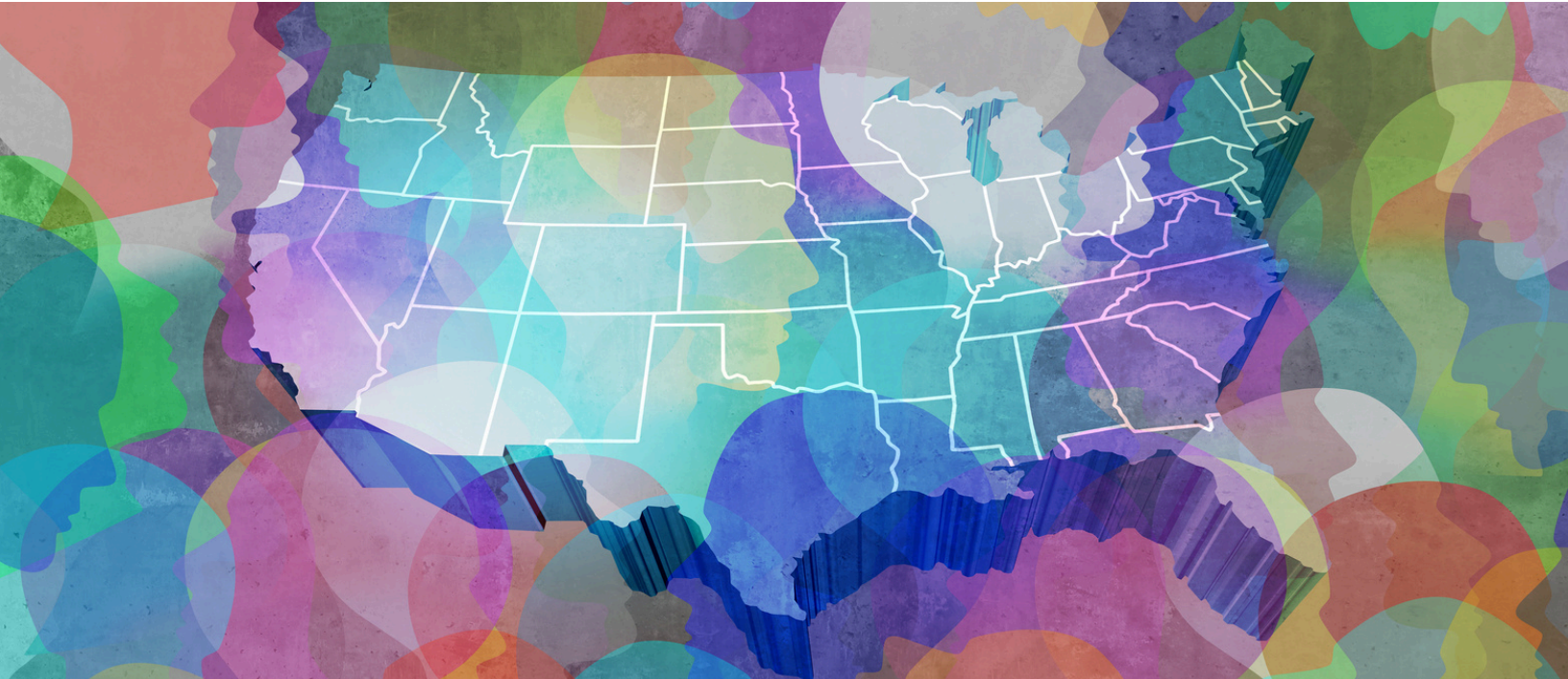


Top Spoken Languages Across the United States and 2024 Migration Trends



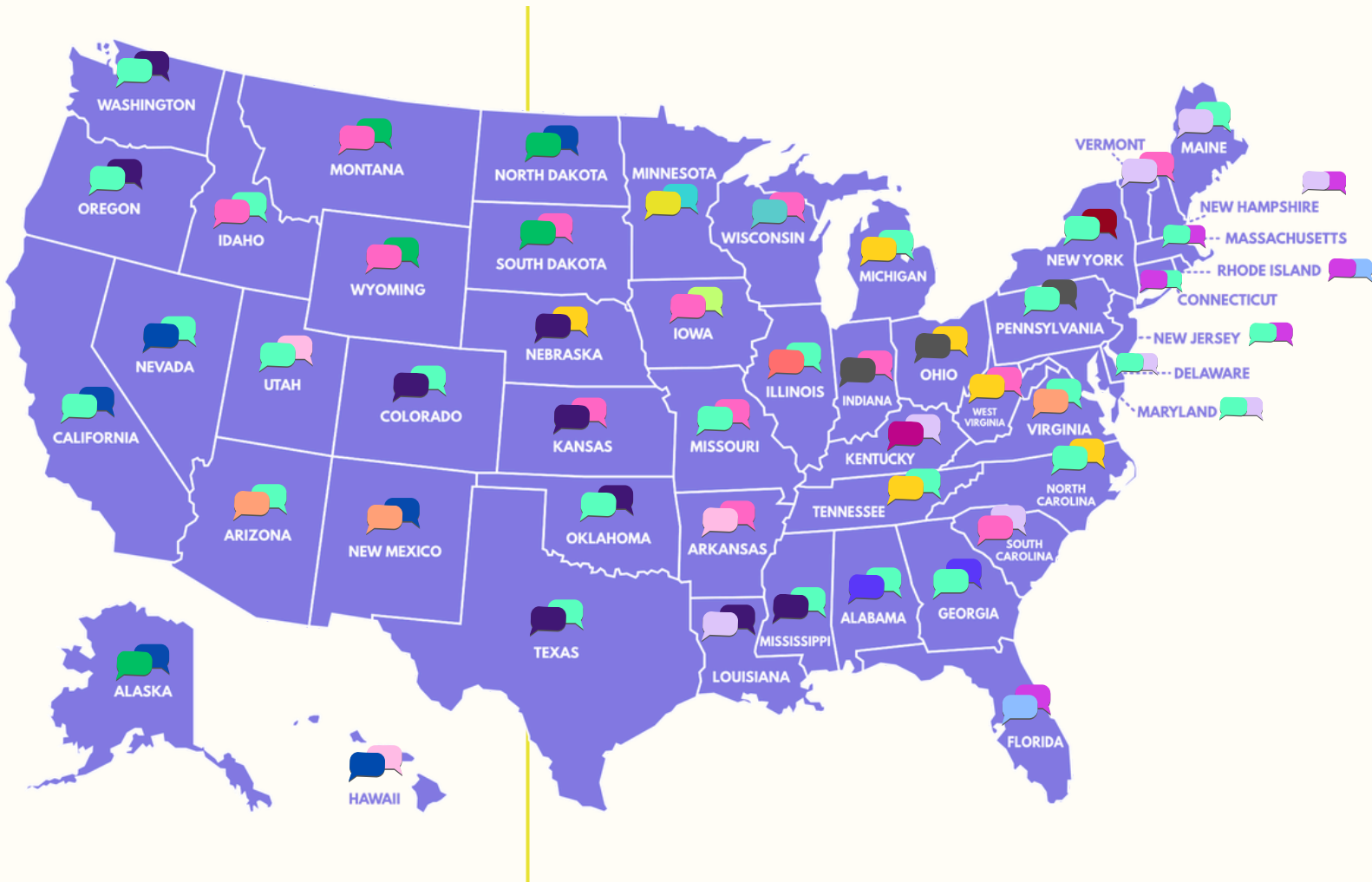
With over **350 languages** spoken nationwide, the United States is one of the most linguistically diverse countries in the world (it's **5th** globally). Understanding what's spoken across regions can reveal rich insights into language patterns (and needs) shaped by history, immigration patterns, and cultural identity.

Showcasing key state, region, and national trends

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Top Spoken Languages Across The United States

(excluding Spanish speakers - 2023 data)



State by State the Two Most Spoken Languages

To make things more interesting, **we removed Spanish** from the map. For most states, you see the 2nd and 3rd most popular languages.

In reality, Spanish is the top language in **44 states**! That dominance only dips in 6 states: Alaska, Hawaii, Maine, North Dakota, Vermont, and Washington.

The most "uncommon" #1 languages

These clearly reflect regional heritage and historic migration patterns.

