

**Oklahoma's Native Languages**  
with Total Population c. 1993 and Estimated Numbers of Speakers c. 2004

<b>Languages by Family</b>	<b># Speakers</b>	<b>Languages by Family</b>	<b># Speakers</b>
<b>Algonquian</b>		<b>Kiowa-Tanoan</b>	
Absentee Shawnee (2,000)	200	Kiowa (9,050 in 1986)	300
Arapaho# (3,000)	100	<b>Muskogean</b>	
Cheyenne# (4,762)	100	Choctaw# (19,660 in 1984)	4,000
Citizen Band Potawatomi# (18,000)	N/A	Chickasaw (26,000)	1,000
Delaware (Lenape)	0	Creek††† (16,000)	6,000
Eastern Shawnee (1,550)	0 (?)	Seminole (12,000)	(w/Creek)
Kickapoo (1,800)	1,500	Alabama-Quassarte†# (800)	0
Loyal Shawnee (8,000)	14	Hitchiti (?)	0
Miami (6,000)	0	<b>Natchez</b>	
Ottawa (367)	0	Natchez††	0
Peoria (2,000)	0	<b>Penutian</b>	
Sac & Fox†# (2,200)	20	Modoc (200 in early 1990s)	0
<b>Athapaskan</b>		<b>Siouan</b>	
Plains Apache (924)	3	Iowa (366)	0
Fort Sill Apache (103)	0(?)	Kaw (1,678)	0
<b>Caddoan</b>		Osage (11,000)	5
Caddo (3,371)	25	Otoe-Missouria (1,550)	1(?)
Pawnee* (2,500)	7	Ponca# (2,360)	24
Wichita** (1,764)	0-5	Quapaw (1,927)	0
<b>Iroquoian</b>		<b>Tonkawan</b>	
Cherokee (122,000)	9,000	Tonkawa (186)	0
Keetoowah Band Cherokee (7,450)	(w/Cherokee)	<b>Uto-Aztecan</b>	
Wyandotte (3,617)	0	Comanche (8,500)	100
Seneca-Cayuga†# (2,460)	0	<b>Uchean</b>	
		Euchee (Yuchi)†† (2,500)	10

\*Includes South Band and Skiri dialects

\*\*Includes Wichita, Keechi, Waco and Tawakonie dialects/languages

†Federally consolidated Tribes or Bands, but are linguistically distinct

†† Not a federally recognized Tribe, Nation, Band, or Town, but are linguistically distinct

††† Federally recognized Tribal Towns that were originally Mvskoke Creek speaking or closely related dialects are not listed separately

#Population of speakers in other state(s)

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