

CHEROKEE

Number of Speakers: 16,395

Spoken in

131

Counties

Spoken in

41

States

Among the 10
most common
languages in

48

Counties

Among the 10
most common
languages in

1

States

79

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	Adair County, Okla.	1,705	8.794%	1	Adair County, Okla.	1,705	8.794%
2	Delaware County, Okla.	1,220	3.512%	2	Delaware County, Okla.	1,220	3.512%
3	Swain County, N.C.	350	2.883%	3	Cherokee County, Okla.	1,050	2.662%
4	Cherokee County, Okla.	1,050	2.662%	4	Sequoyah County, Okla.	745	2.067%
5	Sequoyah County, Okla.	745	2.067%	5	Mayes County, Okla.	730	2.049%
6	Mayes County, Okla.	730	2.049%	6	Jackson County, N.C.	480	1.537%
7	Jackson County, N.C.	480	1.537%	7	Swain County, N.C.	350	2.883%
8	Graham County, N.C.	110	1.475%	8	Tulsa County, Okla.	310	0.059%
9	Cherokee County, N.C.	100	0.436%	9	Muskogee County, Okla.	280	0.436%
10	Muskogee County, Okla.	280	0.436%	10	Oklahoma County, Okla.	170	0.028%
11	Alfalfa County, Okla.	25	0.432%	t-11	Rogers County, Okla.	145	0.221%
12	Kingman County, Kan.	20	0.246%	t-11	Cook County, Ill.	145	0.003%
13	Ottawa County, Okla.	70	0.227%	13	Philadelphia County, Pa.	140	0.010%
14	Rogers County, Okla.	145	0.221%	14	Maricopa County, Ariz.	130	0.005%
15	Murray County, Okla.	25	0.214%	t-15	Graham County, N.C.	110	1.475%
16	Nowata County, Okla.	20	0.203%	t-15	Los Angeles County, Calif.	110	0.001%
17	Atoka County, Okla.	25	0.192%	17	Cherokee County, N.C.	100	0.436%
18	Craig County, Okla.	25	0.179%	t-18	Wagoner County, Okla.	90	0.169%
19	McDonald County, Mo.	35	0.175%	t-18	Wayne County, Mich.	90	0.005%
20	Wagoner County, Okla.	90	0.169%	t-20	Jackson County, Mo.	75	0.012%
				t-20	Franklin County, Ohio	75	0.008%
				t-20	Tarrant County, Texas	75	0.006%

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	6
3rd most common	0	4
4th most common	0	8
5th most common	0	7
6th most common	1	8
7th most common	0	5
8th most common	0	4
9th most common	0	5
10th most common	0	1
Total, 1st-5th	0	25
Total, 1st-10th	1	48
Total, any rank	41	131

Notes

- Of the 20 counties with the greatest percentage of speakers of Cherokee, Oklahoma is home to 14, followed by North Carolina with four.
- Cherokee is the sixth most common language spoken in Oklahoma and the 25th (tied) most common language spoken in Arkansas.
- Cherokee is the second most common language spoken at home in Graham County, N.C., Swain County, N.C., Adair County, Okla., Delaware County, Okla., Mayes County, Okla., and Sequoyah County, Okla.
- In the United States, 1 of every 16,003 people age five and older speaks Cherokee at home. In Oklahoma this figure is 1 in 442 people, while in North Carolina, 1 in 5,309 residents is a Cherokee speaker.
- Within the counties, Adair County, Okla. has the greatest rate of Cherokee speakers (1 in every 11.4 residents), followed by Delaware County, Okla. (1 in every 28 residents) and Swain County, N.C. (1 in every 35 residents).

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Nationwide Rank: 79th

Leading States

By Percentage				By Number of Speakers			
Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.	Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.
1	Oklahoma	7,280	0.226%	1	Oklahoma	7,280	0.226%
2	North Carolina	1,415	0.019%	2	North Carolina	1,415	0.019%
3	Arkansas	325	0.013%	3	California	775	0.002%
4	Kansas	265	0.011%	4	Texas	555	0.003%
5	Missouri	470	0.009%	5	Florida	525	0.003%
6	Iowa	215	0.008%	6	Missouri	470	0.009%
7	Tennessee	410	0.008%	7	Tennessee	410	0.008%
8	Alabama	270	0.007%	8	Ohio	405	0.004%
9	District of Columbia	30	0.006%	9	Illinois	340	0.003%
10	Indiana	295	0.005%	10	Arkansas	325	0.013%
11	Kentucky	195	0.005%	t-11	Indiana	295	0.005%
12	New Mexico	85	0.005%	t-11	Michigan	295	0.003%
13	Arizona	220	0.005%	13	Alabama	270	0.007%
14	Colorado	170	0.004%	14	Kansas	265	0.011%
15	Ohio	405	0.004%	15	Pennsylvania	260	0.002%
16	Oregon	120	0.004%	t-16	Georgia	255	0.003%
17	Florida	525	0.003%	t-16	New York	255	0.001%
18	Georgia	255	0.003%	18	Arizona	220	0.005%
19	Wyoming	15	0.003%	19	Iowa	215	0.008%
20	Michigan	295	0.003%	20	Kentucky	195	0.005%
21	Washington	175	0.003%	21	Washington	175	0.003%
22	Illinois	340	0.003%	22	Colorado	170	0.004%
23	Texas	555	0.003%	23	Virginia	140	0.002%
24	Mississippi	75	0.003%	24	Oregon	120	0.004%
25	California	775	0.002%	25	South Carolina	90	0.002%
26	South Carolina	90	0.002%	t-26	New Jersey	85	0.001%
27	Montana	20	0.002%	t-26	New Mexico	85	0.005%
28	West Virginia	40	0.002%	28	Mississippi	75	0.003%
29	Pennsylvania	260	0.002%	t-29	Louisiana	55	0.001%
30	Nevada	40	0.002%	t-29	Wisconsin	55	0.001%
31	Virginia	140	0.002%	t-31	Maryland	40	0.001%
32	Idaho	20	0.002%	t-31	Nevada	40	0.002%
33	New York	255	0.001%	t-31	West Virginia	40	0.002%
34	Louisiana	55	0.001%	34	District of Columbia	30	0.006%
35	Utah	25	0.001%	t-35	Massachusetts	25	0.000%
36	Wisconsin	55	0.001%	t-35	Minnesota	25	0.001%
37	New Jersey	85	0.001%	t-35	Utah	25	0.001%
38	Nebraska	15	0.001%	t-38	Idaho	20	0.002%
39	Maryland	40	0.001%	t-38	Montana	20	0.002%
40	Minnesota	25	0.001%	t-40	Nebraska	15	0.001%
41	Massachusetts	25	0.000%	t-40	Wyoming	15	0.003%