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Rank	Language	2006 Census	% of population	2001 Census	Change 2001-2006	% change 2001-2006
87	Acholi	119	0.0	20	99	495.0
48	African Languages, nec	686	0.0	326	360	110.4
73	African Languages, nfd	219	0.0	8	211	2,637.5
19	Afrikaans	4,263	0.2	1,645	2,618	159.1
115	Akan	57	0.0	15	42	280.0
70	Albanian	246	0.0	244	2	0.8
142	American Languages	12	0.0	9	3	33.3
61	Amharic	358	0.0	193	165	85.5
7	Arabic	7,694	0.4	5,548	2,146	38.7
108	Armenian	73	0.0	97	-24	-24.7
93	Assyrian	100	0.0	59	41	69.5
57	Auslan	461	0.0	323	138	42.7
6	Australian Indigenous Languages, nfd	7,950	0.4	8,651	-701	-8.1
143	Azeri <sup>9</sup>	12	0.0	..	..	..
106	Balochi <sup>8</sup>	76	0.0	..	..	..
127	Belorussian	21	0.0	19	2	10.5
79	Bemba <sup>16</sup>	161	0.0	..	..	..
46	Bengali	779	0.0	443	336	75.8
89	Bisaya	111	0.0	93	18	19.4
30	Bosnian	1,696	0.1	1,868	-172	-9.2
77	Bulgarian	187	0.0	155	32	20.6
149	Burmese	10	0.0	32	-22	-68.8
22	Burmese and Related Languages, nec	3,120	0.2	2,772	348	12.6
4	Cantonese	16,049	0.8	15,342	707	4.6
144	Catalan	12	0.0	7	5	71.4
95	Cebuano	97	0.0	71	26	36.6
49	Chinese, nfd	679	0.0	751	-72	-9.6
54	Creole, nfd <sup>5</sup>	530	0.0	..	..	..
11	Croatian	6,090	0.3	6,705	-615	-9.2
55	Czech	502	0.0	563	-61	-10.8
47	Danish	696	0.0	645	51	7.9
36	Dari <sup>23</sup>	1,256	0.1	..	..	..
114	Dhivehi <sup>11</sup>	58	0.0	..	..	..
51	Dinka <sup>16</sup>	634	0.0	..	..	..
14	Dutch	5,260	0.3	5,610	-350	-6.2
109	Eastern European Languages, nfd	72	0.0	127	-55	-43.3
1	English	1,603,043	81.8	1,535,421	67,622	4.4
116	Estonian	54	0.0	70	-16	-22.9
97	Fijian	91	0.0	100	-9	-9.0
26	Filipino <sup>4</sup>	2,010	0.1	..	..	..
64	Finnish	329	0.0	336	-7	-2.1
16	French	5,010	0.3	4,414	596	13.5
68	French Creole, nfd <sup>5</sup>	276	0.0	..	..	..
134	Frisian	17	0.0	9	8	88.9
150	Ga <sup>16</sup>	10	0.0	..	..	..
99	Gaelic (Scotland)	88	0.0	126	-38	-30.2
8	German	7,211	0.4	7,015	196	2.8
15	Greek	5,020	0.3	5,354	-334	-6.2
31	Gujarati	1,692	0.1	897	795	88.6
58	Hakka	441	0.0	474	-33	-7.0

