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The authors prove that the number of prime factors (either distinct or counted with multiplicities) of Euler's function $\phi(n)$ obeys the Gaussian distribution law. The normal order equals $(\log \log n)^2/2$ and the standard deviation is $3^{-1/2}(\log \log n)^{3/2}$.

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