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# How common is your last name?

New U.S. Census Bureau data on frequency of surnames shows the changing racial makeup of the nation.

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America is still dominated by people named Smith, Johnson, Williams, Brown and Jones. But the Garcias now outnumber the Millers and Davises, and people named Martinez, Hernandez, Lopez, Gonzalez and Perez are on the rise.

Data released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau about America's most common surnames reflect the nation's growing Hispanic and Asian populations, even as the top five names - common for white and black families - remain unchanged from the past decade.

The names with the greatest percent change in frequency are mostly Asian, such as: Zhang, Li, Ali, Liu and Khan. Also among the fastest-growing were Hispanic names Vazquez, Bautista and Velazquez.

The data, based on the 2010 Census, doesn't break down common surnames by state. Still, we looked up a few of the more classic Minnesota names to see how they rank nationally. In all cases, there are more people with these names now than in 2000, but they've all dropped in the rankings.

Anderson: More than 780,000 people reported having this name, putting it in 15th place. But that's down from 12th highest a decade ago.

Nelson: About 425,000 people have this name. It's 43rd ranking is down three spots.

Olson: About 164,000 people puts this name at 157th, a big drop from 136th in 2000.

Peterson: About 278,000 people and its rank dropped eight spots to land at 71st most common.

#### Search for your last name

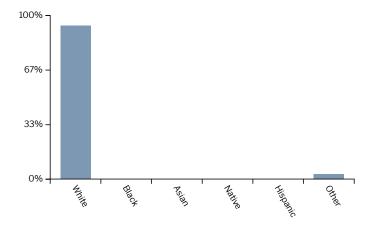
Type a last name and press enter

### How common is the surname OBERHEIM in the United States?

2010 Rank ▲
Rate per 100,000
Number of people
2000 Rank

#83,226 0.08 226 #86.341

#### Breakdown by race



Note: data only reflects surnames reported 100 or more times. If a name doesn't pop up, it's likely not as common.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau | Graphic by Jeff Hargarten, Star Tribune | Download Data

It's quite possible that a name might not show up in here even if you think it should have 100 or more occurrences. Here's why: The Census Bureau collected the names from handwritten 2010 census forms, so it's dependent on people filling out the forms in the first place and putting down their correct names (yes, people spelled their names wrong or didn't include their name). The form

(http://www.census.gov/2010census/pdf/2010 Questionnaire Info.pdf) asked for the names of each person in the household; of course, it's possible that not all were filled in.

Next, the census bureau used computer scanning software to convert the handwritten names. That process is not perfect. It's common for an "o" to be mistaken for a "c" or an "h" to be converted to a "b", or vice versa. The bureau's <a href="mailto:methodology">methodology</a>

(<a href="https://www2.census.gov/topics/genealogy/2010surnames/surnames.pdf">https://www2.census.gov/topics/genealogy/2010surnames/surnames.pdf</a>) notes the extensive lengths they went to edit and verify the data, but it's also easy to see how it would be tough to ensure every person's name made it into this count.

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First Name: Last Name: Search Names

- There are fewer than 1,646
   people in the U.S. with the first
   name .
- The estimate for this name is not absolute. There may be fewer people with this name, or none at all. <u>Click here for more</u> <u>details</u>.

### Oberheim

- There are 245 people in the U.S. with the last name Oberheim.
- Statistically the 86341st most popular last name.

### Oberheim

- There are 1 or fewer people in the U.S. named Oberheim.
- The estimates for one or both names are not absolute. There may be fewer people with this name, or none at all. <u>Click here</u> <u>for more details</u>.



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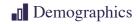
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# 525,476<sup>th</sup>

Most Common Surname in the World

### Approximately

612
people
bear this
surname

① MOST
PREVALENT
IN:



(i) HIGHEST DENSITY IN:



