

MASSACHUSETTS

Population: 6,349,097

Number of Counties: 14

118

Languages
spoken

12

Counties with
20 or more
languages
spoken

12

Counties with
10 or more
languages
spoken

14

Counties with
5 or more
languages
spoken

53

Languages
with 1,000
or more
speakers

Most Common Languages Spoken

Rank	Language	Speakers
1	English	4,838,680
2	Spanish	370,010
3	Portuguese	159,745
4	French	84,040
5	Italian	59,810
6	Chinese	56,850
7	French Creole	43,520
8	Russian	32,580
9	Vietnamese	30,400
10	Greek	28,820
11	Polish	27,630
12	Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	21,550
13	German	20,020
14	Arabic	18,740
15	Korean	12,135
16	Japanese	9,985
17	Hindi	9,170
18	Cantonese	8,955
19	Armenian	8,090
20	Hebrew	6,530
21	Kru, Ibo, Yoruba	5,900
22	Tagalog	5,700
23	Albanian	5,080
24	Gujarathi	4,945
25	Persian	4,600
26	Urdu	4,230
27	Mandarin	4,045
28	Laotian	3,465
29	Irish Gaelic	3,280
30	Tamil	3,260
31	Dutch	2,875
32	Swedish	2,800
33	Bengali	2,735
34	Telugu	2,655
35	Serbocroatian	2,640
36	Turkish	2,565
37	Lithuanian	2,535
38	Yiddish	2,380
39	Thai	2,230
40	India, n.e.c.	2,140
41	Amharic	2,130
42	Swahili	2,055
43	Ukrainian	1,980
44	Finnish	1,975
45	Romanian	1,680
46	Hungarian	1,620
47	Malayalam	1,590
48	Bantu	1,495
49	Formosan	1,465
50	Cushite	1,150

Counties With the Most Languages Spoken

Rank	County	Languages
1	Middlesex County	86
2	Suffolk County	84
3	Worcester County	68
4	Norfolk County	67
5	Essex County	60
6	Hampden County	52
7	Hampshire County	48
8	Plymouth County	47
9	Bristol County	43
10	Barnstable County	31
11	Berkshire County	30
12	Franklin County	24
13	Dukes County	8
14	Nantucket County	5

Languages in Massachusetts

- Middlesex County's 86 languages tied for the 21st highest number recorded in any county in the United States. Other Massachusetts counties that were highly ranked included: Suffolk County (t-25), Worcester County (t-77), Norfolk County (t-83), Essex County (t-108) and Hampden County (t-146).
- Massachusetts has the highest percentage of speakers of Irish Gaelic in the United States. The Bay State also ranks second in the percentage of French Creole, Greek, Mon-Khmer/Cambodian and Portuguese speakers and third in the percentage of Armenian, Lithuanian, Micmac, Nepali, Russian and Tamil speakers.
- Bristol County has the highest percentage of Portuguese speakers of any county in the nation. Other counties that rank highly in a given language include: Norfolk County (third, Irish Gaelic) and Suffolk County (fourth, French Creole).

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Number of Languages Spoken By County

