

Lithuanian

lietuvių kalba

Spoken in: Lithuania and 18 other countries

Region: Northern Europe (Eastern Europe, Baltic states)

Total speakers: 4 million

Genetic Classification: Indo-European Baltic Eastern Lithuanian

Official language of: Lithuania, European Union

Lithuanian is one of two living Baltic languages. The Baltic languages form their own distinct branch of the Indo-European languages. Lithuanian is considered to oldest surviving Indo-European language and is thought to have retained some features of Proto-Indo-European (PIE) such as pitch-accent and a complex inflexional case system. Some words in Lithuanian even resemble words in Sanskrit and Latin.

The Lithuanian language has two main dialects: Aukshtaitish and Žemaitish. Like many of the Indo-European languages, Lithuanian employs modified Roman script. It is comprised of 32 letters.

Currently SSWAHS Health Care Interpreter Service employs 1 Lithuanian sessional interpreter.

Lithuanian alphabet & pronunciation

A a	Ą ą	B b	C c	Ch ch	Č č	D d	E e	Ę ę	Ė ė	F f	G g	H h	I i
a	a nosinė	be	ce	che	če	de	e	e nosinė	ė	ef	ge	haš	i trumpoji
[a/a:]	[a:]	[b]	[t͡s]	[x]	[t͡ʃ]	[d]	[ɛ, e:]	[ɛ:]	[e:]	[f]	[g]	[h]	[i]
Į į	Y y	J j	K k	L l	M m	N n	O o	P p	R r	S s	Š š	T t	U u
i nosinė	i goji	jot	ka	el	em	en	o	pe	er	es	eš	te	u trumpoji
[i:]	[i:]	[j]	[k]	[l]	[m]	[n]	[o:]	[p]	[r]	[s]	[ʃ]	[t]	[u]
U u	Ū ū	V v	Z z	Ž ž	Dz dz	Dž dž	Ie ie	Uo uo					
u nosinė	u goji	ve	ze	že									
[u:]	[u:]	[v]	[z]	[ʒ]	[d͡z]	[d͡ʒ]	[ie]	[uo]					