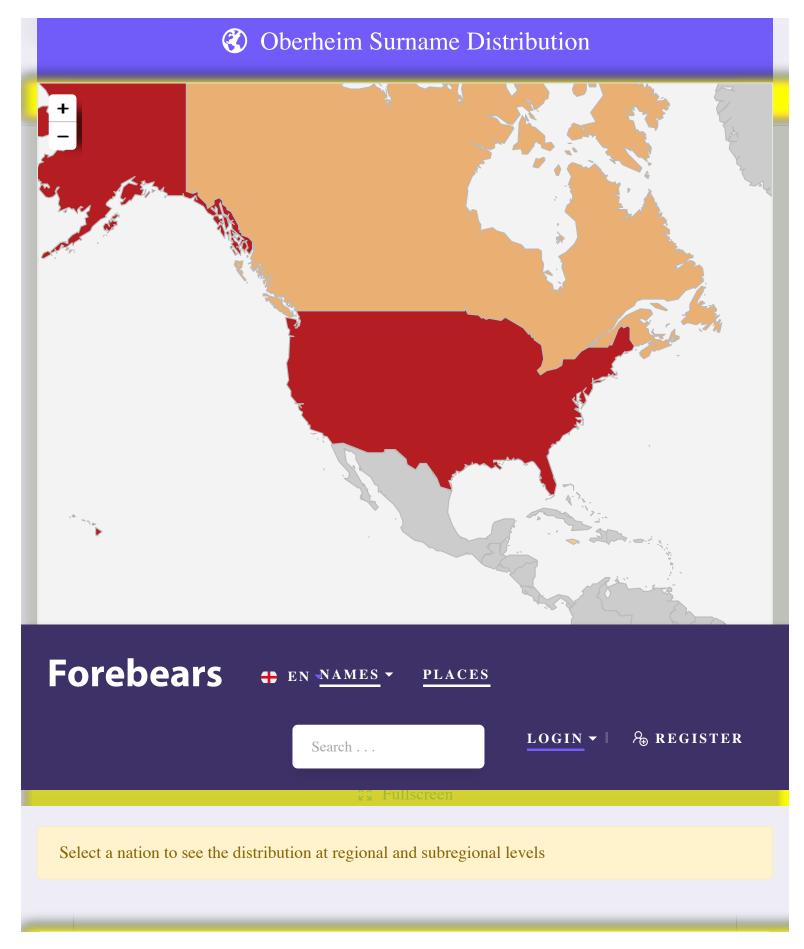
### **Oberheim Surname**

The meaning of this surname is not listed.

Submit Information on This Surname for a Chance to Win a \$100 Genealogy DNA Test

**DNA** test information





### **2014** 1881 1880

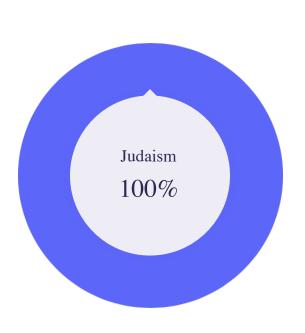
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United States	324	1:1,114,973	80,655
Germany	223	1:359,770	34,587
+ England	50	1:1,111,995	53,146
Scotland	9	1:594,955	22,256
<b>↓</b> Canada	3	1:12,266,002	364,276
X Jamaica	1	1:2,872,187	14,560
<ul><li>Japan</li></ul>	1	1:127,787,575	65,362
Portugal	1	1:10,418,249	25,052

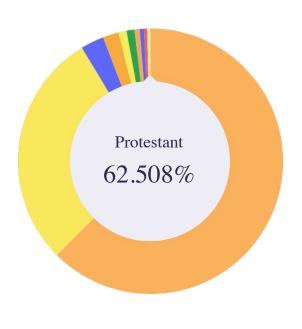
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# Oberheim Demographics



# Religious Adherence in United States





Sample size: 165 (2014)

View the most religious surnames in United States

## Phonetically Similar Names

Surname	(i) Similarity	(i) Incidence	i Prevalency
Oberhem	93	16	/

Oberhime	88	0	-	
Oberhiem	88	0	-	
Eberheim	88	29	/ -	
Oberim	86	5		
Oberem	86	1,613		
Obereme	80	1	• / •	
Overhem	80	1	/	
Oberemm	80	25		
Oberrem	80	29		
SHOW ALL SIMILAR SURNAMES				

The surname statistics are still in development, sign up for information on more maps and data

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### Footnotes

O Surname distribution statistics are generated from a global sample of 4 billion people

- O Rank: Surnames are ranked by incidence using the ordinal ranking method; the surname that occurs the most is assigned a rank of 1; surnames that occur less frequently receive an incremented rank; if two or more surnames occur the same number of times they are assigned the same rank and successive rank is incremented by the total preceeding surnames
- O Similar: Surnames listed in the "Similar Surnames" section are phonetically similar and may not have any relation to Oberheim

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