

BENGALI

Number of Speakers: 128,820

Spoken in
240
Counties

Spoken in
50
States

Among the 10
most common
languages in
12
Counties

Among the 10
most common
languages in
0
States

35
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	Queens County, N.Y.	29,540	1.415%	1	Queens County, N.Y.	29,540	1.415%
2	Passaic County, N.J.	2,325	0.514%	2	Kings County, N.Y.	10,050	0.440%
3	Arlington County, Va.	835	0.468%	3	Los Angeles County, Calif.	5,045	0.057%
4	Kings County, N.Y.	10,050	0.440%	4	Bronx County, N.Y.	4,795	0.392%
5	Bronx County, N.Y.	4,795	0.392%	5	Wayne County, Mich.	4,035	0.211%
6	Atlantic County, N.J.	885	0.375%	6	New York County, N.Y.	2,705	0.185%
7	Columbia County, N.Y.	200	0.336%	7	Passaic County, N.J.	2,325	0.514%
8	Middlesex County, N.J.	2,275	0.325%	8	Middlesex County, N.J.	2,275	0.325%
9	Brazos County, Texas	385	0.271%	9	Fairfax County, Va.	2,210	0.245%
10	DeKalb County, Ga.	1,670	0.270%	10	Santa Clara County, Calif.	2,200	0.141%
11	Montgomery County, Md.	2,140	0.263%	11	Harris County, Texas	2,155	0.069%
12	Fairfax County, Va.	2,210	0.245%	12	Montgomery County, Md.	2,140	0.263%
13	Alexandria city, Va.	280	0.234%	13	Middlesex County, Mass.	1,725	0.126%
14	Wayne County, Mich.	4,035	0.211%	14	DeKalb County, Ga.	1,670	0.270%
15	New York County, N.Y.	2,705	0.185%	15	Dallas County, Texas	1,610	0.079%
16	Montgomery County, Va.	140	0.177%	16	Cook County, Ill.	1,495	0.030%
17	Gwinnett County, Ga.	885	0.164%	17	Orange County, Calif.	1,410	0.054%
18	Camden County, N.J.	760	0.160%	18	Alameda County, Calif.	1,090	0.081%
19	Hudson County, N.J.	895	0.157%	19	Broward County, Fla.	1,025	0.067%
20	Brookings County, S.D.	40	0.152%	20	Nassau County, N.Y.	1,005	0.081%

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	2
6th most common	0	1
7th most common	0	2
8th most common	0	3
9th most common	0	3
10th most common	0	1
Total, 1st-5th	0	2
Total, 1st-10th	0	12
Total, any rank	50	240

Notes

- The percentage of the population that speaks Bengali is two-and-a-half times as high in Queens County, N.Y. than any other county in the U.S.
- New York and New Jersey are each home to five of the top 20 counties with the highest percentage of Bengali speakers. Four more from the top 20 are located in Virginia.
- The five counties of New York City are home to 36.9 percent of the Bengali speakers in the U.S.
- Bengali is the 17th most common language spoken in New York and the 22nd most common language spoken in Virginia.
- Bengali is the fifth most common language spoken at home in Marshall County, Miss. and Roane County, Tenn., and the sixth most common language in Columbia County, N.Y.
- In the United States, 1 of every 2,037 people age five and older speaks Bengali at home. In New York, this figure is 1 in 343 people, while in New Jersey, 1 in 786 residents is a Bengali speaker.
- Within the counties, Queens County, N.Y. has the greatest rate of Bengali speakers (1 in every 71 residents), followed by Passaic County, N.J. (1 in every 195 residents) and Arlington County, Va. (1 in every 214 residents).

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

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Nationwide Rank: 35th

Leading States

By Percentage				By Number of Speakers			
Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.	Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.
1	New York	51,765	0.292%	1	New York	51,765	0.292%
2	New Jersey	9,990	0.127%	2	California	12,595	0.040%
3	Virginia	4,505	0.068%	3	New Jersey	9,990	0.127%
4	Maryland	3,265	0.066%	4	Texas	7,550	0.039%
5	Michigan	5,920	0.064%	5	Michigan	5,920	0.064%
6	Delaware	370	0.051%	6	Virginia	4,505	0.068%
7	Connecticut	1,565	0.049%	7	Florida	4,500	0.030%
8	Georgia	3,665	0.048%	8	Georgia	3,665	0.048%
9	Massachusetts	2,735	0.046%	9	Pennsylvania	3,415	0.030%
10	District of Columbia	245	0.045%	10	Maryland	3,265	0.066%
11	California	12,595	0.040%	11	Illinois	2,840	0.025%
12	Texas	7,550	0.039%	12	Massachusetts	2,735	0.046%
13	Florida	4,500	0.030%	13	Ohio	2,205	0.021%
14	Pennsylvania	3,415	0.030%	14	Connecticut	1,565	0.049%
15	Illinois	2,840	0.025%	15	North Carolina	1,100	0.015%
16	Oklahoma	750	0.023%	16	Minnesota	955	0.021%
17	Kansas	540	0.022%	17	Tennessee	885	0.017%
18	Ohio	2,205	0.021%	18	Arizona	805	0.017%
19	Minnesota	955	0.021%	19	Oklahoma	750	0.023%
20	Arizona	805	0.017%	20	Indiana	680	0.012%
21	Tennessee	885	0.017%	21	Missouri	630	0.012%
22	North Dakota	95	0.016%	22	Washington	590	0.011%
23	New Hampshire	180	0.016%	23	Kansas	540	0.022%
24	Nevada	285	0.015%	24	Louisiana	490	0.012%
25	North Carolina	1,100	0.015%	25	Colorado	420	0.010%
26	Missouri	630	0.012%	26	Alabama	390	0.009%
27	Indiana	680	0.012%	27	Delaware	370	0.051%
28	Louisiana	490	0.012%	28	Kentucky	360	0.010%
29	Washington	590	0.011%	29	Wisconsin	340	0.007%
30	West Virginia	180	0.011%	30	Oregon	320	0.010%
31	Colorado	420	0.010%	31	Nevada	285	0.015%
32	Rhode Island	100	0.010%	32	Iowa	265	0.010%
33	Oregon	320	0.010%	33	South Carolina	260	0.007%
34	Iowa	265	0.010%	34	District of Columbia	245	0.045%
35	Kentucky	360	0.010%	35	Mississippi	215	0.008%
36	Alaska	55	0.010%	t-36	New Hampshire	180	0.016%
37	Nebraska	150	0.009%	t-36	West Virginia	180	0.011%
38	Alabama	390	0.009%	38	Nebraska	150	0.009%
39	Mississippi	215	0.008%	39	Arkansas	130	0.005%
40	Maine	90	0.007%	40	Rhode Island	100	0.010%
41	South Dakota	50	0.007%	41	North Dakota	95	0.016%
42	South Carolina	260	0.007%	42	Maine	90	0.007%
43	Wisconsin	340	0.007%	t-43	New Mexico	85	0.005%
44	Hawaii	75	0.007%	t-43	Utah	85	0.004%
45	Wyoming	30	0.006%	45	Hawaii	75	0.007%
46	Idaho	70	0.006%	46	Idaho	70	0.006%
47	Arkansas	130	0.005%	47	Alaska	55	0.010%
48	New Mexico	85	0.005%	48	South Dakota	50	0.007%
49	Utah	85	0.004%	t-49	Montana	30	0.004%
50	Montana	30	0.004%	t-49	Wyoming	30	0.006%