

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Population: 572,059

Number of Counties: 1

79

Languages
spoken

1

Counties with
20 or more
languages
spoken

1

Counties with
10 or more
languages
spoken

1

Counties with
5 or more
languages
spoken

13

Languages
with 1,000
or more
speakers

Most Common Languages Spoken

Rank	Language	Speakers
1	English	449,240
2	Spanish	49,460
3	French	9,005
4	German	2,695
5	Amharic	2,365
6	Chinese	2,225
7	Arabic	2,095
8	Kru, Ibo, Yoruba	1,910
9	Italian	1,725
10	Vietnamese	1,610
11	Tagalog	1,355
12	Russian	1,110
13	Portuguese	1,015
14	Japanese	925
15	Greek	790
16	Korean	710
17	Urdu	605
18	French Creole	600
19	Persian	585
20	Croatian	500
21	Hindi	475
22	Dutch	410
23	Hebrew	380
24	Polish	370
25	Mandarin	355
26	Swedish	320
27	Turkish	310
28	Hungarian	305
29	Ukrainian	265
t-30	Jamaican Creole	255
t-30	Swahili	255
t-32	Bengali	245
t-32	Cantonese	245
34	Thai	235
35	Czech	225
36	Norwegian	220
37	Bulgarian	215
38	Serbocroatian	190
t-39	Fulani	185
t-39	Romanian	185
41	Gujarathi	180
42	Finnish	165
43	Indonesian	150
44	Bantu	145
45	Krio	140
46	Panjabi	135
t-47	Tamil	115
t-47	Yiddish	115
t-49	Cushite	105
t-49	Slovak	105

Counties With the Most Languages Spoken

Rank	County	Languages
1	District of Columbia	79

Languages in the District of Columbia

- The District of Columbia's 79 languages tied for the 35th highest number recorded in any county in the United States.
- The District of Columbia has the highest percentage of speakers of Amharic, Bulgarian, Croatian, Fulani, Jamaican Creole and Krio in the United States. The nation's capital also ranks second in the percentage of Burmese, Kru/Ibo/Yoruba, Malay, Nepali, Slovene and Swahili speakers and third in the percentage of African, Bantu, Efik, Swedish and Turkish speakers.
- The District of Columbia has the fifth highest percentage of Amharic speakers of any county in the nation. Other languages that rank highly in the District of Columbia include: Jamaican Creole (fifth) and Krio (eighth).

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For data on all languages and counties in the District of Columbia, see Appendix

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Number of Languages Spoken By County

