

# FRENCH

Number of Speakers: 1,606,790

Spoken in  
**2555**  
Counties

Spoken in  
**51**  
States

Among the 10  
most common  
languages in  
**2526**  
Counties

Among the 10  
most common  
languages in  
**48**  
States

**3**  
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	St. Martin Parish, La.	11,935	26.626%	1	Los Angeles County, Calif.	38,645	0.440%
2	Evangeline Parish, La.	7,505	23.096%	2	Kings County, N.Y.	34,535	1.512%
3	Vermilion Parish, La.	11,345	22.763%	3	New York County, N.Y.	32,005	2.190%
4	Aroostook County, Maine	15,640	22.348%	4	Broward County, Fla.	27,010	1.777%
5	Acadia Parish, La.	9,350	17.265%	5	Lafayette Parish, La.	24,155	13.706%
6	Assumption Parish, La.	3,695	16.985%	6	Queens County, N.Y.	23,825	1.141%
7	Lafourche Parish, La.	14,155	16.936%	7	Middlesex County, Mass.	20,890	1.521%
8	Avoyelles Parish, La.	6,335	16.450%	8	Cook County, Ill.	20,695	0.415%
9	Coos County, N.H.	5,055	16.124%	9	Miami-Dade County, Fla.	18,845	0.894%
10	St. Landry Parish, La.	12,745	15.789%	10	Hillsborough County, N.H.	18,135	5.114%
11	Androscoggin County, Maine	13,915	14.284%	11	Aroostook County, Maine	15,640	22.348%
12	Jefferson Davis Parish, La.	4,085	14.137%	12	Harris County, Texas	15,225	0.488%
13	Lafayette Parish, La.	24,155	13.706%	13	Hartford County, Conn.	15,195	1.894%
14	Iberia Parish, La.	7,595	11.273%	14	Montgomery County, Md.	14,915	1.835%
15	Cameron Parish, La.	980	10.543%	15	Providence County, R.I.	14,580	2.501%
16	Terrebonne Parish, La.	9,325	9.679%	16	Lafourche Parish, La.	14,155	16.936%
17	Essex County, Vt.	540	8.874%	17	Androscoggin County, Maine	13,915	14.284%
18	Orleans County, Vt.	1,910	7.712%	18	Worcester County, Mass.	13,305	1.899%
19	York County, Maine	12,135	6.921%	19	St. Landry Parish, La.	12,745	15.789%
20	Kennebec County, Maine	6,450	5.836%	20	York County, Maine	12,135	6.921%

## 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	4	76
3rd most common	9	722
4th most common	15	921
5th most common	10	424
6th most common	5	196
7th most common	2	114
8th most common	0	42
9th most common	1	19
10th most common	2	12
Total, 1st-5th	38	2143
Total, 1st-10th	48	2526
Total, any rank	51	2555

## Notes

- Of the 20 counties with the greatest percentage of French speakers, Louisiana is home to 12, including seven of the top eight. Maine follows with four counties.
- French is the second most common language spoken in Louisiana, Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont and the third most common language in nine states.
- French is the second most common language spoken at home in 76 counties, led by Louisiana (28 counties), Maine (15), Vermont (13) and New Hampshire (10).
- In the United States, 1 of every 163 people age five and older speaks French at home. In Maine, this figure is 1 in 19 people, while in Louisiana, 1 in 23 residents is a French speaker.
- Within the counties, St. Martin Parish, La. has the greatest rate of French speakers (1 in every 3.8 residents), followed by Evangeline Parish, La. (1 in every 4.3 residents) and Vermilion Parish, La. (1 in every 4.4 residents).

