

Table 2.6

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Ranking	Language	2001 Census	% of population	1996 Census	Change 1996-2001	% change 1996-2001
	English only	4,791,735	75.7	4,730,822	60,913	1.3
52	African languages (excluding North Africa), n.e.c. <sup>1</sup>	1,899	0.0	912	987	108.2
111	African Languages (excluding North Africa), n.f.d.	136	0.0	92	44	47.8
48	Afrikaans	2,340	0.0	1,071	1,269	118.5
89	Akan	314	0.0	175	139	79.4
71	Albanian	776	0.0	589	187	31.7
127	American Languages	39	0.0	15	24	160.0
95	Amharic	278	0.0	169	109	64.5
1	Arabic (including Lebanese)	145,737	2.3	125,698	20,039	15.9
34	Armenian	7,512	0.1	7,560	-48	-0.6
84	Asante	387	0.0	279	108	38.7
21	Assyrian (including Aramaic)	13,241	0.2	9,587	3,654	38.1
68	Auslan	1,054	0.0	644	410	63.7
79	Australian Indigenous Languages, n.f.d.	583	0.0	605	-22	-3.6
141	Bardi	18	0.0	57	-39	-68.4
..	Basque	..	..	14	..	..
118	Belorussian	104	0.0	86	18	20.9
32	Bengali	7,688	0.1	3,968	3,720	93.8
100	Bisaya	226	0.0	309	-83	-26.9
40	Bosnian	4,286	0.1	2,988	1,298	43.4
77	Bulgarian	614	0.0	467	147	31.5
106	Burman languages, n.e.c. <sup>2</sup>	180	0.0	178	2	1.1
104	Burman, n.f.d.	204	0.0	62	142	229.0
51	Burmese	2,112	0.0	1,567	545	34.8
2	Cantonese	120,859	1.9	107,259	13,600	12.7
127	Catalan	39	0.0	49	-10	-20.4
88	Cebuano	354	0.0	338	16	4.7
142	Celtic, n.e.c. (Breton, Cornish, Manx)	11	0.0	..	..	..
137	Celtic, n.f.d.	19	0.0	..	..	..
83	Chinese, n.e.c. (includes Chang Chow, Hunan, Kan)	494	0.0	89	405	455.1
33	Chinese, n.f.d.	7,573	0.1	13,256	-5,683	-42.9
12	Croatian	26,000	0.4	26,218	-218	-0.8
44	Czech	2,939	0.0	2,977	-38	-1.3
59	Danish	1,654	0.0	1,524	130	8.5
..	Dhaangu	..	..	11	..	..
120	Dravidian languages, n.e.c. <sup>3</sup>	79	0.0	44	35	79.5
107	Eastern Aboriginal, n.e.c.	177	0.0	152	25	16.4
131	Eastern European, n.f.d.	34	0.0	63	-29	-46.0
73	Estonian	758	0.0	879	-121	-13.8
41	Fijian	3,666	0.1	3,325	341	10.3
142	Finnic, n.f.d.	11	0.0	18	-7	-38.9
58	Finnish	1,670	0.0	1,761	-91	-5.2
19	French	14,469	0.2	14,551	-82	-0.6
130	Frisian	37	0.0	15	22	146.7
96	Gaelic (Scotland)	276	0.0	369	-93	-25.2
13	German	22,219	0.4	29,372	-7,153	-24.4
126	Gilbertese	42	0.0	69	-27	-39.1
4	Greek	90,204	1.4	92,990	-2,786	-3.0
45	Gujarati	2,727	0.0	1,961	766	39.1
65	Hakka	1,387	0.0	1,279	108	8.4
53	Hebrew	1,898	0.0	2,267	-369	-16.3
11	Hindi	28,174	0.4	19,912	8,262	41.5
109	Hmon	154	0.0	131	23	17.6

