

Languages Spoken in Each Country of the World

The table below lists the official language of each country as well as other languages spoken. In selected countries, the percent of the population that speaks each language is also given.

Afghanistan	Dari Persian, Pashtu (both official), other Turkic and minor languages
Albania	Albanian (Tosk is the official dialect), Greek
Algeria	Arabic (official), French, Berber dialects
Andorra	Catalán (official), French, Castilian, Portuguese
Angola	Portuguese (official), Bantu and other African languages
Antigua and Barbuda	English (official), local dialects
Argentina	Spanish (official), English, Italian, German, French
Armenia	Armenian 98%, Yezidi, Russian
Australia	English 79%, native and other languages
Austria	German (official nationwide); Slovene, Croatian, Hungarian (each official in one region)
Azerbaijan	Azerbaijani Turkic 89%, Russian 3%, Armenian 2%, other 6%
Bahamas	English (official), Creole (among Haitian immigrants)
Bahrain	Arabic, English, Farsi, Urdu
Bangladesh	Bangla (official), English
Barbados	English
Belarus	Belorussian (White Russian), Russian, other
Belgium	Dutch (Flemish) 60%, French 40%, German less than 1% (all official)
Belize	English (official), Spanish, Mayan, Garifuna (Carib), Creole
Benin	French (official), Fon, Yoruba, tribal languages
Bhutan	Dzongkha (official), Tibetan dialects (among Bhotos), Nepalese dialects (among Nepalese)
Bolivia	Spanish, Quechua, Aymara (all official)
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian
Botswana	English 2% (official), Setswana 78%, Kalanga 8%, Sekgalagadi 3%, other (2001)
Brazil	Portuguese (official), Spanish, English, French
Brunei	Malay (official), English, Chinese
Bulgaria	Bulgarian 85%, Turkish 10%, Roma 4%
Burkina Faso	French (official); native African (Sudanic) languages 90%
Burundi	Kirundi and French (official), Swahili

Cambodia	Khmer 95% (official), French, English
Cameroon	French, English (both official); 24 major African language groups
Canada	English 59.3%, French 23.2% (both official); other 17.5%
Cape Verde	Portuguese, Criuolo
Central African Republic	French (official), Sangho (lingua franca, national), tribal languages
Chad	French, Arabic (both official); Sara; more than 120 languages and dialects
Chile	Spanish
China	Standard Chinese (Mandarin/Putonghua), Yue (Cantonese), Wu (Shanghaiese), Minbei (Fuzhou), Minnan (Hokkien-Taiwanese), Xiang, Gan, Hakka dialects, minority languages
Colombia	Spanish
Comoros	Arabic and French (both official), Shikomoro (Swahili/Arabic blend)
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	French (official), Lingala, Kingwana, Kikongo, Tshiluba
Congo, Republic of	French (official), Lingala, Monokutuba, Kikongo, many local languages and dialects
Costa Rica	Spanish (official), English
Côte d'Ivoire	French (official) and African languages (Dioula esp.)
Croatia	Croatian 96% (official), other 4% (including Italian, Hungarian, Czech, Slovak, German)
Cuba	Spanish
Cyprus	Greek, Turkish (both official); English
Czech Republic	Czech
Denmark	Danish, Faroese, Greenlandic (Inuit dialect), German; English is the predominant second language
Djibouti	French and Arabic (both official), Somali, Afar
Dominica	English (official) and French patois
Dominican Republic	Spanish
East Timor	Tetum, Portuguese (official); Bahasa Indonesia, English; other indigenous languages, including Tetum, Galole, Mambae, and Kemak
Ecuador	Spanish (official), Quechua, other Amerindian languages
Egypt	Arabic (official), English and French widely understood by educated classes
El Salvador	Spanish, Nahua (among some Amerindians)
Equatorial Guinea	Spanish, French (both official); pidgin English, Fang, Bubi, Ibo
Eritrea	Afar, Arabic, Tigre and Kunama, Tigrinya, other Cushitic languages
Estonia	Estonian 67% (official), Russian 30%, other (2000)

