

Endangered Language Families

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Table 1: Endangered and potentially endangered language families, arranged by speaker population of largest language in family. All data from *Ethnologue* (Lewis, 2009); used by permission.

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Regular-face families are linguistic stocks in their own right; italicized families are broken down by stocks in Tables 3 and 4.

<i>Family</i>	<i>Lang-uages</i>	<i>Largest Pop.</i>	<i>Countries</i>
Chon	2	4	Argentina
Chimakuan	1	10	United States
Alacalufan	1	12	Chile
Lule-Vilela	1	20	Argentina
Caddoan	4	25	United States
Arutani-Sape	2	42	Brazil, Venezuela
Zaparoan	4	50	Ecuador, Peru
Yukaghir	2	90	Russian Federation
Bayono-Awbono	2	100	Indonesia
Yeniseian	2	190	Russian Federation
North Brazil	1	200	Brazil
<i>Andamanese</i>	4	250	India
Left May	2	280	Papua New Guinea
Amto-Musan	2	300	Papua New Guinea
Wakashan	4	300	Canada
Mura	1	360	Brazil
Kaure	4	450	Indonesia
Harakmbet	2	500	Peru
Lower Mamberamo	2	600	Indonesia
Salishan	19	720	Canada, United States
Lakes Plain	20	1,000	Indonesia
Nambiquaran	6	1,150	Brazil
Uru-Chipaya	2	1,200	Bolivia
Mongol-Langam	3	1,210	Papua New Guinea
Arafundi	3	1,270	Papua New Guinea
Maku	6	1,360	Brazil, Colombia
Kiowa Tanoan	5	1,630	United States

<i>Family</i>	<i>Lang-uages</i>	<i>Largest Pop.</i>	<i>Countries</i>
Katukinan	3	1,650	Brazil
Senagi	2	1,690	Indonesia, Papua New Guinea
Chapacura-Wanham	3	1,930	Brazil
Piawi	2	2,000	Papua New Guinea
Pauwasi	5	2,000	Indonesia, Papua New Guinea
Somahai	2	2,000	Indonesia
Tor-Kwerba	24	2,500	Indonesia
Nimboran	5	2,500	Indonesia
<i>Arai-Kwomtari</i>	10	2,500	Papua New Guinea
East Geelvink Bay	11	2,500	Indonesia
Sko	7	2,670	Indonesia, Papua New Guinea
<i>Hokan</i>	16	2,690	Mexico, United States
Arauan	5	2,940	Brazil
<i>Penutian</i>	23	3,000	Canada, United States
<i>South-Central Papuan</i>	21	3,000	Indonesia, Papua New Guinea
Yuat	6	3,040	Papua New Guinea
Zamucoan	2	3,070	Paraguay
Mairasi	3	3,300	Indonesia
Eastern Trans-Fly	4	3,500	Australia, Papua New Guinea
Tequistlatecan	2	3,600	Mexico
<i>Yele-West New Britain</i>	3	3,750	Papua New Guinea
<i>Australian</i>	153	3,820	Australia
North Bougainville	4	4,320	Papua New Guinea
Border	15	4,420	Indonesia, Papua New Guinea
Keres	2	4,580	United States
Tacanan	6	4,600	Bolivia
Peba-Yaguan	1	5,690	Peru
East New Britain	6	6,350	Papua New Guinea
Tucanoan	19	6,800	Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru
Chukotko-Kamchatkan	4	7,740	Russian Federation
Witotoan	6	7,800	Colombia, Peru
Ramu-Lower Sepik	32	8,220	Papua New Guinea
Central Solomons	4	8,740	Solomon Islands
Macro-Ge	24	10,000	Bolivia, Brazil
Cahuapanan	2	11,400	Peru
Muskogean	6	11,400	United States
Huavean	4	12,000	Mexico
Salivan	3	12,280	Colombia, Venezuela
Mascoian	4	15,000	Paraguay
Torricelli	56	16,200	Papua New Guinea