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145	Harari <sup>17</sup>	12	0.0	..	..	..
56	Hebrew	480	0.0	407	73	17.9
27	Hindi	1,927	0.1	1,095	832	76.0
32	Hokkien	1,651	0.1	1,791	-140	-7.8
38	Hungarian	1,063	0.1	1,202	-139	-11.6
111	Icelandic	64	0.0	66	-2	-3.0
135	Igbo <sup>16</sup>	17	0.0	..	..	..
146	Ilokano	12	0.0	14	-2	-14.3
151	Ilonggo (Hiligaynon) <sup>3</sup>	10	0.0	..	..	..
74	Indo-Aryan, nfd	218	0.0	98	120	122.4
9	Indonesian	6,608	0.3	6,716	-108	-1.6
137	Invented Languages	15	0.0	13	2	15.4
126	Iranic, nec	24	0.0	118	-94	-79.7
90	Irish	109	0.0	90	19	21.1
2	Italian	32,893	1.7	36,597	-3,704	-10.1
21	Japanese	3,378	0.2	2,554	824	32.3
85	Kannada	121	0.0	51	70	137.3
81	Karen <sup>12</sup>	130	0.0	..	..	..
43	Khmer	950	0.0	872	78	8.9
128	Kikuyu <sup>16</sup>	21	0.0	..	..	..
103	Konkani	78	0.0	46	32	69.6
28	Korean	1,921	0.1	1,175	746	63.5
88	Krio <sup>16</sup>	115	0.0	..	..	..
66	Kurdish	296	0.0	215	81	37.7
80	Lao	154	0.0	157	-3	-1.9
138	Latin	15	0.0	19	-4	-21.1
76	Latvian	210	0.0	349	-139	-39.8
129	Letzeburgish	19	0.0	13	6	46.2
101	Lithuanian	85	0.0	99	-14	-14.1
120	Luganda <sup>16</sup>	35	0.0	..	..	..
141	Luo <sup>16</sup>	13	0.0	..	..	..
13	Macedonian	5,670	0.3	6,194	-524	-8.5
125	Makaton	25	0.0	23	2	8.7
17	Malay	4,545	0.2	4,209	336	8.0
52	Malayalam	550	0.0	293	257	87.7
59	Maltese	408	0.0	440	-32	-7.3
3	Mandarin	16,551	0.8	11,122	5,429	48.8
118	Maori (Cook Island)	48	0.0	65	-17	-26.2
41	Maori (New Zealand)	999	0.1	746	253	33.9
84	Marathi	126	0.0	53	73	137.7
110	Mauritian Creole	72	0.0	33	39	118.2
132	Mongolian <sup>15</sup>	18	0.0	..	..	..
117	Ndebele <sup>16</sup>	53	0.0	..	..	..
86	Nepali	121	0.0	89	32	36.0
122	Niue	31	0.0	28	3	10.7
62	Norwegian	354	0.0	415	-61	-14.7
107	Nuer <sup>17</sup>	76	0.0	..	..	..
96	Nyanja (Chichewa) <sup>16</sup>	96	0.0	..	..	..
123	Oromo	29	0.0	..	..	..
102	Pacific Austronesian Languages, nec	85	0.0	54	31	57.4

