LANGUAGES SPOKEN IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Analysis and Resources for Outreach

Key Points

- Over 387,000 (about 36%) of Contra Costa County residents speak a language other than English at home.
- 152,665 residents do not speak English very well.
- Given the largest city in the County is about 130,000, non-English speakers comprise a larger portion of the population than any given city.
- There are 23,758 Limited English Households in Contra Costa County

Population by Language Spoken

- More than 40 languages are spoken in Contra Costa County. Top 10 include:
- Spanish
- Chinese (includes Mandarin / Cantonese)
- Tagalog (includes Filipino)
- Persian (includes Farsi, Dari)
- Vietnamese
- Russian
- Hindi
- Portuguese
- Arabic
- Punjabi

Summary of all Languages

Key Statistics for Languages Spoke in Contra Costa County

1	Key Statistics								
Language	Estimate	Percent of County	Less than Very Well	Percent of all LVS	LVW as Percent of Language	More than 1 language			
Total Population Estimate (5 years and old)	1,082,244	100.0%	152,665	39.4%	14.1%				
Speak only English	694,824	64.2%	NA	NA	NA				
Visually Impaired (calculated for total population)	21,606	1.9%	NA	NA	NA				
Hearing Impaired (calculated for total population)	35,087	3.1%	NA	NA	NA				
Spanish	196,833	18.2%	81,467	21.0%	41.4%				
Chinese (Incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	39,569	3.7%	21,288	5.5%	53.8%	x			
Tagalog (incl. Filipino)	31,292	2.9%	11,012	2.8%	35.2%	×			
Persian (incl. Farsi, Dari)	9,874	0.9%	4,446	1.1%	45.0%	×			
Vietnamese	9,102	0.8%	4,814	1.2%	52.9%				
Russian	7,990	0.7%	2,735	0.7%	34.2%				
Hindi	6,809	0.6%	1,464	0.4%	21.5%				
Portuguese	6,583	0.6%	2,927	0.8%	44.5%				
Arabic	6,498	0.6%	1,170	0.3%	18.0%				
Punjabi	6,109	0.6%	2,192	0.6%	35.9%				
Korean	5,815	0.5%	3,520	0.9%	60.5%				
Nepali, Marathi, or other Indic languages	5,708	0.5%	1,650	0.4%	28.9%	×			
Other languages of Asia	5,177	0.5%	2,080	0.5%	40.2%	×			
French (incl. Cajun)	4,806	0.4%	571	0.1%	11.9%				
Japanese	4,692	0.4%	1,752	0.5%	37.3%				
Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or other Austronesian languages	4,671	0.4%	1,375	0.4%	29.4%	×			
Telugu	4,605	0.4%	344	0.1%	7.5%				
German	3,523	0.3%	239	0.1%	6.8%				
Urdu	3,148	0.3%	555	0.1%	17.6%				
Other and unspecified languages	2,450	0.2%	438	0.1%	17.9%	×			
Italian	2,204	0.2%	385	0.1%	17.5%	20.00			
Malayalam, Kannada, or other Dravidian languages	1,974	0.2%	49	0.0%	2.5%	×			
Thai, Lao, or other Tai-Kadai languages	1,965	0.2%	991	0.3%	50.4%	×			
Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or other languages of Western Africa	1,932	0.2%	1,134	0.3%	58.7%	×			
Tamil	1,894	0.2%	124	0.0%	6.5%				
Ukrainian or other Slavic languages	1,655	0.2%	492	0.1%	29.7%	X			
Other Indo-European languages	1,614	0.1%	583	0.2%	36.1%	X			
Gujarati	1,452	0.1%	512	0.1%	35.3%				
Amharic, Somali, or other Afro-Asiatic languages	1,426	0.1%	627	0.2%	44.0%	X			
Polish	1,313	0.1%	519	0.1%	39.5%				
Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or other West Germanic languages	876	0.1%	187	0.0%	21.3%	X			
Greek	753	0.1%	85	0.0%	11.3%				
Hebrew	738	0.1%	130	0.0%	17.6%				
Serbo-Croatian	618	0.1%	348	0.1%	56.3%	X			
Bengali	562	0.1%	109	0.0%	19.4%				
Khmer	554	0.1%	351	0.1%	63.4%				
Swahili or other languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa	367	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%	×			
Armenian	170	0.0%	-	0.0%	0.0%				
Hmong	99	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%				
Haitian	-	0.0%	(4)	0.0%	NA				
Navajo		0.0%	(4)	0.0%	NA				
Other Native languages of North America	=	0.0%) =)	0.0%	NA	×			

source American Community Survey, 2017, 1-year estimates; Tables B16001 and S1810