<i>Family</i>	<i>Lang-uages</i>	<i>Largest Pop.</i>	<i>Countries</i>
Iroquoian	8	16,400	Canada, United States
Yanomam	4	17,640	Brazil, Venezuela
Siouan	12	19,280	Canada, United States
Maybrat	2	20,000	Indonesia
Barbacoan	5	23,500	Colombia, Ecuador
<i>Mataco-Guaicuru</i>	11	25,000	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay
Panoan	21	26,000	Bolivia, Brazil, Peru
South Bougainville	9	26,500	Papua New Guinea
Carib	26	29,100	Brazil, Colombia, Guyana, Suriname, Venezuela
<i>East Bird's Head-Sentani</i>	8	30,000	Indonesia
Mixe-Zoque	17	30,000	Mexico
Guahiban	5	34,200	Colombia
Algic	31	35,000	Canada, United States
Sepik	56	44,000	Indonesia, Papua New Guinea
Jivaroan	4	46,700	Ecuador, Peru
Eskimo-Aleut	10	57,800	Canada, Greenland, Russian Federation, United States
Choco	7	60,200	Colombia, Panama
West Papuan	23	79,000	Indonesia
Totonacan	12	120,000	Mexico
Chibchan	21	133,090	Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama
Tarascan	2	135,000	Mexico
Na-Dene	40	149,000	Canada, United States
<i>Trans-New Guinea</i>	475	180,000	East Timor, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea
Misumalpan	2	183,000	Nicaragua
<i>Khoisan</i>	22	251,100	Angola, Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania
Araucanian	2	300,039	Chile
Arawakan	46	305,000	Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Guyana, Honduras, Peru, Suriname, Venezuela

Table 2: Unendangered language families, arranged by speaker population of largest language in family. All data from *Ethnologue* (Lewis, 2009); used by permission.

<i>Family</i>	<i>Languages</i>	<i>Largest Pop.</i>
Oto-Manguean	175	350,000
Uto-Aztecan	56	410,000

<i>Family</i>	<i>Languages</i>	<i>Largest Pop.</i>
Basque	1	658,960
Hmong-Mien	38	1,400,000
<i>North Caucasian</i>	33	1,632,500
Mayan	68	1,900,000
Aymaran	3	2,262,900
Quechuan	45	3,635,000
Kartvelian	5	4,255,270
<i>Nilo-Saharan</i>	198	4,410,000
Tupi	59	4,850,000
Uralic	35	12,501,270
<i>Niger-Congo</i>	1510	19,380,800
Tai-Kadai	90	20,362,390
<i>Altaic</i>	64	50,750,120
<i>Afro-Asiatic</i>	353	53,990,000
Austro-Asiatic	169	68,634,000
Dravidian	84	69,758,890
Austronesian	1231	84,608,470
Japonic	12	122,080,100
Indo-European	426	328,518,810
Sino-Tibetan	445	845,456,760

Table 3: Endangered and potentially endangered linguistic stocks, arranged by speaker population of largest language in stock. All data from *Ethnologue* (Lewis, 2009); used by permission.

<i>Stock</i>	<i>Family</i>	<i>Lgs.</i>	<i>Larg. Pop.</i>	<i>Countries</i>
Oregon Penutian	Penutian	2	1	United States
Limilngan-Wulna	Australian	1	1	Australia
Maiduan	Penutian	3	4	United States
California Penutian	Penutian	1	5	United States
Marriammu	Australian	1	5	Australia
Washo	Hokan	1	10	United States
Great Andamanese	Andamanese	1	10	India
Malagmalag Proper	Australian	2	10	Australia
Utian	Penutian	5	12	United States
West Barkly	Australian	3	12	Australia
Daly Proper	Australian	1	15	Australia