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Nationwide Rank: 3rd

## Leading States

By Percentage				By Number of Speakers			
Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.	Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.
1	Maine	63,610	5.284%	1	Louisiana	179,745	4.328%
2	Louisiana	179,745	4.328%	2	New York	174,080	0.981%
3	New Hampshire	39,550	3.410%	3	California	134,250	0.427%
4	Vermont	14,605	2.542%	4	Florida	125,445	0.834%
5	Rhode Island	19,350	1.965%	5	Massachusetts	84,040	1.412%
6	District of Columbia	9,005	1.670%	6	Maine	63,610	5.284%
7	Massachusetts	84,040	1.412%	7	Texas	60,550	0.315%
8	Connecticut	41,960	1.318%	8	Pennsylvania	46,900	0.406%
9	New York	174,080	0.981%	9	New Jersey	45,675	0.581%
10	Maryland	41,920	0.848%	10	Ohio	44,395	0.419%
11	Florida	125,445	0.834%	11	Georgia	42,630	0.561%
12	Virginia	39,875	0.602%	12	Connecticut	41,960	1.318%
13	New Jersey	45,675	0.581%	13	Maryland	41,920	0.848%
14	Georgia	42,630	0.561%	14	Illinois	40,310	0.349%
15	Delaware	3,930	0.537%	15	Virginia	39,875	0.602%
16	South Carolina	19,030	0.508%	16	New Hampshire	39,550	3.410%
17	Colorado	17,940	0.448%	17	Michigan	38,645	0.417%
18	North Carolina	32,925	0.438%	18	North Carolina	32,925	0.438%
19	California	134,250	0.427%	19	Washington	22,335	0.406%
20	Nevada	7,860	0.424%	20	Missouri	19,410	0.371%
21	Ohio	44,395	0.419%	21	Rhode Island	19,350	1.965%
22	Michigan	38,645	0.417%	22	South Carolina	19,030	0.508%
23	Washington	22,335	0.406%	23	Colorado	17,940	0.448%
24	Pennsylvania	46,900	0.406%	24	Indiana	17,930	0.317%
25	Mississippi	10,435	0.395%	25	Tennessee	17,360	0.327%
26	Utah	7,875	0.389%	26	Minnesota	15,600	0.340%
27	Montana	3,285	0.388%	27	Arizona	15,575	0.328%
28	Missouri	19,410	0.371%	28	Wisconsin	14,860	0.296%
29	Alaska	2,145	0.371%	29	Vermont	14,605	2.542%
30	Oregon	11,770	0.368%	30	Alabama	13,410	0.323%
31	Illinois	40,310	0.349%	31	Kentucky	12,445	0.330%
32	Wyoming	1,610	0.348%	32	Oregon	11,770	0.368%
33	Minnesota	15,600	0.340%	33	Mississippi	10,435	0.395%
34	West Virginia	5,690	0.333%	34	District of Columbia	9,005	1.670%
35	Kentucky	12,445	0.330%	35	Oklahoma	8,220	0.256%
36	Arizona	15,575	0.328%	36	Utah	7,875	0.389%
37	Tennessee	17,360	0.327%	37	Nevada	7,860	0.424%
38	Alabama	13,410	0.323%	38	Iowa	7,425	0.271%
39	Indiana	17,930	0.317%	39	Arkansas	7,260	0.291%
40	Texas	60,550	0.315%	40	Kansas	6,535	0.261%
41	Wisconsin	14,860	0.296%	41	West Virginia	5,690	0.333%
42	Arkansas	7,260	0.291%	42	New Mexico	4,295	0.254%
43	Hawaii	3,285	0.290%	43	Delaware	3,930	0.537%
44	Idaho	3,345	0.280%	44	Nebraska	3,625	0.227%
45	Iowa	7,425	0.271%	45	Idaho	3,345	0.280%
46	North Dakota	1,590	0.264%	t-46	Hawaii	3,285	0.290%
47	Kansas	6,535	0.261%	t-46	Montana	3,285	0.388%
48	Oklahoma	8,220	0.256%	48	Alaska	2,145	0.371%
49	New Mexico	4,295	0.254%	49	Wyoming	1,610	0.348%
50	Nebraska	3,625	0.227%	50	North Dakota	1,590	0.264%
51	South Dakota	1,255	0.178%	51	South Dakota	1,255	0.178%