Global Scripture Access 2023

Languages with and without Scripture

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7,394 known living languages, including 386 sign languages

* In most cases, the people use another language which already has at least some Scripture. Sometimes, their first language is disappearing from use altogether.

People with and without Scripture

According to SIL's Ethnologue, 7.42 billion people use the world's 7,394 known languages. However, language user statistics tend to lag behind actual population statistics. The global population is estimated at 8.05 billion. For statistical agreement, percentages used here are based on the Ethnologue population number.

- 6 billion people (up to 81%)
- 824 million people (up to 11%)
- 449 million people (up to 6%)
- 99.8 million people (up to 1%)
- 821 million people (up to 1%)
- 9.6 million people (up to 0.1%)
Scripture access by region

For simplicity, each language is counted only once and assigned to a single region with all users attached to that location.
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The numbers on the map refer to languages where work is already being requested or is likely to be needed.

About these statistics

Wycliffe Global Alliance compiles Scripture access statistics annually from data provided through ProgressBible by Bible translation organisations and partners. Data is based on the most recently available information about first language users in SIL’s Ethnologue.