<i>Stock</i>	<i>Family</i>	<i>Lgs.</i>	<i>Larg. Pop.</i>	<i>Countries</i>
Karok-Shasta	Hokan	3	16	United States
Mor	Trans-New Guinea	1	25	Indonesia
Yokuts	Penutian	1	25	United States
Djamingjungan	Australian	1	30	Australia
Bringen-Wagaydy	Australian	12	30	Australia
Pomo	Hokan	4	45	United States
Moraori	Trans-New Guinea	1	50	Indonesia
Chinookan	Penutian	2	69	United States
Wororan	Australian	4	82	Australia
Garawan	Australian	1	110	Australia
Bunaban	Australian	2	160	Australia
Yiwaidjan	Australian	4	240	Australia
South Andamanese	Andamanese	3	250	India
Burmeso	East Bird's Head-Sentani	1	250	Indonesia
Nyulnyulan	Australian	3	380	Australia
Yelmek-Maklew	South-Central Papuan	2	400	Indonesia
Djeragan	Australian	3	410	Australia
Arai (Left May)	Arai-Kwomtari	4	480	Papua New Guinea
Tanah Merah	Trans-New Guinea	1	500	Indonesia
Yareban	Trans-New Guinea	5	750	Papua New Guinea
Hatsa	Khoisan	1	800	Tanzania
Kamula	Trans-New Guinea	1	800	Papua New Guinea
Turama-Kikorian	Trans-New Guinea	3	1,000	Papua New Guinea
Dem	Trans-New Guinea	1	1,000	Indonesia
East Strickland	Trans-New Guinea	6	1,100	Papua New Guinea
Mombum	Trans-New Guinea	2	1,200	Indonesia
West Kutubu	Trans-New Guinea	1	1,200	Papua New Guinea
Kwalean	Trans-New Guinea	2	1,300	Papua New Guinea
Tirio	Trans-New Guinea	5	1,300	Papua New Guinea
Tsimshian	Penutian	3	1,330	Canada
Gunwingguan	Australian	17	1,410	Australia
Murrinh-Patha	Australian	2	1,430	Australia

<i>Stock</i>	<i>Family</i>	<i>Lgs.</i>	<i>Larg. Pop.</i>	<i>Countries</i>
Manubaran	Trans-New Guinea	2	1,500	Papua New Guinea
Inland Gulf	Trans-New Guinea	6	1,730	Papua New Guinea
Tiwian	Australian	1	1,830	Australia
Isolate	Language isolate	3	2,000	Mali, Mexico, Nepal
West New Britain	Yele-West New Britain	2	2,000	Papua New Guinea
Morehead-Upper Maro	South-Central Papuan	16	2,390	Indonesia, Papua New Guinea
Pahoturi	South-Central Papuan	2	2,440	Papua New Guinea
Kwomtari	Arai-Kwomtari	6	2,500	Papua New Guinea
Yuman	Hokan	8	2,690	Mexico, United States
East Kutubu	Trans-New Guinea	2	2,800	Papua New Guinea
Waia	South-Central Papuan	1	3,000	Papua New Guinea
Kolopom	Trans-New Guinea	3	3,000	Indonesia
Plateau Penutian	Penutian	6	3,000	United States
South Bird's Head	Trans-New Guinea	10	3,700	Indonesia
Yele	Yele-West New Britain	1	3,750	Papua New Guinea
Pama-Nyungan	Australian	95	3,820	Australia
Pawaian	Trans-New Guinea	1	4,000	Papua New Guinea
Bosavi	Trans-New Guinea	9	4,200	Papua New Guinea
Southern	Khoisan	3	4,200	Botswana, South Africa
West Bomberai	Trans-New Guinea	3	5,500	Indonesia
Awin-Pare	Trans-New Guinea	2	8,000	Papua New Guinea
Oksapmin	Trans-New Guinea	1	8,000	Papua New Guinea
Mailuan	Trans-New Guinea	6	8,500	Papua New Guinea
Asmat-Kamoro	Trans-New Guinea	11	9,000	Indonesia
Dagan	Trans-New Guinea	9	9,000	Papua New Guinea
Awyu-Dumut	Trans-New Guinea	15	9,340	Indonesia
Kiwaian	Trans-New Guinea	7	9,700	Papua New Guinea