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47	Hokkien	2,458	0.0	2,710	-252	-9.3
28	Hungarian	8,721	0.1	9,702	-981	-10.1
..	Iberian Romance, n.e.c. <sup>4</sup>	..	..	16	..	..
144	Iberian Romance, n.f.d.	10	0.0	..	..	..
124	Icelandic	58	0.0	86	-28	-32.6
114	Ilokano	133	0.0	177	-44	-24.9
108	Indo-Aryan, n.e.c. <sup>5</sup>	157	0.0	127	30	23.6
70	Indo-Aryan, n.f.d.	806	0.0	68	738	1,085.3
16	Indonesian	18,070	0.3	12,826	5,244	40.9
133	Invented Languages	25	0.0	35	-10	-28.6
94	Iranic, n.e.c. (includes Balochi, Ossetic, Tajik)	287	0.0	283	4	1.4
119	Iranic, n.f.d.	103	0.0	203	-100	-49.3
85	Irish	383	0.0	362	21	5.8
3	Italian	96,798	1.5	102,773	-5,975	-5.8
25	Japanese	11,146	0.2	11,046	100	0.9
69	Kannada	1,001	0.0	741	260	35.1
29	Khmer	8,235	0.1	7,563	672	8.9
99	Konkani	247	0.0	218	29	13.3
10	Korean	30,136	0.5	23,128	7,008	30.3
60	Kurdish	1,586	0.0	902	684	75.8
..	Kuurinji (Gurindji)	..	..	66	..	..
37	Lao	5,486	0.1	5,578	-92	-1.6
121	Latin	71	0.0	83	-12	-14.5
62	Latvian	1,539	0.0	1,791	-252	-14.1
75	Lithuanian	706	0.0	749	-43	-5.7
9	Macedonian	30,658	0.5	29,941	717	2.4
125	Makaton	49	0.0	19	30	157.9
66	Malay	1,356	0.0	1,701	-345	-20.3
67	Malayalam	1,264	0.0	844	420	49.8
18	Maltese	16,276	0.3	17,749	-1,473	-8.3
6	Mandarin	65,890	1.0	40,651	25,239	62.1
64	Maori (Cook Island)	1,440	0.0	1,096	344	31.4
50	Maori (New Zealand)	2,142	0.0	1,647	495	30.1
63	Marathi	1,445	0.0	925	520	56.2
137	Mauritian Creole	19	0.0	154	-135	-87.7
132	Middle Eastern & North African Languages, n.e.c. <sup>6</sup>	31	0.0	..	..	..
134	Middle Eastern & North African Languages, n.f.d.	24	0.0	159	-135	-84.9
121	Mon-Khmer, n.e.c. (includes Khasi, Khmu, Muong)	71	0.0	12	59	491.7
..	Mon-Khmer, n.f.d.	..	..	16	..	..
123	Motu	62	0.0	78	-16	-20.5
..	Nauruan	..	..	13	..	..
56	Nepali	1,703	0.0	804	899	111.8
27	Netherlandic	9,654	0.2	9,840	-186	-1.9
102	Niue	213	0.0	177	36	20.3
135	Northern Aboriginal, n.e.c.	21	0.0	59	-38	-64.4
72	Norwegian	768	0.0	418	350	83.7
110	Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, n.e.c. <sup>7</sup>	153	0.0	95	58	61.1
91	Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, n.f.d.	309	0.0	295	14	4.7
80	Oceanic Austronesian Languages, n.e.c. <sup>8</sup>	582	0.0	338	244	72.2
136	Oromo	20	0.0	..	..	..
105	Papuan Languages	184	0.0	29	155	534.5
78	Pashto	600	0.0	448	152	33.9
23	Persian	12,266	0.2	9,320	2,946	31.6
..	Pintupi	..	..	10	..	..

