

CALIFORNIA

Population: 33,871,648

Number of Counties: 58

207

Languages
spoken

38

Counties with
20 or more
languages
spoken

48

Counties with
10 or more
languages
spoken

56

Counties with
5 or more
languages
spoken

90

Languages
with 1,000
or more
speakers

Most Common Languages Spoken

Rank	Language	Speakers
1	English	19,014,875
2	Spanish	8,105,445
3	Tagalog	626,400
4	Chinese	527,095
5	Vietnamese	407,120
6	Korean	298,075
7	Armenian	155,235
8	Japanese	154,635
9	Persian	154,320
10	Cantonese	152,245
11	German	141,620
12	French	134,250
13	Russian	118,380
14	Arabic	108,340
15	Mandarin	92,970
16	Italian	84,190
17	Portuguese	78,385
18	Hindi	76,135
19	Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	71,305
20	Panjabi	67,820
21	Miao, Hmong	65,530
22	Formosan	41,850
23	Laotian	41,315
24	Kan, Hsiang	39,970
25	Hebrew	34,645
26	Gujarathi	33,110
27	Urdu	31,590
28	Samoan	30,510
29	Greek	28,845
30	Dutch	27,735
31	Polish	23,435
32	Romanian	21,340
33	Ilocano	20,920
34	Indonesian	20,910
35	Hungarian	19,230
36	Syriac	19,010
37	Tamil	16,995
38	Amharic	15,575
39	Kru, Ibo, Yoruba	14,405
40	India, n.e.c.	14,265
41	Telugu	13,820
42	Miao-Yao, Mien	13,640
43	Ukrainian	13,455
44	Swedish	13,350
45	Bengali	12,595
46	Tongan	11,630
47	Burmese	10,555
48	Serbocroatian	9,990
49	Turkish	8,990
50	Yiddish	8,950

Counties With the Most Languages Spoken

Rank	County	Languages
1	Los Angeles County	135
2	San Diego County	110
3	Santa Clara County	104
4	Alameda County	101
5	Orange County	100
6	San Francisco County	94
7	Sacramento County	91
8	Riverside County	86
9	San Bernardino County	85
10	San Mateo County	83
11	Contra Costa County	82
12	Ventura County	75
13	Fresno County	66
14	Sonoma County	65
15	San Joaquin County	63
16	Solano County	61
17	Santa Barbara County	60
18	Kern County	55
19	Monterey County	53
t-20	Marin County	50
t-20	Stanislaus County	50
22	Yolo County	49
23	Santa Cruz County	48
t-24	Butte County	42
t-24	Placer County	42
t-24	San Luis Obispo County	42

Languages in California

- Los Angeles County's 135 languages represented the highest number recorded in any county in the United States. Other California counties that were highly ranked included: San Diego County (t-3), Santa Clara County (7), Alameda County (8), Orange County (9), San Francisco County (14), Sacramento County (17), Riverside County (t-21), San Bernardino County (t-23), San Mateo County (30), Contra Costa County (t-31), Ventura County (t-47), Fresno County (t-85), Sonoma County (t-91) and San Joaquin County (100).
- California has the highest percentage of speakers of Armenian, Aztec, Burmese, Cantonese, Formosan, Indonesian, Mandarin, Oto-Manguen, Panjabi, Persian and Vietnamese in the United States. The Golden State also ranks second in the percentage of Fijian, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Marathi, Miao-Yao/Mien, Sinhalese and Tagalog speakers.

For information on how the data was derived, see Disclaimer
For data on all languages and counties in California, see Appendix

Number of Languages Spoken By County

