

JAPANESE

Number of Speakers: 477,995

Spoken in
1149
Counties

Spoken in
51
States

Among the 10
most common
languages in
696
Counties

Among the 10
most common
languages in
16
States

14
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	Honolulu County, Hawaii	46,050	5.620%	1	Los Angeles County, Calif.	59,885	0.681%
2	Hawaii County, Hawaii	5,485	3.937%	2	Honolulu County, Hawaii	46,050	5.620%
3	Maui County, Hawaii	3,290	2.757%	3	Orange County, Calif.	15,650	0.595%
4	Kauai County, Hawaii	1,400	2.562%	4	Santa Clara County, Calif.	13,735	0.879%
5	Whitman County, Wash.	440	1.147%	5	San Diego County, Calif.	13,000	0.497%
6	San Francisco County, Calif.	7,330	0.984%	6	King County, Wash.	12,730	0.780%
7	Santa Clara County, Calif.	13,735	0.879%	7	New York County, N.Y.	12,515	0.856%
8	San Mateo County, Calif.	5,715	0.863%	8	Cook County, Ill.	10,165	0.204%
9	New York County, N.Y.	12,515	0.856%	9	San Francisco County, Calif.	7,330	0.984%
10	Westchester County, N.Y.	7,060	0.822%	10	Westchester County, N.Y.	7,060	0.822%
11	King County, Wash.	12,730	0.780%	11	Bergen County, N.J.	6,400	0.772%
12	Bergen County, N.J.	6,400	0.772%	12	Alameda County, Calif.	6,360	0.473%
13	Kittitas County, Wash.	230	0.732%	13	San Mateo County, Calif.	5,715	0.863%
14	Fayette County, Ga.	600	0.700%	14	Hawaii County, Hawaii	5,485	3.937%
15	Los Angeles County, Calif.	59,885	0.681%	15	Queens County, N.Y.	5,300	0.254%
16	Island County, Wash.	410	0.617%	16	Sacramento County, Calif.	5,025	0.443%
17	Jackson County, Ill.	340	0.605%	17	Clark County, Nev.	4,505	0.354%
18	Orange County, Calif.	15,650	0.595%	18	Maricopa County, Ariz.	3,915	0.138%
19	Boone County, Ky.	455	0.577%	19	Oakland County, Mich.	3,875	0.348%
20	Yolo County, Calif.	885	0.564%	20	Middlesex County, Mass.	3,480	0.253%

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	10
4th most common	0	53
5th most common	1	113
6th most common	2	130
7th most common	0	111
8th most common	3	101
9th most common	6	96
10th most common	3	87
Total, 1st-5th	2	177
Total, 1st-10th	16	696
Total, any rank	51	1149

Notes

- The four counties with the greatest percentage of Japanese speakers were all located in Hawaii.
- Of the 20 counties with the greatest percentage of Japanese speakers, California is home to six, while Hawaii and Washington state each lay claim to four.
- Japanese is the third most common language spoken in Hawaii and the fifth most common language spoken in Idaho.
- Japanese is the second most common language spoken at home in Hawaii County, Hawaii, and the third most common language in 10 counties spread across nine states.
- In the United States, 1 of every 549 people age five and older speaks Japanese at home. In Hawaii, this figure is 1 in 20 people, while in California, 1 in 203 residents is a Japanese speaker.
- Within the counties, Honolulu County, Hawaii has the greatest rate of Japanese speakers (1 in every 18 residents), followed by Hawaii County, Hawaii (1 in every 25 residents) and Maui County, Hawaii (1 in every 36 residents).