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139	Pacific Austronesian Languages, nfd <sup>22</sup>	15	0.0	..	..	..
82	Pashto	130	0.0	89	41	46.1
24	Persian (excl. Dari) <sup>23</sup>	2,720	0.1	..	..	..
92	Pidgin, nfd <sup>5</sup>	101	0.0	..	..	..
10	Polish	6,102	0.3	6,929	-827	-11.9
20	Portuguese	3,658	0.2	3,655	3	0.1
40	Punjabi	1,017	0.1	838	179	21.4
35	Romanian	1,319	0.1	1,259	60	4.8
147	Romany <sup>7</sup>	12	0.0	..	..	..
34	Russian	1,338	0.1	993	345	34.7
71	Samoan	232	0.0	186	46	24.7
18	Serbian	4,451	0.2	3,841	610	15.9
37	Serbo-Croatian/Yugoslavian, so described <sup>6</sup>	1,114	0.1	..	..	..
60	Shona	384	0.0	70	314	448.6
94	Sign Languages, nfd	98	0.0	125	-27	-21.6
33	Sinhalese	1,500	0.1	1,098	402	36.6
67	Slovak	277	0.0	283	-6	-2.1
78	Slovene	163	0.0	174	-11	-6.3
42	Somali	967	0.0	590	377	63.9
63	Southeast Asian Austronesian Languages, nfd	341	0.0	259	82	31.7
133	Southeast Asian Languages, nfd	18	0.0	50	-32	-64.0
91	Southern Asian Languages, nfd	105	0.0	61	44	72.1
124	Southwest and Central Asian Languages, nfd	27	0.0	..	..	..
12	Spanish	5,720	0.3	5,335	385	7.2
130	Spanish Creole, nfd <sup>5</sup>	19	0.0	..	..	..
45	Swahili	798	0.0	358	440	122.9
50	Swedish	673	0.0	553	120	21.7
83	Swiss, so described <sup>5</sup>	130	0.0	..	..	..
25	Tagalog <sup>4</sup>	2,335	0.1	..	..	..
29	Tamil	1,898	0.1	1,365	533	39.0
72	Telugu	223	0.0	77	146	189.6
65	Teochev	298	0.0	325	-27	-8.3
121	Tetum	35	0.0	38	-3	-7.9
23	Thai	2,834	0.1	2,022	812	40.2
140	Tibetan <sup>14</sup>	15	0.0	..	..	..
152	Tigre <sup>1</sup>	10	0.0	..	..	..
69	Tigrinya <sup>1</sup>	258	0.0	141	n.c.	n.c.
119	Timorese	41	0.0	27	14	51.9
104	Tok Pisin	78	0.0	110	-32	-29.1
100	Tongan	86	0.0	63	23	36.5
105	Tswana <sup>16</sup>	77	0.0	..	..	..
39	Turkic, nec	1,050	0.1	958	92	9.6
53	Ukrainian	535	0.0	691	-156	-22.6
44	Urdu	905	0.0	607	298	49.1
148	Uygur <sup>9</sup>	12	0.0	..	..	..
5	Vietnamese	13,245	0.7	12,064	1,181	9.8
75	Welsh	212	0.0	179	33	18.4
136	Wu	16	0.0	19	-3	-15.8
131	Xhosa <sup>16</sup>	19	0.0	..	..	..
113	Yiddish	61	0.0	41	20	48.8

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98	Yoruba	89	0.0	15	74	493.3
112	Zulu	62	0.0	28	34	121.4
	Other Southern Asian Languages	23	0.0	3	20	666.7
	Other Languages, nfd <sup>2</sup>	16	0.0	8,175	n.c.	n.c.
	Inadequately described	993	0.1	2,566	-1,573	-61.3
	Non-Verbal so described	2,668	0.1	1,236	1,432	115.9
	Not stated	129,218	6.6	86,026	43,192	50.2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,959,095</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,828,287</b>	<b>130,808</b>	<b>7.2</b>

1. Tigre was included as part of Tigrinya in 2001 classification

2. Include classifications changed significantly between 2001 and 2006, ie South Slavic nfd - 14606 persons and Burman nfd - 492 persons in 2001 and classifications no longer current, ie Persian - 25238 persons in 2001, Tagalog (Filipino) - 78878 persons in 2001, Asante - 559 persons in 2001, Finnic nfd

3. Included as part of Western Austronesian Languages, nec in 2001

4. Included as part of Tagalog (Filipino) in 2001 (78878 persons)

5. Included as part of Inadequately described in 2001 classification

6. Included as part of South Slavic nfd in 2001 classification

7. Included as part of Other Eastern European Languages nec in 2001 classification

8. Included as part of Iranian nec in 2001

9. Included as part of Turkish and Central Asian Languages, nec in 2001

10. Included as part of Dravidian Languages nec in 2001

11. Included as part of Indo - Aryan languages nec in 2001

12. Included as part of Burman Languages nec in 2001

13. Included as part of Mon-Khmer nec in 2001 classification

14. Included as part of other East Asian Language nec in 2001 classification

15. Included as part of Turkish and Central Asian languages nec in 2001 classification

16. Included as part of African Languages (excluding North Africa), nec in 2001 classification

17. Included as part of Middle Eastern and North African Languages, nec in 2001 classification

18. Included as part of inadequately described in 2001 classification

19. Included as part of Oceanic Austronesian Languages, NEC in 2001 classification

20. Included as part of Oceanian Pidgins and Creoles, nec in 2001 classification

21. Included as part of Papuan Languages in first edition

22. Pacific Austronesian Languages nfd called Oceanic Austronesian languages nfd in 2001 classification

23. Dari and Persian excluding Dari were classified as part of Persian in 2001 (25238 persons)