



Meridian Member Languages Spoken

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Meridian shares service area population data on language needs with providers on an annual basis. This data is intended to be utilized by providers to enhance their knowledge of the Meridian population they serve. Language data is presented for the entire January 2023 Meridian population, then broken out in alphabetical order by county.

Full Population

Language	Count
Albanian	95
Arabic	3,843
Armenian	9
Bengali	128
Bosnian	18
Central Khmer	1
Chin (Burma)	3
Chinese	97
Croatian	3
Czech	5
English	511,152
French	44
German	8
Greek	1
Gujarati	1
Haitian	10
Hebrew	1
Hindi	34
Indonesian	3
Italian	7
Japanese	5

Language	Count
Korean	17
Kurdish	9
Lao	5
Maltese	3
Nepali	1
Panjabi	18
Polish	23
Portuguese	6
Russian	151
Slovak	2
Somali	23
Spanish	3,554
Swahili	184
Tagalog	13
Thai	3
Tigrinya	9
Turkish	1
Unknown	38,044
Urdu	78
Vietnamese	76
Grand Total	557,688

Alcona

Language	Count
English	875
Unknown	100

Allegan

Language	Count
Arabic	1
English	4,658
Spanish	38
Unknown	304

Alpena

Language	Count
Chinese	4
English	3,011
Russian	1
Spanish	3
Unknown	244

Antrim

Language	Count
English	2,246
Spanish	3
Unknown	255
Vietnamese	1

Arenac

Language	Count
English	996
Unknown	86

Barry

Language	Count
Arabic	1
English	2,769
Spanish	15
Unknown	247

Bay

Language	Count
English	4,340
Spanish	1
Unknown	222

Benzie

Language	Count
English	1,790
Unknown	214

Berrien

Language	Count
Chinese	7
English	19,576
Hindi	2
Indonesian	2
Panjabi	3
Polish	1
Portuguese	1
Russian	1
Spanish	419
Tagalog	2
Unknown	1,780
Vietnamese	1

Branch

Language	Count
Arabic	53
Chin (Burma)	1
English	4,180
German	7
Haitian	2
Spanish	26
Unknown	332

Calhoun

Language	Count
Arabic	3
English	14,681
German	1
Panjabi	1
Portuguese	3
Spanish	121
Swahili	13
Unknown	1,186

Cass

Language	Count
English	4,710
Spanish	42
Unknown	322

Charlevoix

Language	Count
English	1,348
Spanish	1
Unknown	120

Cheboygan

Language	Count
English	1,134
Unknown	79

Clare

Language	Count
English	1,911
Russian	4
Spanish	3
Unknown	94

Clinton

Language	Count
English	956
Spanish	4
Unknown	50

Crawford

Language	Count
English	1,624
Unknown	183
Vietnamese	1

Eaton

Language	Count
Chinese	1
English	3,123
Somali	1
Spanish	8
Unknown	235
Vietnamese	1

Emmet

Language	Count
Bengali	1
English	1,495
Unknown	135

Genesee

Language	Count
Albanian	2
Arabic	27
English	22,804
Russian	3
Spanish	47
Thai	1
Unknown	1,318
Vietnamese	5

Gladwin

Language	Count
English	1,718
Unknown	103

Grand Traverse

Language	Count
Albanian	2
Arabic	1
Chinese	1
English	8,673
Polish	2
Portuguese	1
Russian	35
Slovak	1
Spanish	36
Tagalog	1
Unknown	955
Vietnamese	2

Gratiot

Language	Count
English	1,719
Spanish	4
Unknown	104

Hillsdale

Language	Count
English	6,009
Spanish	1
Unknown	471

Huron

Language	Count
Chinese	1
English	2,056
Spanish	1
Unknown	173

Ingham

Language	Count
Arabic	38
Chinese	1
English	8,581
French	4
Haitian	2
Hindi	1
Korean	1
Kurdish	3
Russian	6
Somali	20
Spanish	53
Swahili	26
Unknown	450

Ionia

Language	Count
English	2,155
Japanese	1
Spanish	3
Unknown	149

Iosco

Language	Count
English	2,125
Spanish	2
Unknown	153

Isabella

Language	Count
Chinese	2
English	2,331
Spanish	6
Unknown	110

Jackson

Language	Count
Arabic	1
Armenian	1
Chinese	2
Croatian	3
English	18,272
Hindi	1
Korean	1
Spanish	41
Unknown	1,500
Urdu	2
Vietnamese	6

Kalamazoo

Language	Count
Arabic	63
Bengali	1
Chinese	1
Czech	1
English	17,954
French	3
Japanese	1
Korean	1
Panjabi	2
Spanish	116
Swahili	25
Unknown	1,277
Urdu	3
Vietnamese	1