Ethiopia	Amharic, Tigrigna, Orominga, Guaragigna, Somali, Arabic, English, over 70 others
Fiji	English (official), Fijian, Hindustani
Finland	Finnish 92%, Swedish 6% (both official); small Sami- (Lapp) and Russian-speaking minorities
France	French 100%, rapidly declining regional dialects (Provençal, Breton, Alsatian, Corsican, Catalan, Basque, Flemish)
Gabon	French (official), Fang, Myene, Nzebi, Bapounou/Eschira, Bandjabi
Gambia	English (official), Mandinka, Wolof, Fula, other indigenous
Georgia	Georgian 71% (official), Russian 9%, Armenian 7%, Azerbaijani 6%, other 7% (Abkhaz is the official language in Abkhazia)
Germany	German
Ghana	English (official), African languages (including Akan, Moshi-Dagomba, Ewe, and Ga)
Greece	Greek 99% (official), English, French
Grenada	English (official), French patois
Guatemala	Spanish 60%, Amerindian languages 40% (23 officially recognized Amerindian languages, including Quiche, Cakchiquel, Kekchi, Mam, Garifuna, and Xinca)
Guinea	French (official), native tongues (Malinké, Susu, Fulani)
Guinea-Bissau	Portuguese (official), Criolo, African languages
Guyana	English (official), Amerindian dialects, Creole, Hindi, Urdu
Haiti	Creole and French (both official)
Honduras	Spanish (official), Amerindian dialects; English widely spoken in business
Hungary	Magyar (Hungarian) 94%, other 6%
Iceland	Icelandic, English, Nordic languages, German widely spoken
India	Hindi 30%, English, Bengali, Gujarati, Kashmiri, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Kannada, Assamese, Sanskrit, Sindhi (all official); Hindi/Urdu; 1,600+ dialects
Indonesia	Bahasa Indonesia (official), English, Dutch, Javanese, and more than 580 other languages and dialects
Iran	Farsi and Farsi dialects 58% (previously known as Persian), Turkic and Turkic dialects 26%, Kurdish 9%, Luri 2%, Balochi 1%, Arabic 1%, Turkish 1%, other 2%
Iraq	Arabic (official), Kurdish (official in Kurdish regions), Assyrian, Armenian
Ireland	English, Irish (Gaelic) (both official)
Israel	Hebrew (official), Arabic, English
Italy	Italian (official); German-, French-, and Slovene-speaking minorities
Jamaica	English, Jamaican Creole
Japan	Japanese

Jordan	Arabic (official), English
Kazakhstan	Kazak (Qazaq, state language) 64%; Russian (official, used in everyday business) 95% (2001 est.)
Kenya	English (official), Swahili (national), and numerous indigenous languages
Kiribati	English (official), I-Kiribati (Gilbertese)
Korea, North	Korean
Korea, South	Korean, English widely taught
Kuwait	Arabic (official), English
Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyz, Russian (both official)
Laos	Lao (official), French, English, various ethnic languages
Latvia	Latvian 58% (official), Russian 38%, Lithuanian, other (2000)
Lebanon	Arabic (official), French, English, Armenian
Lesotho	English, Sesotho (both official); Zulu, Xhosa
Liberia	English 20% (official), some 20 ethnic-group languages
Libya	Arabic, Italian, and English widely understood in major cities
Liechtenstein	German (official), Alemannic dialect
Lithuania	Lithuanian 82% (official), Russian 8%, Polish 6% (2001)
Luxembourg	Luxembourgish (national) French, German (both administrative)
Macedonia	Macedonian 67%, Albanian 25% (both official); Turkish 4%, Roma 2%, Serbian 1% (2002)
Madagascar	Malagasy and French (both official)
Malawi	Chichewa 57.2% (official), Chinyanja 12.8%, Chiyao 10.1%, Chitumbuka 9.5%, Chisena 2.7%, Chilomwe 2.4%, Chitonga 1.7%, other 3.6% (1998)
Malaysia	Bahasa Melayu (Malay, official), English, Chinese dialects (Cantonese, Mandarin, Hokkien, Hakka, Hainan, Foochow), Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Panjabi, Thai; several indigenous languages (including Iban, Kadazan) in East Malaysia
Maldives	Maldivian Dhivehi (official); English spoken by most government officials
Mali	French (official), Bambara 80%, numerous African languages
Malta	Maltese and English (both official)
Marshall Islands	Marshallese 98% (two major dialects from the Malayo-Polynesian family), English widely spoken as a second language (both official); Japanese
Mauritania	Hassaniya Arabic (official), Pulaar, Soninke, French, Wolof
Mauritius	English less than 1% (official), Creole 81%, Bojpoori 12%, French 3% (2000)
Mexico	Spanish, various Mayan, Nahuatl, and other regional indigenous languages

