

DAKOTA

Number of Speakers: 20,480

Spoken in

155
Counties

Spoken in

44
States

Among the 10
most common
languages in

85
Counties

Among the 10
most common
languages in

3
States

70

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	Shannon County, S.D.	2,675	24.564%	1	Shannon County, S.D.	2,675	24.564%
2	Todd County, S.D.	1,645	20.889%	2	Todd County, S.D.	1,645	20.889%
3	Ziebach County, S.D.	430	19.422%	3	Pennington County, S.D.	920	1.121%
4	Mellette County, S.D.	270	14.400%	4	Dewey County, S.D.	775	14.378%
5	Dewey County, S.D.	775	14.378%	5	Corson County, S.D.	460	12.169%
6	Jackson County, S.D.	335	12.642%	t-6	Ziebach County, S.D.	430	19.422%
7	Corson County, S.D.	460	12.169%	t-6	Minnehaha County, S.D.	430	0.314%
8	Bennett County, S.D.	380	11.674%	8	Bennett County, S.D.	380	11.674%
9	Buffalo County, S.D.	185	10.221%	9	Sioux County, N.D.	350	9.777%
10	Sioux County, N.D.	350	9.777%	10	Roberts County, S.D.	345	3.724%
11	Benson County, N.D.	340	5.393%	11	Benson County, N.D.	340	5.393%
12	Charles Mix County, S.D.	330	3.873%	12	Jackson County, S.D.	335	12.642%
13	Roberts County, S.D.	345	3.724%	13	Charles Mix County, S.D.	330	3.873%
14	Roosevelt County, Mont.	325	3.370%	14	Roosevelt County, Mont.	325	3.370%
15	Lyman County, S.D.	105	2.975%	15	Hennepin County, Minn.	300	0.029%
16	Blaine County, Mont.	130	2.040%	16	Denver County, Colo.	275	0.053%
17	Tripp County, S.D.	115	1.921%	17	Mellette County, S.D.	270	14.400%
18	Hyde County, S.D.	25	1.650%	t-18	Buffalo County, S.D.	185	10.221%
19	Sheridan County, Neb.	95	1.635%	t-18	Burleigh County, N.D.	185	0.286%
20	Fall River County, S.D.	115	1.631%	20	King County, Wash.	160	0.010%

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	19
3rd most common	1	9
4th most common	0	17
5th most common	0	12
6th most common	1	14
7th most common	0	6
8th most common	1	3
9th most common	0	1
10th most common	0	4
Total, 1st-5th	1	57
Total, 1st-10th	3	85
Total, any rank	44	155

Notes

- Of the 20 counties with the greatest percentage of Dakota speakers, 15 are located in South Dakota, including the top nine.
- Shannon County, S.D. is home to 13.1 percent of the nation's Dakota speakers.
- Dakota is the third most common language spoken in South Dakota and the sixth most common language spoken in North Dakota.
- Dakota is the second most common language spoken at home in 19 counties in four states: South Dakota (15 counties), North Dakota (2), Montana (1), and Nebraska (1).
- In the United States, 1 of every 12,811 people age five and older speaks Dakota at home. In South Dakota, this figure is 1 in 66 people, while in North Dakota, 1 in 476 residents is a Dakota speaker.
- Within the counties, Shannon County, S.D. has the greatest rate of Dakota speakers (1 in every 4.1 residents), followed by Todd County, S.D. (1 in every 4.8 residents) and Ziebach County, S.D. (1 in every 5.2 residents).

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Nationwide Rank: 70th

Leading States

By Percentage				By Number of Speakers			
Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.	Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.
1	South Dakota	10,680	1.519%	1	South Dakota	10,680	1.519%
2	North Dakota	1,265	0.210%	2	North Dakota	1,265	0.210%
3	Montana	995	0.117%	3	Montana	995	0.117%
4	Wyoming	225	0.049%	4	Minnesota	810	0.018%
5	Nebraska	650	0.041%	5	Colorado	795	0.020%
6	Colorado	795	0.020%	6	Nebraska	650	0.041%
7	Minnesota	810	0.018%	7	Washington	420	0.008%
8	New Mexico	185	0.011%	8	California	340	0.001%
9	Alaska	50	0.009%	9	Texas	330	0.002%
10	Washington	420	0.008%	10	Virginia	280	0.004%
11	District of Columbia	40	0.007%	11	Arizona	250	0.005%
12	Kansas	185	0.007%	12	Wyoming	225	0.049%
13	Oregon	210	0.007%	13	Oregon	210	0.007%
14	Idaho	70	0.006%	14	Pennsylvania	205	0.002%
15	Arizona	250	0.005%	15	Florida	200	0.001%
16	Utah	100	0.005%	16	Missouri	190	0.004%
17	Iowa	135	0.005%	t-17	Kansas	185	0.007%
18	Delaware	35	0.005%	t-17	New Mexico	185	0.011%
19	Oklahoma	145	0.005%	19	Kentucky	170	0.005%
20	Kentucky	170	0.005%	20	New York	150	0.001%
21	Virginia	280	0.004%	21	Oklahoma	145	0.005%
22	Nevada	70	0.004%	22	Iowa	135	0.005%
23	Missouri	190	0.004%	23	Ohio	125	0.001%
24	Arkansas	70	0.003%	24	Wisconsin	120	0.002%
25	Wisconsin	120	0.002%	25	Georgia	115	0.002%
26	South Carolina	80	0.002%	26	Michigan	105	0.001%
27	Alabama	85	0.002%	t-27	Illinois	100	0.001%
28	Pennsylvania	205	0.002%	t-27	Utah	100	0.005%
29	Texas	330	0.002%	29	North Carolina	90	0.001%
30	Tennessee	85	0.002%	t-30	Alabama	85	0.002%
31	Georgia	115	0.002%	t-30	Tennessee	85	0.002%
32	Louisiana	60	0.001%	t-32	Indiana	80	0.001%
33	Indiana	80	0.001%	t-32	South Carolina	80	0.002%
34	Florida	200	0.001%	t-34	Arkansas	70	0.003%
35	North Carolina	90	0.001%	t-34	Idaho	70	0.006%
36	Ohio	125	0.001%	t-34	Nevada	70	0.004%
37	Michigan	105	0.001%	t-37	Louisiana	60	0.001%
38	California	340	0.001%	t-37	New Jersey	60	0.001%
39	Illinois	100	0.001%	39	Alaska	50	0.009%
40	New York	150	0.001%	40	District of Columbia	40	0.007%
41	New Jersey	60	0.001%	t-41	Delaware	35	0.005%
42	Maryland	35	0.001%	t-41	Maryland	35	0.001%
43	Massachusetts	35	0.001%	t-41	Massachusetts	35	0.001%
44	Connecticut	15	0.000%	44	Connecticut	15	0.000%