Stock	Family	Lgs.	Larg. Pop.	Countries
Marind	Trans-New Guinea	6	10,000	Indonesia, Papua New Guinea
Teberan	Trans-New Guinea	2	10,000	Papua New Guinea
Kuliak	Nilo-Saharan	2	10,000	Uganda
Kayagar	Trans-New Guinea	3	10,000	Indonesia
Koiarian	Trans-New Guinea	7	10,000	Papua New Guinea
Duna-Bogaya	Trans-New Guinea	2	11,000	Papua New Guinea
Mek	Trans-New Guinea	7	11,100	Indonesia
Finisterre	Trans-New Guinea	40	11,500	Papua New Guinea
Temein	Nilo-Saharan	2	13,000	Sudan
Goilalan	Trans-New Guinea	5	14,000	Papua New Guinea
Damal	Trans-New Guinea	1	14,000	Indonesia
East Bird's Head	East Bird's Head-Sentani	3	14,800	Indonesia
Wiru	Trans-New Guinea	1	15,300	Papua New Guinea
Huon	Trans-New Guinea	21	16,000	Papua New Guinea
Kresh	Nilo-Saharan	2	16,000	Sudan
Ok	Trans-New Guinea	21	18,000	Indonesia, Papua New Guinea
Madang	Trans-New Guinea	106	20,000	Papua New Guinea
Guaicuruan	Mataco-Guaicuru	4	21,410	Argentina, Brazil
Gogodala-Suki	Trans-New Guinea	4	22,000	Papua New Guinea
Eleman	Trans-New Guinea	7	23,000	Papua New Guinea
Mataco	Mataco-Guaicuru	7	25,000	Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay
Tungusic	Altaic	11	30,000	China, Russian Federation
Sentani	East Bird's Head-Sentani	4	30,000	Indonesia
Binanderean	Trans-New Guinea	13	35,000	Papua New Guinea
Sandawe	Khoisan	1	40,000	Tanzania
Kordofanian	Niger-Congo	22	45,000	Sudan
Angan	Trans-New Guinea	13	45,000	Papua New Guinea

Stock	Family	Lgs.	Larg. Pop.	Countries
Northern	Khoisan	6	61,300	Angola, Botswana, Namibia
Kainantu-Goroka	Trans-New Guinea	29	63,200	Papua New Guinea
Eastern Jebel	Nilo-Saharan	4	67,200	Sudan
Tama	Nilo-Saharan	3	67,900	Chad
East Timor	Trans-New Guinea	3	70,000	East Timor, Indonesia
Nyimang	Nilo-Saharan	2	70,000	Sudan
Kadugli-Krongo	Nilo-Saharan	6	75,000	Sudan
Daju	Nilo-Saharan	6	80,000	Chad, Sudan
Surmic	Nilo-Saharan	10	80,000	Ethiopia, Sudan
Nara	Nilo-Saharan	1	81,400	Eritrea
West Timor-Alor-Pantar	Trans-New Guinea	19	100,000	East Timor, Indonesia
Wissel Lakes	Trans-New Guinea	5	100,000	Indonesia
Chimbu-Wahgi	Trans-New Guinea	17	130,000	Papua New Guinea
Dogon	Niger-Congo	14	133,000	Mali
Berta	Nilo-Saharan	1	147,000	Ethiopia
Komuz	Nilo-Saharan	5	160,000	Ethiopia, Sudan
Engan	Trans-New Guinea	14	165,000	Papua New Guinea
Dani	Trans-New Guinea	13	180,000	Indonesia
Kunama	Nilo-Saharan	1	188,880	Eritrea
Central	Khoisan	11	251,100	Botswana, Namibia, South Africa

Table 4: Unendangered linguistic stocks, arranged by speaker population of largest language in stock. All data from *Ethnologue* (Lewis, 2009); used by permission.

