

Rank	Language	2001 census (total population 1,028,610,328)		1991 census (total population 838,583,988)		Encarta 2007 estimate (worldwide speakers)
		Speakers	Percentage	Speakers	Percentage	
1	Hindi	42,20,48,642	41.10%	32,95,18,087	39.29%	366 M
2	Bengali	8,33,69,769	8.11%	6,95,95,738	8.30%	207 M
3	Telugu	7,40,02,856	7.19%	6,60,17,615	7.87%	69.7 M
4	Marathi	7,19,36,894	6.99%	6,24,81,681	7.45%	68.0 M
5	Tamil	6,07,93,814	5.91%	5,30,06,368	6.32%	66.0 M
6	Urdu	5,15,36,111	5.01%	4,34,06,932	5.18%	60.3 M
7	Gujarati	4,60,91,617	4.48%	4,06,73,814	4.85%	46.1 M
8	Kannada	3,79,24,011	3.69%	3,27,53,676	3.91%	35.3 M
9	Malayalam	3,30,66,392	3.21%	3,03,77,176	3.62%	35.7 M
10	Odia	3,30,17,446	3.21%	2,80,61,313	3.35%	32.3 M
11	Punjabi	2,91,02,477	2.83%	2,33,78,744	2.79%	102 M
12	Assamese	1,31,68,484	1.28%	1,30,79,696	1.56%	15.4 M
13	Maithili	1,21,79,122	1.18%	77,66,921	0.93%	24.2 M
14	Bhili/Bhilodi	95,82,957	0.93%			
15	Santali	64,69,600	0.63%	52,16,325	0.62%	
16	Kashmiri	55,27,698	0.54%			
17	Nepali	28,71,749	0.28%	20,76,645	0.25%	16.1 M
18	Gondi	27,13,790	0.26%			
19	Sindhi	25,35,485	0.25%	21,22,848	0.25%	19.7 M
20	Konkani	24,89,015	0.24%	17,60,607	0.21%	
21	Dogri	22,82,589	0.22%			
22	Khandeshi	20,75,258	0.21%			
23	Kurukh	17,51,489	0.17%			
24	Tulu	17,22,768	0.17%			
25	Meitei/Manipuri	14,66,705	0.14%	12,70,216	0.15%	
26	Bodo	13,50,478	0.13%	12,21,881	0.15%	
27	Khasi	11,28,575	0.11%			
28	Mundari	10,61,352	0.10%			
29	Ho	10,42,724	0.10%			
30	Kui	9,16,222	0.09%			
31	Garo	8,89,479	0.09%			
32	Tripuri	8,54,023	0.08%			
33	Lushai/Mizo	6,74,756	0.07%			
34	Halabi	5,93,443	0.06%			
35	Korku	5,74,481	0.06%			
36	Miri/Mishing	5,51,224	0.05%			
37	Munda	4,69,357	0.05%			
38	Karbi/Mikir	4,19,534	0.04%			
39	Koya	3,62,070	0.04%			
40	Ao	2,61,387	0.03%			
41	Savara	2,52,519	0.03%			
42	Konyak	2,48,109	0.02%			
43	Kharia	2,39,608	0.02%			
44	English	2,26,449	0.02%			
45	Malto	2,24,926	0.02%			
46	Nissi/Dafla	2,11,485	0.02%			
47	Adi	1,98,462	0.02%			
48	Thado	1,90,595	0.02%			
49	Lotha	1,70,001	0.02%			
50	Coorgi/Kodagu	1,66,187	0.02%			
51	Rabha	1,64,770	0.02%			
52	Tangkhul	1,42,035	0.01%			
53	Kisan	1,41,088	0.01%			
54	Angami	1,32,225	0.01%			
55	Phom	1,22,508	0.01%			
56	Kolami	1,21,855	0.01%			

57	Khond/Kondh	1,18,597	0.01%			
58	Dimasa	1,11,961	0.01%			
59	Ladakhi	1,04,618	0.01%			
60	Sema	1,03,529	0.01%			

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