

POLISH

Number of Speakers: 667,415

Spoken in

931

Counties

Spoken in

51

States

Among the 10
most common
languages in

548

Counties

Among the 10
most common
languages in

14

States

11

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	Presque Isle County, Mich.	430	3.148%	1	Cook County, Ill.	156,385	3.134%
2	Cook County, Ill.	156,385	3.134%	2	Kings County, N.Y.	32,510	1.423%
3	Karnes County, Texas	420	2.890%	3	Queens County, N.Y.	20,885	1.000%
4	Hartford County, Conn.	20,555	2.562%	4	Hartford County, Conn.	20,555	2.562%
5	Bergen County, N.J.	16,875	2.036%	5	Bergen County, N.J.	16,875	2.036%
6	Passaic County, N.J.	8,625	1.907%	6	Wayne County, Mich.	14,340	0.751%
7	Union County, N.J.	9,015	1.856%	7	Erie County, N.Y.	14,085	1.578%
8	Hampden County, Mass.	7,495	1.759%	8	DuPage County, Ill.	12,845	1.533%
9	Nance County, Neb.	65	1.717%	9	Macomb County, Mich.	10,430	1.416%
10	Portage County, Wis.	1,030	1.632%	10	Middlesex County, N.J.	9,305	1.327%
11	Marshall County, Minn.	155	1.625%	11	Union County, N.J.	9,015	1.856%
12	Sherman County, Neb.	50	1.593%	12	Passaic County, N.J.	8,625	1.907%
13	Erie County, N.Y.	14,085	1.578%	13	Cuyahoga County, Ohio	8,150	0.626%
14	DuPage County, Ill.	12,845	1.533%	14	Hampden County, Mass.	7,495	1.759%
15	Montgomery County, N.Y.	685	1.474%	15	Suffolk County, N.Y.	7,470	0.566%
16	Hampshire County, Mass.	2,090	1.439%	16	Fairfield County, Conn.	7,070	0.863%
17	Wilson County, Texas	430	1.429%	17	Los Angeles County, Calif.	6,730	0.077%
18	Kings County, N.Y.	32,510	1.423%	18	Philadelphia County, Pa.	6,375	0.449%
19	Walsh County, N.D.	165	1.416%	19	Hudson County, N.J.	6,165	1.081%
20	Macomb County, Mich.	10,430	1.416%	20	New Haven County, Conn.	5,955	0.772%

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	3
3rd most common	1	34
4th most common	1	57
5th most common	2	95
6th most common	1	107
7th most common	3	92
8th most common	1	64
9th most common	3	49
10th most common	2	47
Total, 1st-5th	4	189
Total, 1st-10th	14	548
Total, any rank	51	931

Notes

- Of the 20 counties with the greatest percentage of Polish speakers, New Jersey and New York were home to three apiece.
- Cook County, Ill. has nearly five times the Polish speaking population of any other county in the nation, and accounts for 23.4 percent of the Polish speaking population of the nation.
- Polish is the third most common language spoken in Illinois and the fourth most common language spoken in New Jersey.
- Polish is the second most common language spoken at home in Otsego County, Mich., Presque Isle County, Mich., and Sherman County, Neb.
- In the United States, 1 of every 393 people age five and older speaks Polish at home. In Illinois, this figure is 1 in 62 people, while in Connecticut, 1 in 83 residents is a Polish speaker.
- Within the counties, Presque Isle County, Mich. has the greatest rate of Polish speakers (1 in every 31.7 residents), followed by Cook County, Ill. (1 in every 31.9 residents) and Karnes County, Texas (1 in every 35 residents).

