



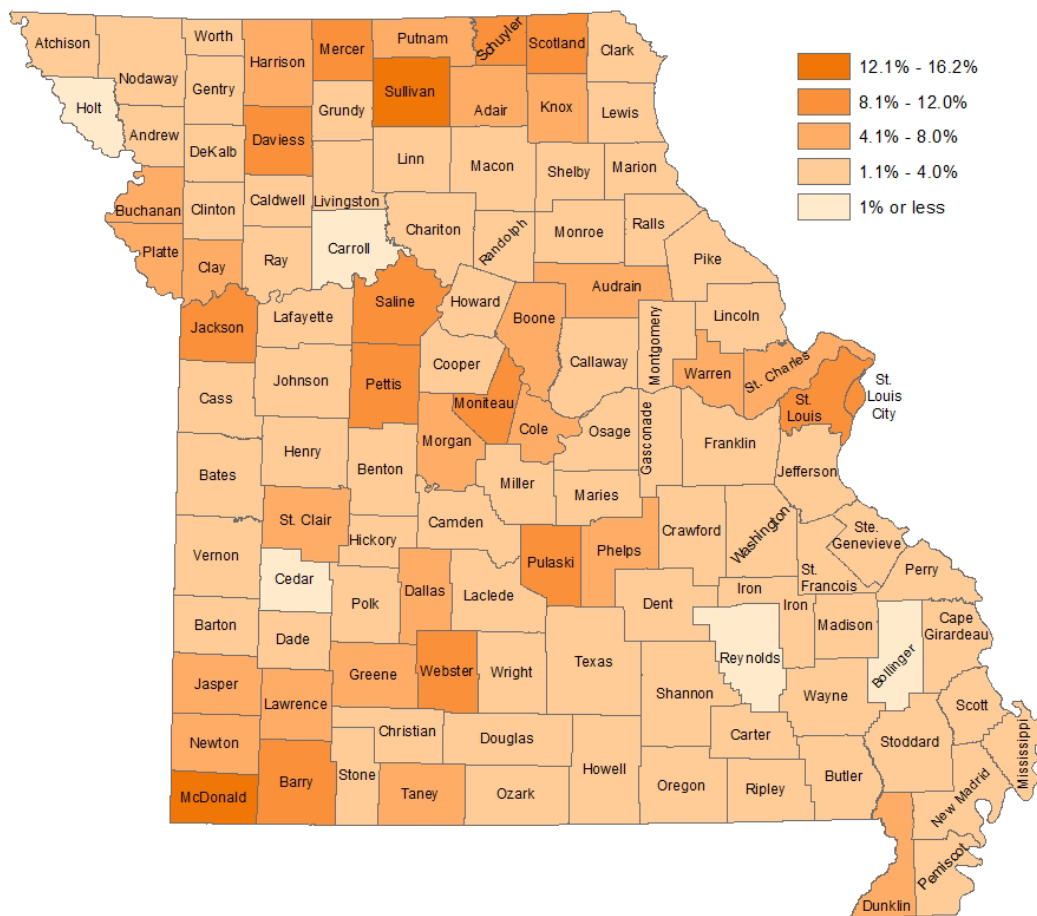
Population Data Series

Many Languages of Missouri

Approximately 94 percent of Missouri residents speak English only. The remaining 6 percent can be broken down into two groups: Residents whose primary language is something other than English, but can speak English very well, and residents that have a limited proficiency with the English language.

The American Community Survey 5-year estimates indicate a language diversity across the state.* Some of these languages include Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Serbo-Croatian, Arabic, and German. The following map indicates foreign languages spoken by county per capita percentage.