Kalkaska

Language	Count
English	2,122
Spanish	3
Unknown	257

Kent

Language	Count
Albanian	1
Arabic	51
Armenian	2
Bengali	1
Bosnian	3
Chinese	8
English	18,511
French	14
Haitian	3
Hindi	4
Korean	1
Maltese	3
Nepali	1
Panjabi	7
Portuguese	1
Russian	2
Somali	2
Spanish	298
Swahili	115
Tagalog	1
Thai	1
Tigrinya	5
Unknown	1233
Urdu	5
Vietnamese	4

Lake

Language	Count
English	1,132
Unknown	76

Lapeer

Language	Count
English	2,978
Spanish	27
Unknown	283

Leelanau

Language	Count
English	923
Spanish	7
Unknown	123

Lenawee

Language	Count
Arabic	3
Bengali	1
English	9,688
Hindi	1
Spanish	67
Unknown	818
Urdu	1

Livingston

Language	Count
Albanian	1
Chinese	1
English	2,787
Spanish	10
Unknown	239
Vietnamese	1

Macomb

Language	Count
Albanian	46
Arabic	1,535
Armenian	1
Bengali	65
Bosnian	6
Chin(Burma)	2
Chinese	8
English	41,216
French	1
Hindi	3
Italian	6
Korean	2
Kurdish	4
Lao	1
Panjabi	3
Polish	11
Russian	14
Spanish	75
Tagalog	2
Unknown	3,299
Urdu	16
Vietnamese	15

Manistee

Language	Count
Chinese	2
English	3,076
Spanish	2
Unknown	264

Mason

Language	Count
Chinese	1
English	1,702
Spanish	5
Unknown	145
Vietnamese	1

Mecosta

Language	Count
English	1,454
Spanish	1
Unknown	79

Midland

Language	Count
English	3,561
Spanish	7
Unknown	214

Missaukee

Language	Count
English	1,587
Spanish	12
Unknown	137

Monroe

Language	Count
Arabic	3
Bengali	1
Chinese	2
English	13,087
Hindi	1
Spanish	48
Unknown	1,074

Montcalm

Language	Count
English	2,309
Spanish	3
Unknown	134

Montmorency

Language	Count
English	1,017
Spanish	1
Unknown	64

Muskegon

Language	Count
Arabic	2
Chinese	2
English	12,317
Korean	1
Spanish	48
Unknown	851
Vietnamese	1

Newaygo

Language	Count
English	2,061
Spanish	19
Unknown	122

Oakland

Language	Count
Albanian	14
Arabic	379
Armenian	1
Bengali	6
Bosnian	8
Chinese	23
English	35,617
French	2
Gujarati	1
Haitian	3
Hebrew	1
Hindi	10
Indonesian	1
Italian	1
Japanese	3
Korean	6
Polish	7
Russian	68
Slovak	1
Spanish	380
Tagalog	4
Thai	1
Turkish	1
Unknown	3,019
Urdu	17
Vietnamese	15

Oceana

Language	Count
English	2,230
Spanish	114
Unknown	196

Ogemaw

Language	Count
English	1,688
Spanish	3
Unknown	98

Osceola

Language	Count
English	1,542
Spanish	1
Unknown	102

Oscoda

Language	Count
English	700
Unknown	52

Otsego

Language	Count
English	2,435
Spanish	1
Unknown	256

Ottawa

Language	Count
Arabic	2
Chinese	3
English	3,454
Lao	3
Spanish	89
Swahili	3
Tigrinya	1
Unknown	229
Urdu	4
Vietnamese	2

Presque Isle

Language	Count
English	852
Unknown	63

Roscommon

Language	Count
English	2,799
Unknown	251

Saginaw

Language	Count
Arabic	6
Chinese	2
English	15,045
Lao	1
Spanish	11
Unknown	909
Vietnamese	1

Saint Clair

Language	Count
Arabic	4
Bengali	1
Chinese	2
English	16,497
Spanish	23
Unknown	1,403

Saint Joseph

Language	Count
Chinese	2
English	5,833
Spanish	226
Tagalog	1
Unknown	434

Sanilac

Language	Count
English	3,774
Spanish	3
Unknown	375

Shiawassee

Language	Count
English	2,345
Spanish	1
Unknown	127

Tuscola

Language	Count
English	3,626
Spanish	3
Unknown	290
Urdu	1

Van Buren

Language	Count
Chinese	1
English	6,996
Spanish	517
Unknown	553
Vietnamese	1

Washtenaw

Language	Count
Arabic	39
Bengali	2
Bosnian	1
Central Khmer	1
Chinese	13
Czech	1
English	7,413
French	9
Hindi	1
Korean	1
Kurdish	2
Russian	1
Spanish	48
Tagalog	1
Tigrinya	3
Unknown	422
Urdu	4
Vietnamese	2

Wayne

Language	Count
Albanian	29
Arabic	1,631
Armenian	4
Bengali	49
Chinese	7
Czech	3
English	101,867
French	11
Greek	1
Hindi	10
Korean	3
Panjabi	2
Polish	2
Russian	16
Spanish	504
Swahili	2
Tagalog	1
Unknown	6,481
Urdu	25
Vietnamese	15

Wexford

Language	Count
English	5,063
Spanish	3
Unknown	419