- **Alaska**: Native North American languages (including Alut) (Native N. American (other))
- **Hawaii**: Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian (+ Austronesian languages) (Austronesian Languages)
- **North Dakota**: Native North American languages (Native N. American (other))



Additional State Language Insights

With Spanish Speakers (2023 data)

Largest number of non-English speakers:

California is the clear leader with **16.6** million people.

Highest percentage of non-English speakers:

California tops the charts again, with **45.02%** speaking a language other than English at home (**28.7%** of that is Spanish). This makes it a linguistic standout in the country.

The five most linguistically “diverse” states

These states had the highest percentage of people who don’t speak English at home:

1. **California** @ **45%**
2. **Texas** @ **35.4%**
3. **New Jersey** @ **33.3%**
4. **New Mexico** @ **31.7%**
5. **New York** @ **30.9%**

The five states with the lowest language diversity

The most “monochromatic” states linguistically, with the highest percent of English speakers (at home), while all other languages combined were less than 6% of their total.

- **West Virginia** @ **2.5%**
- **Montana** @ **4.1%**
- **Mississippi** @ **4.2%**
- **Vermont** @ **5.5%**
- **Maine** @ **5.9%**

Languages that dominated

These languages were the 3 most spoken across multiple states:

- **Spanish:** **49** states
- **Chinese:** **27** states (includes Mandarin and Cantonese)
- **German:** **13** states
- **Vietnamese:** **9** states
- **French:** **8** states (includes Cajun)
- **Arabic:** **6** states

States with the largest International Migration (2020-2024)

- **Florida** is solidly in the lead (annual **411,322**; cumulative 1,059,143 people)
- **California** is next (**361,057** annual; 934,230 cumulative people)
- **Texas** is 3rd (**319,569** annual; 820,761 cumulative people)
- **New York** is 4th (**207,161** annual; 519,395 cumulative people)
- **New Jersey** is 5th (**130,692** annual; 327,188 cumulative people)

International Migration Trends (2023-2024)

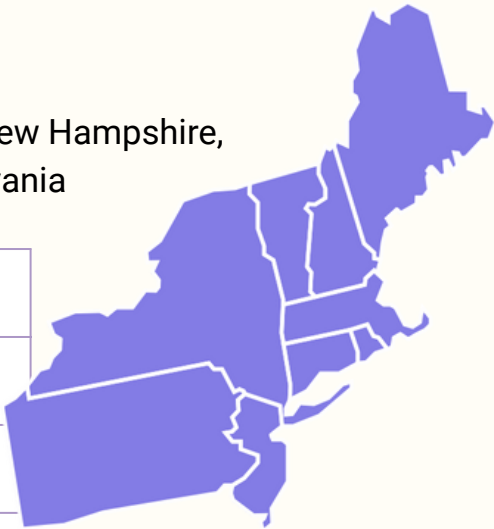
- All **50** states (and D.C.) reported positive net international migration in 2024. **Florida**, **California**, and **Texas** were the top contributors (between 2023 and 2024).
- The United States experienced a population increase of approximately **3.3** million people. Net international migration accounted for **2.8** million, representing about **84%** of the total population increase (between 2023 and 2024).
- The impact was even more pronounced in metropolitan areas. All **387** U.S. metro areas reported positive net international migration between 2023 and 2024, contributing nearly **2.7** million to the total population gain in these areas.
- These states not only attracted the highest numbers of international migrants, but also saw significant impacts on their overall population growth.

State-based language trends and global migration shifts have specific impacts on regions across the United States.

Let's see what insights we can glean on a region-by-region basis...

