

TABLE 6
CULTURAL PRACTICES AND HERITAGE: LEADING LANGUAGES*

Country or territory	Official languages		Percent of population foreign born 1990-95	Countries where over 50 languages are spoken (X)	Leading languages in daily use ¹				
	Number	Names							
Sub-Saharan Africa									
Angola	1	Portuguese	0.3	-	Umbundu	Mbundu	Kabyle	Kongo	Portuguese
Benin	1	French	1.0	X	Fon	Yoruba	Adja	Bariba	Gen
Botswana	1	English	1.8	-	Setswana	English	Kalanga	Kgalagadi	Afrikaans
Burkina Faso	1	French	4.7	X	Moore	Fulfulde	Jula	Bissa	Gurma
Burundi	2	Rundi, French	6.1	-	Rundi	Swahil	French	Cham	..
Cameroon	2	French, English	2.4	X	Fulfulde	Pidgin-English	Ewondo	Bassa	Douala
Central African Rep.	2	Sango, French	2.0	-	Gbaya	Banda	Manza	Sango	Fulfulde
Chad	2	French, Arabic	0.3	X	Arabic	Daza	Maba	Sara	Gulay
Congo	1	French	5.9	X	Munukutuba	Kongo	Lingala	Teke	Mbosi
Congo (Dem. Rep.)	1	French	2.8	X	Lingala	Luba	Kituba	Bangala	Kongo
Côte d'Ivoire	1	French	29.3	X	Dioula	Baule	Bete	Senoufo	We
Eritrea	..	..	..	-	Tigrinya	Afar	Arabic	Saho	Kunama
Ethiopia	1	Amharic	12.1	X	Amharic	Oromigna	Tigrina	Somali	Guaragigna
Gabon	1	French	8.9	-	Fang	Sira	Mbere	Myene	French
Gambia	1	English	11.2	-	Mandinka	Fulfulde	Wolof	Soninke	Jola
Ghana	1	English	0.9	X	Akan	Ewe	Ga	English	Abron
Guinea	1	French	1.7	X	Maninka	Pular	Susu	Kpele	Kissi
Guinea-Bissau	1	Portuguese	1.8	-	Balcanta	Fulfulde	Crioulo	Mandyak	Mandinka
Kenya	2	English, Swahili	0.7	X	Kikuyu	Luo	Luyia	Kalenjin	Kamba
Lesotho	2	Sesotho, English	1.4	-	Sesotho	English		..	..
Liberia	1	English	5.0	-	Pidgin English	Kpelle	Bassa	Mano	Dan
Madagascar	2	Malagasy, French	0.3	-	Malagasy	French			
Malawi	2	English, Chichewa	12.1	-	Chichewa	Lomwe	Yao	Ngoni	Tumbuka
Mali	1	French	1.2	-	Bambara	Soninke	Fulfulde	Malinke	Senoufo
Mauritania	2	Arabic, Wolof	3.3	-	Arabic	Fulfulde	Tamashek	Soninke	Wolof
Mauritius	1	English	0.8	-	Creole	Morisyen	Bhojpuri	Urdu	French
Mozambique	1	Portuguese	0.1	-	Makhuwa	Tsonga	Lomwe	Sena	Shona
Namibia	1	English	0.6	-	Afrikaans	Herero	English	Nama	Owambo
Niger	1	French	1.5	-	Haus	Zarma	Songhai	Fulfulde	Tamajak
Nigeria	1	English	0.3	X	English	Haus	Igbo	Yoruba	Pidgin English
Rwanda	2	French, Kinyarwanda	1.0	-	Kinyarwanda	French	..	..	..
Senegal	1	French	2.5	-	Wuluf	Fulfulde	Serere	Mandinka	Malinke
Sierra Leone	1	English	5.0	-	Mende	Themne	Creole	Limba	Kuranko
Somalia	1	Somali	7.2	-	Somali	Maay	Gabre	Swahili	Jiddu
South Africa	11	(See footnote)	3.1	-	Zulu	Xhosa	Afrikaans	Sepedi	English
Sudan	1	Arabic	3.3	X	Arabic	Dinka	Bedawi	Nuer	Fur
Swaziland	2	English, Siswati	..	-	English	Siswati	..	..	..
Tanzania (United Rep. of)	2	English, Swahili	2.3	X	Swahili	Bemba	English	Gogo	Haya
Togo	1	French	4.1	-	Ewe	Kabiye	Tem	Gen	Moba
Uganda	1	English	1.9	-	Swahili	Ganda	Nyankore	Chiga	Soga
Zambia	1	English	4.1	-	Bemba	Tonga	Niyanja	Lozi	Lalabisa
Zimbabwe	1	English	8.0	-	Shona	Ndebele	English	Kalanga	Tonga
Arab States									
Algeria	1	Arabic	1.5	-	Arabic	Kabyle	Chaouia	Tachelhit	French
Egypt	3	(See footnote)	0.3	-	Arabic	Domari	Nubian	Armenian	Greek
Iraq	1	Arabic	2.8	-	Arabic	Kurdish	Azeri	Farsi	Turkmen
Jordan	1	Arabic	26.4	-	Arabic	Adyghe	Armenian
Kuwait	1	Arabic	71.7	-	Arabic