Micronesia	English (official, common), Chukese, Pohnpeian, Yapase, Kosrean, Ulithian, Woleaian, Nukuoro, Kapingamarangi
Moldova	Moldovan (official; virtually the same as Romanian), Russian, Gagauz (a Turkish dialect)
Monaco	French (official), English, Italian, Monégasque
Mongolia	Mongolian, 90%; also Turkic and Russian (1999)
Montenegro	Serbian/Montenegrin (Ijekavian dialect—official)
Morocco	Arabic (official), Berber dialects, French often used for business, government, and diplomacy
Mozambique	Portuguese 9% (official; second language of 27%), Emakhuwa 26%, Xichangana 11%, Elomwe 8%, Cisená 7%, Echuwabo 6%, other Mozambican languages 32% (1997)
Myanmar	Burmese, minority languages
Namibia	English 7% (official), Afrikaans is common language of most of the population and of about 60% of the white population, German 32%; indigenous languages: Oshivambo, Herero, Nama
Nauru	Nauruan (official), English
Nepal	Nepali 48% (official), Maithali 12%, Bhojpuri 7%, Tharu 6%, Tamang 5%, others. English spoken by many in government and business (2001)
Netherlands	Dutch, Frisian (both official)
New Zealand	English, Maori (both official)
Nicaragua	Spanish 98% (official); English and indigenous languages on Atlantic coast (1995)
Niger	French (official), Hausa, Djerma
Nigeria	English (official), Hausa, Yoruba, Ibo, Fulani, and more than 200 others
Norway	Bokmål Norwegian, Nynorsk Norwegian (both official); small Sami- and Finnish-speaking minorities (Sami is official in six municipalities)
Oman	Arabic (official), English, Baluchi, Urdu, Indian dialects
Pakistan	Urdu 8%, English (both official); Punjabi 48%, Sindhi 12%, Siraiki (a Punjabi variant) 10%, Pashtu 8%, Balochi 3%, Hindko 2%, Brahui 1%, Burushaski, and others 8%
Palau	Palauan 64.7%, English 9.4%, Sonsoralese, Tobi, Angaur (each official on some islands), Filipino 13.5%, Chinese 5.7%, Carolinian 1.5%, Japanese 1.5%, other Asian 2.3%, other languages 1.5% (2000)
Palestinian State (proposed)	Arabic, Hebrew, English
Panama	Spanish (official), English 14%, many bilingual
Papua New Guinea	Tok Pisin (Melanesian Pidgin, the lingua franca), Hiri Motu (in Papua region), English 1%–2%; 715 indigenous languages
Paraguay	Spanish, Guaraní (both official)

Peru	Spanish, Quéchua (both official); Aymara; many minor Amazonian languages
Philippines	Filipino (based on Tagalog), English (both official); eight major dialects: Tagalog, Cebuano, Ilocano, Hiligaynon or Ilonggo, Bicol, Waray, Pampango, and Pangasinense
Poland	Polish 98% (2002)
Portugal	Portuguese (official), Mirandese (official, but locally used)
Qatar	Arabic (official); English a common second language
Romania	Romanian (official), Hungarian, German
Russia	Russian, others
Rwanda	Kinyarwanda, French, and English (all official); Kiswahili in commercial centers
St. Kitts and Nevis	English
St. Lucia	English (official), French patois
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	English, French patois
Samoa	Samoan, English
San Marino	Italian
São Tomé and Príncipe	Portuguese (official)
Saudi Arabia	Arabic
Senegal	French (official); Wolof, Pulaar, Jola, Mandinka
Serbia	Serbian (official); Romanian, Hungarian, Slovak, and Croatian (all official in Vojvodina); Albanian (official in Kosovo)
Seychelles	Seselwa Creole 92%, English 5%, French (all official) (2002)
Sierra Leone	English (official), Mende (southern vernacular), Temne (northern vernacular), Krio (lingua franca)
Singapore	Mandarin 35%, English 23%, Malay 14.1%, Hokkien 11.4%, Cantonese 5.7%, Teochew 4.9%, Tamil 3.2%, other Chinese dialects 1.8%, other 0.9% (2000)
Slovakia	Slovak 84% (official), Hungarian 11%, Roma 2%, Ukrainian 1% (2001)
Slovenia	Slovenian 91%, Serbo-Croatian 5% (2002)
Solomon Islands	English 1%–2% (official), Melanesian pidgin (lingua franca), 120 indigenous languages
Somalia	Somali (official), Arabic, English, Italian
South Africa	IsiZulu 23.8%, IsiXhosa 17.6%, Afrikaans 13.3%, Sepedi 9.4%, English 8.2%, Setswana 8.2%, Sesotho 7.9%, Xitsonga 4.4%, other 7.2% (2001)
Spain	Castilian Spanish 74% (official nationwide); Catalan 17%, Galician 7%, Basque 2% (each official regionally)