For information on how the data was derived, see *Disclaimer*
For complete breakdown of speakers of Polish, see *Appendix*

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Nationwide Rank: 11th

Leading States

By Percentage				By Number of Speakers			
Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.	Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.
1	Illinois	185,750	1.609%	1	Illinois	185,750	1.609%
2	Connecticut	38,490	1.209%	2	New York	111,730	0.630%
3	New Jersey	74,665	0.950%	3	New Jersey	74,665	0.950%
4	New York	111,730	0.630%	4	Michigan	40,370	0.436%
5	Massachusetts	27,630	0.464%	5	Connecticut	38,490	1.209%
6	Michigan	40,370	0.436%	6	Pennsylvania	31,715	0.274%
7	Rhode Island	2,965	0.301%	7	Massachusetts	27,630	0.464%
8	Delaware	2,035	0.278%	8	Florida	24,850	0.165%
9	Pennsylvania	31,715	0.274%	9	California	23,435	0.075%
10	Wisconsin	12,095	0.241%	10	Ohio	16,460	0.155%
11	New Hampshire	2,095	0.181%	11	Wisconsin	12,095	0.241%
12	Vermont	975	0.170%	12	Texas	9,650	0.050%
13	Florida	24,850	0.165%	13	Indiana	7,830	0.138%
14	Ohio	16,460	0.155%	14	Maryland	6,085	0.123%
15	Indiana	7,830	0.138%	15	Arizona	5,455	0.115%
16	Colorado	5,065	0.126%	16	Colorado	5,065	0.126%
17	Maryland	6,085	0.123%	17	Minnesota	4,370	0.095%
18	Arizona	5,455	0.115%	18	Washington	4,285	0.078%
19	Nevada	2,085	0.113%	19	Virginia	3,515	0.053%
20	Minnesota	4,370	0.095%	t-20	North Carolina	2,965	0.039%
21	Nebraska	1,420	0.089%	t-20	Rhode Island	2,965	0.301%
22	Alaska	495	0.086%	22	Georgia	2,775	0.037%
23	Washington	4,285	0.078%	23	Missouri	2,295	0.044%
24	North Dakota	450	0.075%	24	New Hampshire	2,095	0.181%
25	California	23,435	0.075%	25	Nevada	2,085	0.113%
26	District of Columbia	370	0.069%	26	Delaware	2,035	0.278%
27	Maine	765	0.064%	27	Nebraska	1,420	0.089%
28	Virginia	3,515	0.053%	28	Tennessee	1,400	0.026%
29	Texas	9,650	0.050%	29	Oregon	1,240	0.039%
30	Utah	920	0.045%	30	South Carolina	1,135	0.030%
31	West Virginia	765	0.045%	31	Vermont	975	0.170%
32	Missouri	2,295	0.044%	32	Utah	920	0.045%
33	Wyoming	200	0.043%	33	Kentucky	875	0.023%
34	New Mexico	675	0.040%	t-34	Maine	765	0.064%
35	North Carolina	2,965	0.039%	t-34	West Virginia	765	0.045%
36	Oregon	1,240	0.039%	36	Kansas	705	0.028%
37	Georgia	2,775	0.037%	37	New Mexico	675	0.040%
38	Montana	295	0.035%	38	Iowa	660	0.024%
39	Idaho	385	0.032%	39	Alabama	650	0.016%
40	South Carolina	1,135	0.030%	40	Arkansas	630	0.025%
41	Kansas	705	0.028%	41	Oklahoma	555	0.017%
42	Tennessee	1,400	0.026%	42	Alaska	495	0.086%
43	South Dakota	185	0.026%	43	Louisiana	480	0.012%
44	Arkansas	630	0.025%	44	North Dakota	450	0.075%
45	Hawaii	275	0.024%	45	Idaho	385	0.032%
46	Iowa	660	0.024%	46	District of Columbia	370	0.069%
47	Kentucky	875	0.023%	47	Montana	295	0.035%
48	Oklahoma	555	0.017%	48	Hawaii	275	0.024%
49	Alabama	650	0.016%	49	Mississippi	245	0.009%
50	Louisiana	480	0.012%	50	Wyoming	200	0.043%
51	Mississippi	245	0.009%	51	South Dakota	185	0.026%