

# SOUTH DAKOTA

Population: 754,844

Number of Counties: 66

62

Languages spoken

2

Counties with 20 or more languages spoken

3

Counties with 10 or more languages spoken

32

Counties with 5 or more languages spoken

5

Languages with 1,000 or more speakers

## Most Common Languages Spoken

Rank	Language	Speakers
1	English	658,245
2	German	13,420
3	Dakota	10,680
4	Spanish	10,050
5	French	1,255
6	Norwegian	830
7	Czech	645
8	Vietnamese	555
9	Serbocroatian	525
10	Chinese	510
11	Tagalog	455
12	Russian	410
13	Arabic	385
t-14	Amharic	355
t-14	Dutch	355
16	Ukrainian	345
17	Korean	315
18	Japanese	300
19	Italian	295
20	Cushite	290
21	American Indian	285
22	Laotian	230
23	Thai	205
t-24	Finnish	185
t-24	Polish	185
26	Danish	150
27	Greek	135
28	Sudanic	125
29	Hindi	110
30	Nilotic	105
31	Portuguese	100
32	Tamil	95
33	Persian	90
34	Swahili	80
35	Romanian	75
36	Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	60
t-37	Gujarathi	55
t-37	Lettish	55
t-37	Navaho	55
t-37	Turkish	55
t-37	Urdu	55
42	Bengali	50
t-43	Kru, Ibo, Yoruba	45
t-43	Nepali	45
t-43	Swedish	45
46	Telugu	40
47	Crow	35
t-48	Bisayan	30
t-48	Hungarian	30
t-48	Irish Gaelic	30
t-48	Mandarin	30

## Counties With the Most Languages Spoken

Rank	County	Languages
1	Minnehaha County	31
2	Pennington County	23
3	Brookings County	11
t-4	Charles Mix County	9
t-4	Meade County	9
t-6	Lawrence County	8
t-6	Roberts County	8
t-8	Bon Homme County	7
t-8	Brown County	7
t-8	Clay County	7
t-8	Day County	7
t-8	Yankton County	7
t-13	Brule County	6
t-13	Hughes County	6
t-13	Turner County	6
t-13	Union County	6
t-17	Beadle County	5
t-17	Bennett County	5
t-17	Codington County	5
t-17	Fall River County	5
t-17	Grant County	5
t-17	Gregory County	5
t-17	Kingsbury County	5
t-17	Lincoln County	5
t-17	Lyman County	5
t-17	Marshall County	5
t-17	Moody County	5
t-17	Sanborn County	5
t-17	Stanley County	5
t-17	Tripp County	5
t-17	Walworth County	5
t-17	Ziebach County	5

### Languages in South Dakota

- Minnehaha County's 31 languages tied for the 294th highest number recorded in any county in the United States. Other South Dakota counties that were highly ranked included: Pennington County (t-427), and Brookings County (t-922).
- South Dakota has the highest percentage of speakers of American Indian, Dakota and Sudanic in the United States. The Mount Rushmore State also ranks second in the percentage of Crow and German speakers and third in the percentage of Czech, Nilotic and Norwegian speakers.
- Shannon County has the highest percentage of Dakota speakers of any county in the nation. Other counties that rank highly in a given language include: McPherson County (second, German).

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Number of Languages Spoken By County

