

SINHALESE

Number of Speakers: 13,890

Spoken in

70
Counties

Spoken in

35
States

Among the 10
most common
languages in

0
Counties

Among the 10
most common
languages in

0
States

84
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	Richmond County, N.Y.	840	0.203%	1	Los Angeles County, Calif.	2,395	0.027%
2	Montgomery County, Md.	750	0.092%	2	Richmond County, N.Y.	840	0.203%
3	Centre County, Pa.	60	0.046%	3	Montgomery County, Md.	750	0.092%
4	Orange County, N.C.	45	0.040%	4	Queens County, N.Y.	680	0.033%
5	Arlington County, Va.	70	0.039%	5	Orange County, Calif.	550	0.021%
6	Queens County, N.Y.	680	0.033%	6	New York County, N.Y.	320	0.022%
7	Champaign County, Ill.	55	0.033%	7	Harris County, Texas	265	0.008%
8	Los Angeles County, Calif.	2,395	0.027%	8	Santa Clara County, Calif.	230	0.015%
9	Middlesex County, N.J.	190	0.027%	9	Fairfax County, Va.	195	0.022%
10	Greene County, Ohio	35	0.025%	10	Middlesex County, N.J.	190	0.027%
11	Ventura County, Calif.	165	0.024%	11	Contra Costa County, Calif.	180	0.020%
12	Washington County, Ore.	90	0.022%	12	Clark County, Nev.	170	0.013%
13	New York County, N.Y.	320	0.022%	t-13	Ventura County, Calif.	165	0.024%
14	Fairfax County, Va.	195	0.022%	t-13	Cook County, Ill.	165	0.003%
15	Orange County, Calif.	550	0.021%	15	Alameda County, Calif.	160	0.012%
16	Contra Costa County, Calif.	180	0.020%	16	Westchester County, N.Y.	150	0.017%
17	Westchester County, N.Y.	150	0.017%	17	Riverside County, Calif.	140	0.010%
18	Hudson County, N.J.	95	0.017%	18	Middlesex County, Mass.	130	0.009%
19	Santa Barbara County, Calif.	60	0.016%	19	Dallas County, Texas	125	0.006%
20	Burlington County, N.J.	60	0.015%	t-20	Bergen County, N.J.	120	0.014%
				t-20	Maricopa County, Ariz.	120	0.004%

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	0
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	0	0
Total, 1st-10th	0	0
Total, any rank	35	70

Notes

- Of the 20 counties with the highest percentage of Sinhalese speakers, five are located in California and four in New York. New Jersey and the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area are home to three apiece.
- Richmond County, N.Y. (Staten Island) has more than twice the percentage of Sinhalese speakers of any other county in the United States.
- Los Angeles County, Calif. accounts for 17.2 percent of the Sinhalese speakers in the United States.
- Sinhalese is the 50th (tied) most common language spoken in Maryland and the 53rd (tied) most common language spoken in West Virginia.
- In the United States, 1 of every 18,889 people age five and older speaks Sinhalese at home. In Maryland, this figure is 1 in 5,123 people, while in California, 1 in 7,164 residents is a Sinhalese speaker.
- Within the counties, Richmond County, N.Y. has the greatest rate of Sinhalese speakers (1 in every 492 residents), followed by Montgomery County, Md. (1 in every 1,084 residents) and Centre County, Pa. (1 in every 2,153 residents).

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

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Nationwide Rank: 84th

Leading States

By Percentage				By Number of Speakers			
Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.	Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.
1	Maryland	965	0.020%	1	California	4,385	0.014%
2	California	4,385	0.014%	2	New York	2,240	0.013%
3	New York	2,240	0.013%	3	Maryland	965	0.020%
4	Nevada	175	0.009%	4	Texas	695	0.004%
5	District of Columbia	45	0.008%	5	New Jersey	635	0.008%
6	New Jersey	635	0.008%	6	Virginia	490	0.007%
7	Virginia	490	0.007%	7	Illinois	385	0.003%
8	Hawaii	70	0.006%	8	Ohio	345	0.003%
9	Oregon	190	0.006%	9	Florida	305	0.002%
10	Kansas	125	0.005%	10	Massachusetts	225	0.004%
11	Connecticut	125	0.004%	11	Pennsylvania	215	0.002%
12	Missouri	205	0.004%	12	Missouri	205	0.004%
13	Arizona	185	0.004%	13	Georgia	195	0.003%
14	Massachusetts	225	0.004%	t-14	Michigan	190	0.002%
15	Texas	695	0.004%	t-14	Oregon	190	0.006%
16	Illinois	385	0.003%	16	Arizona	185	0.004%
17	Ohio	345	0.003%	17	Nevada	175	0.009%
18	Louisiana	135	0.003%	18	Minnesota	145	0.003%
19	Minnesota	145	0.003%	19	Wisconsin	140	0.003%
20	Wisconsin	140	0.003%	t-20	Louisiana	135	0.003%
21	Georgia	195	0.003%	t-20	North Carolina	135	0.002%
22	Nebraska	40	0.003%	22	Washington	130	0.002%
23	Colorado	95	0.002%	t-23	Connecticut	125	0.004%
24	Washington	130	0.002%	t-23	Kansas	125	0.005%
25	West Virginia	40	0.002%	25	Indiana	120	0.002%
26	Indiana	120	0.002%	t-26	Colorado	95	0.002%
27	Michigan	190	0.002%	t-26	Tennessee	95	0.002%
28	Alabama	85	0.002%	28	Alabama	85	0.002%
29	Florida	305	0.002%	29	Hawaii	70	0.006%
30	Pennsylvania	215	0.002%	30	Kentucky	60	0.002%
31	North Carolina	135	0.002%	31	South Carolina	55	0.001%
32	Tennessee	95	0.002%	32	District of Columbia	45	0.008%
33	Kentucky	60	0.002%	t-33	Iowa	40	0.001%
34	South Carolina	55	0.001%	t-33	Nebraska	40	0.003%
35	Iowa	40	0.001%	t-33	West Virginia	40	0.002%