

Languages Spoken in Connecticut's Schools

Students in Connecticut schools speak a diverse array of languages, from Akan and Algonquian to Zande and Zurate. There are currently 148 dominant languages other than English spoken by students in schools throughout Connecticut. The matrix below identifies the language, the country/region it is indigenous to, the total number of students for whom it is their dominant language, and the total number of those students who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students.

	Language	Country/Region	Total Number of Students with Dominant Language	Total Number of Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students
1	Afrikaans	South Africa/Botswana-Malawi-Namibia-Zambia	66	15
2	Akan	Ghana	8	2
3	Albanian	Albania	1083	553
4	Amharic	Ethiopia	23	3
5	Algonquian (Narragansett)	Cheyenne/Pequot-Mohegan	4	0
6	Amharic	Ethiopia	23	3
7	Arabic	Saudi Arabia	741	309
8	Armenian	Armenia	31	7
9	Ashanti	Ghana	16	10
10	Assyrian	Iraq	17	3
11	Bangla	Bangladesh	63	26
12	Balinese	Indonesia	3	2
13	Balochi	Pakistan	4	2
14	Basque	Spain	9	4
15	Bemba	Zambia	7	2
16	Bengali	Bangladesh	305	108
17	Berber	Afro-Asiatic	1	0
18	Bikol	Malaysia/Philippines-dialect	8	0
19	Bulgarian	Bulgaria	52	17
20	Burmese	Myanmar	17	2
21	Cantonese	China	52	12
22	Catalan	Spain	2	0
23	Cebuano	Philippines	7	3

24	Chinese	China	1807	570
25	Chuukese	Micronesia	9	4
26	Creole-Cape Verdean	Cape Verdean	93	38
27	Creole-Haitian	Haiti	1459	540
28	Czech	Czech Republic	10	3
29	Danish	Denmark	34	7
30	Dari	Iran	7	4
31	Dutch	Netherlands	94	16
32	Edo	Nigeria	1	0
33	Espernot	*	*	*
34	Ewe	Ghana	8	6
35	Eskimo	Alaska	5	0
36	Estonian	Estonia	11	5
37	Fante	Ghana	3	0
38	Farsi	Iran	116	51
39	Finnish	Finlanda	18	7
40	Flemish	Belgium	2	1
41	French	France	795	270
42	Frisian	Netherlands	2	0
43	Fon	Benin/Africa	1	0
44	Fujianese	Malaysia	1	0
45	Fukien	China	1	0
46	Ga	Chile/ Pascua Island	2	0
47	Gaelic Irish	Ireland	1	0
48	Gaelic Scottish	United Kingdom	5	2
49	Ganda	Uganda	5	1
50	German	Germany	185	41
51	Giarahi	India	1	0
52	Gilbertese	Kiribati/Micronesia	1	0
53	Greek	Greece	402	55
54	Guanaina	Venezuela	1	1
55	Gujarati	India	650	200
56	Haida	Canada	1	0
57	Hausa	Nigeria	1	0
58	Hebrew	Israel	57	20

59	Hindi	India	372	95
60	Hmong	China/Viet nan/Laos	68	25
61	Hungarian	Hungary	87	18
62	Icelandic	Iceland	8	2
63	Igbo	Nigeria	23	7
64	Ilocano	Philippines	1	1
65	Ilongot	Philippines	8	1
66	Italian	Italy	361	42
67	Jaotoam-Creole	*	19	5
68	Japanese	Japan	438	243
69	Kamba	Brazil/Extinct	1	0
70	Kannada	India	19	1
71	Karen	Thailand	2	2
72	Karachi	Iran	1	0
73	Kinyarwanda	Rwanda	3	0
74	Khmer(Cambodian)	Cambodia	418	97
75	Kiscoohil	*	2	1
76	Kiswhali	Africa	2	1
77	Kongo	Democratic Republic of Congo	5	0
78	Konkani	India	9	0
79	Korean	Korea	633	247
80	Kru	India	1	1
81	Kurdish	Iraq	125	105
82	Lao	Laos	525	113
83	Latvian	Latvia	5	2
84	Lingala	Congo	7	6
85	Lithuanian	Lithuania	41	24
86	Luganda	Uganda	3	2
87	Macedonian	Macedonia	19	7
88	Malay (Malaysian)	Malaysia	31	13
89	Malayalam	India	119	33
90	Mandarin	China	89	42
91	Marathi	India	53	9
92	Mende	Africa/Congo	4	3

93	Mandingo	Senegal	6	4
94	Mongolian	Mongolia	4	3
95	Nepali	Nepal	27	14
96	Newari	Tibet	2	1
97	Norwegian	Norway	26	14
98	Nyanja	Malawi	4	1
99	Onaloff	*	1	1
100	Oriya	India	3	2
101	Pashto	Afghanistan	28	9
102	Patois	St. Lucia	37	9
103	Patwa	St. Lucia	52	4
104	Persian	Iran	36	17
105	Pilipino (Filipino)	Philippines	174	48
106	Polish	Poland	2428	726
107	Ponapean	Micronesia	78	5
108	Portuguese	Portugal	2895	1034
109	Punjabi	India	171	53
110	Pushto	Pakistan	26	7
111	Rawandan	Rwanda	2	0
112	Rumanian	Romania	103	32
113	Russian	Russia /Europe	819	225
114	Samoan	Western Samoa	14	3
115	Serlian	Sicily	1	0
116	Serbo-Croatian	Yugoslavia	785	524
117	Sgaw	Tibet	1	1
118	Shona	Peru	3	1
119	Sindhi	Pakistan	9	1
120	Sinhala	Sri-Lanka	1	0
121	Singhalese	Sri-Lanka	3	0
122	Slovak	Slovakia	35	8
123	Slovenian	Slovenia	1	1
124	Somali	Somalia	54	9
125	Spanish	various countries of origin **	47146	17924
126	Swahili	Tanzania	36	16
127	Swedish	Sweden	73	19

128	Syriac	Turkey/Syria	4	2
129	Tagalog	Philippines	129	47
130	Taiwanese	China/Taiwan	12	5
131	Tswana	Botswana	1	0
132	Tamil	India	94	11
133	Tibetian	China	31	13
134	Telugu	India	145	39
135	Tigrinya	Ethiopia	9	3
136	Thai	Thailand	85	30
137	Turkish	Turkey	21	3
138	Twi	Ghana	81	22
139	Ukrainian	Ukraine	196	83
140	Urdu	Pakistan	867	330
141	Vietnamese	Vietnam	1130	356
142	Visayan	Philippines	3	3
143	Wolof	Senegal	1	0
144	Yoruba	Nigeria	29	8
145	Zande	Congo	2	1
146	Zulu	Africa	3	2
147	Zurate	*	1	0
148	Zuratz	*	1	1

* information not available

** counts of countries of origin of Spanish-speaking students in Connecticut not available