

TAMIL

Number of Speakers: 83,965

Spoken in
260
Counties

Spoken in
49
States

Among the 10
most common
languages in
10
Counties

Among the 10
most common
languages in
0
States

41
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	Middlesex County, N.J.	3,675	0.524%	1	Santa Clara County, Calif.	6,360	0.407%
2	Union County, S.D.	50	0.432%	2	Middlesex County, N.J.	3,675	0.524%
3	Santa Clara County, Calif.	6,360	0.407%	3	Alameda County, Calif.	3,025	0.225%
4	Somerset County, N.J.	665	0.242%	4	Los Angeles County, Calif.	2,385	0.027%
5	Fairfax city, Va.	45	0.229%	5	Cook County, Ill.	2,275	0.046%
6	Alameda County, Calif.	3,025	0.225%	6	Middlesex County, Mass.	1,955	0.142%
7	Montgomery County, Md.	1,800	0.221%	7	Montgomery County, Md.	1,800	0.221%
8	DuPage County, Ill.	1,780	0.212%	8	DuPage County, Ill.	1,780	0.212%
9	Collin County, Texas	810	0.180%	9	Queens County, N.Y.	1,705	0.082%
10	Washington County, Ore.	670	0.163%	10	Oakland County, Mich.	1,625	0.146%
11	Fairfax County, Va.	1,420	0.158%	11	Fairfax County, Va.	1,420	0.158%
12	Morris County, N.J.	680	0.155%	12	Harris County, Texas	1,285	0.041%
13	Washtenaw County, Mich.	465	0.154%	13	Franklin County, Ohio	1,045	0.105%
14	Oakland County, Mich.	1,625	0.146%	14	Orange County, Calif.	1,035	0.039%
15	Bartholomew County, Ind.	95	0.144%	15	King County, Wash.	1,025	0.063%
16	Middlesex County, Mass.	1,955	0.142%	16	Maricopa County, Ariz.	990	0.035%
17	McLean County, Ill.	195	0.139%	17	Dallas County, Texas	950	0.047%
18	Brazos County, Texas	195	0.137%	18	Allegheny County, Pa.	835	0.069%
19	Cole County, Mo.	90	0.136%	19	San Mateo County, Calif.	815	0.123%
20	Mercer County, N.J.	425	0.130%	20	Collin County, Texas	810	0.180%

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	1
4th most common	0	0
5th most common	0	1
6th most common	0	0
7th most common	0	1
8th most common	0	1
9th most common	0	4
10th most common	0	2
Total, 1st-5th	0	2
Total, 1st-10th	0	10
Total, any rank	49	260

Notes

- Of the 20 counties with the highest percentage of speakers of Tamil, four are located in New Jersey and three in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.
- Tamil is the 20th most common language spoken in West Virginia and the 23rd most common language spoken in Kentucky.
- Tamil is the third most common language spoken at home in Union County, S.D. and the fifth most common language in Cole County, Mo.
- In the United States, 1 of every 3,125 people age five and older speaks Tamil at home. In New Jersey, this figure is 1 in 991 people, while in Maryland, 1 in 1,531 residents is a Tamil speaker.
- Within the counties, Middlesex County, N.J. has the greatest rate of Tamil speakers (1 in every 191 residents), followed by Union County, S.D. (1 in every 232 residents) and Santa Clara County, Calif. (1 in every 246 residents).

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Nationwide Rank: 41st

Leading States

By Percentage				By Number of Speakers			
Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.	Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.
1	New Jersey	7,925	0.101%	1	California	16,995	0.054%
2	Maryland	3,230	0.065%	2	New Jersey	7,925	0.101%
3	Massachusetts	3,260	0.055%	3	New York	6,210	0.035%
4	California	16,995	0.054%	4	Texas	6,005	0.031%
5	Delaware	335	0.046%	5	Illinois	5,240	0.045%
6	Illinois	5,240	0.045%	6	Michigan	3,865	0.042%
7	Michigan	3,865	0.042%	7	Pennsylvania	3,385	0.029%
8	Virginia	2,325	0.035%	8	Massachusetts	3,260	0.055%
9	New York	6,210	0.035%	9	Maryland	3,230	0.065%
10	Georgia	2,560	0.034%	10	Ohio	2,945	0.028%
11	Connecticut	1,025	0.032%	11	Georgia	2,560	0.034%
12	New Hampshire	365	0.031%	12	Virginia	2,325	0.035%
13	Texas	6,005	0.031%	13	Florida	2,245	0.015%
14	Pennsylvania	3,385	0.029%	14	North Carolina	1,510	0.020%
15	Ohio	2,945	0.028%	15	Washington	1,435	0.026%
16	Arizona	1,250	0.026%	16	Arizona	1,250	0.026%
17	Washington	1,435	0.026%	17	Minnesota	1,185	0.026%
18	Minnesota	1,185	0.026%	18	Colorado	1,030	0.026%
19	Oregon	825	0.026%	19	Connecticut	1,025	0.032%
20	Colorado	1,030	0.026%	20	Missouri	1,020	0.020%
21	Nebraska	345	0.022%	21	Indiana	855	0.015%
22	Kansas	535	0.021%	22	Oregon	825	0.026%
23	District of Columbia	115	0.021%	23	Tennessee	720	0.014%
24	Rhode Island	205	0.021%	24	Oklahoma	655	0.020%
25	Oklahoma	655	0.020%	25	Wisconsin	615	0.012%
26	North Carolina	1,510	0.020%	26	Kansas	535	0.021%
27	Missouri	1,020	0.020%	27	Kentucky	520	0.014%
28	North Dakota	95	0.016%	28	South Carolina	485	0.013%
29	Indiana	855	0.015%	29	Louisiana	455	0.011%
30	Iowa	410	0.015%	30	Iowa	410	0.015%
31	Florida	2,245	0.015%	31	New Hampshire	365	0.031%
32	West Virginia	250	0.015%	32	Nebraska	345	0.022%
33	Kentucky	520	0.014%	33	Delaware	335	0.046%
34	Tennessee	720	0.014%	34	Alabama	310	0.007%
35	South Dakota	95	0.014%	35	Mississippi	275	0.010%
36	South Carolina	485	0.013%	36	Arkansas	255	0.010%
37	Wisconsin	615	0.012%	37	West Virginia	250	0.015%
38	Louisiana	455	0.011%	38	Rhode Island	205	0.021%
39	Mississippi	275	0.010%	39	New Mexico	130	0.008%
40	Arkansas	255	0.010%	40	Utah	125	0.006%
41	New Mexico	130	0.008%	41	District of Columbia	115	0.021%
42	Alabama	310	0.007%	t-42	North Dakota	95	0.016%
43	Utah	125	0.006%	t-42	South Dakota	95	0.014%
44	Hawaii	70	0.006%	44	Nevada	80	0.004%
45	Vermont	35	0.006%	45	Hawaii	70	0.006%
46	Montana	45	0.005%	46	Idaho	55	0.005%
47	Idaho	55	0.005%	47	Montana	45	0.005%
48	Nevada	80	0.004%	48	Vermont	35	0.006%
49	Maine	20	0.002%	49	Maine	20	0.002%