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List of Abbreviations

A	Agent in constituent word order
<i>alt.</i>	alternate name for
<i>alt. dial.</i>	alternate dialect name for
AOV	Agent-Object-Verb
C	Consonant in canonical syllable patterns
CDE	Convention against Discrimination in Education (1960)
<i>Class</i>	Language classification
CPPDCE	Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (2005)
CSICH	Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage (2003)
DBS	Deaf Bible Society
<i>dial.</i>	primary dialect name for
DOOR	Deaf Opportunity Outreach
ECRML	European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (1992)
EUD	European Union of the Deaf
FCPNM	Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (1998)
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966)
ILOCITP	ILO Convention on Indigenous and Tribal People no. 169 (1989)
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
km	kilometer(s)
L1 / L2	first language / second (or other additional) language
<i>Lg Dev</i>	Language development
<i>Lg Use</i>	Language use
m	meter(s)
P	Patient in constituent word order
PARADISEC	Pacific And Regional Archive for Digital Sources In Endangered Cultures
<i>pej.</i>	pejorative
pl.	plural
S	Subject in constituent word order
sg.	singular
SIL	SIL International
SVO	Subject-Verb-Object
<i>Type</i>	Typological information
UNCRPD	United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2006)
V	Vowel in canonical syllable patterns

How to Use This Digest

This *Ethnologue* country digest provides an extract of the information about the language situation in Norway that is published in the 26th edition of *Ethnologue: Languages of the World* (see <http://www.ethnologue.com>), including some ways of presenting the information that are not available in the online version. The digest begins with a “Country Overview” (page 6) and “Statistical Summaries” (page 8) of languages and number of speakers by language size, by language status, and by language family.

The “Alphabetical Listing of Languages” (page 11) provides detailed information on the 59 languages listed in the *Ethnologue* for the country of Norway. This includes languages that are indigenous to the country, languages that have developed well-established multigenerational speaker communities after immigrating in the past, and languages that have a significant presence in the country but are not established (that is, not being transmitted to the next generation within the country). A complete language entry has the following form and content:

Primary language name [ISO 639-3 code] (Alternate names). Autonym. *Users*: Country user population. Population stability comment. Population remarks. Monolingual population. Ethnic population. *Location*: Location. *Status*: EGIDS level. Special cases. Language function in country. *Class*: Linguistic classification. Macrolanguage membership. *Dialects*: Dialect names. Intelligibility and dialect relations. Lexical similarity. *Type*: Linguistic typology information. *Lg Use*: Remarks on use of the language. Domains of use. User age range. Language attitudes. Bilingualism remarks. Use as second language. *Lg Dev*: Literacy rates. Literacy remarks. Use in education. Publications and use in media. Revitalization efforts. Language development agencies. *DLS*: Digital support. *Writing*: Scripts used. *Other*: Non-indigenous. General remarks. Religion. *Worldwide*: Total population in all countries. Other countries where used.

See <http://www.ethnologue.com/methodology/#languagePages> for a full description of these information elements. If the autonym contains the “?” character, this indicates a complex non-Roman character that the PDF-creating software we are using is not able to render. We regret the inconvenience.

Many ways of finding languages are provided. “Languages by Population” (page 29) lists the languages in order of their first-language speaker populations. “Languages by Status” (page 34) lists the languages by their level of development or endangerment as measured on EGIDS, the Expanded Graded Intergenerational Disruption Scale (Lewis and Simons 2010). “Languages by County” (page 41) lists the top-level administrative subdivisions of Norway and the languages located within each. “Languages by Family” (page 42) lists the languages by their linguistic classifications. “Language Code Index” (page 43) gives an alphabetical listing of all the three-letter codes from ISO 639-3 that are used in this digest to uniquely identify languages. “Language Name Index” (page 44) lists every name that appears in the language listings as a primary or alternate name of a language or dialect. A total of 48 unique names are associated with the 59

languages described in this digest.

Finally, a listing of all the published sources cited within this digest is found in “Bibliography” (page 46). The published sources are cited using standard in-text citations enclosed in parentheses, consisting of the author’s or editor’s surname followed by the year of publication. Unpublished sources including personal communications and unpublished reports are also acknowledged when specific statements or facts are attributed to them. They are identified using in-text citations enclosed in parentheses in which the year of the communication is given first, followed by the source’s first initial and surname. In such a case, there is no corresponding entry in the bibliography.