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Lebanon	2	Arabic, French	11.2	-	Arabic	French	English	Armenian	Kurdish
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	1	Arabic	12.3	-	Arabic	Nefusi	Zuara	Tamashek	
Morocco	1	Arabic	0.2	-	Arabic	Techelhit	Tamazight	Tarifit	French
Oman	1	Arabic	33.6	-	Arabic	English	Baluchi	Swahili	Farsi
Saudi Arabia	1	Arabic	25.8	-	Arabic	..	..	..	..
Syrian Arab Rep.	1	Arabic	6.6	-	Arabic	Kurdish	Armenian	Azeri	Assyrian
Tunisia	1	Arabic	0.5	-	Arabic	Jerba	French	..	..
United Arab Emirates	1	Arabic	90.2	-	Arabic	Pashto	Baluchi	Somali	Farsi
Yemen	1	Arabic	0.6	-	Arabic	Somali	Soqotri	Mehri	..
South Central Asia									
Afghanistan	2	Pashto, Dari	0.2	-	Pashto	Dari	Hazaragi	Uzbek	Aimaq
Armenia	1	Armenian	..	-	Armenian	Azerbaijani	Russian	Kurdish	Ukrainian
Azerbaijan	1	Azeri	..	-	Azeri	Russian	Turkish	English	French
Bangladesh	1	Bangla	0.7	-	Bangla	English	Urdu	Sylheti	Hindi
Bhutan	1	Dzongkha	..	-	Dzongkha	Nepali	Scharchup	Kebumtamp	Gurtu
Georgia	1	Georgian	..	-	Georgian	Mingrelian	Armenian	Russian	Azeri
India	19	(See footnote)	1.0	X	Hindi	Bengali	Telugu	Marathi	Tamil
Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	1	Farsi	6.2	X	Farsi	Azeri	Kurdish	Arabic	Baluchi
Kazakhstan	1	Kazakh	..	X	Kazakh	Russian	Uzbek	Uigur	German
Kyrgyzstan	1	Kirghiz	..	-	Kirghiz	Russian	Uzbek	Ukrainian	Tatar
Nepal	1	Nepalese	2.1	X	Nepali	Maithali	Bhojpuri	Tharu	Tamang
Pakistan	2	Urdu, English	6.1	X	Urdu	Pashto	Punjabi	Sindhi	Baluchi
Sri Lanka	3	(See footnote)	0.1	-	Sinhala	Tamil	English	Malay	..
Tajikistan	1	Tajik	..	-	Tajik	Uzbek	Russian	Tatar	Kirghiz
Turkmenistan	1	Turkmen	..	-	Turkmen	Russian	Uzbek	Kazakh	..
Uzbekistan	1	Uzbek	..	-	Uzbek	Russian	Kazakh	Tatar	Karakalpak
East Asia									
China	1	Mandarin	(.)	X	Mandarin	Cantonese	Xiang	Min	Hakka
Hong Kong SAR	..	..	40.6	-	Cantonese	Min Nan	English	Vietnamese	..
Japan	1	Japanese	0.7	-	Japanese	..	..	..	..
Korea (Dem. People's Rep.)	1	Korean	0.2	-	Korean	..	..	..	..
Korea (Rep. of)	1	Korean	2.1	-	Korean	..	..	..	..
Mongolia	1	Mongolian	0.5	-	Mongolian	Kalmyk	Kazakh	Buriat	Chinese
South-East Asia and Oceania									
Australia	1	English	23.4	X	English	Italian	Greek	Cantonese	Arabic
Cambodia	1	Khmer	0.3	-	Khmer	Vietnamese	Chinese	..	..
Indonesia	1	Bahasa Indonesian	0.1	X	Javanese	Bahasa-Indonesian	Malay	Madura	Minang
Lao People's Dem. Rep.	1	Lao	0.4	X	Lao	Khmu	Tai	Hmong	So
Malaysia	1	Malay	4.2	X	Malay	Chinese	Tamil	Javanese	English
Myanmar	1	Burmese	0.2	X	Burmese	Karen	Shan	Arakanese	Chinese
Nauru	1	English	..	-	Nauruan	English	..	..	..
New Zealand	2	English, Maori	15.5	-	English	Maori	Samoan	Cantonese	Mandarin
Niue	2	English, Niuean	..	-	Niuean	English	..	..	..
Papua New Guinea	1	English	0.7	X	Pidgin-English	Motu	..	..	..
Philippines	2	Tagalog, English	0.1	X	Tagalog	Cebuano	Ilocano	Bicolano	Waray
Samoa	2	Samoan, English	..	-	Samoan	English	French	Tokelauan	..
Singapore	4	(See footnote)	15.5	-	Chinese	Malay	English	Tamil	Thai
Thailand	1	Thai	0.6	X	Thai	Malay	Chinese	Khmer	Karen
Viet Nam	1	Vietnamese	(.)	X	Vietnamese	Tai	Muong	Nung	Chinese

