

SOUTH CAROLINA

Population: 4,012,012

Number of Counties: 46

91

Languages spoken

8

Counties with 20 or more languages spoken

16

Counties with 10 or more languages spoken

38

Counties with 5 or more languages spoken

19

Languages with 1,000 or more speakers

Most Common Languages Spoken

Rank	Language	Speakers
1	English	3,552,240
2	Spanish	110,030
3	French	19,030
4	German	15,195
5	Chinese	5,005
6	Tagalog	4,495
7	Vietnamese	3,770
8	Korean	3,295
9	Italian	3,090
10	Japanese	2,805
11	Greek	2,565
12	Arabic	2,440
13	Gujarathi	2,100
14	Russian	1,620
15	Hindi	1,325
16	Portuguese	1,215
17	Polish	1,135
18	Laotian	1,030
19	Miao, Hmong	1,010
20	Dutch	935
21	Thai	770
22	Hebrew	680
23	Urdu	650
24	Kru, Ibo, Yoruba	595
25	Persian	540
26	Tamil	485
27	Telugu	470
t-28	Gullah	430
t-28	Swedish	430
30	Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	410
t-31	Hungarian	395
t-31	India, n.e.c.	395
33	Romanian	310
34	Bulgarian	295
35	Cantonese	275
36	Jamaican Creole	270
37	Bengali	260
t-38	French Creole	250
t-38	Turkish	250
40	Pennsylvania Dutch	245
41	Marathi	240
42	Swahili	230
43	Finnish	215
t-44	Mandarin	210
t-44	Panjabi	210
t-46	African	195
t-46	Afrikaans	195
48	Malayalam	175
t-49	Czech	170
t-49	Kannada	170
t-49	Mayan language	170
t-49	Slovak	170

Counties With the Most Languages Spoken

Rank	County	Languages
1	Richland County	43
2	Greenville County	39
3	Charleston County	36
4	Horry County	27
5	Pickens County	26
6	Spartanburg County	25
t-7	Beaufort County	24
t-7	Lexington County	24
t-9	Anderson County	19
t-9	Berkeley County	19
t-9	York County	19
12	Aiken County	18
t-13	Florence County	15
t-13	Orangeburg County	15
t-13	Sumter County	15
16	Dorchester County	14
t-17	Abbeville County	8
t-17	Greenwood County	8
t-17	Oconee County	8
t-20	Chesterfield County	7
t-20	Clarendon County	7
t-20	Darlington County	7
t-20	Edgefield County	7
t-24	Calhoun County	6
t-24	Colleton County	6
t-24	Georgetown County	6
t-24	Lancaster County	6
t-24	Laurens County	6
t-24	Newberry County	6
t-24	Williamsburg County	6

Languages in South Carolina

- Richland County's 43 languages tied for the 204th highest number recorded in any county in the United States. Other South Carolina counties that were highly ranked included: Greenville County (t-230), Charleston County (t-252), and Horry County (t-350).
- South Carolina has the highest percentage of speakers of Gullah in the United States. The Palmetto State also ranks fourth in the percentage of Oto-Manguen speakers, fifth in the percentage of Micronesian speakers, and eighth in the percentage of speakers of Mayan languages.

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

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Number of Languages Spoken By County

