

PORTUGUESE

Number of Speakers: 563,835

Spoken in
670
Counties

Spoken in
51
States

Among the 10
most common
languages in
229
Counties

Among the 10
most common
languages in
8
States

13
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	Bristol County, Mass.	69,480	13.889%	1	Bristol County, Mass.	69,480	13.889%
2	Bristol County, R.I.	4,920	10.326%	2	Middlesex County, Mass.	37,280	2.715%
3	Providence County, R.I.	28,270	4.850%	3	Providence County, R.I.	28,270	4.850%
4	Dukes County, Mass.	515	3.675%	4	Essex County, N.J.	23,745	3.227%
5	Union County, N.J.	17,395	3.581%	5	Union County, N.J.	17,395	3.581%
6	Essex County, N.J.	23,745	3.227%	6	Broward County, Fla.	17,315	1.139%
7	Merced County, Calif.	5,580	2.908%	7	Fairfield County, Conn.	16,490	2.014%
8	Middlesex County, Mass.	37,280	2.715%	8	Suffolk County, Mass.	14,505	2.227%
9	Plymouth County, Mass.	10,100	2.299%	9	Miami-Dade County, Fla.	14,320	0.679%
10	Suffolk County, Mass.	14,505	2.227%	10	Hudson County, N.J.	10,895	1.910%
11	Newport County, R.I.	1,650	2.060%	11	Los Angeles County, Calif.	10,110	0.115%
12	Fairfield County, Conn.	16,490	2.014%	12	Plymouth County, Mass.	10,100	2.299%
13	Hudson County, N.J.	10,895	1.910%	13	Santa Clara County, Calif.	9,765	0.625%
14	Barnstable County, Mass.	3,560	1.685%	14	Westchester County, N.Y.	9,585	1.116%
15	Hampden County, Mass.	5,965	1.400%	15	Queens County, N.Y.	9,480	0.454%
16	Kent County, R.I.	2,190	1.396%	16	Alameda County, Calif.	7,305	0.543%
17	Kings County, Calif.	1,655	1.393%	17	Essex County, Mass.	6,615	0.980%
18	Stanislaus County, Calif.	5,455	1.327%	18	New Haven County, Conn.	6,400	0.830%
19	Nantucket County, Mass.	110	1.261%	19	New York County, N.Y.	6,075	0.416%
20	Broward County, Fla.	17,315	1.139%	20	Hampden County, Mass.	5,965	1.400%

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	4
3rd most common	2	16
4th most common	0	14
5th most common	1	35
6th most common	2	31
7th most common	2	30
8th most common	1	37
9th most common	0	27
10th most common	0	35
Total, 1st-5th	3	69
Total, 1st-10th	8	229
Total, any rank	51	670

Notes

- Of the 20 counties with the highest percentage of Portuguese speakers, eight are located in Massachusetts and four in Rhode Island. Only one county in Rhode Island fails to place in the top 20.
- Bristol County, R.I. and Bristol County, Mass. have more than double the percentage of Portuguese speakers of any other county in the nation.
- Portuguese is the third most common language spoken in Massachusetts and Rhode Island and the fifth most common language spoken in New Jersey.
- Portuguese is the second most common language spoken at home in Bristol County, Mass., Barnstable County, Mass., Dukes County, Mass., and Bristol County, R.I.
- In the U.S., 1 of every 465 people age five and older speaks Portuguese at home. In New York, this figure is 1 in 26 people, while in Massachusetts, 1 in 37 residents is a Portuguese speaker.
- Within the counties, Bristol County, Mass. has the greatest rate of Portuguese speakers (1 in every 7.2 residents), followed by Bristol County, R.I. (1 in every 9.7 residents) and Providence County, R.I. (1 in every 21 residents).

