

# ENGLISH

Number of Speakers: 215,423,555

Spoken in  
**3141**  
Counties

Spoken in  
**51**  
States

Among the 10  
most common  
languages in  
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**51**  
States

**1**  
Rank among  
the 322  
languages  
spoken in the  
United States

## Leading Counties

| By Percentage |                            |          |          | By Number of Speakers |                               |           |         |
|---------------|----------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| Rank          | County                     | Speakers | Pct.     | Rank                  | County                        | Speakers  | Pct.    |
| t-1           | Moore County, Tenn.        | 5,390    | 100.000% | 1                     | Los Angeles County, Calif.    | 4,032,615 | 45.876% |
| t-1           | Glascocock County, Ga.     | 2,380    | 100.000% | 2                     | Cook County, Ill.             | 3,453,545 | 69.202% |
| t-1           | Powder River County, Mont. | 1,725    | 100.000% | 3                     | Maricopa County, Ariz.        | 2,148,695 | 75.876% |
| t-1           | Harding County, S.D.       | 1,275    | 100.000% | 4                     | Harris County, Texas          | 1,992,145 | 63.821% |
| t-1           | Jones County, S.D.         | 1,120    | 100.000% | 5                     | San Diego County, Calif.      | 1,752,735 | 66.973% |
| t-1           | Mineral County, Colo.      | 780      | 100.000% | 6                     | Wayne County, Mich.           | 1,703,520 | 89.243% |
| t-1           | Hooker County, Neb.        | 745      | 100.000% | 7                     | Orange County, Calif.         | 1,542,700 | 58.619% |
| t-1           | Grant County, Neb.         | 700      | 100.000% | 8                     | Dallas County, Texas          | 1,375,050 | 67.477% |
| t-1           | McPherson County, Neb.     | 490      | 100.000% | 9                     | King County, Wash.            | 1,332,935 | 81.678% |
| t-1           | Kalawao County, Hawaii     | 90       | 100.000% | 10                    | Kings County, N.Y.            | 1,217,120 | 53.274% |
| 11            | Mississippi County, Mo.    | 12,345   | 99.637%  | 11                    | Philadelphia County, Pa.      | 1,168,465 | 82.335% |
| 12            | Issaquena County, Miss.    | 2,125    | 99.532%  | 12                    | Cuyahoga County, Ohio         | 1,158,730 | 88.945% |
| 13            | Carlisle County, Ky.       | 4,995    | 99.502%  | 13                    | Allegheny County, Pa.         | 1,131,110 | 93.464% |
| 14            | Powell County, Ky.         | 12,235   | 99.431%  | 14                    | Suffolk County, N.Y.          | 1,094,245 | 82.969% |
| 15            | Miller County, Ga.         | 5,915    | 99.328%  | 15                    | Middlesex County, Mass.       | 1,093,225 | 79.611% |
| 16            | White County, Ill.         | 14,475   | 99.280%  | 16                    | Broward County, Fla.          | 1,083,040 | 71.240% |
| 17            | Wirt County, W. Va.        | 5,495    | 99.277%  | 17                    | Tarrant County, Texas         | 1,040,890 | 78.170% |
| 18            | King and Queen County, Va. | 6,160    | 99.275%  | 18                    | San Bernardino County, Calif. | 1,035,290 | 66.028% |
| 19            | Knox County, Mo.           | 3,965    | 99.274%  | 19                    | Oakland County, Mich.         | 973,065   | 87.385% |
| 20            | Leslie County, Ky.         | 11,530   | 99.268%  | 20                    | Queens County, N.Y.           | 968,415   | 46.374% |

## Rankings

Indicates the number of divisions where this language was recorded, as well as the number of divisions where the language ranked as one of the most common languages in a given state/county.

