

TENNESSEE

Population: 5,689,283

Number of Counties: 95

109

Languages spoken

6

Counties with 20 or more languages spoken

19

Counties with 10 or more languages spoken

60

Counties with 5 or more languages spoken

26

Languages with 1,000 or more speakers

Most Common Languages Spoken

Rank	Language	Speakers
1	English	5,059,405
2	Spanish	133,930
3	German	20,210
4	French	17,360
5	Vietnamese	6,625
6	Korean	6,550
7	Arabic	6,480
8	Chinese	6,290
9	Laotian	4,495
10	Japanese	4,425
11	Tagalog	3,385
12	Italian	3,135
13	Russian	2,930
14	Gujarathi	2,495
15	Kurdish	2,410
16	Hindi	2,025
17	Persian	1,940
18	Kru, Ibo, Yoruba	1,485
19	Greek	1,415
20	Polish	1,400
21	Serbocroatian	1,370
22	Urdu	1,320
23	Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	1,295
24	Portuguese	1,260
25	Thai	1,160
26	Dutch	1,080
27	Telugu	950
28	Bengali	885
29	Amharic	855
30	Hebrew	825
31	Pennsylvania Dutch	780
32	Tamil	720
33	Romanian	690
34	Cushite	670
35	Hungarian	565
36	Mandarin	555
37	India, n.e.c.	545
38	Albanian	540
39	French Creole	510
40	Turkish	495
41	Malayalam	445
t-42	Cherokee	410
t-42	Czech	410
44	Formosan	405
45	Ukrainian	380
46	Swahili	375
47	Indonesian	335
48	Yiddish	325
49	Swedish	320
50	Bantu	310

Counties With the Most Languages Spoken

Rank	County	Languages
1	Davidson County	66
2	Shelby County	56
t-3	Hamilton County	44
t-3	Knox County	44
5	Rutherford County	24
6	Montgomery County	23
7	Williamson County	19
8	Washington County	17
9	Sullivan County	16
10	Sumner County	15
t-11	Blount County	14
t-11	Putnam County	14
13	Bradley County	12
t-14	Madison County	11
t-14	Roane County	11
t-16	Anderson County	10
t-16	Franklin County	10
t-16	Sevier County	10
t-16	Wilson County	10
20	Weakley County	9
t-21	Dickson County	8
t-21	Fayette County	8
t-21	Lawrence County	8
t-21	Warren County	8
t-25	Carroll County	7
t-25	Coffee County	7
t-25	Cumberland County	7
t-25	Hamblen County	7
t-25	Humphreys County	7
t-25	Jefferson County	7
t-25	Loudon County	7
t-25	Monroe County	7
t-25	Robertson County	7
t-25	Tipton County	7

Languages in Tennessee

- Davidson County's 66 languages tied for the 85th highest number recorded in any county in the United States. Other Tennessee counties that were highly ranked included: Shelby County (t-124), Hamilton County (t-194), and Knox County (t-194).
- Tennessee has the highest percentage of speakers of Kurdish in the United States. The Volunteer State also ranks third in the percentage of Luxembourgish speakers, fifth in the percentage of English and Nilotic speakers, and seventh in the percentage of Cherokee speakers.

Number of Languages Spoken By County

