

# RUSSIAN

Number of Speakers: 706,240

Spoken in  
**811**  
Counties

Spoken in  
**51**  
States

Among the 10  
most common  
languages in  
**381**  
Counties

Among the 10  
most common  
languages in  
**18**  
States

**10**  
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	Kings County, N.Y.	135,980	5.952%	1	Kings County, N.Y.	135,980	5.952%
2	SE Fairbanks Census Area, Alaska	225	3.956%	2	Los Angeles County, Calif.	44,050	0.501%
3	San Francisco County, Calif.	16,370	2.197%	3	Queens County, N.Y.	36,515	1.749%
4	Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska	895	1.937%	4	Cook County, Ill.	28,185	0.565%
5	Clark County, Wash.	6,115	1.926%	5	San Francisco County, Calif.	16,370	2.197%
6	Richmond County, N.Y.	7,660	1.851%	6	Sacramento County, Calif.	13,820	1.217%
7	Queens County, N.Y.	36,515	1.749%	7	Philadelphia County, Pa.	13,255	0.934%
8	Yolo County, Calif.	2,735	1.743%	8	King County, Wash.	11,270	0.691%
9	Marion County, Ore.	3,720	1.419%	9	Santa Clara County, Calif.	9,930	0.635%
10	Multnomah County, Ore.	7,895	1.278%	10	Middlesex County, Mass.	9,825	0.715%
11	Sacramento County, Calif.	13,820	1.217%	11	Bergen County, N.J.	9,580	1.156%
12	Bergen County, N.J.	9,580	1.156%	12	New York County, N.Y.	9,145	0.626%
13	Bucks County, Pa.	5,980	1.070%	13	Multnomah County, Ore.	7,895	1.278%
14	Hampden County, Mass.	4,365	1.024%	14	Richmond County, N.Y.	7,660	1.851%
15	Lake County, Ill.	6,025	1.019%	15	Cuyahoga County, Ohio	7,570	0.581%
16	Baltimore County, Md.	7,175	1.012%	16	Baltimore County, Md.	7,175	1.012%
17	Rockland County, N.Y.	2,675	1.012%	17	Oakland County, Mich.	6,825	0.613%
18	Suffolk County, Mass.	6,155	0.945%	18	Middlesex County, N.J.	6,360	0.907%
19	Philadelphia County, Pa.	13,255	0.934%	19	Montgomery County, Md.	6,175	0.760%
20	Summit County, Colo.	205	0.924%	20	Suffolk County, Mass.	6,155	0.945%

## Notes

- Of the 20 counties with the greatest percentage of Russian speakers, four are located in New York, with two each in California, Alaska, Oregon and Massachusetts.
- Kings County, N.Y. (Brooklyn) is home to 19.3 percent of the nation's Russian speaking population, more than triple any other county in the U.S.
- Russian is the fifth most common language spoken in New York and Oregon and the seventh most common language spoken in Colorado.
- Russian is the second most common language spoken at home in Kenai Peninsula Borough, Alaska and the third most common language in 16 counties located in 11 states.
- In the United States, 1 of every 372 people age five and older speaks Russian at home. In New York, this figure is 1 in 81 people, while in Washington State, 1 in 176 residents is a Russian speaker.
- Within the counties, Kings County, N.Y. has the greatest rate of Russian speakers (1 in every 17 residents), followed by the southeast Fairbanks Census Area, Alaska (1 in every 25 residents) and San Francisco County, Calif. (1 in every 46 residents).