Sri Lanka	Sinhala 74% (official and national), Tamil 18% (national), other 8%; English is commonly used in government and spoken competently by about 10%
Sudan	Arabic (official), Nubian, Ta Bedawie, diverse dialects of Nilotic, Nilo-Hamitic, Sudanic languages, English
Suriname	Dutch (official), Surinamese (lingua franca), English widely spoken, Hindustani, Javanese
Swaziland	English, siSwati (both official)
Sweden	Swedish, small Sami- and Finnish-speaking minorities
Switzerland	German 64%, French 20%, Italian 7% (all official); Romansch 0.5% (national)
Syria	Arabic (official); Kurdish, Armenian, Aramaic, Circassian widely understood; French, English somewhat understood
Taiwan	Chinese (Mandarin, official), Taiwanese (Min), Hakka dialects
Tajikistan	Tajik (official), Russian widely used in government and business
Tanzania	Swahili, English (both official); Arabic; many local languages
Thailand	Thai (Siamese), English (secondary language of the elite), ethnic and regional dialects
Togo	French (official, commerce); Ewé, Mina (south); Kabyé, Dagomba (north); and many dialects
Tonga	Tongan (an Austronesian language), English
Trinidad and Tobago	English (official), Hindi, French, Spanish, Chinese
Tunisia	Arabic (official, commerce), French (commerce)
Turkey	Turkish (official), Kurdish, Dimli, Azeri, Kabardian
Turkmenistan	Turkmen 72%; Russian 12%; Uzbek 9%, other 7%
Tuvalu	Tuvaluan, English, Samoan, Kiribati (on the island of Nui)
Uganda	English (official), Ganda or Luganda, other Niger-Congo languages, Nilo-Saharan languages, Swahili, Arabic
Ukraine	Ukrainian 67%, Russian 24%, Romanian, Polish, Hungarian
United Arab Emirates	Arabic (official), Persian, English, Hindi, Urdu
United Kingdom	English, Welsh, Scots Gaelic
United States	English 82%, Spanish 11% (2000)
Uruguay	Spanish, Portunol, or Brazilerio
Uzbekistan	Uzbek 74.3%, Russian 14.2%, Tajik 4.4%, other 7.1%
Vanuatu	Bislama 23% (a Melanesian pidgin English), English 2%, French 1% (all 3 official); more than 100 local languages 73%
Vatican City (Holy See)	Italian, Latin, French, various other languages
Venezuela	Spanish (official), numerous indigenous dialects

<u>Vietnam</u>	Vietnamese (official); English (increasingly favored as a second language); some French, Chinese, Khmer; mountain area languages (Mon-Khmer and Malayo-Polynesian)
<u>Western Sahara (proposed state)</u>	Hassaniya Arabic, Moroccan Arabic
<u>Yemen</u>	Arabic
<u>Zambia</u>	English (official); major vernaculars: Bemba, Kaonda, Lozi, Lunda, Luvale, Nyanja, Tonga; about 70 other indigenous languages
<u>Zimbabwe</u>	English (official), Shona, Ndebele (Sindebele), numerous minor tribal dialects