

# Slovak Ancestry Shown in the 1990 U.S. Census

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The U.S. Census Bureau issued a supplementary report to the 1990 Census of Population: People's self-reported ancestry. The report shows an impressive number of the U.S. population who indicated they are of Slovak ethnicity. The numbers, of course, represent people who do not necessarily know the Slovak language, but are at least conscious of their ethnic background.

Those of us who have been correlating Slovak surnames with specific locations in Slovakia, in the Surname Location Reference Project, should find these statistics very encouraging. Over 1.8 million people indicated they are of Slovak descent. The Project will grow considerably if just a few take the time to send their surname data. Slovak lineage by state, in the United States: People reporting Slovak as their first ancestry:

Pennsylvania	447,384	Washington	18,892	Delaware	4,697
Ohio	273,380	Missouri	17,261	New Mexico	4,469
Illinois	120,400	Massachusetts	16,321	Utah	4,167
New York	118,045	Georgia	13,110	Montana	3,907
New Jersey	117,562	North Carolina	12,313	Arkansas	3,752
California	101,328	West Virginia	11,267	Maine	3,518
Michigan	84,864	Iowa	10,599	Wyoming	2,872
Florida	74,335	Nebraska	9,156	New Hampshire	2,671
Connecticut	49,891	Oregon	8,939	Idaho	2,582
Texas	48,463	Kansas	8,939	Mississippi	2,319
Wisconsin	45,679	Tennessee	7,417	Rhode Island	2,231
Indiana	44,412	South Carolina	6,926	Hawaii	2,087
Maryland	33,597	Nevada	6,311	Alaska	1,895
Virginia	31,604	Oklahoma	5,781	South Dakota	1,788
Minnesota	31,190	Louisiana	5,133	Vermont	1,641
Colorado	24,257	Alabama	5,022	North Dakota	1,557
Arizona	21,335	Kentucky	5,017		

With the states of Pennsylvania and Ohio ranking first and second of those reporting Slovak in their lineage per the 1990 U.S. Census here is a further breakdown of population per County.

## Pennsylvania:

94,108	Allegheny County (Pittsburgh)
39,748	Westmoreland County (Greensburg)
36,204	Luzerne County (Wilkes-Barre)
20,614	Cambria County (Johnstown)
19,070	Fayette County (Uniontown)
17,687	Washington County (Washington)
17,123	Lehigh County (Allentown)
12,868	Lackawanna County (Scranton)
12,728	Northampton County (Bethlehem)
11,192	Montgomery County (Philadelphia)

## Ohio:

88,770	Cuyahoga County (Cleveland)
29,070	Mahoning County (Youngstown)
18,815	Summit County (Akron)
17,729	Trumbull County (Warren)
14,526	Lorain County (Lorain)
14,319	Lake County (Mentor)
9,508	Franklin County (Columbus)
9,217	Stark County (Canton)
7,772	Medina County (Medina)
6,334	Portage County (Kent)