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Latin America and the Caribbean									
Antigua	1	English	..	-	English	Spanish	Chinese	Creole-French	..
Argentina	1	Spanish	5.1	-	Spanish	Quechua	Guarani	Mapuche	Toba
Barbados	1	English	..	-	English	..	..	..	..
Belize	1	English	..	-	English	Spanish	Creole-English	Garifuna	Ketchi
Bolivia	3	(See footnote)	1.0	-	Spanish	Quechua	Aymara	German	Chiquitano
Brazil	1	Portuguese	0.7	X	Portuguese	Spanish	English	French	Créole
Chile	1	Spanish	0.8	-	Spanish	Mapudungun	Aymara	Rapa Nui	Huilliche
Colombia	1	Spanish	0.3	X	Spanish	Wayuu	Paez	Embera	Romani
Costa Rica	1	Spanish	5.9	-	Spanish	English	Creole-English	Bribri	Cabecar
Cuba	1	Spanish	0.6	-	Spanish	English	French	..	..
Dominican Rep.	1	Spanish	2.5	-	Spanish	Creole-French	Creole-English	..	..
Ecuador	1	Spanish	0.9	-	Spanish	Quechua	Shuar	Colorado	Chachi
El Salvador	1	Spanish	1.0	-	Spanish	Kekchi	Nahuatl	..	..
Guatemala	1	Spanish	0.5	X	Spanish	Quiche	Cakchiquel	Mam	Tzutujil
Haiti	2	French, Creole	0.3	-	Creole	French	..	..	..
Honduras	1	Spanish	0.7	-	Spanish	Garifuna	Arabic	English	Miskito
Jamaica	1	English	0.8	-	Creole-English	English	..	..	..
Mexico	1	Spanish	0.4	X	Spanish	Nahuatl	Maya	Zapoteco	Mixteco
Nicaragua	1	Spanish	2.1	-	Spanish	Miskito	Creole-English	Sumo	Rama
Panama	1	Spanish	2.6	-	Spanish	English	..	..	..
Paraguay	1	Spanish	4.3	-	Guarani	Spanish	German	Chilupi	Pai
Peru	1	Spanish	0.3	X	Spanish	Quechua	Aymara	Campa	Aguaruno
St. Lucia	1	English	..	-	English	Creole-French	..	..	..
St. Vincent	2	English, Creole-English	..	-	English	Creole-English	French	..	..
Trinidad and Tobago	1	English	5.0	-	English	Hindi	Creole-English	Creole-French	Chinese
Uruguay	1	Spanish	3.0	-	Spanish	..	..	..	..
Venezuela	1	Spanish	5.3	-	Spanish	Wayuu	Warao	Pemon	Kariña
North America									
Canada	2	English, French	15.5	X	English	French	Chinese	Italian	German
United States	..	..	7.9	X	English	Spanish	Chinese	Russian	Italian
Europe									
Albania	1	Albanian	0.4	-	Albanian	Macedonian	Macedo Rom.	Romani	Greek
Andorra	1	Catalan	..	-	Catalan	Spanish	French	Portuguese	..
Austria	1	German	5.8	-	German	Serbian	Croatian	Slovenian	Turkish
Belarus	1	Byelorussian	..	-	Byelorussian	Russian	Polish	Ukrainian	Tatar
Belgium	3	(See footnote)	9.0	-	Dutch	French	German	Luxembourgeois	..
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	Bosnian	..	-	Bosnian	Serbian	Croatian	English	..
Bulgaria	1	Bulgarian	0.2	-	Bulgarian	Turkish	Romani	Macedo Rom.	Armenian
Croatia	1	Croatian	..	-	Croatian	Serbian	Italian	Hungarian	Slovenian
Cyprus	2	Greek, Turkish	..	-	Greek	Turkish	English	..	..
Czech Rep.	1	Czech	..	-	Czech	Slovak	German	Polish	Romani
Denmark	1	Danish	4.1	-	Danish	Turkish	Greenlandic	Faroese	Serb.-Cro.
Estonia	1	Estonian	..	-	Estonian	Russian	Ukrainian	Byelorussian	Finnish
Finland	2	Finnish, Swedish	1.2	-	Finnish	Swedish	English	Russian	Estonian
France	1	French	10.4	-	French	Occitan	Alsatian	Arabic	Breton
Germany	1	German	6.4	-	German	Turkish	Serbo-Croatian	Italian	Kurdish
Greece	1	Greek	3.2	-	Greek	Turkish	Albanian	..	..
Hungary	1	Hungarian	0.3	-	Hungarian	Ukrainian	German	Romani	Romanian
Ireland	2	English, Gaelic	9.3	-	English	Gaelic	..	..	..
Israel	2	Hebrew, Arabic	30.9	-	Hebrew	Arabic	Russian	English	Yiddish
Italy	1	Italian	2.7	-	Italian	Neapolitan	Piemontese	Venetian	Ligurian

