

Summary by language status

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Table 4 summarizes the distribution of languages in the world by their status in terms of language development or language endangerment. The *EGIDS* column categorizes the languages by their level on the EGIDS scale. Consult [Language Status](#) for a description of the levels in the scale.

The next six columns are as in Table 2. In addition, the *Mean* column gives the average population of all the languages with the given EGIDS level and the *Median* column gives the median population for the languages at that level, that is, half of the languages at that level have a higher population and half have a lower population. If there are any languages with an unknown population, these are ignored in the calculation of the mean and the median.

Table 4. Distribution of world languages by vitality status

EGIDS	Living languages			Number of speakers				
	<i>Count</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Cumulative</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Cumulative</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>
0	6	0.1	0.1%	1,936,239,530	29.1469	29.1469%	322,706,588	262,786,210
1	97	1.4	1.5%	2,026,498,114	30.5056	59.6525%	20,891,733	6,012,000
2	75	1.1	2.5%	647,892,569	9.7530	69.4055%	8,638,568	1,172,940
3	164	2.3	4.8%	608,272,920	9.1565	78.5620%	3,708,981	700,000
4	234	3.3	8.1%	274,708,820	4.1353	82.6973%	1,173,969	117,500
5	1,601	22.6	30.7%	667,724,393	10.0515	92.7488%	417,067	25,500
6a	2,455	34.6	65.2%	409,394,408	6.1628	98.9115%	166,759	10,000
6b	1,082	15.2	80.5%	61,089,371	0.9196	99.8311%	56,460	3,000
7	465	6.6	87.0%	10,371,791	0.1561	99.9873%	22,305	1,075
8a	267	3.8	90.8%	777,202	0.0117	99.9990%	2,911	255
8b	436	6.1	96.9%	68,397	0.0010	100.0000%	157	14
9	217	3.1	100.0%	0	0.0000	100.0000%	0	0
<i>Totals</i>	7,099	100.0		6,643,037,515	100.0000			

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