

GERMAN

Number of Speakers: 1,382,615

Spoken in
2857
Counties

Spoken in
51
States

Among the 10
most common
languages in
2821
Counties

Among the 10
most common
languages in
45
States

5
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	McIntosh County, N.D.	1,145	35.340%	1	Los Angeles County, Calif.	28,995	0.330%
2	McPherson County, S.D.	895	32.664%	2	Cook County, Ill.	26,485	0.531%
3	Logan County, N.D.	530	24.424%	3	Maricopa County, Ariz.	14,445	0.510%
4	Gaines County, Texas	2,125	16.068%	4	San Diego County, Calif.	13,060	0.499%
5	Holmes County, Ohio	5,495	15.797%	5	New York County, N.Y.	13,055	0.893%
6	Faulk County, S.D.	390	15.669%	6	Orange County, Calif.	12,960	0.492%
7	Emmons County, N.D.	640	15.652%	7	Queens County, N.Y.	12,055	0.577%
8	Liberty County, Mont.	315	15.517%	8	King County, Wash.	11,870	0.727%
9	Wheatland County, Mont.	325	15.330%	9	Harris County, Texas	9,440	0.302%
10	Hutchinson County, S.D.	1,125	14.863%	10	Santa Clara County, Calif.	9,370	0.599%
11	Golden Valley County, Mont.	130	13.265%	11	Broward County, Fla.	8,645	0.569%
12	Edmunds County, S.D.	525	12.789%	12	Pierce County, Wash.	8,255	1.269%
13	Grant County, N.D.	340	12.639%	13	Cuyahoga County, Ohio	8,175	0.628%
14	Adams County, Ind.	3,595	11.680%	14	Suffolk County, N.Y.	8,130	0.616%
15	Gillespie County, Texas	2,265	11.495%	15	Milwaukee County, Wis.	8,040	0.921%
16	Hanson County, S.D.	325	11.269%	16	El Paso County, Colo.	7,950	1.665%
17	Mercer County, N.D.	895	10.915%	17	Pinellas County, Fla.	7,905	0.902%
18	Sheridan County, N.D.	175	10.671%	18	Oakland County, Mich.	7,445	0.669%
19	Daviess County, Ind.	2,880	10.528%	19	Palm Beach County, Fla.	7,300	0.683%
20	LaGrange County, Ind.	3,210	10.220%	20	Bexar County, Texas	7,260	0.566%

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	2	195
3rd most common	18	1404
4th most common	17	799
5th most common	3	243
6th most common	3	96
7th most common	2	36
8th most common	0	19
9th most common	0	21
10th most common	0	8
Total, 1st-5th	40	2641
Total, 1st-10th	45	2821
Total, any rank	51	2857

Notes

- Of the 20 counties with the greatest percentage of German speakers, six are located in North Dakota, and five are found in South Dakota.
- German is the second most common language spoken in North Dakota and South Dakota and the third most common language spoken in 18 states.
- German is the second most common language spoken at home in 195 counties, led by 31 in South Dakota, 30 in North Dakota, 20 in Montana, 15 in Kansas and 15 in Missouri
- In the United States, 1 of every 190 people age five and older speaks German at home. In North Dakota this figure is 1 in 40 people, while in South Dakota, 1 in 52 residents is a German speaker.
- Within the counties, McIntosh County, N.D. has the greatest rate of German speakers (1 in every 2.8 residents), followed by McPherson County, S.D. (1 in every 3.1 residents) and Logan County, N.D. (1 in every 4.1 residents).