## 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	0	16
4th most common	0	18
5th most common	2	34
6th most common	0	53
7th most common	1	65
8th most common	4	65
9th most common	6	65
10th most common	5	64
Total, 1st-5th	2	69
Total, 1st-10th	18	381
Total, any rank	51	811

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

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Nationwide Rank: 10th

## Leading States

By Percentage				By Number of Speakers			
Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.	Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.
1	New York	218,765	1.233%	1	New York	218,765	1.233%
2	Washington	31,340	0.570%	2	California	118,380	0.377%
3	Massachusetts	32,580	0.547%	3	New Jersey	38,565	0.491%
4	Oregon	16,345	0.511%	4	Illinois	38,055	0.330%
5	Alaska	2,950	0.510%	5	Massachusetts	32,580	0.547%
6	New Jersey	38,565	0.491%	6	Pennsylvania	32,190	0.279%
7	California	118,380	0.377%	7	Washington	31,340	0.570%
8	Maryland	17,585	0.356%	8	Florida	19,730	0.131%
9	Illinois	38,055	0.330%	9	Maryland	17,585	0.356%
10	Pennsylvania	32,190	0.279%	10	Oregon	16,345	0.511%
11	Connecticut	8,805	0.277%	11	Ohio	16,030	0.151%
12	Colorado	10,735	0.268%	12	Michigan	11,700	0.126%
13	Minnesota	9,630	0.210%	13	Texas	11,575	0.060%
14	District of Columbia	1,110	0.206%	14	Colorado	10,735	0.268%
15	Rhode Island	1,920	0.195%	15	Minnesota	9,630	0.210%
16	Utah	3,095	0.153%	16	Virginia	9,145	0.138%
17	Ohio	16,030	0.151%	17	Connecticut	8,805	0.277%
18	Virginia	9,145	0.138%	18	Georgia	7,175	0.094%
19	Florida	19,730	0.131%	19	Missouri	5,470	0.105%
20	Michigan	11,700	0.126%	20	Wisconsin	5,360	0.107%
21	Wisconsin	5,360	0.107%	21	North Carolina	4,110	0.055%
22	Missouri	5,470	0.105%	22	Arizona	4,075	0.086%
23	Nevada	1,885	0.102%	23	Indiana	3,735	0.066%
24	Nebraska	1,560	0.098%	24	Utah	3,095	0.153%
25	Vermont	555	0.097%	25	Alaska	2,950	0.510%
26	Georgia	7,175	0.094%	26	Tennessee	2,930	0.055%
27	Idaho	1,115	0.093%	27	Iowa	2,235	0.082%
28	New Hampshire	1,010	0.087%	28	Kentucky	2,160	0.057%
29	Arizona	4,075	0.086%	29	Kansas	1,995	0.080%
30	Iowa	2,235	0.082%	30	Rhode Island	1,920	0.195%
31	Kansas	1,995	0.080%	31	Nevada	1,885	0.102%
32	Maine	895	0.074%	32	South Carolina	1,620	0.043%
33	Delaware	540	0.074%	33	Nebraska	1,560	0.098%
34	Montana	610	0.072%	34	Oklahoma	1,250	0.039%
35	Indiana	3,735	0.066%	35	Alabama	1,220	0.029%
36	Texas	11,575	0.060%	36	Idaho	1,115	0.093%
37	South Dakota	410	0.058%	37	District of Columbia	1,110	0.206%
38	Kentucky	2,160	0.057%	38	New Hampshire	1,010	0.087%
39	Tennessee	2,930	0.055%	39	Louisiana	935	0.023%
40	North Dakota	330	0.055%	40	Maine	895	0.074%
41	North Carolina	4,110	0.055%	41	New Mexico	720	0.043%
42	South Carolina	1,620	0.043%	42	Montana	610	0.072%
43	New Mexico	720	0.043%	43	Arkansas	570	0.023%
44	Oklahoma	1,250	0.039%	44	Mississippi	565	0.021%
45	Hawaii	430	0.038%	45	Vermont	555	0.097%
46	Wyoming	170	0.037%	46	Delaware	540	0.074%
47	Alabama	1,220	0.029%	47	Hawaii	430	0.038%
48	Arkansas	570	0.023%	48	South Dakota	410	0.058%
49	Louisiana	935	0.023%	49	West Virginia	370	0.022%
50	West Virginia	370	0.022%	50	North Dakota	330	0.055%
51	Mississippi	565	0.021%	51	Wyoming	170	0.037%