|                  | States | Counties |
|------------------|--------|----------|
| Most common      | 51     | 3103     |
| 2nd most common  | 0      | 38       |
| 3rd most common  | 0      | 0        |
| 4th most common  | 0      | 0        |
| 5th most common  | 0      | 0        |
| 6th most common  | 0      | 0        |
| 7th most common  | 0      | 0        |
| 8th most common  | 0      | 0        |
| 9th most common  | 0      | 0        |
| 10th most common | 0      | 0        |
| Total, 1st-5th   | 51     | 3141     |
| Total, 1st-10th  | 51     | 3141     |
| Total, any rank  | 51     | 3141     |

## Notes

- Of the 20 counties with the greatest percentage of English speakers, Kentucky and Nebraska listed three counties apiece.
- Of the 20 counties with the greatest number of English speakers, English is spoken at home by less than two-thirds of the population in six of these counties and by less than three-quarters of the population in 10 counties.
- English is the most common language spoken in every state in the United States.
- English is the most common language spoken at home in 3,103 counties in the United States.
- In the United States, 82 of every 100 people age five and older speaks English at home. In West Virginia, this figure is 97.3 in 100 people, while in Mississippi, 96.4 in 100 residents is a English speaker.

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Nationwide Rank: 1st

## Leading States

| By Percentage |                      |            |         | By Number of Speakers |                      |            |         |
|---------------|----------------------|------------|---------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------|---------|
| Rank          | State                | Speakers   | Pct.    | Rank                  | State                | Speakers   | Pct.    |
| 1             | West Virginia        | 1,661,035  | 97.332% | 1                     | California           | 19,014,875 | 60.526% |
| 2             | Mississippi          | 2,545,930  | 96.399% | 2                     | Texas                | 13,230,765 | 68.765% |
| 3             | Alabama              | 3,989,795  | 96.099% | 3                     | New York             | 12,786,190 | 72.041% |
| 4             | Kentucky             | 3,627,755  | 96.083% | 4                     | Florida              | 11,569,740 | 76.912% |
| 5             | Tennessee            | 5,059,405  | 95.182% | 5                     | Pennsylvania         | 10,583,055 | 91.590% |
| 6             | Arkansas             | 2,368,450  | 95.052% | 6                     | Ohio                 | 9,951,475  | 93.889% |
| 7             | Missouri             | 4,961,740  | 94.951% | 7                     | Illinois             | 9,326,785  | 80.774% |
| 8             | Montana              | 803,030    | 94.817% | 8                     | Michigan             | 8,487,400  | 91.576% |
| 9             | South Carolina       | 3,552,240  | 94.772% | 9                     | North Carolina       | 6,909,650  | 91.975% |
| 10            | Iowa                 | 2,578,475  | 94.175% | 10                    | Georgia              | 6,843,040  | 90.114% |
| 11            | Vermont              | 540,765    | 94.124% | 11                    | Virginia             | 5,884,075  | 88.903% |
| 12            | Ohio                 | 9,951,475  | 93.889% | 12                    | New Jersey           | 5,854,580  | 74.527% |
| 13            | North Dakota         | 565,130    | 93.759% | 13                    | Indiana              | 5,295,735  | 93.609% |
| 14            | Wyoming              | 433,325    | 93.710% | 14                    | Tennessee            | 5,059,405  | 95.182% |
| 15            | Indiana              | 5,295,735  | 93.609% | 15                    | Missouri             | 4,961,740  | 94.951% |
| 16            | South Dakota         | 658,245    | 93.596% | 16                    | Massachusetts        | 4,838,680  | 81.272% |
| 17            | Wisconsin            | 4,653,360  | 92.664% | 17                    | Washington           | 4,730,510  | 85.997% |
| 18            | Oklahoma             | 2,977,185  | 92.601% | 18                    | Wisconsin            | 4,653,360  | 92.664% |
| 19            | Maine                | 1,110,200  | 92.223% | 19                    | Maryland             | 4,322,330  | 87.423% |
