

CHINESE

Number of Speakers: 1,499,635

Spoken in

915
Counties

Spoken in

51
States

Among the 10
most common
languages in

730
Counties

Among the 10
most common
languages in

46
States

4

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	San Francisco County, Calif.	89,015	11.945%	1	Los Angeles County, Calif.	174,845	1.989%
2	Queens County, N.Y.	103,035	4.934%	2	Queens County, N.Y.	103,035	4.934%
3	Alameda County, Calif.	58,570	4.351%	3	Kings County, N.Y.	89,610	3.922%
4	Santa Clara County, Calif.	64,805	4.145%	4	San Francisco County, Calif.	89,015	11.945%
5	New York County, N.Y.	60,305	4.126%	5	Santa Clara County, Calif.	64,805	4.145%
6	Kings County, N.Y.	89,610	3.922%	6	New York County, N.Y.	60,305	4.126%
7	San Mateo County, Calif.	24,375	3.683%	7	Alameda County, Calif.	58,570	4.351%
8	Honolulu County, Hawaii	21,150	2.581%	8	Cook County, Ill.	33,705	0.675%
9	Montgomery County, Md.	20,160	2.480%	9	Orange County, Calif.	33,040	1.255%
10	Fort Bend County, Texas	7,395	2.260%	10	King County, Wash.	26,340	1.614%
11	Suffolk County, Mass.	14,610	2.243%	11	San Mateo County, Calif.	24,375	3.683%
12	Collin County, Texas	9,615	2.142%	12	Harris County, Texas	23,620	0.757%
13	Norfolk County, Mass.	13,010	2.140%	13	Honolulu County, Hawaii	21,150	2.581%
14	Middlesex County, N.J.	14,930	2.130%	14	Montgomery County, Md.	20,160	2.480%
15	Los Angeles County, Calif.	174,845	1.989%	15	Middlesex County, Mass.	20,040	1.459%
16	Tompkins County, N.Y.	1,700	1.850%	16	San Diego County, Calif.	17,165	0.656%
17	Fairfax city, Va.	355	1.807%	17	Sacramento County, Calif.	15,345	1.352%
18	Somerset County, N.J.	4,840	1.761%	18	Middlesex County, N.J.	14,930	2.130%
19	Yolo County, Calif.	2,570	1.637%	19	Suffolk County, Mass.	14,610	2.243%
20	King County, Wash.	26,340	1.614%	20	Contra Costa County, Calif.	13,585	1.538%

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	1
3rd most common	1	44
4th most common	2	64
5th most common	8	131
6th most common	9	133
7th most common	12	109
8th most common	7	91
9th most common	5	90
10th most common	2	67
Total, 1st-5th	11	240
Total, 1st-10th	46	730
Total, any rank	51	915

Notes

- Of the 20 counties with the greatest percentage of Chinese speakers, six are located in California, including three of the top four. Four others are found in New York, with two each in Massachusetts, New Jersey and Texas.
- San Francisco County, Calif. has more than double the percentage of Chinese speakers of any other county in the United States.
- Chinese is the third most common language spoken in New York and the fourth most common language spoken in California and Maryland.
- Chinese is the second most common language spoken at home in Norfolk County, Mass., and third most common language in 44 counties spread across 27 states.
- In the United States, 1 of every 175 people age five and older speaks Chinese at home. In Hawaii, this figure is 1 in 52 people, while in New York, 1 in 58 residents is a Chinese speaker.
- Within the counties, San Francisco County, Calif. has the greatest rate of Chinese speakers (1 in every 8.3 residents), followed by Queens County, N.Y. (1 in every 20 residents) and Alameda County, Calif. (1 in every 23 residents).

