

SPANISH

Number of Speakers: 28,100,725

Spoken in
3122
Counties

Spoken in
51
States

Among the 10
most common
languages in
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Counties

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2
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	Webb County, Texas	157,855	91.447%	1	Los Angeles Cty., Calif.	3,330,890	37.893%
2	Maverick County, Texas	38,560	90.965%	2	Miami-Dade County, Fla.	1,248,605	59.237%
3	Starr County, Texas	43,430	90.498%	3	Harris County, Texas	898,885	28.797%
4	Kenedy County, Texas	325	85.526%	4	Cook County, Ill.	879,995	17.633%
5	Zavala County, Texas	8,965	84.735%	5	Orange County, Calif.	665,070	25.271%
6	Presidio County, Texas	5,655	84.089%	6	San Diego County, Calif.	573,650	21.920%
7	Hidalgo County, Texas	421,110	82.383%	7	Maricopa County, Ariz.	540,740	19.095%
8	Jim Hogg County, Texas	3,965	81.753%	8	Dallas County, Texas	539,570	26.478%
9	Santa Cruz County, Ariz.	27,955	79.689%	9	Bronx County, N.Y.	534,660	43.666%
10	Zapata County, Texas	8,655	78.610%	10	Bexar County, Texas	517,885	40.361%
11	Cameron County, Texas	237,660	78.348%	11	Queens County, N.Y.	485,035	23.227%
12	Duval County, Texas	9,480	78.315%	12	El Paso County, Texas	442,235	71.236%
13	Willacy County, Texas	14,330	77.944%	13	San Bernardino Cty., Calif.	434,445	27.708%
14	Brooks County, Texas	5,650	77.557%	14	Hidalgo County, Texas	421,110	82.383%
15	Dimmit County, Texas	7,165	76.427%	15	Kings County, N.Y.	411,340	18.005%
16	Hudspeth County, Texas	2,255	74.056%	16	Riverside County, Calif.	394,320	27.666%
17	Culberson County, Texas	1,985	72.871%	17	New York County, N.Y.	364,115	24.914%
18	El Paso County, Texas	442,235	71.236%	18	Santa Clara County, Calif.	275,440	17.618%
19	La Salle County, Texas	3,730	69.460%	19	Broward County, Fla.	248,190	16.325%
20	Val Verde County, Texas	28,260	69.282%	20	Cameron County, Texas	237,660	78.348%

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	35
2nd most common	44	2706
3rd most common	5	292
4th most common	1	59
5th most common	0	24
6th most common	0	5
7th most common	1	1
8th most common	0	0
9th most common	0	0
10th most common	0	0
Total, 1st-5th	50	3116
Total, 1st-10th	51	3122
Total, any rank	51	3122

Notes

- 19 of the 20 counties with the highest percentage of Spanish speakers are located in Texas.
- Spanish is the only language other than English to be spoken by more than 63 percent of the population in any county in the United States.
- The percentage of Spanish speakers in Webb County, Texas (91.5 percent) is greater than the percentage of English speakers in 750 counties.
- Spanish is the second most common language spoken in 43 states and the District of Columbia.
- Spanish is the most common language spoken at home in 35 counties. Nearly three-quarters of these counties are located in Texas, with others in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida and New Mexico.
- In the United States, 1 of every 9.3 people age five and older speaks Spanish at home. In New Mexico, this figure is 1 in 3.5 people, while in Texas, 1 in 3.7 residents is a Spanish speaker.
- Within the counties, Webb County, Texas has the greatest rate of Spanish speakers (91.4 in every 100 residents), followed by Maverick County, Texas (91.0 in every 100 residents) and Starr County, Texas (90.5 in every 100 residents).