Percentage of Per Capita Non-English Languages by County

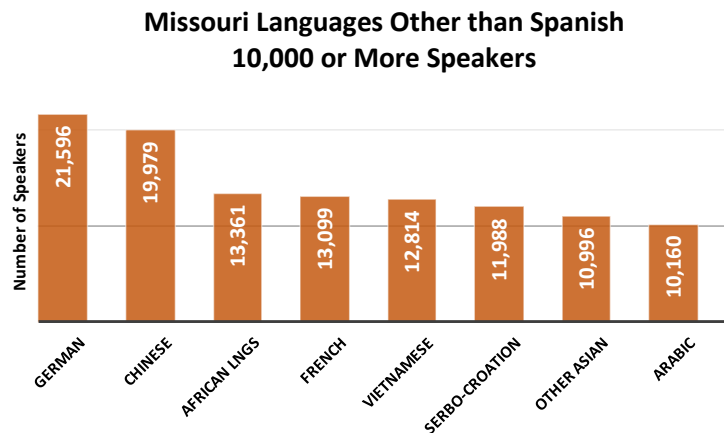


*Source: 2015 ACS 5yr Estimates (2011-2015) – Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English 5yrs and older. *Data from the 2015 ACS used to determine specific language groups spoken in the state. This data lags behind the other language data collected and therefore presented separately.*

The most common foreign language in Missouri is Spanish. Spanish speakers were approximately 2.6 percent of Missouri total population 5-years and older, or 145,451 individuals as of 2015. In 2016, it dropped to 142,678 individuals with a slight increase to 2.7 percent per capita.

Highest Percentages of Spanish Language by County (3% or Higher)			
Missouri County	2016 Total Population 5yrs and Over	2016 Total Spanish Language 5yrs and Over	2016 Percent Per Capita Spanish Language
Sullivan	6,137	942	15.3%
McDonald	21,210	1,985	9.4%
Saline	21,875	1,537	7.0%
Barry	33,528	2,282	6.8%
Pettis	39,263	2,624	6.7%
Pulaski	49,397	3,054	6.2%
Jackson	633,909	37,131	5.9%
Jasper	108,646	5,953	5.5%
Lawrence	35,743	1,701	4.8%
Dunklin	29,312	1,287	4.4%
Moniteau	14,801	642	4.3%
Buchanan	83,656	2,935	3.5%
Taney	50,269	1,748	3.5%
Newton	55,115	1,755	3.2%
St. Louis city	296,545	9,367	3.2%
Clay	214,916	6,501	3.0%

Out of 38 surveyed languages, 9 of them had 10,000 or more speakers in the state including Spanish. The chart below identifies speakers of languages, other than Spanish, with over 10,000 fluent speakers:



Source: 2016 ACS 5yr (2012-2016) Estimates, Selected Social Characteristics

Counties in Missouri that have a larger population of foreign languages include Sullivan (16.0%), McDonald (13.6%), Daviess (12.1%), and Pettis (10.4%). In addition, Pulaski had 9.9%, Moniteau has 9.4%, and Jackson, Morgan, and Saline each had 9.1% populations per capita of non-English languages.

