

VIRGINIA

Population: 7,078,515

Number of Counties: 135

123

Languages spoken

18

Counties with 20 or more languages spoken

34

Counties with 10 or more languages spoken

88

Counties with 5 or more languages spoken

45

Languages with 1,000 or more speakers

Most Common Languages Spoken

Rank	Language	Speakers
1	English	5,884,075
2	Spanish	316,275
3	French	39,875
4	Korean	39,635
5	Tagalog	33,600
6	German	32,735
7	Vietnamese	31,920
8	Arabic	25,985
9	Chinese	24,555
10	Persian	19,200
11	Urdu	15,250
12	Hindi	11,945
13	Italian	10,100
14	Russian	9,145
15	Amharic	8,355
16	Japanese	8,020
17	Kru, Ibo, Yoruba	6,995
18	Greek	6,885
19	Portuguese	5,555
20	Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	4,870
21	Punjabi	4,560
22	Bengali	4,505
23	Gujarathi	4,060
24	Thai	3,740
25	Polish	3,515
26	Telugu	3,360
27	Dutch	2,980
28	Turkish	2,925
29	Laotian	2,880
30	French Creole	2,665
31	Cushite	2,590
32	Serbocroatian	2,360
33	Tamil	2,325
34	Mandarin	2,315
35	Cantonese	1,850
36	Hungarian	1,765
37	India, n.e.c.	1,360
38	Swedish	1,355
39	Indonesian	1,345
40	Hebrew	1,300
41	Armenian	1,190
42	Romanian	1,180
43	Malayalam	1,090
44	Formosan	1,075
45	Marathi	1,065
46	Ukrainian	955
47	Norwegian	945
48	Swahili	905
49	Bantu	845
50	Kannada	835

Counties With the Most Languages Spoken

Rank	County	Languages
1	Fairfax County	92
2	Arlington County	66
3	Virginia Beach city	51
4	Prince William County	50
5	Henrico County	49
6	Norfolk city	47
7	Alexandria city	46
8	Loudoun County	43
9	Chesterfield County	38
10	Richmond city	32
t-11	Montgomery County	28
t-11	Newport News city	28
13	Chesapeake city	26
14	Charlottesville city	25
t-15	Albemarle County	24
t-15	Fairfax city	24
t-15	Hampton city	24
18	Harrisonburg city	20
t-19	Lynchburg city	18
t-19	Roanoke city	18
t-19	Roanoke County	18
t-22	Spotsylvania County	17
t-22	York County	17
t-24	Hanover County	15
t-24	Stafford County	15

Languages in Virginia

- Fairfax County's 92 languages represented the 16th highest number recorded in any county in the United States. Other Virginia counties that were highly ranked included: Arlington County (t-85), Virginia Beach city (t-151), Prince William County (t-155), Henrico County (t-162), Norfolk city (t-174), and Alexandria city (t-181).
- Virginia has the second highest percentage of speakers of Pashto and Persian in the United States. The Old Dominion also ranks third in the percentage of Afrikaans, Amharic, Bengali, Icelandic, Krio and Uighur speakers and fourth in the percentage of Arabic, Mongolian, Nepali and Urdu speakers.
- Fairfax County has the highest percentage of Persian speakers of any county in the nation. Other counties that rank highly in a given language include: Alexandria city (first, Amharic), Fairfax County (second, Urdu), and Arlington County (second, Amharic).

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For data on all languages and counties in Virginia, see Appendix

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Number of Languages Spoken By County

