

ILLINOIS

Population: 12,419,293

Number of Counties: 102

132

Languages spoken

18

Counties with 20 or more languages spoken

32

Counties with 10 or more languages spoken

76

Counties with 5 or more languages spoken

63

Languages with 1,000 or more speakers

Most Common Languages Spoken

Rank	Language	Speakers
1	English	9,326,785
2	Spanish	1,253,670
3	Polish	185,750
4	German	63,355
5	Tagalog	62,365
6	Italian	51,975
7	Chinese	51,930
8	Korean	43,710
9	Greek	40,580
10	French	40,310
11	Russian	38,055
12	Arabic	35,395
13	Urdu	32,420
14	Gujarathi	28,725
15	Hindi	18,735
16	Vietnamese	16,485
17	Japanese	15,480
18	Syriac	13,245
19	Serbocroatian	12,815
20	Romanian	11,570
21	Ukrainian	11,390
22	Lithuanian	10,900
23	Serbian	10,790
24	Kru, Ibo, Yoruba	10,020
25	Malayalam	9,355
26	Czech	7,010
27	Telugu	6,460
28	Thai	6,290
29	Cantonese	6,215
30	Persian	6,075
31	Croatian	6,025
32	India, n.e.c.	5,900
33	Hebrew	5,705
34	Albanian	5,650
35	Tamil	5,240
36	Laotian	4,835
37	Mandarin	4,595
38	Panjabi	4,315
39	Hungarian	4,270
40	Portuguese	4,175
41	Bulgarian	4,100
42	French Creole	4,035
43	Swedish	3,790
44	Dutch	3,765
45	Yiddish	3,510
46	Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	3,235
47	Turkish	3,005
48	Slovak	2,915
49	Bengali	2,840
50	Formosan	2,470

Counties With the Most Languages Spoken

Rank	County	Languages
1	Cook County	109
2	DuPage County	77
3	Lake County	71
t-4	Champaign County	52
t-4	Will County	52
6	Kane County	47
7	McHenry County	41
8	Winnebago County	38
9	McLean County	34
10	DeKalb County	32
11	Peoria County	31
t-12	Jackson County	29
t-12	La Salle County	29
t-14	Rock Island County	28
t-14	Sangamon County	28
t-16	Madison County	26
t-16	St. Clair County	26
18	Kankakee County	20
19	Macon County	17
20	Tazewell County	15
t-21	Bureau County	14
t-21	Kendall County	14
t-21	Vermilion County	14
t-24	Coles County	13
t-24	Knox County	13
t-24	McDonough County	13
t-24	Stephenson County	13

Languages in Illinois

- Cook County's 109 languages represented the fifth highest number recorded in any county in the United States. Other Illinois counties that were highly ranked included: DuPage County (t-41), Lake County (t-65), Champaign County (t-146), Will County (t-146), and Kane County (t-174).
- Illinois has the highest percentage of speakers of Lithuanian, Polish and Serbian in the United States. The Land of Lincoln also ranks second in the percentage of Gujarathi, Malayalam, Syriac and Urdu speakers and third in the percentage of Bulgarian and Romanian speakers.
- Cook County has the second highest percentage of Bulgarian and Polish speakers of any county in the nation. Other counties that rank highly in a given language include: DuPage County (third, Gujarathi), Cook County (fourth, Syriac), DuPage County (fourth, Lithuanian) and DuPage County (fourth, Urdu).

Number of Languages Spoken By County