| 20            | Nebraska             | 1,469,045  | 92.157% | 20                    | Minnesota            | 4,201,505  | 91.517% |
| 21            | North Carolina       | 6,909,650  | 91.975% | 21                    | Alabama              | 3,989,795  | 96.099% |
| 22            | New Hampshire        | 1,064,250  | 91.752% | 22                    | Louisiana            | 3,771,005  | 90.805% |
| 23            | Pennsylvania         | 10,583,055 | 91.590% | 23                    | Kentucky             | 3,627,755  | 96.083% |
| 24            | Michigan             | 8,487,400  | 91.576% | 24                    | South Carolina       | 3,552,240  | 94.772% |
| 25            | Minnesota            | 4,201,505  | 91.517% | 25                    | Arizona              | 3,523,485  | 74.149% |
| 26            | Kansas               | 2,281,705  | 91.277% | 26                    | Colorado             | 3,402,265  | 84.938% |
| 27            | Louisiana            | 3,771,005  | 90.805% | 27                    | Oklahoma             | 2,977,185  | 92.601% |
| 28            | Idaho                | 1,084,915  | 90.693% | 28                    | Oregon               | 2,810,655  | 87.868% |
| 29            | Delaware             | 662,845    | 90.561% | 29                    | Connecticut          | 2,600,600  | 81.680% |
| 30            | Georgia              | 6,843,040  | 90.114% | 30                    | Iowa                 | 2,578,475  | 94.175% |
| 31            | Virginia             | 5,884,075  | 88.903% | 31                    | Mississippi          | 2,545,930  | 96.399% |
| 32            | Oregon               | 2,810,655  | 87.868% | 32                    | Arkansas             | 2,368,450  | 95.052% |
| 33            | Utah                 | 1,770,625  | 87.513% | 33                    | Kansas               | 2,281,705  | 91.277% |
| 34            | Maryland             | 4,322,330  | 87.423% | 34                    | Utah                 | 1,770,625  | 87.513% |
| 35            | Washington           | 4,730,510  | 85.997% | 35                    | West Virginia        | 1,661,035  | 97.332% |
| 36            | Alaska               | 496,980    | 85.844% | 36                    | Nebraska             | 1,469,045  | 92.157% |
| 37            | Colorado             | 3,402,265  | 84.938% | 37                    | Nevada               | 1,425,750  | 76.942% |
| 38            | District of Columbia | 449,240    | 83.310% | 38                    | Maine                | 1,110,200  | 92.223% |
| 39            | Connecticut          | 2,600,600  | 81.680% | 39                    | Idaho                | 1,084,915  | 90.693% |
| 40            | Massachusetts        | 4,838,680  | 81.272% | 40                    | New Mexico           | 1,072,945  | 63.519% |
| 41            | Illinois             | 9,326,785  | 80.774% | 41                    | New Hampshire        | 1,064,250  | 91.752% |
| 42            | Rhode Island         | 788,560    | 80.079% | 42                    | Hawaii               | 832,225    | 73.397% |
| 43            | Nevada               | 1,425,750  | 76.942% | 43                    | Montana              | 803,030    | 94.817% |
| 44            | Florida              | 11,569,740 | 76.912% | 44                    | Rhode Island         | 788,560    | 80.079% |
| 45            | New Jersey           | 5,854,580  | 74.527% | 45                    | Delaware             | 662,845    | 90.561% |
| 46            | Arizona              | 3,523,485  | 74.149% | 46                    | South Dakota         | 658,245    | 93.596% |
| 47            | Hawaii               | 832,225    | 73.397% | 47                    | North Dakota         | 565,130    | 93.759% |
| 48            | New York             | 12,786,190 | 72.041% | 48                    | Vermont              | 540,765    | 94.124% |
| 49            | Texas                | 13,230,765 | 68.765% | 49                    | Alaska               | 496,980    | 85.844% |
| 50            | New Mexico           | 1,072,945  | 63.519% | 50                    | District of Columbia | 449,240    | 83.310% |
| 51            | California           | 19,014,875 | 60.526% | 51                    | Wyoming              | 433,325    | 93.710% |