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

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Nationwide Rank: 2nd

Leading States

By Percentage				By Number of Speakers			
Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.	Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.
1	New Mexico	485,680	28.753%	1	California	8,105,445	25.801%
2	Texas	5,195,180	27.001%	2	Texas	5,195,180	27.001%
3	California	8,105,445	25.801%	3	Florida	2,476,500	16.463%
4	Arizona	927,395	19.516%	4	New York	2,416,045	13.613%
5	Florida	2,476,500	16.463%	5	Illinois	1,253,670	10.857%
6	Nevada	299,945	16.187%	6	New Jersey	967,700	12.319%
7	New York	2,416,045	13.613%	7	Arizona	927,395	19.516%
8	New Jersey	967,700	12.319%	8	New Mexico	485,680	28.753%
9	Illinois	1,253,670	10.857%	9	Georgia	426,115	5.611%
10	Colorado	421,670	10.527%	10	Colorado	421,670	10.527%
11	District of Columbia	49,460	9.172%	11	North Carolina	378,940	5.044%
12	Connecticut	268,045	8.419%	12	Massachusetts	370,010	6.215%
13	Rhode Island	79,445	8.068%	13	Pennsylvania	356,740	3.087%
14	Utah	150,245	7.426%	14	Washington	321,425	5.843%
15	Oregon	217,605	6.803%	15	Virginia	316,275	4.779%
16	Idaho	80,240	6.708%	16	Nevada	299,945	16.187%
17	Massachusetts	370,010	6.215%	17	Connecticut	268,045	8.419%
18	Washington	321,425	5.843%	18	Michigan	246,680	2.662%
19	Georgia	426,115	5.611%	19	Maryland	230,830	4.669%
20	Kansas	137,245	5.490%	20	Oregon	217,605	6.803%
21	North Carolina	378,940	5.044%	21	Ohio	213,145	2.011%
22	Nebraska	77,655	4.871%	22	Indiana	185,555	3.280%
23	Virginia	316,275	4.779%	23	Wisconsin	168,780	3.361%
24	Delaware	34,690	4.740%	24	Utah	150,245	7.426%
25	Maryland	230,830	4.669%	25	Oklahoma	141,060	4.387%
26	Oklahoma	141,060	4.387%	26	Kansas	137,245	5.490%
27	Wyoming	18,605	4.023%	27	Tennessee	133,930	2.520%
28	Wisconsin	168,780	3.361%	28	Minnesota	132,065	2.877%
29	Arkansas	82,465	3.310%	29	Missouri	110,750	2.119%
30	Indiana	185,555	3.280%	30	South Carolina	110,030	2.936%
31	Pennsylvania	356,740	3.087%	31	Louisiana	105,190	2.533%
32	South Carolina	110,030	2.936%	32	Alabama	89,730	2.161%
33	Iowa	79,490	2.903%	33	Arkansas	82,465	3.310%
34	Alaska	16,675	2.880%	34	Idaho	80,240	6.708%
35	Minnesota	132,065	2.877%	35	Iowa	79,490	2.903%
36	Michigan	246,680	2.662%	36	Rhode Island	79,445	8.068%
37	Louisiana	105,190	2.533%	37	Nebraska	77,655	4.871%
38	Tennessee	133,930	2.520%	38	Kentucky	70,060	1.856%
39	Alabama	89,730	2.161%	39	Mississippi	50,515	1.913%
40	Missouri	110,750	2.119%	40	District of Columbia	49,460	9.172%
41	Ohio	213,145	2.011%	41	Delaware	34,690	4.740%
42	Mississippi	50,515	1.913%	42	Hawaii	18,820	1.660%
43	Kentucky	70,060	1.856%	43	New Hampshire	18,645	1.607%
44	Hawaii	18,820	1.660%	44	Wyoming	18,605	4.023%
45	New Hampshire	18,645	1.607%	45	West Virginia	17,650	1.034%
46	Montana	12,955	1.530%	46	Alaska	16,675	2.880%
47	South Dakota	10,050	1.429%	47	Montana	12,955	1.530%
48	North Dakota	8,265	1.371%	48	South Dakota	10,050	1.429%
49	West Virginia	17,650	1.034%	49	Maine	9,610	0.798%
50	Vermont	5,790	1.008%	50	North Dakota	8,265	1.371%
51	Maine	9,610	0.798%	51	Vermont	5,790	1.008%