

# IOWA

Population: 2,926,324

Number of Counties: 99

## 104

Languages spoken

## 7

Counties with 20 or more languages spoken

## 14

Counties with 10 or more languages spoken

## 66

Counties with 5 or more languages spoken

## 20

Languages with 1,000 or more speakers

### Most Common Languages Spoken

| Rank | Language             | Speakers  |
|------|----------------------|-----------|
| 1    | English              | 2,578,475 |
| 2    | Spanish              | 79,490    |
| 3    | German               | 17,160    |
| 4    | French               | 7,425     |
| 5    | Vietnamese           | 6,180     |
| 6    | Serbocroatian        | 5,745     |
| 7    | Chinese              | 4,295     |
| 8    | Laotian              | 3,940     |
| 9    | Korean               | 2,495     |
| 10   | Russian              | 2,235     |
| 11   | Arabic               | 2,055     |
| 12   | Dutch                | 2,040     |
| 13   | Czech                | 1,525     |
| 14   | Tagalog              | 1,450     |
| 15   | Pennsylvania Dutch   | 1,385     |
| 16   | Thai                 | 1,305     |
| 17   | Japanese             | 1,235     |
| 18   | Italian              | 1,205     |
| 19   | Hindi                | 1,185     |
| 20   | Norwegian            | 1,150     |
| 21   | Mon-Khmer, Cambodian | 820       |
| 22   | Greek                | 710       |
| 23   | Polish               | 660       |
| 24   | Danish               | 650       |
| 25   | Fox                  | 570       |
| 26   | Swedish              | 550       |
| 27   | Swahili              | 515       |
| 28   | Indonesian           | 505       |
| 29   | Urdu                 | 475       |
| 30   | Nilotic              | 470       |
| t-31 | Croatian             | 440       |
| t-31 | Gujarathi            | 440       |
| t-31 | Persian              | 440       |
| 34   | Mandarin             | 430       |
| 35   | Tamil                | 410       |
| 36   | Telugu               | 395       |
| 37   | Hebrew               | 375       |
| 38   | Portuguese           | 365       |
| 39   | Kru, Ibo, Yoruba     | 325       |
| t-40 | Bengali              | 265       |
| t-40 | Serbian              | 265       |
| t-40 | Ukrainian            | 265       |
| 43   | Turkish              | 260       |
| t-44 | Malayalam            | 255       |
| t-44 | Sudanic              | 255       |
| 46   | Formosan             | 235       |
| t-47 | Cantonese            | 230       |
| t-47 | India, n.e.c.        | 230       |
| 49   | Cushite              | 225       |
| 50   | Cherokee             | 215       |

### Counties With the Most Languages Spoken

| Rank | County               | Languages |
|------|----------------------|-----------|
| 1    | Polk County          | 50        |
| 2    | Story County         | 41        |
| 3    | Johnson County       | 39        |
| 4    | Linn County          | 32        |
| 5    | Scott County         | 26        |
| 6    | Black Hawk County    | 25        |
| 7    | Woodbury County      | 23        |
| 8    | Pottawattamie County | 17        |
| 9    | Dubuque County       | 16        |
| 10   | Marshall County      | 15        |
| 11   | Buena Vista County   | 11        |
| t-12 | Allamakee County     | 10        |
| t-12 | Washington County    | 10        |
| t-12 | Webster County       | 10        |
| t-15 | Cerro Gordo County   | 9         |
| t-15 | Dallas County        | 9         |
| t-15 | Henry County         | 9         |
| t-15 | Winneshiek County    | 9         |
| t-19 | Benton County        | 8         |
| t-19 | Clayton County       | 8         |
| t-19 | Clinton County       | 8         |
| t-19 | Fayette County       | 8         |
| t-19 | Hamilton County      | 8         |
| t-19 | Marion County        | 8         |
| t-19 | Muscatine County     | 8         |
| t-19 | Wapello County       | 8         |
| t-19 | Warren County        | 8         |

### Languages in Iowa

- Polk County's 50 languages tied for the 155th highest number recorded in any county in the United States. Other Iowa counties that were highly ranked included: Story County (t-219), Johnson County (t-230) and Linn County (t-287).
- Iowa has the highest percentage of speakers of Luxembourghish in the United States. The Hawkeye State also ranks second in the percentage of Nilotic and Serbocroatian speakers and fourth in the percentage of Sudanic speakers.
- Black Hawk County has the highest percentage of Serbocroatian speakers of any county in the nation. Other counties that rank highly in a given language include: Buena Vista County (first, Laotian) and Polk County (fifth, Serbocroatian).

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Number of Languages Spoken By County

