

SWAHILI

Number of Speakers: 36,690

Spoken in
240
Counties

Spoken in
48
States

Among the 10
most common
languages in
18
Counties

Among the 10
most common
languages in
0
States

61
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	Pike County, Ala.	55	0.201%	1	Los Angeles County, Calif.	1,225	0.014%
2	Columbia County, Ark.	35	0.146%	2	Harris County, Texas	1,030	0.033%
3	Hudson County, N.J.	750	0.131%	3	Montgomery County, Md.	1,005	0.124%
4	Johnson County, Iowa	135	0.129%	4	Hennepin County, Minn.	1,000	0.096%
5	Stephens County, Ga.	30	0.127%	5	Dallas County, Texas	980	0.048%
6	Lincoln Parish, La.	50	0.126%	6	Middlesex County, Mass.	775	0.056%
7	Montgomery County, Md.	1,005	0.124%	7	Hudson County, N.J.	750	0.131%
8	Cobb County, Ga.	680	0.121%	8	Cook County, Ill.	710	0.014%
9	Whitman County, Wash.	45	0.117%	9	Cobb County, Ga.	680	0.121%
10	Knox County, Neb.	10	0.114%	10	Tarrant County, Texas	610	0.046%
11	Durham County, N.C.	230	0.111%	11	King County, Wash.	595	0.036%
12	Clarke County, Ga.	105	0.110%	12	Prince George's County, Md.	575	0.077%
13	Lyon County, Minn.	25	0.106%	13	Kings County, N.Y.	565	0.025%
14	Tompkins County, N.Y.	90	0.098%	14	Alameda County, Calif.	500	0.037%
15	Hennepin County, Minn.	1,000	0.096%	15	Baltimore County, Md.	440	0.062%
16	Monroe County, Ind.	105	0.092%	16	Wayne County, Mich.	415	0.022%
17	Alexandria city, Va.	110	0.092%	17	Worcester County, Mass.	410	0.059%
18	Prince George's County, Md.	575	0.077%	18	Franklin County, Ohio	395	0.040%
19	Liberty County, Texas	50	0.077%	19	Jefferson County, Ala.	385	0.062%
20	Berrien County, Mich.	115	0.076%	20	Suffolk County, Mass.	375	0.058%

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	1
5th most common	0	1
6th most common	0	4
7th most common	0	5
8th most common	0	2
9th most common	0	3
10th most common	0	2
Total, 1st-5th	0	2
Total, 1st-10th	0	18
Total, any rank	48	240

Notes

- Of the 20 counties with the greatest number of Swahili speakers, Georgia and the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area are home to three apiece.
- Swahili is the 21st most common language spoken in Alabama and the 27th most common language spoken in Iowa.
- Swahili is the fourth most common language spoken at home in Columbia County, Ark. and the fifth most common language in Stephens County, Ga.
- In the United States, 1 of every 7,151 people age five and older speaks Swahili at home. In Maryland, this figure is 1 in 1,887 people, while in the District of Columbia, 1 in 2,115 residents is a Swahili speaker.
- Within the counties, Pike County, Ala. has the greatest rate of Swahili speakers (1 in every 498 residents), followed by Columbia County, Ark. (1 in every 684 residents) and Hudson County, N.J. (1 in every 761 residents).

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Nationwide Rank: 61st

Leading States

By Percentage				By Number of Speakers			
Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.	Rank	State	Speakers	Pct.
1	Maryland	2,620	0.053%	1	California	3,685	0.012%
2	District of Columbia	255	0.047%	2	Texas	3,485	0.018%
3	Minnesota	1,685	0.037%	3	Maryland	2,620	0.053%
4	Massachusetts	2,055	0.035%	4	New York	2,275	0.013%
5	Delaware	205	0.028%	5	Massachusetts	2,055	0.035%
6	New Jersey	1,870	0.024%	6	New Jersey	1,870	0.024%
7	Georgia	1,770	0.023%	7	Georgia	1,770	0.023%
8	Kansas	535	0.021%	8	Minnesota	1,685	0.037%
9	Iowa	515	0.019%	9	Ohio	1,380	0.013%
10	New Hampshire	215	0.019%	10	Pennsylvania	1,260	0.011%
11	Texas	3,485	0.018%	11	Illinois	1,225	0.011%
12	Missouri	940	0.018%	t-12	Florida	1,135	0.008%
13	Washington	950	0.017%	t-12	Michigan	1,135	0.012%
14	Alabama	700	0.017%	14	North Carolina	970	0.013%
15	Indiana	865	0.015%	15	Washington	950	0.017%
16	Oregon	445	0.014%	16	Missouri	940	0.018%
17	Virginia	905	0.014%	17	Virginia	905	0.014%
18	Ohio	1,380	0.013%	18	Indiana	865	0.015%
19	North Carolina	970	0.013%	19	Alabama	700	0.017%
20	Nebraska	205	0.013%	20	Kansas	535	0.021%
21	New York	2,275	0.013%	21	Iowa	515	0.019%
22	Michigan	1,135	0.012%	22	Oregon	445	0.014%
23	California	3,685	0.012%	23	Tennessee	375	0.007%
24	South Dakota	80	0.011%	24	Oklahoma	335	0.010%
25	Pennsylvania	1,260	0.011%	25	Arizona	330	0.007%
26	Rhode Island	105	0.011%	26	Louisiana	295	0.007%
27	Illinois	1,225	0.011%	27	District of Columbia	255	0.047%
28	Oklahoma	335	0.010%	28	Colorado	250	0.006%
29	Vermont	45	0.008%	29	Kentucky	235	0.006%
30	Florida	1,135	0.008%	30	South Carolina	230	0.006%
31	Louisiana	295	0.007%	31	New Hampshire	215	0.019%
32	Tennessee	375	0.007%	32	Connecticut	210	0.007%
33	Arizona	330	0.007%	t-33	Delaware	205	0.028%
34	Connecticut	210	0.007%	t-33	Nebraska	205	0.013%
35	Colorado	250	0.006%	35	Wisconsin	195	0.004%
36	Kentucky	235	0.006%	36	Arkansas	145	0.006%
37	Nevada	115	0.006%	37	Mississippi	120	0.005%
38	South Carolina	230	0.006%	38	Nevada	115	0.006%
39	Arkansas	145	0.006%	39	Rhode Island	105	0.011%
40	Idaho	55	0.005%	40	South Dakota	80	0.011%
41	Mississippi	120	0.005%	41	Utah	70	0.003%
42	Montana	35	0.004%	42	Idaho	55	0.005%
43	Wisconsin	195	0.004%	t-43	New Mexico	45	0.003%
44	Utah	70	0.003%	t-43	Vermont	45	0.008%
45	Alaska	20	0.003%	t-45	Maine	40	0.003%
46	Maine	40	0.003%	t-45	West Virginia	40	0.002%
47	New Mexico	45	0.003%	47	Montana	35	0.004%
48	West Virginia	40	0.002%	48	Alaska	20	0.003%