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..	Pitjantjatjara	..	..	14	..	..
17	Polish	17,072	0.3	18,264	-1,192	-6.5
22	Portuguese	13,073	0.2	13,537	-464	-3.4
30	Punjabi	7,750	0.1	5,721	2,029	35.5
49	Romanian	2,218	0.0	2,058	160	7.8
20	Russian	13,862	0.2	12,858	1,004	7.8
26	Samoan	10,984	0.2	8,723	2,261	25.9
14	Serbian	20,490	0.3	16,433	4,057	24.7
117	Shona	114	0.0	26	88	338.5
112	Sign Languages, n.e.c.	134	0.0	123	11	8.9
81	Sign Languages, n.f.d.	536	0.0	692	-156	-22.5
98	Sindhi	256	0.0	72	184	255.6
38	Sinhalese	5,378	0.1	4,388	990	22.6
61	Slovak	1,557	0.0	1,222	335	27.4
55	Slovene	1,748	0.0	1,820	-72	-4.0
74	Somali	718	0.0	410	308	75.1
39	South Slavic, n.f.d.	4,674	0.1	5,640	-966	-17.1
42	Southern Asian, n.f.d.	3,163	0.0	3,397	-234	-6.9
..	Southwest Asian and North African Languages, n.f.d.	..	..	64	..	..
7	Spanish	49,382	0.8	48,577	805	1.7
85	Swahili	383	0.0	240	143	59.6
57	Swedish	1,692	0.0	1,548	144	9.3
8	Tagalog (Filipino)	42,872	0.7	38,401	4,471	11.6
..	Tai, n.f.d.	..	..	32	..	..
24	Tamil	12,108	0.2	9,069	3,039	33.5
54	Telugu	1,775	0.0	945	830	87.8
46	Teochew	2,541	0.0	2,919	-378	-12.9
90	Tetum	313	0.0	224	89	39.7
31	Thai	7,700	0.1	5,701	1,999	35.1
116	Tigrinya	124	0.0	104	20	19.2
97	Timorese	261	0.0	268	-7	-2.6
..	Tiwi	..	..	24	..	..
82	Tok Pisin	495	0.0	603	-108	-17.9
36	Tongan	7,292	0.1	6,497	795	12.2
137	Torres Strait Creole (Broken)	19	0.0	27	-8	-29.6
137	Torres Strait, n.f.d.	19	0.0	37	-18	-48.6
15	Turkish	19,153	0.3	17,544	1,609	9.2
101	Turkish and Central Asian Languages, n.e.c. <sup>9</sup>	221	0.0	136	85	62.5
43	Ukrainian	3,152	0.0	3,357	-205	-6.1
35	Urdu	7,464	0.1	4,751	2,713	57.1
5	Vietnamese	67,902	1.1	56,378	11,524	20.4
92	Welsh	304	0.0	320	-16	-5.0
112	West Slavic, n.f.d.	134	0.0	185	-51	-27.6
92	Western Austronesian Languages, n.e.c. <sup>10</sup>	304	0.0	290	14	4.8
103	Western Austronesian Languages, n.f.d.	209	0.0	48	161	335.4
76	Wu	619	0.0	469	150	32.0
87	Yiddish	371	0.0	429	-58	-13.5
115	Yoruba	130	0.0	62	68	109.7
129	Zulu	38	0.0	34	4	11.8

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Other Eastern European Languages, n.e.c. <sup>11</sup>	125	0.0	45	80	177.8
Other Southern European languages, n.e.c. <sup>12</sup>	28	0.0	13	15	115.4
Other Eastern Asian languages, n.e.c. <sup>13</sup>	110	0.0	59	51	86.4
Other Southeast Asian Languages, n.e.c.	..	..	11	..	..
Other Southern Asian languages, n.e.c. <sup>14</sup>	12	0.0	..	..	..
Other Languages, n.e.c. <sup>15</sup>	149	0.0	219	n.c.	n.c.
Inadequately described	8,579	0.1	20,578	-11,999	-58.3
Non-verbal so described	4,339	0.1	567	3,772	665.3
Not stated	337,775	5.3	183,158	154,617	84.4
<b>Total persons</b>	<b>6 326 570</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6 006 195</b>	<b>320 375</b>	<b>5.3</b>

<sup>1</sup> includes Bemba, Fante, Malagasy

<sup>2</sup> includes Lisu, Pho, Rawang

<sup>3</sup> includes Brahui, Malto, Tulu

<sup>4</sup> includes Crioulo, Galician, Ladino

<sup>5</sup> includes Assamese, Kashmiri, Rajasthani

<sup>6</sup> includes Kabyle, Riff, Shluh

<sup>7</sup> includes Bislama (Bichelamar), Pitcairnese, Solomon Islands Pidgin (Pijin)

<sup>8</sup> includes Hawai'ian, Rotuman, Tuvaluan

<sup>9</sup> includes Azeri, Mongol, Tatar

<sup>10</sup> includes Balinese, Bikol, Kapampangan

<sup>11</sup> includes Georgian, Ingush, Romany

<sup>12</sup> includes Friulian, Ladin, Romansch

<sup>13</sup> includes Ainu, Bhotia, Tibetan

<sup>14</sup> includes Balti, Burushaski, Nuristani

<sup>15</sup> includes 'other languages, n.f.d.'