

NORWEGIAN

Number of Speakers: 55,465

Spoken in
559
Counties

Spoken in
51
States

Among the 10
most common
languages in
233
Counties

Among the 10
most common
languages in
4
States

54
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	Divide County, N.D.	60	2.733%	1	King County, Wash.	2,175	0.133%
2	Traill County, N.D.	175	2.205%	2	Hennepin County, Minn.	1,390	0.133%
3	Nelson County, N.D.	75	2.116%	3	Kings County, N.Y.	1,115	0.049%
4	Griggs County, N.D.	55	2.095%	4	Harris County, Texas	1,100	0.035%
5	Norman County, Minn.	145	2.081%	5	Los Angeles County, Calif.	1,075	0.012%
6	Vernon County, Wis.	480	1.835%	6	Snohomish County, Wash.	1,070	0.190%
7	Steele County, N.D.	35	1.655%	7	Cook County, Ill.	635	0.013%
8	Trempealeau County, Wis.	410	1.619%	8	Maricopa County, Ariz.	615	0.022%
9	Lac qui Parle County, Minn.	110	1.438%	9	San Diego County, Calif.	610	0.023%
10	Grant County, Minn.	80	1.348%	10	Pierce County, Wash.	590	0.091%
11	Clearwater County, Minn.	105	1.331%	11	New York County, N.Y.	550	0.038%
12	Ransom County, N.D.	70	1.268%	12	Salt Lake County, Utah	535	0.065%
13	Bottineau County, N.D.	85	1.244%	t-13	Suffolk County, N.Y.	530	0.040%
14	Polk County, Minn.	355	1.211%	t-13	Orange County, Calif.	530	0.020%
15	Benson County, N.D.	75	1.190%	15	Otter Tail County, Minn.	495	0.920%
16	Chippewa County, Minn.	145	1.179%	16	Vernon County, Wis.	480	1.835%
17	Pope County, Minn.	125	1.173%	17	Fairfield County, Conn.	450	0.055%
18	Red Lake County, Minn.	45	1.117%	18	Cass County, N.D.	435	0.380%
19	Walsh County, N.D.	130	1.116%	19	Alameda County, Calif.	430	0.032%
20	Pennington County, Minn.	140	1.106%	20	Trempealeau County, Wis.	410	1.619%

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	14
3rd most common	0	23
4th most common	1	48
5th most common	0	44
6th most common	1	29
7th most common	0	28
8th most common	0	20
9th most common	1	19
10th most common	1	8
Total, 1st-5th	1	129
Total, 1st-10th	4	233
Total, any rank	51	559

Notes

- Of the 20 counties with the highest percentage of speakers of Norwegian, both North Dakota and Minnesota claim nine.
- The only two counties to place within the top 20 in both highest number of speakers and highest percentage of speakers are in Wisconsin: Vernon County and Trempealeau County.
- Norwegian is the fourth most common language spoken in North Dakota and the sixth most common language spoken in South Dakota.
- Norwegian is the second most common language spoken at home in 14 counties in four states: North Dakota (eight counties), Minnesota (four), Montana and Wisconsin (one each).
- In the United States, 1 of every 4,730 people age five and older speaks Norwegian at home. In North Dakota, this figure is 1 in 215 people, while in Minnesota, 1 in 569 residents is a Norwegian speaker.
- Within the counties, Divide County, N.D. has the greatest rate of Norwegian speakers (1 in every 37 residents), followed by Traill County, N.D. (1 in every 45 residents) and Nelson County, N.D. (1 in every 47 residents).

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Nationwide Rank: 54th

Leading States

By Percentage				By Number of Speakers			
Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.	Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.
1	North Dakota	2,805	0.465%	1	Minnesota	8,065	0.176%
2	Minnesota	8,065	0.176%	2	California	5,870	0.019%
3	South Dakota	830	0.118%	3	Washington	5,460	0.099%
4	Montana	915	0.108%	4	New York	4,195	0.024%
5	Washington	5,460	0.099%	5	Wisconsin	3,525	0.070%
6	Wisconsin	3,525	0.070%	6	North Dakota	2,805	0.465%
7	Alaska	350	0.060%	7	Florida	2,710	0.018%
8	Utah	1,055	0.052%	8	Texas	2,210	0.011%
9	Iowa	1,150	0.042%	9	New Jersey	1,830	0.023%
10	District of Columbia	220	0.041%	10	Illinois	1,385	0.012%
11	Oregon	1,100	0.034%	11	Iowa	1,150	0.042%
12	Wyoming	145	0.031%	12	Colorado	1,110	0.028%
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14	Idaho	325	0.027%	14	Arizona	1,070	0.023%
15	Connecticut	790	0.025%	15	Utah	1,055	0.052%
16	New York	4,195	0.024%	16	Virginia	945	0.014%
17	New Jersey	1,830	0.023%	17	Montana	915	0.108%
18	Vermont	130	0.023%	18	Pennsylvania	900	0.008%
19	Arizona	1,070	0.023%	19	Massachusetts	855	0.014%
20	Maine	255	0.021%	20	South Dakota	830	0.118%
21	California	5,870	0.019%	21	Connecticut	790	0.025%
22	Florida	2,710	0.018%	22	Michigan	735	0.008%
23	Massachusetts	855	0.014%	23	Maryland	530	0.011%
24	Virginia	945	0.014%	24	Ohio	425	0.004%
25	New Hampshire	165	0.014%	25	North Carolina	365	0.005%
26	Hawaii	140	0.012%	26	Alaska	350	0.060%
27	Illinois	1,385	0.012%	27	Indiana	345	0.006%
28	Nevada	215	0.012%	28	Idaho	325	0.027%
29	Texas	2,210	0.011%	29	Louisiana	285	0.007%
30	Rhode Island	110	0.011%	30	Georgia	270	0.004%
31	Maryland	530	0.011%	31	Maine	255	0.021%
32	New Mexico	145	0.009%	32	Oklahoma	240	0.007%
33	Delaware	60	0.008%	33	District of Columbia	220	0.041%
34	Michigan	735	0.008%	t-34	Missouri	215	0.004%
35	Pennsylvania	900	0.008%	t-34	Nevada	215	0.012%
36	Oklahoma	240	0.007%	36	Kansas	185	0.007%
37	Kansas	185	0.007%	37	New Hampshire	165	0.014%
38	Nebraska	115	0.007%	38	South Carolina	150	0.004%
39	Louisiana	285	0.007%	t-39	Kentucky	145	0.004%
40	West Virginia	110	0.006%	t-39	New Mexico	145	0.009%
41	Indiana	345	0.006%	t-39	Wyoming	145	0.031%
42	North Carolina	365	0.005%	42	Hawaii	140	0.012%
43	Missouri	215	0.004%	43	Vermont	130	0.023%
44	Ohio	425	0.004%	44	Nebraska	115	0.007%
45	South Carolina	150	0.004%	t-45	Rhode Island	110	0.011%
46	Kentucky	145	0.004%	t-45	West Virginia	110	0.006%
47	Georgia	270	0.004%	47	Tennessee	100	0.002%
48	Mississippi	75	0.003%	48	Alabama	90	0.002%
49	Arkansas	65	0.003%	49	Mississippi	75	0.003%
50	Alabama	90	0.002%	50	Arkansas	65	0.003%
51	Tennessee	100	0.002%	51	Delaware	60	0.008%