

NEW YORK

Population: 18,976,457

Number of Counties: 62

169

Languages spoken

36

Counties with 20 or more languages spoken

57

Counties with 10 or more languages spoken

62

Counties with 5 or more languages spoken

78

Languages with 1,000 or more speakers

Most Common Languages Spoken

Rank	Language	Speakers
1	English	12,786,190
2	Spanish	2,416,045
3	Chinese	304,155
4	Italian	294,270
5	Russian	218,765
6	French	174,080
7	French Creole	114,745
8	Yiddish	113,515
9	Polish	111,730
10	Korean	102,105
11	German	92,685
12	Greek	86,660
13	Arabic	69,960
14	Hebrew	67,675
15	Tagalog	65,505
16	Urdu	52,450
17	Bengali	51,765
18	Cantonese	42,050
19	Portuguese	41,315
20	Hindi	41,150
21	Japanese	34,570
22	Kru, Ibo, Yoruba	34,055
23	Albanian	26,630
24	Persian	25,975
25	Ukrainian	23,365
26	Punjabi	22,555
27	Vietnamese	20,250
28	Malayalam	19,275
29	Mandarin	19,040
30	Hungarian	18,420
31	Serbocroatian	17,385
32	Romanian	17,250
33	Gujarathi	16,910
34	Turkish	16,445
35	Croatian	11,460
36	India, n.e.c.	11,185
37	Dutch	10,320
38	Armenian	8,575
39	Formosan	8,140
40	Thai	7,200
41	Patois	6,710
42	Tamil	6,210
43	Telugu	5,130
44	Swedish	4,880
45	Czech	4,810
46	Irish Gaelic	4,780
47	Jamaican Creole	4,385
48	Slovak	4,320
49	Norwegian	4,195
50	Fulani	4,155

Counties With the Most Languages Spoken

Rank	County	Languages
1	Queens County	105
t-2	Kings County	96
t-2	New York County	96
4	Westchester County	79
5	Nassau County	78
6	Bronx County	77
7	Suffolk County	75
8	Erie County	74
9	Monroe County	70
t-10	Onondaga County	64
t-10	Richmond County	64
12	Albany County	56
13	Orange County	54
t-14	Dutchess County	53
t-14	Rockland County	53
16	Broome County	50
17	Tompkins County	48
18	Ulster County	43
19	Schenectady County	41
20	Saratoga County	40
21	Oneida County	38
22	Rensselaer County	34
t-23	Niagara County	31
t-23	Sullivan County	31
25	Chautauqua County	29

Languages in New York

- Queens County's 105 languages represented the sixth highest number recorded in any county in the United States. Other New York counties that were highly ranked included: Kings County (t-11), New York County (t-11), Westchester County (t-35), Nassau County (40), Bronx County (t-41), Suffolk County (t-47), Erie County (t-52), Monroe County (t-68), Onondaga County (t-96), and Richmond County (t-96).
- New York has the highest percentage of speakers of African, Bengali, Caucasian, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Malayalam, Pakistan (n.e.c.), Pashto, Patois, Russian, Urdu and Yiddish in the United States. The Empire State also ranks second in the percentage of Albanian, Chadic, Chinese, Irish Gaelic, Punjabi and Turkish speakers.
- Queens County has the highest percentage of Bengali and Greek speakers of any county in the nation.

Number of Languages Spoken By County