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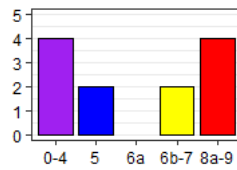
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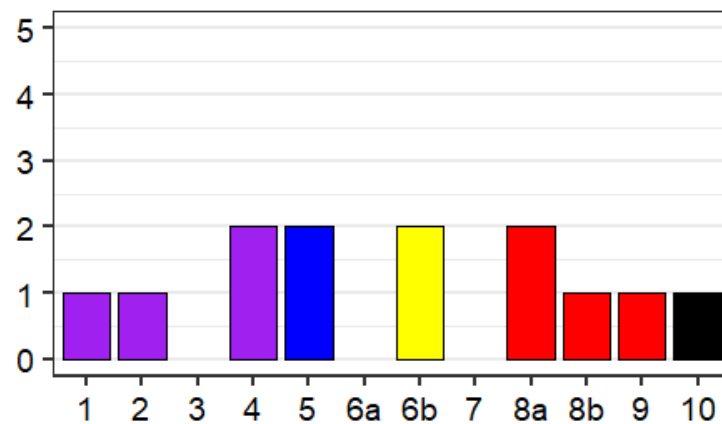
Country Overview

Name of country	Norway												
Other names	Kingdom of Norway												
Population	5,420,000 (2021 census)												
Principal language	Norwegian												
Literacy rate	100% (Roser and Ortiz-Ospina 2018)												
Deaf population	5,000												
International conventions	CDE (1963), CPPDCE (2007), CSICH (2007), ECRML (1993), FCPNM (1999), ICCPR (1972), ILOCITP (1990), UNCRPD (2013)												
General references	Campbell and King 2011, Comrie 1987, Stephens 1976												
Language counts	<p>The number of established languages listed for Norway is 13. Of these, 12 are living and 1 is extinct. Of the living languages, 7 are indigenous and 5 are non-indigenous. Furthermore, 4 are institutional, 2 are developing, 2 are in trouble, and 4 are dying. Also listed are 46 unestablished languages.</p>  <table border="1"> <caption>Language Vitality Counts for Norway</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Vitality Category</th> <th>Count</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>0-4</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6a</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6b-7</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8a-9</td> <td>4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Vitality Category	Count	0-4	4	5	2	6a	0	6b-7	2	8a-9	4
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5	2												
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6b-7	2												
8a-9	4												

See the next page for an explanation of the summary categories for language vitality used in the above counts and graph.

Language Status Profile

The following histogram gives a graphic profile of the established languages in Norway with respect to their status of language development versus language endangerment. This includes all of the languages appearing in the “Alphabetical Listing of Languages” (page 11) that report an EGIDS level after *Status*; macrolanguages and unestablished languages are not included in the profile. The horizontal axis plots the estimated level of development or endangerment as measured on the EGIDS scale (Lewis and Simons 2010). The height of each bar indicates the number of languages that are estimated to be at the given level. Consult “Languages by Status” (page 34) in order to see the specific languages for each level.



The color coding of the bars in the histogram above matches the color scheme used in the summary profile graph on the preceding page. In this scheme, the EGIDS levels are grouped as follows:

- Purple = Institutional (EGIDS 0–4) — The language has been developed to the point that it is used and sustained by institutions beyond the home and community.
- Blue = Developing (EGIDS 5) — The language is in vigorous use, with literature in a standardized form being used by some though this is not yet widespread or sustainable.
- Green = Vigorous (EGIDS 6a) — The language is in vigorous use among all generations and remains unstandardized.
- Yellow = In trouble (EGIDS 6b–7) — Intergenerational transmission is in the process of being broken, but the child-bearing generation can still use the language so it is possible that revitalization efforts could restore transmission of the language in the home.
- Red = Dying (EGIDS 8a–9) — The only fluent users (if any) are older than child-bearing age, so it is too late to restore natural intergenerational transmission through the home; a mechanism outside the home would need to be developed.
- Black = Extinct (EGIDS 10) — The language is no longer used and no one retains a sense of ethnic identity associated with the language.

Statistical Summaries

The “Alphabetical Listing of Languages” (page 11) provides a detailed listing of all the languages of Norway. This section steps back from the detail to offer a summary view of the language situation in the country. Specifically, it offers three numerical tabulations of the living established languages of Norway and their users: by language size, by language status, and by language family.