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

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Nationwide Rank: 4th

Leading States

By Percentage				By Number of Speakers			
Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.	Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.
1	Hawaii	21,760	1.919%	1	California	527,095	1.678%
2	New York	304,155	1.714%	2	New York	304,155	1.714%
3	California	527,095	1.678%	3	Texas	72,590	0.377%
4	Massachusetts	56,850	0.955%	4	New Jersey	66,415	0.845%
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6	Maryland	34,515	0.698%	6	Illinois	51,930	0.450%
7	Washington	34,945	0.635%	7	Pennsylvania	35,545	0.308%
8	Nevada	9,060	0.489%	8	Washington	34,945	0.635%
9	Illinois	51,930	0.450%	9	Maryland	34,515	0.698%
10	Delaware	3,230	0.441%	10	Florida	28,855	0.192%
11	District of Columbia	2,225	0.413%	11	Virginia	24,555	0.371%
12	Connecticut	13,090	0.411%	12	Michigan	22,255	0.240%
13	Oregon	12,950	0.405%	13	Hawaii	21,760	1.919%
14	Texas	72,590	0.377%	14	Ohio	21,590	0.204%
15	Virginia	24,555	0.371%	15	Georgia	19,390	0.255%
16	Pennsylvania	35,545	0.308%	16	Arizona	13,770	0.290%
17	Rhode Island	2,975	0.302%	17	Connecticut	13,090	0.411%
18	Arizona	13,770	0.290%	18	Oregon	12,950	0.405%
19	Georgia	19,390	0.255%	19	North Carolina	12,835	0.171%
20	Utah	5,015	0.248%	20	Minnesota	10,415	0.227%
21	Colorado	9,660	0.241%	21	Colorado	9,660	0.241%
22	Michigan	22,255	0.240%	22	Missouri	9,260	0.177%
23	New Hampshire	2,735	0.236%	23	Nevada	9,060	0.489%
24	Minnesota	10,415	0.227%	24	Indiana	8,085	0.143%
25	Kansas	5,435	0.217%	25	Wisconsin	6,560	0.131%
26	Ohio	21,590	0.204%	26	Tennessee	6,290	0.118%
27	Florida	28,855	0.192%	27	Kansas	5,435	0.217%
28	Missouri	9,260	0.177%	28	Oklahoma	5,250	0.163%
29	North Carolina	12,835	0.171%	29	Utah	5,015	0.248%
30	Alaska	955	0.165%	30	South Carolina	5,005	0.134%
31	Oklahoma	5,250	0.163%	31	Alabama	4,655	0.112%
32	Iowa	4,295	0.157%	32	Louisiana	4,540	0.109%
33	New Mexico	2,530	0.150%	33	Iowa	4,295	0.157%
34	Indiana	8,085	0.143%	34	Kentucky	3,980	0.105%
35	South Carolina	5,005	0.134%	35	Delaware	3,230	0.441%
36	Nebraska	2,120	0.133%	36	Rhode Island	2,975	0.302%
37	Wisconsin	6,560	0.131%	37	New Hampshire	2,735	0.236%
38	Vermont	740	0.129%	38	New Mexico	2,530	0.150%
39	Tennessee	6,290	0.118%	39	District of Columbia	2,225	0.413%
40	Alabama	4,655	0.112%	40	Arkansas	2,135	0.086%
41	Louisiana	4,540	0.109%	41	Nebraska	2,120	0.133%
42	Kentucky	3,980	0.105%	42	Mississippi	2,115	0.080%
43	Maine	1,090	0.091%	43	West Virginia	1,495	0.088%
44	Idaho	1,050	0.088%	44	Maine	1,090	0.091%
45	West Virginia	1,495	0.088%	45	Idaho	1,050	0.088%
46	Wyoming	400	0.087%	46	Alaska	955	0.165%
47	Arkansas	2,135	0.086%	47	Vermont	740	0.129%
48	Mississippi	2,115	0.080%	48	South Dakota	510	0.073%
49	South Dakota	510	0.073%	49	Montana	435	0.051%
50	North Dakota	325	0.054%	50	Wyoming	400	0.087%
51	Montana	435	0.051%	51	North Dakota	325	0.054%