Northeast Region

States Included: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania



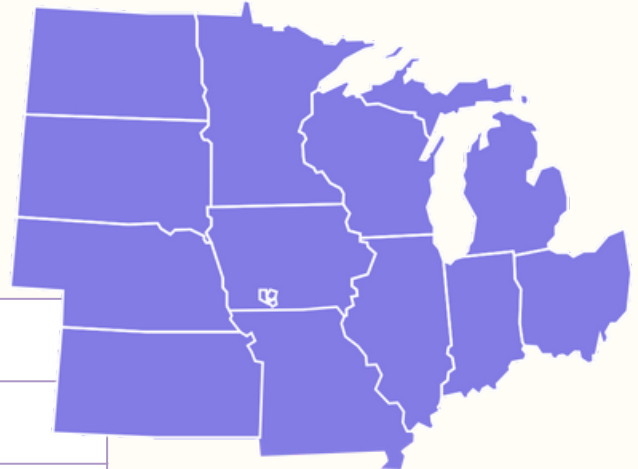
Total Speakers	Language
6,263,902	Spanish
1,010,827	Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)
458,218	Portuguese
354,869	Haitian
324,920	Arabic
307,667	Russian
294,275	French (incl. Cajun)
214,422	Yiddish, PA Dutch, or West Germanic
171,922	Korean
165,050	Bengali

Insights & Trends:

- Portuguese & Haitian Creole are Northeast standouts due to immigration from Brazil, Cape Verde, and Haiti.
- European heritage languages remain strong (e.g., Yiddish and Russian in NY and NJ).
- **New York** experienced a rebound in population due to international migration, with nearly **288,000** immigrants moving in during 2024. This influx offset domestic outmigration and contributed to the region's demographic diversity.

Midwest Region

States Included: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin



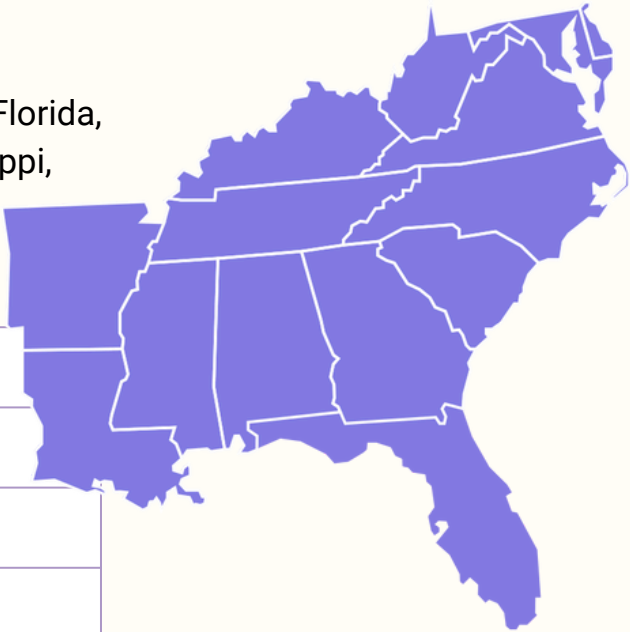
Total Speakers	Language
3,897,180	Spanish
348,021	Arabic
292,241	Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)
204,575	German
179,198	Polish
165,472	Amharic, Somali, or Afro-Asiatic
121,447	Yiddish, PA Dutch, or West Germanic
111,955	Hmong
111,375	Tagalog (incl. Filipino)
90,575	French (incl. Cajun)

Insights & Trends:

- East African language presence is strong, especially Somali in Minnesota and Ohio.
- Hmong, Polish, and PA Dutch reflect multi-generational immigrant heritage.
- Despite overall population declines due to domestic outmigration, states like **Indiana**, **South Dakota**, and **Wisconsin** saw population gains from international migration.
- With international migration, **Iowa** (0.7%) replaced **Nebraska** (0.9%) as one of the fastest-growing states within the Midwest.
- St. Louis and other cities have initiatives to attract immigrants and counteract labor shortages and population decline.

Southeast Region

States Included: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia



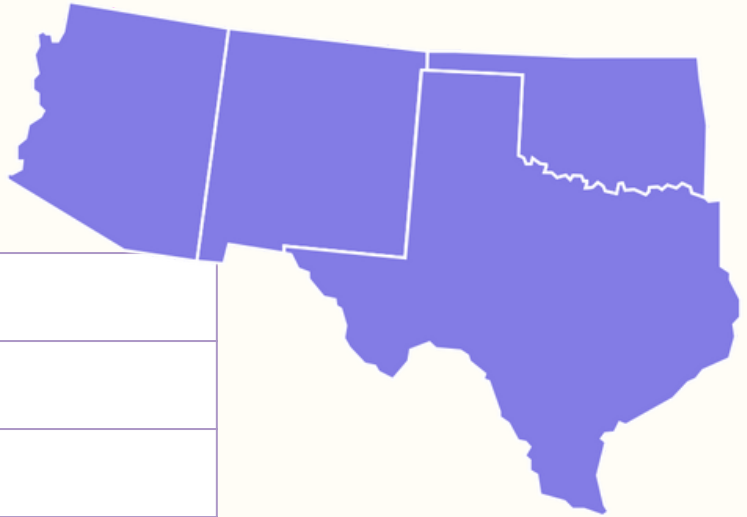
Total Speakers	Language
10,079,312	Spanish
470,458	Haitian
346,976	French (incl. Cajun)
256,634	Portuguese
241,064	Vietnamese
236,611	Arabic
190,570	Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)
148,770	German
115,108	Tagalog (including Filipino)
113,197	Hindi

