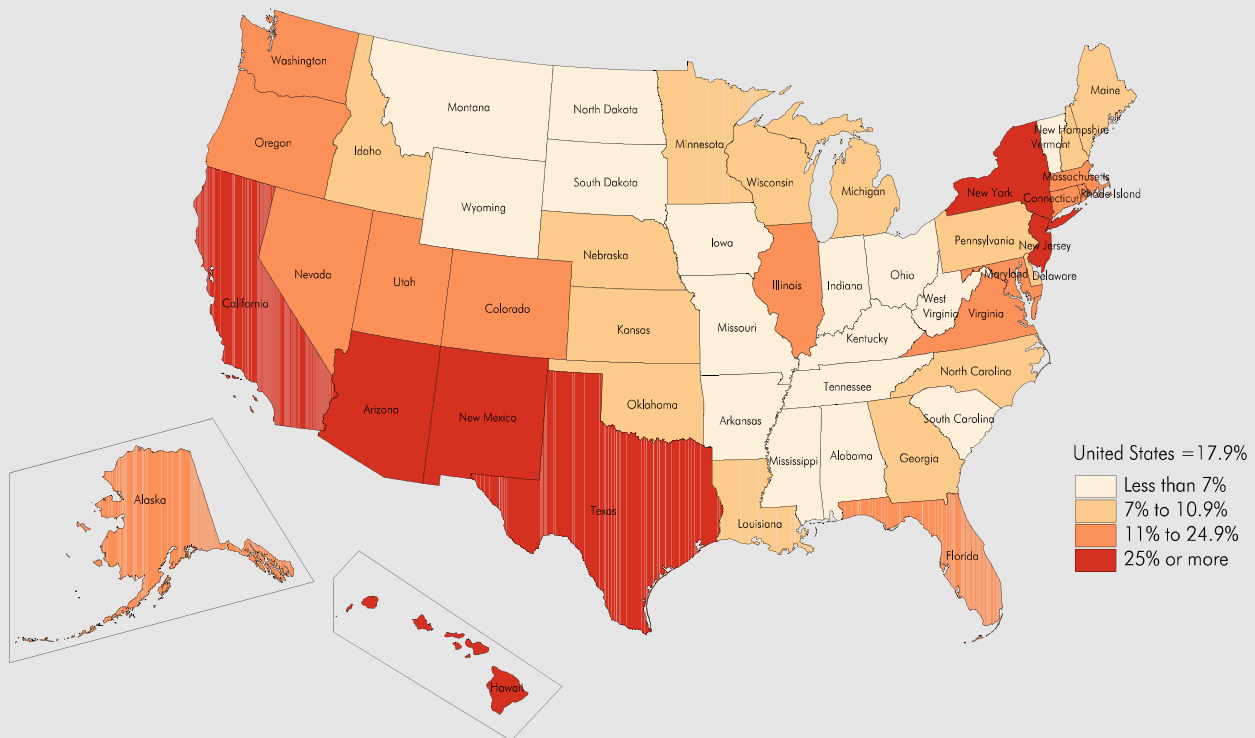
**Figure 1. Non-English Language Spoken at Home in North Dakota 1980, 1990, and 2000 - Persons 5 Years and Older**



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

**Figure 2. Persons Speaking Non-English at Home as a Percent of Total Persons 5 Years and Older: 2000**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 3 (SF3), Table PCT10, <<http://factfinder.census.gov>>.