Stock	Family	Lgs.	Larg. Pop.
Kru	Niger-Congo	39	408,730
Fur	Nilo-Saharan	2	501,800
Bongo-Bagirmi	Nilo-Saharan	39	896,000
Ijoid	Niger-Congo	10	1,000,000
Nubian	Nilo-Saharan	10	1,045,000
Adamawa-Ubangi	Niger-Congo	153	1,142,000
Omoti	Afro-Asiatic	29	1,240,000
East Caucasian	North Caucasian	29	1,341,000
West Caucasian	North Caucasian	4	1,632,500
East	Nilo-Saharan	22	1,637,000
Songhai	Nilo-Saharan	8	2,438,400

Stock	Family	Lgs.	Larg. Pop.
Mande	Niger-Congo	70	2,772,340
Berber	Afro-Asiatic	22	3,150,000
Saharan	Nilo-Saharan	8	3,240,500
Mongolic	Altaic	14	3,380,000
Atlantic	Niger-Congo	62	3,976,500
Nilotic	Nilo-Saharan	63	4,410,000
Gur	Niger-Congo	96	5,061,700
Kwa	Niger-Congo	79	8,300,000
Cushitic	Afro-Asiatic	44	13,871,700
Benue-Congo	Niger-Congo	964	19,380,800
Chadic	Afro-Asiatic	189	24,988,000
Turkic	Altaic	39	50,750,120
Semitic	Afro-Asiatic	68	53,990,000

Table 5: Endangered and potentially endangered language of uncertain genetic affiliation. All data from *Ethnologue* (Lewis, 2009); used by permission.

Language	ISO 639	Classification	Population	Country
Aariya	aay	Unclassified	?	India
Lenca	len	Unclassified	?	Honduras
Norwegian, Traveller	rmg	Mixed language	?	Norway
Quinqui	quq	Unclassified	?	Spain
Luo	luw	Unclassified	1	Cameroon
Taushiro	tr	Language Isolate	1	Peru
Yámana	yag	Language Isolate	1	Chile
Tinigua	tit	Language Isolate	2	Colombia
Bung	bqd	Unclassified	3	Cameroon
Muniche	myr	Language Isolate	3	Peru
Puelche	pue	Language Isolate	5	Argentina
Ongota	bxe	Afro-Asiatic, Unclassified	8	Ethiopia
Aleut, Mednyj	mu d	Mixed language	10	Russian Federation
Itonama	ito	Language Isolate	10	Bolivia
Kutenai	kut	Language Isolate	12	Canada
Ainu	ain	Language Isolate	15	Japan
Kembra	xkw	Unclassified	20	Indonesia
Leco	lec	Language Isolate	20	Bolivia
Kehu	khh	Unclassified	25	Indonesia
Kwaza	xwa	Unclassified	25	Brazil
Massep	mvs	Language Isolate	25	Indonesia

Language	ISO 639	Classification	Population	Country
Namla	naa	Unclassified	30	Indonesia
Romano-Greek	rge	Mixed language	30	Greece
Himarimã	hir	Unclassified	40	Brazil
Karahawyana	xkh	Unclassified	40	Brazil
Lomavren	rmi	Mixed language	50	Armenia
Nguluwan	nuw	Mixed language	50	Micronesia
Yuchi	yuc	Language Isolate	50	United States
Taiap	gpn	Language Isolate	80	Papua New Guinea
Trumai	tpy	Language Isolate	100	Brazil
Usku	ulf	Unclassified	110	Indonesia
Carabayo	cby	Unclassified	150	Colombia
Papavô	ppv	Unclassified	170	Brazil
Aikanã	tba	Unclassified	180	Brazil
Centúúm	cet	Language Isolate	200	Nigeria
Iapama	iap	Unclassified	200	Brazil
Mbre	mka	Niger-Congo, Unclassified	200	Cote d'Ivoire
Molof	msl	Unclassified	200	Indonesia
Odiai	bhf	Language Isolate	240	Papua New Guinea
Tofanma	tlg	Unclassified	250	Indonesia
Murkim	rmh	Unclassified	290	Indonesia
Abinomn	bsa	Language Isolate	300	Indonesia
Elseng	mrf	Language Isolate	300	Indonesia
Yuwana	yau	Unclassified	300	Venezuela
Tol	jic	Language Isolate	350	Honduras
Shenenawa	swo	Unclassified	360	Brazil
Andoque	ano	Language Isolate	370	Colombia
Shabo	sbf	Nilo-Saharan, Unclassified	450	Ethiopia
Imeraguen	ime	Unclassified	530	Mauritania
Lepki	lpe	Unclassified	530	Indonesia
Yale	nce	Language Isolate	600	Papua New Guinea
Gilyak	niv	Language Isolate	690	Russian Federation
Doso	dol	Unclassified	700	Papua New Guinea
Laal	gd m	Unclassified	750	Chad
Yari	yri	Unclassified	760	Colombia
Michif	crq	Mixed language	830	United States

