### Cantonese

**Number of Speakers:** 259,750

#### Leading Counties

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#### Rankings

Indicates the number of divisions where this language was recorded, as well as the number of divisions where the language ranked as one of the most common languages in a given state/county.

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#### Notes

- San Francisco County, Calif. has three-and-one-half times the percentage of Cantonese speakers of any other county in the United States.
- Eight of the 20 counties with the highest percentage of speakers of Cantonese are located in California, including the top four. New York places five counties within the top 20.
- Cantonese is the 10th most common language spoken in California and the 11th most common language spoken in Hawaii.
- Cantonese is the fourth most common language spoken at home in San Francisco County, Calif., and the fifth most common language in San Mateo County, Calif.
- In the United States, 1 of every 1,010 people age five and older speaks Cantonese at home. In California, this figure is 1 in 206 people, while in Hawaii, 1 in 227 residents is a Cantonese speaker.
- Within the counties, San Francisco County, Calif. has the greatest rate of Cantonese speakers (1 in every 19.6 residents), followed by Alameda County, Calif. (1 in every 66 residents) and San Mateo County, Calif. (1 in every 77 residents).

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For complete breakdown of speakers of Cantonese, see Appendix
## Cantonese

**Nationwide Rank: 20th**

### By Percentage

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