Summary of Language Resources

Language Resources

Language Total Population Estimate (5 years and old)		Census Bureau						County	City/CBO/Other
	Internet Form	Internet Form Phone Assistance Paper and Field Language Glossaries/ Identification Card Guides					RCBO	County	City/CBO/Other
	X	X	X		X				
Speak only English	X	X	X		X	1			
Visually Impaired (calculated for total population)					Braille and Large Print	1			
Hearing Impaired (calculated for total population)		Telecommunication Device			Video Guide in American Sign Language	1			
Spanish	X	X	X	X	X	1			
Chinese (incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)	Simplified	Mandarin/Cantonese		Simplified ?	Simplified ?	1			
Tagalog (incl. Filipino)	Tagalog	Tagalog		Tagalog	Tagalog	1			
Persian (incl. Farsi, Dari)				Farsi	Farsi	1			
Vietnamese	X	x		X	X	1			
Russian	X	X		X	X				
Hindi				X	X	1			
Portuguese	X	X		X	X				
Arabic	X	X		X	X	1			
Punjabi				X	X	1			
Korean	X	x		X	X				
Nepali, Marathi, or other Indic languages				Nepali, Marathi, Sinhala	Nepali, Marathi, Sinhala	3			
Other languages of Asia				Burmese, Turkish	Burmese, Turkish	1			
French (incl. Cajun)	French	French		French	French	1			
Japanese	X	x		X	×	1			
Ilocano, Samoan, Hawaiian, or other Austronesian languages				Ilocano, Indonesian	Ilocano, Indonesian	1			
Telugu				X	X	1			
German				X	X	1			
Urdu				X	X	700	TOD	****	TOD
Other and unspecified languages				Hungarian	Hungarian	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Italian				X	X	1			
Malayalam, Kannada, or other Dravidian languages				Malayalam	Malayalam	1			
Thai, Lao, or other Tai-Kadai languages				Thai, Lao	Thai, Lao	1			
Yoruba, Twi, Igbo, or other languages of Western Africa				Twi, Igbo, Yoruba	Twi, Igbo, Yoruba	1			
Tamil				X	X	1			
Ukrainian or other Slavic languages				Ukarainian, Slovak, Czech, Bulgarian, Lithuanian	Ukarainian, Slovak, Czech, Bulgarian, Lithuanian	1			
Other Indo-European languages				Romanian, Albanian	Romanian, Albanian	1			
Gujarati				X	X	1			
Amharic, Somali, or other Afro-Asiatic languages				Amharic, Somali, Tigrinya	Amharic, Somali, Tigrinya	1			
Polish	X	×		X	X	1			
Yiddish, Pennsylvania Dutch or other West Germanic languages				Yiddish, Dutch	Yiddish, Dutch	1	l		
Greek	1			X	X	1	l		
Hebrew				x	X	1	ı		
Serbo-Croatian				Serbian, Bosnian, and Croatian	Serbian, Bosnian, and Croatian	1	l		
Bengali	1			x	X	1	ı		
Khmer				X	X	1	l		
Swahili or other languages of Central, Eastern, and Southern Africa	1			Swahili	Swahili	1	l		
Armenian	1 1			X	X	1	l		
Hmong				X	X	1	ı		
Haitian	Haitian Creole	Haitian Creole		Haitian Creole	Haitian Creole	1	l		
Navajo				X	X	1	ı		
Other Native languages of North America						1	ı	I	

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Contra Costa County Language Landscape