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Area	Persons 5 Years and Older												
	Total	Speak Only English at Home		Speak Non-English at Home									
		Total	% of Persons 5 and Older	Total		Language Spoken at Home as a Percent of Total Non-English Speakers (%)							
				Total	% of Persons 5 and Older	German	Spanish	Scandinavian	Slavic	Native American	Asian	French	Other
North Dakota	603,106	565,130	93.7	37,976	6.3	39.3	21.8	8.4	7.8	6.8	5.1	4.3	6.6
Adams	2,482	2,392	96.4	90	3.6	45.6	31.1	6.7	5.6	8.9	0.0	0.0	2.2
Barnes	11,152	10,792	96.8	360	3.2	29.7	24.2	24.2	9.7	1.4	2.5	2.8	5.6
Benson	6,332	5,813	91.8	519	8.2	11.0	3.3	14.6	1.0	68.8	0.0	1.3	0.0
Billings	850	799	94.0	51	6.0	11.8	5.9	0.0	82.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bottineau	6,864	6,593	96.1	271	3.9	19.2	24.7	35.8	0.0	4.4	1.5	14.4	0.0
Bowman	3,094	3,043	98.4	51	1.6	45.1	17.6	7.8	17.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.8
Burke	2,162	2,102	97.2	60	2.8	16.7	28.3	40.0	0.0	6.7	0.0	5.0	3.3
Burleigh	65,105	60,483	92.9	4,622	7.1	55.3	19.1	3.2	5.4	6.3	3.2	3.2	4.3
Cass	115,059	108,743	94.5	6,316	5.5	14.0	26.3	7.4	13.4	1.5	12.0	7.6	17.8
Cavalier	4,622	4,510	97.6	112	2.4	25.0	25.0	29.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.8	10.7
Dickey	5,436	4,961	91.3	475	8.7	63.6	17.7	5.3	2.7	0.4	1.9	0.8	7.6
Divide	2,214	2,124	95.9	90	4.1	8.9	10.0	70.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	3.3	6.7
Dunn	3,399	3,133	92.2	266	7.8	36.8	8.3	1.5	18.4	25.9	2.3	3.4	3.4
Eddy	2,607	2,514	96.4	93	3.6	39.8	24.7	29.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	4.3	0.0
Emmons	4,094	3,428	83.7	666	16.3	95.9	2.6	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Foster	3,558	3,411	95.9	147	4.1	42.9	21.8	14.3	0.0	0.0	4.8	8.2	8.2
Golden Valley	1,818	1,781	98.0	37	2.0	35.1	37.8	8.1	5.4	0.0	8.1	0.0	5.4
Grand Forks	61,929	58,145	93.9	3,784	6.1	13.3	34.4	10.9	10.5	1.6	11.0	7.8	10.5
Grant	2,714	2,337	86.1	377	13.9	90.7	4.2	1.9	1.3	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.5
Griggs	2,627	2,555	97.3	72	2.7	19.4	5.6	73.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0
Hettinger	2,593	2,420	93.3	173	6.7	81.5	8.1	0.6	6.4	2.3	1.2	0.0	0.0
Kidder	2,625	2,436	92.8	189	7.2	77.2	19.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0
LaMoure	4,493	4,078	90.8	415	9.2	86.0	8.9	1.4	0.7	0.0	0.0	1.9	1.0
Logan	2,179	1,624	74.5	555	25.5	95.3	2.7	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.7
McHenry	5,682	5,393	94.9	289	5.1	55.7	12.8	20.8	5.2	0.0	2.1	3.5	0.0
McIntosh	3,248	2,083	64.1	1,165	35.9	98.1	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2
McKenzie	5,394	4,998	92.7	396	7.3	10.6	6.1	6.1	2.3	58.8	12.1	0.5	3.5
McLean	8,868	8,393	94.6	475	5.4	61.1	12.0	5.5	6.9	10.7	1.3	0.0	2.5
Mercer	8,246	7,200	87.3	1,046	12.7	85.6	9.8	0.9	1.0	0.3	1.3	0.8	0.4
Morton	23,682	21,810	92.1	1,872	7.9	64.9	16.8	2.5	4.7	4.9	2.8	1.3	2.1
Mountrail	6,198	5,789	93.4	409	6.6	9.0	10.5	17.1	0.5	53.3	7.6	0.5	1.5
Nelson	3,571	3,392	95.0	179	5.0	7.8	12.3	41.9	25.1	3.4	4.5	1.7	3.4
Oliver	1,963	1,866	95.1	97	4.9	83.5	14.4	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pembina	8,148	7,694	94.4	454	5.6	14.1	46.9	22.9	8.4	1.8	1.3	1.3	3.3
Pierce	4,414	3,959	89.7	455	10.3	85.9	4.0	9.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0
Ramsey	11,401	10,998	96.5	403	3.5	42.7	21.6	12.4	3.5	7.7	2.2	5.2	4.7
Ransom	5,544	5,205	93.9	339	6.1	49.6	18.6	24.8	1.8	2.4	0.0	0.6	2.4
Renville	2,493	2,432	97.6	61	2.4	23.0	19.7	31.1	8.2	0.0	4.9	3.3	9.8
Richland	16,944	16,254	95.9	690	4.1	22.2	31.9	18.4	13.3	2.0	5.4	5.1	1.7
Rolette	12,506	11,659	93.2	847	6.8	3.7	8.7	3.0	0.5	55.6	3.9	12.4	12.3
Sargent	4,113	4,016	97.6	97	2.4	24.7	46.4	10.3	3.1	0.0	6.2	2.1	7.2
Sheridan	1,655	1,441	87.1	214	12.9	80.8	12.6	1.9	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.9	1.4
Sioux	3,606	3,170	87.9	436	12.1	4.8	6.9	0.5	0.0	82.8	3.2	0.9	0.9
Slope	729	702	96.3	27	3.7	59.3	11.1	11.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.4	11.1
Stark	21,336	19,743	92.5	1,593	7.5	54.9	12.6	2.8	21.8	1.2	1.8	2.4	2.6
Steele	2,128	2,054	96.5	74	3.5	14.9	21.6	50.0	2.7	5.4	0.0	2.7	2.7
Stutsman	20,768	19,462	93.7	1,306	6.3	64.8	15.2	6.3	1.0	1.4	2.1	4.2	5.1
Towner	2,747	2,688	97.9	59	2.1	28.8	33.9	3.4	3.4	0.0	0.0	5.1	25.4
Traill	7,964	7,560	94.9	404	5.1	17.6	32.4	43.3	0.5	0.0	1.2	1.5	3.5
Walsh	11,686	10,480	89.7	1,206	10.3	5.4	44.4	11.9	32.8	0.4	0.3	2.7	1.9
Ward	54,555	52,015	95.3	2,540	4.7	23.9	39.4	5.9	5.2	3.7	7.8	6.9	7.1
Wells	4,879	4,554	93.3	325	6.7	69.5	16.6	9.2	2.2	0.0	1.5	0.9	0.0
Williams	18,630	17,903	96.1	727	3.9	20.9	36.3	25.0	2.9	3.2	2.1	4.0	5.6