Language	ISO 639	Classification	Population	Country
Kujarge	vkj	Unclassified	1,000	Chad
Media Lengua	mue	Mixed language	1,000	Ecuador
Ná-Meo	neo	Unclassified	1,200	Viet Nam
Movima	mzp	Language Isolate	1,450	Bolivia
Waorani	auc	Language Isolate	1,650	Ecuador
Kaqchikel-K'iche'	ckz	Mixed language	2,000	Guatemala
Nihali	nll	Language Isolate	2,000	India
Wutunhua	wuh	Mixed language	2,000	China
Kuot	kto	Language Isolate	2,400	Papua New Guinea
Sulka	sua	Language Isolate	2,500	Papua New Guinea
Yuracare	yuz	Language Isolate	2,680	Bolivia
Malakhel	mld	Unclassified	2,860	Afghanistan
Puinave	pui	Language Isolate	2,880	Colombia
Abun	kgr	Language Isolate	3,000	Indonesia
Candoshi-Shapra	cbu	Language Isolate	3,000	Peru
Urarina	ura	Language Isolate	3,000	Peru
Lufu	ldq	Unclassified	3,200	Nigeria
Kol	kol	Language Isolate	4,000	Papua New Guinea
Traveller Scottish	trl	Unclassified	4,000	United Kingdom
Camsá	kbh	Language Isolate	4,770	Colombia
Kara	kah	Unclassified	4,800	Central African Republic
Warduji	wrd	Unclassified	5,000	Afghanistan
Bhatola	btl	Unclassified	5,050	India
Tsimané	cas	Language Isolate	5,320	Bolivia
Pumé	yae	Unclassified	5,840	Venezuela
Mbugu	mh d	Mixed language	7,000	Tanzania
Mpur	akc	Language Isolate	7,000	Indonesia
Zuni	zun	Language Isolate	9,650	United States
Hatam	had	Language Isolate	16,000	Indonesia
Yeniche	yec	Mixed language	16,000	Germany
Yauma	yax	Unclassified	22,200	Angola
Tagdal	tda	Mixed language	26,900	Niger
Warao	wba	Language Isolate	28,100	Venezuela
E	eee	Mixed language	30,000	China

Language	ISO 639	Classification	Population	Country
Romani, Tavringer	rmu	Mixed language	31,000	Sweden
Majhwar	mm j	Unclassified	34,300	India
Ticuna	tca	Language Isolate	48,600	Brazil
Caló	rmr	Mixed language	70,000	Spain
Páez	pbb	Language Isolate	77,400	Colombia
Shelta	sth	Mixed language	86,000	Ireland
Burushaski	bsk	Language Isolate	87,000	Pakistan
Romano-Serbian	rsb	Mixed language	172,000	Serbia
Angloromani	rme	Mixed language	202,900	United Kingdom
Lomwe, Malawi	lon	Mixed language	250,000	Malawi
Waxianghua	wxa	Unclassified	300,000	China

Table 6: Summary estimate of linguistic diversity at risk

	Endangered	Potentially Endangered	Unendangered	Total
Family stocks	49	34	17	100
Subfamily stocks	62	54	24	140
Singleton stocks	83	18	1	102
	194 (57%)	106 (31%)	42 (12%)	342

Table 7: Summary of linguistic stock endangerment by world area

	Endangered	Potentially Endangered	Unendangered	Total
Africa	14	21	20	55 (16%)
Americas	72	32	6	110 (32%)
Asia	47	21	13	81 (24%)
Europe	4	6	3	13 (4%)
Pacific	57	26	0	83 (24%)
Total	194 (57%)	106 (31%)	42 (12%)	342