

RHODE ISLAND

Population: 1,048,319

Number of Counties: 5

76

Languages spoken

4

Counties with 20 or more languages spoken

5

Counties with 10 or more languages spoken

5

Counties with 5 or more languages spoken

20

Languages with 1,000 or more speakers

Most Common Languages Spoken

Rank	Language	Speakers
1	English	788,560
2	Spanish	79,445
3	Portuguese	37,435
4	French	19,350
5	Italian	13,760
6	Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	5,585
7	French Creole	4,335
8	Laotian	3,195
9	Chinese	2,975
10	Polish	2,965
11	German	2,840
12	Arabic	2,085
13	Russian	1,920
14	Greek	1,860
15	Kru, Ibo, Yoruba	1,625
16	Armenian	1,595
17	Tagalog	1,530
18	Korean	1,435
19	Miao, Hmong	1,115
20	Vietnamese	1,005
21	Japanese	745
22	Hindi	530
23	Yiddish	475
24	Turkish	465
25	Swedish	455
26	Cantonese	445
27	Hebrew	435
28	Dutch	405
29	India, n.e.c.	375
t-30	Lithuanian	335
t-30	Persian	335
32	Mandarin	305
33	Romanian	260
34	Fulani	245
35	Thai	240
36	Gujarathi	225
t-37	Mande	220
t-37	Ukrainian	220
39	Hungarian	215
40	Tamil	205
41	Malayalam	180
42	Pennsylvania Dutch	170
t-43	Irish Gaelic	165
t-43	Urdu	165
45	Formosan	160
46	Bantu	145
47	Danish	135
48	Efik	115
t-49	Albanian	110
t-49	Norwegian	110

Counties With the Most Languages Spoken

Rank	County	Languages
1	Providence County	65
t-2	Kent County	31
t-2	Washington County	31
4	Newport County	24
5	Bristol County	17

Languages in Rhode Island

- Providence County's 65 languages tied for the 91st highest number recorded in any county in the United States. Other Rhode Island counties that were highly ranked included: Kent County (t-294) and Washington County (t-294).
- Rhode Island has the highest percentage of speakers of Laotian, Mon-Khmer/Cambodian and Portuguese in the United States. The Ocean State also ranks second in the percentage of Efik, Fulani and Mande speakers and fourth in the percentage of French Creole, Italian, Lithuanian and Miao/Hmong speakers.
- Providence County has the second highest percentage of Mon-Khmer/Cambodian speakers of any county in the nation. Other counties that rank highly in a given language include: Bristol County (second, Portuguese), Providence County (third, Portuguese), and Providence County (fifth, Armenian).

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Number of Languages Spoken By County