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

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Nationwide Rank: 13th

Leading States

By Percentage				By Number of Speakers			
Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.	Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.
1	Rhode Island	37,435	3.802%	1	Massachusetts	159,745	2.683%
2	Massachusetts	159,745	2.683%	2	California	78,385	0.250%
3	Connecticut	30,660	0.963%	3	New Jersey	72,835	0.927%
4	New Jersey	72,835	0.927%	4	Florida	54,710	0.364%
5	Florida	54,710	0.364%	5	New York	41,315	0.233%
6	Utah	5,715	0.282%	6	Rhode Island	37,435	3.802%
7	California	78,385	0.250%	7	Connecticut	30,660	0.963%
8	New York	41,315	0.233%	8	Texas	9,660	0.050%
9	New Hampshire	2,395	0.206%	9	Pennsylvania	8,310	0.072%
10	District of Columbia	1,015	0.188%	10	Maryland	7,435	0.150%
11	Maryland	7,435	0.150%	11	Georgia	6,875	0.091%
12	Idaho	1,375	0.115%	12	Utah	5,715	0.282%
13	Hawaii	1,240	0.109%	13	Virginia	5,555	0.084%
14	Georgia	6,875	0.091%	14	Illinois	4,175	0.036%
15	Nevada	1,640	0.089%	15	Michigan	3,205	0.035%
16	Virginia	5,555	0.084%	16	North Carolina	3,170	0.042%
17	Pennsylvania	8,310	0.072%	17	Washington	2,675	0.049%
18	Arizona	2,630	0.055%	18	Arizona	2,630	0.055%
19	Colorado	2,135	0.053%	19	Ohio	2,520	0.024%
20	Wyoming	240	0.052%	20	New Hampshire	2,395	0.206%
21	Vermont	290	0.050%	21	Colorado	2,135	0.053%
22	Texas	9,660	0.050%	22	Indiana	1,670	0.030%
23	Washington	2,675	0.049%	23	Nevada	1,640	0.089%
24	Delaware	330	0.045%	24	Idaho	1,375	0.115%
25	Maine	515	0.043%	25	Minnesota	1,305	0.028%
26	North Carolina	3,170	0.042%	26	Louisiana	1,300	0.031%
27	New Mexico	635	0.038%	t-27	Missouri	1,260	0.024%
28	Illinois	4,175	0.036%	t-27	Tennessee	1,260	0.024%
29	Oregon	1,145	0.036%	29	Hawaii	1,240	0.109%
30	Michigan	3,205	0.035%	30	South Carolina	1,215	0.032%
31	South Carolina	1,215	0.032%	31	Oregon	1,145	0.036%
32	Alaska	185	0.032%	32	District of Columbia	1,015	0.188%
33	Louisiana	1,300	0.031%	33	Wisconsin	890	0.018%
34	Indiana	1,670	0.030%	34	Alabama	775	0.019%
35	Minnesota	1,305	0.028%	35	Oklahoma	750	0.023%
36	North Dakota	160	0.027%	36	New Mexico	635	0.038%
37	Kansas	625	0.025%	37	Kansas	625	0.025%
38	Missouri	1,260	0.024%	38	Maine	515	0.043%
39	Nebraska	380	0.024%	39	Kentucky	505	0.013%
40	Ohio	2,520	0.024%	40	Mississippi	420	0.016%
41	Tennessee	1,260	0.024%	41	Nebraska	380	0.024%
42	Oklahoma	750	0.023%	42	Iowa	365	0.013%
43	Montana	165	0.019%	43	Delaware	330	0.045%
44	Alabama	775	0.019%	44	Arkansas	320	0.013%
45	Wisconsin	890	0.018%	45	Vermont	290	0.050%
46	Mississippi	420	0.016%	46	Wyoming	240	0.052%
47	South Dakota	100	0.014%	47	West Virginia	235	0.014%
48	West Virginia	235	0.014%	48	Alaska	185	0.032%
49	Kentucky	505	0.013%	49	Montana	165	0.019%
50	Iowa	365	0.013%	50	North Dakota	160	0.027%
51	Arkansas	320	0.013%	51	South Dakota	100	0.014%