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Population: 2,926,324

Number of Counties: 99

104

Languages
spoken

7

Counties with
20 or more
languages
spoken

14

Counties with
10 or more
languages
spoken

66

Counties with
5 or more
languages
spoken

20

Languages
with 1,000
or more
speakers

Most Common Languages Spoken

Rank	Language	Speakers
1	English	2,578,475
2	Spanish	79,490
3	German	17,160
4	French	7,425
5	Vietnamese	6,180
6	Serbocroatian	5,745
7	Chinese	4,295
8	Laotian	3,940
9	Korean	2,495
10	Russian	2,235
11	Arabic	2,055
12	Dutch	2,040
13	Czech	1,525
14	Tagalog	1,450
15	Pennsylvania Dutch	1,385
16	Thai	1,305
17	Japanese	1,235
18	Italian	1,205
19	Hindi	1,185
20	Norwegian	1,150
21	Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	820
22	Greek	710
23	Polish	660
24	Danish	650
25	Fox	570
26	Swedish	550
27	Swahili	515
28	Indonesian	505
29	Urdu	475
30	Nilotic	470
t-31	Croatian	440
t-31	Gujarathi	440
t-31	Persian	440
34	Mandarin	430
35	Tamil	410
36	Telugu	395
37	Hebrew	375
38	Portuguese	365
39	Kru, Ibo, Yoruba	325
t-40	Bengali	265
t-40	Serbian	265
t-40	Ukrainian	265
43	Turkish	260
t-44	Malayalam	255
t-44	Sudanic	255
46	Formosan	235
t-47	Cantonese	230
t-47	India, n.e.c.	230
49	Cushite	225
50	Cherokee	215

Counties With the Most Languages Spoken

Rank	County	Languages
1	Polk County	50
2	Story County	41
3	Johnson County	39
4	Linn County	32
5	Scott County	26
6	Black Hawk County	25
7	Woodbury County	23
8	Pottawattamie County	17
9	Dubuque County	16
10	Marshall County	15
11	Buena Vista County	11
t-12	Allamakee County	10
t-12	Washington County	10
t-12	Webster County	10
t-15	Cerro Gordo County	9
t-15	Dallas County	9
t-15	Henry County	9
t-15	Winnebago County	9
t-19	Benton County	8
t-19	Clayton County	8
t-19	Clinton County	8
t-19	Fayette County	8
t-19	Hamilton County	8
t-19	Marion County	8
t-19	Muscatine County	8
t-19	Wapello County	8
t-19	Warren County	8

Languages in Iowa

- Polk County's 50 languages tied for the 155th highest number recorded in any county in the United States. Other Iowa counties that were highly ranked included: Story County (t-219), Johnson County (t-230) and Linn County (t-287).
- Iowa has the highest percentage of speakers of Luxembourish in the United States. The Hawkeye State also ranks second in the percentage of Nilotic and Serbocroatian speakers and fourth in the percentage of Sudanic speakers.
- Black Hawk County has the highest percentage of Serbocroatian speakers of any county in the nation. Other counties that rank highly in a given language include: Buena Vista County (first, Laotian) and Polk County (fifth, Serbocroatian).

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Number of Languages Spoken By County