Insights & Trends:

- The Southeast is home to one of the most linguistically layered refugee landscapes in the U.S. It reflects waves of humanitarian migration—shaping not just language needs but the structure of public health, education, and workforce services.
- French-based language entries (including Cajun variants) reflect strong francophone heritage and refugee populations.
- Florida led the nation with over **411,000** international migrants between 2023 and 2024.
- The region's growth was significantly influenced by immigration from Latin America and the Caribbean.

Southwest Region

States Included: Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona



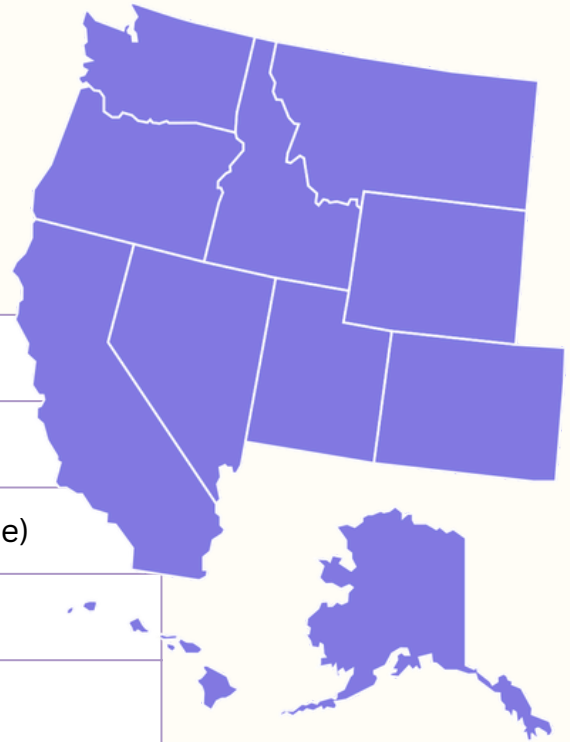
Total Speakers	Language
10,228,705	Spanish
297,591	Vietnamese
246,705	Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)
155,528	Arabic
145,637	Tagalog (incl. Filipino)
135,750	Hindi
126,146	Navajo
103,252	Yoruba, Twi, Igbo
92,621	Urdu
91,144	Telugu

Insights & Trends:

- Navajo is the most widely spoken Indigenous language — especially in Arizona and New Mexico.
- Diverse South Asian representation with Hindi, Urdu, and Telugu across the region.
- Texas attracted over **319,000** international migrants, bolstering population growth.
- Urban centers (like Houston) saw significant contributions from immigrant communities, including one of the largest Vietnamese populations in the U.S.

Pacific / West Region

States Included: Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming



Total Speakers	Language
13,485,264	Spanish
1,535,453	Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)
940,490	Tagalog (incl. Filipino)
712,850	Vietnamese
462,331	Korean
286,496	Russian
258,745	Hindi
246,908	Persian (incl. Farsi, Dari)
238,649	Arabic
207,523	Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, Austronesian

Insights & Trends:

- California accounts for most of the region's diverse linguistic population, with over **10M** Spanish speakers alone.
- Pacific Islander and Indigenous languages (like Ilocano and Samoan) are strong in Hawaii and Alaska
- California gained over **361,000** international migrants, which helped offset domestic outmigration.
- Major urban areas like Los Angeles and San Francisco experienced population growth primarily due to international migration.

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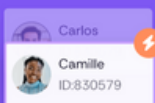
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