

# PERSIAN

Number of Speakers: 312,085

Spoken in  
**390**  
Counties

Spoken in  
**50**  
States

Among the 10  
most common  
languages in  
**51**  
Counties

Among the 10  
most common  
languages in  
**2**  
States

**18**  
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	Fairfax County, Va.	13,075	1.450%	1	Los Angeles County, Calif.	68,190	0.776%
2	Alexandria city, Va.	1,200	1.002%	2	Orange County, Calif.	23,880	0.907%
3	Montgomery County, Md.	8,115	0.998%	3	Fairfax County, Va.	13,075	1.450%
4	Orange County, Calif.	23,880	0.907%	4	Santa Clara County, Calif.	12,160	0.778%
5	Alameda County, Calif.	11,750	0.873%	5	Alameda County, Calif.	11,750	0.873%
6	Contra Costa County, Calif.	6,920	0.784%	6	San Diego County, Calif.	10,510	0.402%
7	Santa Clara County, Calif.	12,160	0.778%	7	Nassau County, N.Y.	8,775	0.703%
8	Los Angeles County, Calif.	68,190	0.776%	8	Montgomery County, Md.	8,115	0.998%
9	Marin County, Calif.	1,735	0.743%	9	Queens County, N.Y.	7,865	0.377%
10	Loudoun County, Va.	1,115	0.730%	10	Contra Costa County, Calif.	6,920	0.784%
11	Nassau County, N.Y.	8,775	0.703%	11	Harris County, Texas	5,390	0.173%
12	Collin County, Texas	2,960	0.659%	12	King County, Wash.	3,725	0.228%
13	Arlington County, Va.	835	0.468%	13	Cook County, Ill.	3,585	0.072%
14	San Mateo County, Calif.	2,835	0.428%	14	Sacramento County, Calif.	3,305	0.291%
15	Fairfax city, Va.	80	0.407%	15	Collin County, Texas	2,960	0.659%
16	San Diego County, Calif.	10,510	0.402%	16	San Mateo County, Calif.	2,835	0.428%
17	Queens County, N.Y.	7,865	0.377%	17	Maricopa County, Ariz.	2,675	0.094%
18	Yolo County, Calif.	565	0.360%	18	Dallas County, Texas	2,650	0.130%
19	Howard County, Md.	815	0.355%	19	Ventura County, Calif.	2,350	0.337%
20	Ventura County, Calif.	2,350	0.337%	20	New York County, N.Y.	2,335	0.160%

## 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	0
3rd most common	0	0
4th most common	0	0
5th most common	0	10
6th most common	0	3
7th most common	0	7
8th most common	0	11
9th most common	1	8
10th most common	1	12
Total, 1st-5th	0	10
Total, 1st-10th	2	51
Total, any rank	50	390

## Notes

- Of the 20 counties with the greatest percentage of Persian speakers, 10 are located in California and seven can be found in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, including the top three.
- Los Angeles County, Calif. has nearly triple the number of Persian speakers than any other county in the nation and accounts for 21.8 percent of all Persian speakers in the United States.
- Persian is the ninth most common language spoken in California and the 10th most common language spoken in Virginia.
- Persian is the fifth most common language spoken at home in 10 counties in six states: California, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, Texas and Virginia.
- In the United States, 1 of every 841 people age five and older speaks Persian at home. In California, this figure is 1 in 204 people, while in Virginia, 1 in 345 residents is a Persian speaker.
- Within the counties, Fairfax County, Va. has the greatest rate of Persian speakers (1 in every 69 residents), followed by Alexandria city, Va. (1 in every 100 residents) and Montgomery County, Md. (1 in every 100 residents).

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Nationwide Rank: 18th

## Leading States

By Percentage				By Number of Speakers			
Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.	Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.
1	California	154,320	0.491%	1	California	154,320	0.491%
2	Virginia	19,200	0.290%	2	New York	25,975	0.146%
3	Maryland	11,950	0.242%	3	Virginia	19,200	0.290%
4	New York	25,975	0.146%	4	Texas	17,560	0.091%
5	Nevada	2,285	0.123%	5	Maryland	11,950	0.242%
6	District of Columbia	585	0.108%	6	New Jersey	6,980	0.089%
7	Washington	5,315	0.097%	7	Florida	6,805	0.045%
8	Texas	17,560	0.091%	8	Illinois	6,075	0.053%
9	New Jersey	6,980	0.089%	9	Georgia	5,480	0.072%
10	Oregon	2,730	0.085%	10	Washington	5,315	0.097%
11	Colorado	3,300	0.082%	11	Massachusetts	4,600	0.077%
12	Massachusetts	4,600	0.077%	12	Pennsylvania	3,705	0.032%
13	Arizona	3,465	0.073%	13	Arizona	3,465	0.073%
14	Georgia	5,480	0.072%	14	Colorado	3,300	0.082%
15	Kansas	1,700	0.068%	15	Michigan	3,275	0.035%
16	Oklahoma	1,865	0.058%	16	Ohio	3,080	0.029%
17	Connecticut	1,765	0.055%	17	Oregon	2,730	0.085%
18	Illinois	6,075	0.053%	18	North Carolina	2,430	0.032%
19	Utah	1,055	0.052%	19	Nevada	2,285	0.123%
20	Delaware	380	0.052%	20	Minnesota	2,095	0.046%
21	Minnesota	2,095	0.046%	21	Tennessee	1,940	0.036%
22	Florida	6,805	0.045%	22	Oklahoma	1,865	0.058%
23	Nebraska	715	0.045%	23	Connecticut	1,765	0.055%
24	New Mexico	740	0.044%	24	Kansas	1,700	0.068%
25	Tennessee	1,940	0.036%	25	Missouri	1,695	0.032%
26	Michigan	3,275	0.035%	26	Indiana	1,250	0.022%
27	Rhode Island	335	0.034%	27	Wisconsin	1,100	0.022%
28	Missouri	1,695	0.032%	28	Utah	1,055	0.052%
29	North Carolina	2,430	0.032%	29	Kentucky	970	0.026%
30	Pennsylvania	3,705	0.032%	30	Alabama	965	0.023%
31	New Hampshire	345	0.030%	31	Louisiana	915	0.022%
32	Ohio	3,080	0.029%	32	New Mexico	740	0.044%
33	Maine	340	0.028%	33	Nebraska	715	0.045%
34	Kentucky	970	0.026%	34	District of Columbia	585	0.108%
35	Alabama	965	0.023%	35	South Carolina	540	0.014%
36	Indiana	1,250	0.022%	36	Iowa	440	0.016%
37	Louisiana	915	0.022%	37	Mississippi	435	0.016%
38	Wisconsin	1,100	0.022%	38	Delaware	380	0.052%
39	West Virginia	320	0.019%	39	New Hampshire	345	0.030%
40	Hawaii	190	0.017%	40	Maine	340	0.028%
41	Mississippi	435	0.016%	41	Rhode Island	335	0.034%
42	Iowa	440	0.016%	42	Arkansas	325	0.013%
43	North Dakota	95	0.016%	43	West Virginia	320	0.019%
44	Alaska	90	0.016%	44	Hawaii	190	0.017%
45	Idaho	185	0.015%	45	Idaho	185	0.015%
46	South Carolina	540	0.014%	46	North Dakota	95	0.016%
47	Arkansas	325	0.013%	t-47	Alaska	90	0.016%
48	South Dakota	90	0.013%	t-47	South Dakota	90	0.013%
49	Vermont	65	0.011%	49	Vermont	65	0.011%
50	Montana	20	0.002%	50	Montana	20	0.002%