

NORTH CAROLINA

Population: 8,049,313

Number of Counties: 100

122

Languages spoken

13

Counties with 20 or more languages spoken

38

Counties with 10 or more languages spoken

80

Counties with 5 or more languages spoken

40

Languages with 1,000 or more speakers

Most Common Languages Spoken

Rank	Language	Speakers
1	English	6,909,650
2	Spanish	378,940
3	French	32,925
4	German	28,500
5	Vietnamese	13,595
6	Chinese	12,835
7	Korean	11,385
8	Arabic	10,835
9	Miao, Hmong	7,495
10	Tagalog	6,520
11	Greek	6,405
12	Japanese	6,315
13	Italian	6,235
14	Gujarathi	5,725
15	Laotian	4,600
16	Hindi	4,155
17	Russian	4,110
18	Kru, Ibo, Yoruba	3,585
19	Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	3,360
20	Urdu	3,210
21	Portuguese	3,170
22	Polish	2,965
23	Persian	2,430
t-24	Dutch	2,020
t-24	Thai	2,020
26	Swedish	1,700
27	India, n.e.c.	1,595
28	Telugu	1,580
29	Tamil	1,510
30	Mandarin	1,490
31	French Creole	1,440
32	Cherokee	1,415
33	Hebrew	1,320
34	Amharic	1,295
35	Serbocroatian	1,255
36	Cushite	1,220
37	Romanian	1,120
38	Bengali	1,100
39	Ukrainian	1,050
40	Hungarian	1,040
41	Swahili	970
42	Turkish	860
43	Cantonese	795
44	Bantu	790
45	Czech	755
46	Panjabi	710
47	Finnish	610
48	Danish	590
49	Marathi	565
50	Formosan	545

Counties With the Most Languages Spoken

Rank	County	Languages
1	Wake County	70
2	Mecklenburg County	68
3	Guilford County	58
4	Cumberland County	48
5	Durham County	46
6	Orange County	37
7	Forsyth County	36
8	Buncombe County	33
9	Onslow County	27
10	New Hanover County	24
11	Gaston County	23
12	Pitt County	21
13	Alamance County	20
t-14	Iredell County	18
t-14	Randolph County	18
t-14	Wayne County	18
t-17	Brunswick County	17
t-17	Henderson County	17
t-19	Burke County	16
t-19	Cleveland County	16
t-19	Craven County	16
t-19	Johnston County	16
t-19	Union County	16
24	Rowan County	15
t-25	Cabarrus County	14
t-25	Harnett County	14

Languages in North Carolina

- Wake County's 70 languages tied for the 68th highest number recorded in any county in the United States. Other North Carolina counties that were highly ranked included: Mecklenburg County (t-77), Guilford County (t-116), Cumberland County (t-164), and Durham County (t-181)
- North Carolina has the second highest percentage of speakers of Cherokee in the United States. The Tar Heel State also ranks fifth in the percentage of Miao/Hmong speakers and sixth in the percentage of Chadic, Krio and Oto-Manguen speakers.
- Burke County has the seventh highest percentage of Miao/Hmong speakers of any county in the nation.

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Number of Languages Spoken By County

