

MINNESOTA

Population: 4,919,479

Number of Counties: 87

124

Languages spoken

13

Counties with 20 or more languages spoken

44

Counties with 10 or more languages spoken

86

Counties with 5 or more languages spoken

37

Languages with 1,000 or more speakers

Most Common Languages Spoken

Rank	Language	Speakers
1	English	4,201,505
2	Spanish	132,065
3	Miao, Hmong	41,675
4	German	35,025
5	Vietnamese	16,505
6	French	15,600
7	Cushite	13,075
8	Chinese	10,415
9	Russian	9,630
10	Norwegian	8,065
11	Laotian	7,985
12	Arabic	5,570
13	Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	5,480
14	Finnish	5,280
15	Polish	4,370
16	Korean	4,320
17	Ojibwa	4,275
18	Amharic	4,065
19	Swedish	3,825
20	Japanese	3,790
21	Tagalog	3,665
22	Italian	3,175
23	Kru, Ibo, Yoruba	3,145
24	Czech	2,845
25	Hindi	2,630
26	Urdu	2,500
27	Serbocroatian	2,265
28	Ukrainian	2,235
29	Persian	2,095
30	Swahili	1,685
31	Dutch	1,615
32	Telugu	1,595
33	Greek	1,465
34	Portuguese	1,305
35	Hebrew	1,270
36	Tamil	1,185
37	Thai	1,045
38	Cantonese	960
t-39	Bengali	955
t-39	Gujarathi	955
41	Lettish	940
42	Mandarin	915
43	Mande	860
44	Dakota	810
45	Danish	735
46	Hungarian	665
47	Croatian	650
48	Turkish	645
49	Serbian	640
50	Romanian	635

Counties With the Most Languages Spoken

Rank	County	Languages
1	Hennepin County	90
2	Ramsey County	74
3	Dakota County	53
4	Anoka County	46
5	Olmsted County	42
6	Washington County	38
7	St. Louis County	36
8	Stearns County	31
9	Blue Earth County	28
10	Rice County	25
11	Scott County	24
12	Carver County	23
13	Winona County	22
14	Itasca County	19
t-15	Beltrami County	17
t-15	Clay County	17
t-17	Goodhue County	16
t-17	Wright County	16
t-19	Crow Wing County	15
t-19	Nicollet County	15
t-19	Otter Tail County	15
t-19	Pine County	15
t-23	Lyon County	14
t-23	Mower County	14
t-23	Sherburne County	14
t-23	Steele County	14

Languages in Minnesota

- Hennepin County's 90 languages represented the 18th highest number recorded in any county in the United States. Other Minnesota counties that were highly ranked included: Ramsey County (t-52), Dakota County (t-138) and Anoka County (t-181).
- Minnesota has the highest percentage of speakers of Cushite, Finnish, Miao/Hmong, Ojibwa, Swedish and Tibetan in the United States. The North Star State also ranks second in the percentage of Lettish and Norwegian speakers and third in the percentage of Laotian, Mande and Swahili speakers.
- Ramsey County has the highest percentage of Miao/Hmong speakers of any county in the nation. Other counties that rank highly in a given language include: Beltrami County (first, Ojibwa), Olmsted County (second, Cushite), Hennepin County (third, Cushite), Hennepin County (fourth, Mande), Olmsted County (fifth, Mon-Khmer/Cambodian).

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Number of Languages Spoken By County