2016 Missouri Foreign Language Percentage by County

County	Total Pop Syr and Over	% of Foreign Language	% of Limited English	County	Total Pop Syr and Over	% of Foreign Language	% of Limited English	County	Total Pop Syr and Over	% of Foreign Language	% of Limited English
Adair	24,331	5.6%	1.6%	Grund	9,496	5.8%	2.3%	Perry	18,058	2.6%	0.7%
Andrew	16,406	1.7%	0.1%	Harrison	8,107	6.5%	2.5%	Pettis	39,276	10.4%	4.1%
Atchison	5,100	1.4%	0.3%	Henry	20,724	2.8%	0.5%	Phelps	42,215	6.4%	3.1%
Audrain	24,271	3.5%	0.9%	Hickory	8,895	2.2%	0.3%	Pike	17,389	3.7%	0.9%
Barry	33,632	8.8%	4.8%	Holt	4,280	0.5%	0.1%	Platte	89,043	6.7%	2.7%
Barton	11,372	3.4%	1.6%	Howard	9,532	1.0%	0.3%	Polk	29,263	3.4%	1.1%
Bates	15,588	1.4%	0.6%	Howell	37,655	2.3%	0.6%	Pulaski	49,502	9.9%	2.7%
Benton	18,088	2.1%	0.6%	Iron	9,721	2.0%	0.4%	Putnam	4,597	4.5%	2.1%
Bollinger	11,608	1.0%	0.2%	Jackson	636,831	9.1%	3.5%	Ralls	9,725	1.4%	0.3%
Boone	162,367	7.8%	2.8%	Jasper	108,960	7.4%	3.0%	Randolph	23,646	2.7%	1.0%
Buchanan	83,677	5.9%	3.2%	Jefferson	208,657	2.6%	0.7%	Ray	21,602	1.8%	0.6%
Butler	40,185	2.3%	0.4%	Johnson	50,752	3.7%	1.2%	Reynolds	6,221	0.8%	0.0%
Caldwell	8,575	1.4%	0.8%	Knox	3,757	5.4%	0.2%	Ripley	13,084	1.5%	0.4%
Callaway	42,204	2.3%	0.9%	Laclede	33,282	2.0%	0.3%	Saline	21,685	9.1%	3.0%
Camden	42,134	3.2%	1.3%	Lafayette	30,876	2.6%	1.2%	Schuyler	4,096	7.0%	0.5%
Cape Girardeau	73,563	3.3%	1.1%	Lawrence	35,703	7.2%	2.8%	Scotland	4,506	7.5%	0.9%
Carroll	8,464	2.6%	0.6%	Lewis	9,574	4.3%	1.8%	Scott	36,452	1.8%	0.6%
Carter	5,901	1.8%	0.0%	Lincoln	50,701	2.0%	0.8%	Shannon	7,795	2.0%	0.1%
Cass	95,124	3.6%	1.3%	Linn	11,647	2.6%	1.1%	Shelby	5,778	4.4%	0.8%
Cedar	13,104	1.1%	0.1%	Livingston	14,195	1.9%	0.4%	St. Charles	356,160	6.2%	1.7%
Chariton	7,147	1.1%	0.1%	Macon	14,447	2.3%	0.7%	St. Clair	9,007	5.1%	1.8%
Christian	76,680	3.2%	0.6%	Madison	11,692	1.9%	0.1%	St. Francois	62,734	1.3%	0.3%
Clark	6,471	3.7%	0.8%	Maries	8,530	3.4%	0.9%	St. Louis city	295,039	8.9%	3.6%
Clay	217,514	6.4%	2.5%	Marion	26,971	2.2%	0.4%	St. Louis	942,263	8.6%	3.0%
Clinton	19,373	1.8%	0.6%	McDonald	21,172	13.6%	6.6%	Ste. Genevieve	17,062	3.1%	0.7%
Cole	71,957	4.1%	0.9%	Mercer	3,494	8.7%	2.0%	Stoddard	28,067	1.3%	0.3%
Cooper	16,604	2.8%	0.8%	Miller	23,509	1.7%	0.7%	Stone	29,901	1.7%	0.5%
Crawford	23,077	1.7%	0.3%	Mississippi	13,264	0.5%	0.2%	Sullivan	6,030	16.0%	9.1%
Dade	7,243	3.5%	0.4%	Moniteau	14,791	9.4%	4.9%	Taney	50,672	5.2%	2.0%
Dallas	15,498	5.2%	2.2%	Monroe	8,188	4.8%	1.7%	Texas	24,193	3.9%	0.3%
Daviess	7,719	12.1%	3.1%	Montgomery	11,113	1.5%	0.6%	Vernon	19,585	4.1%	1.3%
DeKalb	12,160	2.0%	0.4%	Morgan	18,964	9.1%	2.1%	Warren	31,185	3.9%	1.0%
Dent	14,654	2.1%	0.6%	New Madrid	17,091	1.8%	0.3%	Washington	23,599	1.9%	0.3%
Douglas	12,685	1.3%	0.8%	Newton	55,074	6.0%	2.1%	Wayne	12,656	1.1%	0.4%
Dunklin	29,031	5.6%	2.0%	Nodaway	21,999	2.8%	1.1%	Webster	34,472	7.1%	3.9%
Franklin	95,762	2.4%	0.6%	Oregon	10,299	1.1%	0.1%	Worth	1,947	1.5%	0.8%
Gasconade	14,124	2.1%	0.6%	Osage	12,949	1.9%	0.4%	Wright	17,220	2.7%	0.5%
Gentry	6,282	2.1%	0.9%	Ozark	9,032	1.7%	0.2%				
Greene	268,001	4.8%	1.7%	Pemiscot	16,316	2.6%	0.8%	Grand Total	5,685,641	6.0%	2.1%

Source: U.S. Census, ACS 5yr-estimates 2012-2016

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