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Nationwide Rank: 5th

Leading States

By Percentage				By Number of Speakers			
Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.	Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.
1	North Dakota	14,925	2.476%	1	California	141,620	0.451%
2	South Dakota	13,420	1.908%	2	New York	92,685	0.522%
3	Montana	9,415	1.112%	3	Florida	89,575	0.595%
4	Wisconsin	48,300	0.962%	4	Texas	82,090	0.427%
5	Indiana	44,130	0.780%	5	Ohio	72,570	0.685%
6	Colorado	30,815	0.769%	6	Pennsylvania	68,665	0.594%
7	Minnesota	35,025	0.763%	7	Illinois	63,355	0.549%
8	Washington	39,660	0.721%	8	Michigan	52,320	0.565%
9	Ohio	72,570	0.685%	9	Wisconsin	48,300	0.962%
10	Kansas	16,820	0.673%	10	Indiana	44,130	0.780%
11	Iowa	17,160	0.627%	11	New Jersey	41,005	0.522%
12	Alaska	3,575	0.618%	12	Washington	39,660	0.721%
13	Utah	12,095	0.598%	13	Minnesota	35,025	0.763%
14	Florida	89,575	0.595%	14	Georgia	32,760	0.431%
15	Pennsylvania	68,665	0.594%	15	Virginia	32,735	0.495%
16	Missouri	30,680	0.587%	16	Colorado	30,815	0.769%
17	Oregon	18,400	0.575%	17	Missouri	30,680	0.587%
18	Michigan	52,320	0.565%	18	North Carolina	28,500	0.379%
19	Nevada	10,310	0.556%	19	Arizona	25,105	0.528%
20	Nebraska	8,865	0.556%	20	Maryland	23,785	0.481%
21	Illinois	63,355	0.549%	21	Tennessee	20,210	0.380%
22	Arizona	25,105	0.528%	22	Massachusetts	20,020	0.336%
23	New York	92,685	0.522%	23	Oregon	18,400	0.575%
24	New Jersey	41,005	0.522%	24	Kentucky	17,900	0.474%
25	Wyoming	2,380	0.515%	25	Iowa	17,160	0.627%
26	District of Columbia	2,695	0.500%	26	Kansas	16,820	0.673%
27	Virginia	32,735	0.495%	27	South Carolina	15,195	0.405%
28	Maryland	23,785	0.481%	28	North Dakota	14,925	2.476%
29	Kentucky	17,900	0.474%	29	Alabama	14,890	0.359%
30	Idaho	5,665	0.474%	30	Connecticut	14,310	0.449%
31	Delaware	3,420	0.467%	31	Oklahoma	13,445	0.418%
32	New Mexico	7,870	0.466%	32	South Dakota	13,420	1.908%
33	Vermont	2,610	0.454%	33	Utah	12,095	0.598%
34	California	141,620	0.451%	34	Nevada	10,310	0.556%
35	Connecticut	14,310	0.449%	35	Montana	9,415	1.112%
36	Georgia	32,760	0.431%	36	Nebraska	8,865	0.556%
37	Texas	82,090	0.427%	37	Louisiana	8,045	0.194%
38	Oklahoma	13,445	0.418%	38	New Mexico	7,870	0.466%
39	New Hampshire	4,780	0.412%	39	Arkansas	7,435	0.298%
40	South Carolina	15,195	0.405%	40	Idaho	5,665	0.474%
41	Tennessee	20,210	0.380%	41	Mississippi	5,500	0.208%
42	North Carolina	28,500	0.379%	42	West Virginia	5,040	0.295%
43	Alabama	14,890	0.359%	43	New Hampshire	4,780	0.412%
44	Hawaii	3,985	0.351%	44	Maine	4,005	0.333%
45	Massachusetts	20,020	0.336%	45	Hawaii	3,985	0.351%
46	Maine	4,005	0.333%	46	Alaska	3,575	0.618%
47	Arkansas	7,435	0.298%	47	Delaware	3,420	0.467%
48	West Virginia	5,040	0.295%	48	Rhode Island	2,840	0.288%
49	Rhode Island	2,840	0.288%	49	District of Columbia	2,695	0.500%
50	Mississippi	5,500	0.208%	50	Vermont	2,610	0.454%
51	Louisiana	8,045	0.194%	51	Wyoming	2,380	0.515%