

MICHIGAN

Population: 9,938,444

Number of Counties: 83

125

Languages spoken

21

Counties with 20 or more languages spoken

62

Counties with 10 or more languages spoken

82

Counties with 5 or more languages spoken

59

Languages with 1,000 or more speakers

Most Common Languages Spoken

Rank	Language	Speakers
1	English	8,487,400
2	Spanish	246,680
3	Arabic	75,410
4	German	52,320
5	Polish	40,370
6	French	38,645
7	Italian	30,050
8	Syriac	25,920
9	Chinese	22,255
10	Korean	13,315
11	Albanian	12,915
12	Tagalog	11,915
13	Vietnamese	11,775
14	Russian	11,700
15	Japanese	11,480
16	Greek	11,165
17	Hindi	9,990
18	Romanian	9,390
19	Dutch	8,180
20	Serbocroatian	8,075
21	Urdu	7,735
22	Gujarathi	6,545
23	Miao, Hmong	6,175
24	Bengali	5,920
25	Finnish	5,720
26	Ukrainian	5,520
27	Telugu	5,455
28	Macedonian	5,005
29	Hungarian	4,850
30	Tamil	3,865
31	Panjabi	3,635
32	Armenian	3,460
33	Kru, Ibo, Yoruba	3,380
t-34	Hebrew	3,275
t-34	Persian	3,275
36	Portuguese	3,205
37	Malayalam	2,745
38	Laotian	2,340
39	Serbian	2,255
40	Mandarin	2,175
41	Yiddish	1,940
42	Pennsylvania Dutch	1,910
43	India, n.e.c.	1,880
44	Lithuanian	1,815
45	Thai	1,790
46	Lettish	1,715
47	Czech	1,690
48	Croatian	1,620
49	Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	1,565
50	Marathi	1,555

Counties With the Most Languages Spoken

Rank	County	Languages
1	Wayne County	88
2	Oakland County	77
3	Washtenaw County	67
4	Ingham County	61
t-5	Kent County	59
t-5	Macomb County	59
7	Kalamazoo County	45
8	Berrien County	44
9	Genesee County	43
10	Saginaw County	30
11	Monroe County	28
12	Ottawa County	27
t-13	Jackson County	24
t-13	Livingston County	24
t-13	St. Clair County	24
t-16	Calhoun County	23
t-16	Muskegon County	23
t-18	Eaton County	22
t-18	Isabella County	22
20	Midland County	21
21	Huron County	20
22	Grand Traverse County	19
23	Allegan County	18
t-24	Cass County	17
t-24	Lapeer County	17
t-24	Van Buren County	17

Languages in Michigan

- Wayne County's 84 languages represented the 20th highest number recorded in any county in the United States. Other Michigan counties that were highly ranked included: Oakland County (t-41), Washtenaw County (t-83), Ingham County (t-102), Kent County (t-113) and Macomb County (t-113).
- Michigan has the highest percentage of speakers of Arabic, Macedonian and Syriac in the United States. The Great Lakes State also ranks second in the percentage of Finnish, Romanian and Telugu speakers and third in the percentage of Albanian, Frisian and Lettish speakers.
- Wayne County has the highest percentage of Arabic speakers of any county in the nation. Other counties that rank highly in a given language include: Oakland County (second, Syriac), Macomb County (second, Albanian), and Macomb County (second, Macedonian).

For information on how the data was derived, see Disclaimer
For data on all languages and counties in Michigan, see Appendix

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Number of Languages Spoken By County