JAPANESE

Nationwide Rank: 14th

Leading States

By Percentage				By Number of Speakers			
Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.	Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.
1	Hawaii	56,225	4.959%	1	California	154,635	0.492%
2	California	154,635	0.492%	2	Hawaii	56,225	4.959%
3	Washington	24,055	0.437%	3	New York	34,570	0.195%
4	Nevada	5,680	0.307%	4	Washington	24,055	0.437%
5	Oregon	9,375	0.293%	5	Illinois	15,480	0.134%
6	Utah	5,030	0.249%	6	Texas	14,700	0.076%
7	Alaska	1,390	0.240%	7	New Jersey	12,430	0.158%
8	New York	34,570	0.195%	8	Michigan	11,480	0.124%
9	District of Columbia	925	0.172%	9	Florida	11,195	0.074%
10	Massachusetts	9,985	0.168%	10	Massachusetts	9,985	0.168%
11	Colorado	6,605	0.165%	11	Ohio	9,930	0.094%
12	New Jersey	12,430	0.158%	12	Oregon	9,375	0.293%
13	Idaho	1,650	0.138%	13	Georgia	8,255	0.109%
14	Illinois	15,480	0.134%	14	Virginia	8,020	0.121%
15	Maryland	6,430	0.130%	15	Pennsylvania	7,200	0.062%
16	Arizona	6,125	0.129%	16	Colorado	6,605	0.165%
17	Michigan	11,480	0.124%	17	Maryland	6,430	0.130%
18	Virginia	8,020	0.121%	18	North Carolina	6,315	0.084%
19	Connecticut	3,830	0.120%	19	Arizona	6,125	0.129%
20	Wyoming	520	0.112%	20	Nevada	5,680	0.307%
21	Georgia	8,255	0.109%	21	Indiana	5,340	0.094%
22	Kentucky	3,775	0.100%	22	Utah	5,030	0.249%
23	Indiana	5,340	0.094%	23	Tennessee	4,425	0.083%
24	Ohio	9,930	0.094%	24	Connecticut	3,830	0.120%
25	North Carolina	6,315	0.084%	25	Minnesota	3,790	0.083%
26	Montana	710	0.084%	26	Kentucky	3,775	0.100%
27	Tennessee	4,425	0.083%	27	Wisconsin	3,185	0.063%
28	Minnesota	3,790	0.083%	28	Missouri	3,060	0.059%
29	Nebraska	1,275	0.080%	29	South Carolina	2,805	0.075%
30	Oklahoma	2,545	0.079%	30	Oklahoma	2,545	0.079%
31	Texas	14,700	0.076%	31	Alabama	2,200	0.053%
32	Rhode Island	745	0.076%	32	Louisiana	1,810	0.044%
33	New Mexico	1,265	0.075%	33	Kansas	1,790	0.072%
34	South Carolina	2,805	0.075%	34	Idaho	1,650	0.138%
35	Florida	11,195	0.074%	35	Alaska	1,390	0.240%
36	Kansas	1,790	0.072%	36	Nebraska	1,275	0.080%
37	New Hampshire	790	0.068%	37	New Mexico	1,265	0.075%
38	West Virginia	1,135	0.067%	38	Iowa	1,235	0.045%
39	Delaware	485	0.066%	39	Arkansas	1,195	0.048%
40	Wisconsin	3,185	0.063%	40	West Virginia	1,135	0.067%
41	Pennsylvania	7,200	0.062%	41	Mississippi	1,000	0.038%
42	Missouri	3,060	0.059%	42	District of Columbia	925	0.172%
43	Vermont	330	0.057%	43	New Hampshire	790	0.068%
44	Alabama	2,200	0.053%	44	Rhode Island	745	0.076%
45	Maine	605	0.050%	45	Montana	710	0.084%
46	Arkansas	1,195	0.048%	46	Maine	605	0.050%
47	Iowa	1,235	0.045%	47	Wyoming	520	0.112%
48	Louisiana	1,810	0.044%	48	Delaware	485	0.066%
49	South Dakota	300	0.043%	49	Vermont	330	0.057%
50	Mississippi	1,000	0.038%	50	South Dakota	300	0.043%
51	North Dakota	150	0.025%	51	North Dakota	150	0.025%