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	Number	Names			Latvian	Russian	English	German	Polish
Latvia	1	Latvian	..	-	Latvian	Russian	English	German	Polish
Lithuania	1	Lithuanian	..	-	Lithuanian	Russian	Polish	Byelorussian	Ukrainian
Macedonia (former Yugoslav Rep. of)	..	..	..	-	Macedonian	Albanian	Turkish	Serbo-Croatian	Romani
Moldova (Rep. of)	1	Moldovan	..	-	Moldovan	Ukrainian	Russian	Bulgarian	Gagauz
Netherlands	2	Dutch, Frisian	7.8	-	Dutch	Frisian	Arabic	Turkish	Papiamcutu
Norway	1	Norwegian	4.4	-	Norwegian	Saami	Swedish	Vietnamese	Danish
Poland	1	Polish	3.6	-	Polish	German	Byelorussian	Kashubian	Russian
Portugal	1	Portuguese	1.4	-	Portuguese	Arabic	Galician	Mirandesa	Calo
Romania	1	Romanian	0.6	-	Romanian	Hungarian	Romani	Turkish	German
Russian Federation	1	Russian	..	X	Russian	Tatar	Ukrainian	Byelorussian	German
San Marino	1	Italian	..	-	Italian	..	..	..	..
Slovakia	1	Slovak	..	-	Slovak	Hungarian	Romani	Ruthenian	Ukrainian
Slovenia	1	Slovenian	..	-	Slovenian	German	Hungarian	Italian	..
Spain	1	Spanish	1.8	-	Spanish	Catalan	Valencian	Galician	Basque
Sweden	1	Swedish	8.9	-	Swedish	Finnish	Serbian	Bosnian	Farsi
Switzerland	4	(See footnote)	11.0	-	German	French	Italian	Spanish	Serbian-Croatian
Turkey	1	Turkish	2.0	-	Turkish	Kurdish	Zaza	Kirmanjki	Arabic
Ukraine	1	Ukrainian	..	-	Ukrainian	Russian	Romanian	Bulgarian	Hungarian
United Kingdom	2	English, Welsh	6.5	-	English	Italian	Arabic	Gujarati	Urdu
Yugoslavia	1	Serbian	1.7	-	Serbian	Croatian	Albanian	Romanian	Slovak

*New table.

1. As reported by UNESCO Member States in descending order of use.

Footnote on Official languages (alphabetical order). Belgium: Dutch, French, German. Bolivia: Aymara, Quechua, Spanish. Egypt: Arabic, English, French. India: Assamese, Bengali, English (Associate), Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu. Singapore: Chinese, English, Malay, Tamil. South Africa: Afrikaans, English, Ndebele, Sepedi, Sesotho, Setswana, Siswati, Tshivenda, Xitsonga, Xhosa, Zulu. Sri Lanka: English, Sinhala, Tamil. Switzerland: French, German, Italian, Romansh.

Region	Official languages		Percent of population foreign born 1990-95	Countries where over 50 languages are spoken (X)
	Number	Names		
World	T 225		2.8	37
Developing	172		1.7	33
Industrial	53		5.1	4
Developing excl. India/China	152		2.8	31
Industrial excl. US/Rus. Fed.	52		4.9	2
Sub-Saharan Africa	63		4.1	14
Arab States	17		6.4	0
South Central Asia	38		..	5
East Asia	5		0.4	1
South-East Asia/Oceania	21		1.4	9
Latin Am./Carib.	31		1.3	5
North America	2		8.7	2
Europe	48		4.2	1