

PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH

Number of Speakers: 83,720

Spoken in
294
Counties

Spoken in
39
States

Among the 10
most common
languages in
226
Counties

Among the 10
most common
languages in
3
States

42
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.
1	Holmes County, Ohio	6,975	20.052%	1	Lancaster County, Pa.	14,375	3.284%
2	LaGrange County, Ind.	3,090	9.838%	2	Holmes County, Ohio	6,975	20.052%
3	Davis County, Iowa	390	4.915%	3	Berks County, Pa.	3,620	1.034%
4	Snyder County, Pa.	1,480	4.188%	4	LaGrange County, Ind.	3,090	9.838%
5	Mifflin County, Pa.	1,655	3.808%	5	Elkhart County, Ind.	2,595	1.547%
6	Yates County, N.Y.	860	3.751%	6	Lehigh County, Pa.	1,820	0.621%
7	Lancaster County, Pa.	14,375	3.284%	7	Mifflin County, Pa.	1,655	3.808%
8	Scotland County, Mo.	120	2.597%	8	Wayne County, Ohio	1,555	1.504%
9	Dallas County, Mo.	350	2.396%	9	Snyder County, Pa.	1,480	4.188%
10	Juniata County, Pa.	480	2.256%	10	Geauga County, Ohio	1,290	1.526%
11	Clark County, Wis.	655	2.114%	11	Chester County, Pa.	1,265	0.313%
12	Union County, Pa.	770	1.954%	12	Lebanon County, Pa.	1,190	1.056%
13	Hart County, Ky.	310	1.912%	13	Kosciusko County, Ind.	955	1.399%
14	Douglas County, Ill.	305	1.650%	14	Crawford County, Pa.	920	1.083%
15	Moultrie County, Ill.	220	1.650%	t-15	Yates County, N.Y.	860	3.751%
16	Todd County, Ky.	175	1.580%	t-15	Schuylkill County, Pa.	860	0.602%
17	Adair County, Ky.	250	1.559%	17	Tuscarawas County, Ohio	785	0.926%
18	Elkhart County, Ind.	2,595	1.547%	18	Union County, Pa.	770	1.954%
19	Morgan County, Mo.	280	1.546%	19	Trumbull County, Ohio	765	0.362%
20	Geauga County, Ohio	1,290	1.526%	20	Somerset County, Pa.	690	0.913%

Notes

- Of the 20 counties with the greatest percentage of Pennsylvania Dutch speakers, five are located in Pennsylvania, three each in Kentucky and Missouri.
- Holmes County, Ohio has more than double the percentage of Pennsylvania Dutch speakers than any other county in the United States.
- Lancaster County, Pa. has more than double the number of Pennsylvania Dutch speakers than any other county in the United States.
- Pennsylvania Dutch is the sixth most common language spoken in Pennsylvania and Indiana.
- Pennsylvania Dutch is the second most common language spoken in 10 counties across six states: Kentucky, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.
- In the United States, 1 of every 3,134 people age five and older speaks Pennsylvania Dutch at home. In Pennsylvania, this figure is 1 in 292 people, while in Ohio, 1 in 648 residents is a Pennsylvania Dutch speaker.
- Within the counties, Holmes County, Ohio has the greatest rate of Pennsylvania Dutch speakers (1 in every 5 residents), followed by LaGrange County, Ind. (1 in every 10 residents) and Davis County, Iowa (1 in every 20 residents).

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	0	0
2nd most common	0	10
3rd most common	0	40
4th most common	0	64
5th most common	0	38
6th most common	2	29
7th most common	0	15
8th most common	0	13
9th most common	1	8
10th most common	0	9
Total, 1st-5th	0	152
Total, 1st-10th	3	226
Total, any rank	39	294

For information on how the data was derived, see Disclaimer
For complete breakdown of speakers of Pennsylvania Dutch, see Appendix

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Nationwide Rank: 42nd

Leading States

By Percentage				By Number of Speakers			
Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.	Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.
1	Pennsylvania	39,605	0.343%	1	Pennsylvania	39,605	0.343%
2	Ohio	16,350	0.154%	2	Ohio	16,350	0.154%
3	Indiana	7,875	0.139%	3	Indiana	7,875	0.139%
4	Delaware	585	0.080%	4	Missouri	2,555	0.049%
5	Kentucky	2,055	0.054%	5	Wisconsin	2,550	0.051%
6	Wisconsin	2,550	0.051%	6	New York	2,455	0.014%
7	Iowa	1,385	0.051%	7	Kentucky	2,055	0.054%
8	Missouri	2,555	0.049%	8	Michigan	1,910	0.021%
9	Michigan	1,910	0.021%	9	Iowa	1,385	0.051%
10	Rhode Island	170	0.017%	10	Illinois	1,140	0.010%
11	Maryland	755	0.015%	11	Tennessee	780	0.015%
12	Tennessee	780	0.015%	12	Maryland	755	0.015%
13	Kansas	365	0.015%	13	Delaware	585	0.080%
14	New York	2,455	0.014%	14	Florida	550	0.004%
15	Arkansas	285	0.011%	t-15	Kansas	365	0.015%
16	Illinois	1,140	0.010%	t-15	Virginia	365	0.006%
17	Wyoming	45	0.010%	17	Arkansas	285	0.011%
18	West Virginia	120	0.007%	18	Minnesota	275	0.006%
19	South Carolina	245	0.007%	19	Texas	255	0.001%
20	Montana	55	0.006%	20	South Carolina	245	0.007%
21	Minnesota	275	0.006%	t-21	Colorado	170	0.004%
22	Virginia	365	0.006%	t-21	Rhode Island	170	0.017%
23	Mississippi	120	0.005%	23	Georgia	160	0.002%
24	Colorado	170	0.004%	t-24	Mississippi	120	0.005%
25	Florida	550	0.004%	t-24	West Virginia	120	0.007%
26	Oklahoma	75	0.002%	26	Oklahoma	75	0.002%
27	Georgia	160	0.002%	27	California	60	0.000%
28	Nebraska	30	0.002%	28	Montana	55	0.006%
29	North Dakota	10	0.002%	29	Arizona	50	0.001%
30	South Dakota	10	0.001%	t-30	Oregon	45	0.001%
31	Oregon	45	0.001%	t-30	Washington	45	0.001%
32	Texas	255	0.001%	t-30	Wyoming	45	0.010%
33	Arizona	50	0.001%	33	North Carolina	40	0.001%
34	Washington	45	0.001%	34	Massachusetts	35	0.001%
35	Alabama	25	0.001%	t-35	Nebraska	30	0.002%
36	Massachusetts	35	0.001%	t-35	New Jersey	30	0.000%
37	North Carolina	40	0.001%	37	Alabama	25	0.001%
38	New Jersey	30	0.000%	t-38	North Dakota	10	0.002%
39	California	60	0.000%	t-38	South Dakota	10	0.001%