Summary by language size

Table 1 summarizes the distribution of living established languages in Norway by number of L1 speakers. The *Population range* column categorizes the sizes of the languages by order of magnitude (in terms of the number of digits in the population of first-language speakers). Consult “Languages by Population” (page 29) for a listing of the specific languages in each range category.

The *Count* column gives the number of living established languages within the specified population range. The *Percent* column gives the share of the count for that population range as a percentage of the total number of languages given at the bottom of the Count column. The *Cumulative* column gives the cumulative sum of the percentage of languages going from top to bottom in the column.

The *Total* column gives the total L1 population of all the languages in the given range category. The second *Percent* column gives the percentage of the total country population as estimated at the bottom of the Total column. Note that if the table has a row for Unknown, representing languages for which the *Ethnologue* does not have a population estimate, the calculation of population percentage is not able to take those languages into account. The final *Cumulative* column gives the cumulative sums of the population percentages going from top to bottom in the column.

Table 1: Distribution of languages by number of first-language speakers

Population range	Living languages			Number of speakers		
	Count	Percent	Cumulative	Total	Percent	Cumulative
1,000,000 to 9,999,999	1	8.3	8.3%	5,190,000	98.57550	98.57550%
10,000 to 99,999	3	25.0	33.3%	67,100	1.27445	99.84995%
1,000 to 9,999	2	16.7	50.0%	6,500	0.12346	99.97341%
100 to 999	4	33.3	83.3%	1,400	0.02659	100.00000%
0	1	8.3	91.7%		0.00000	100.00000%
Unknown	1	8.3	100.0%			
<i>Totals</i>	12	100.0		5,265,000	100.00000	

Summary by language status

Table 2 summarizes the distribution of living established languages in Norway 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 “Languages by Status” (page 34) for a listing of the specific languages that have been assigned to each level. Note that the EGIDS level reported here is for the status of the language in Norway. Languages that are also used in other countries may be assigned to a different EGIDS level in those countries.

The next six columns are as in Table 1. In addition, the *Mean* column gives the average L1 population of all the languages with the given EGIDS level and the *Median* column gives the median L1 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 2: Distribution of languages by vitality status

EGIDS	Living languages			Number of speakers			Mean	Median
	Count	Percent	Cumulative	Total	Percent	Cumulative		
1	1	8.3	8.3%	5,190,000	98.5755	98.5755%	5,190,000	5,190,000
2	1	8.3	16.7%	20,000	0.3799	98.9554%	20,000	20,000
4	2	16.7	33.3%	47,100	0.8946	99.8500%	23,550	23,550
5	2	16.7	50.0%	5,500	0.1045	99.9544%	2,750	2,750
6b	2	16.7	66.7%	800	0.0152	99.9696%	400	400
8a	2	16.7	83.3%	1,600	0.0304	100.0000%	800	800
8b	1	8.3	91.7%	Unknown				
9	1	8.3	100.0%		0.0000	100.0000%		
<i>Totals</i>	12	100.0		5,265,000	100.0000			

Summary by language family

The genealogical classifications given in the language entries of the “Alphabetical Listing of Languages” (page 11) name 4 different top-level groups. Table 3 summarizes the distribution of living established languages and their L1 populations within these families. The columns are as for table 2, with the exception that *Cumulative* is excluded since there is no inherent ordering of the families.

Table 3: Distribution of languages by language family

Language family	Living languages		Number of speakers			
	<i>Count</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Mean</i>	<i>Median</i>
Indo-European	4	33.3	5,237,600	99.5	1,309,400	23,550
Mixed language	1	8.3	100	0.0	100	100
Sign language	1	8.3	5,000	0.1	5,000	5,000
Uralic	6	50.0	22,300	0.4	3,717	500
<i>Totals</i>	12	100.0	5,265,000	100.0		

Alphabetical Listing of Languages

Albanian, Gheg [aln]. Autonym: Gegnisht. *Users*: 16,600 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Albanian, Gheg. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; noun head initial; gender (masculine/feminine/neuter); definite article affix; case-marking (4 cases); verb affixes mark person, number; passives; tense; 29 consonant and 7 vowel phonemes; non-tonal; stress on penultimate syllable. *Lg Dev*: Literature. Newspapers. Dictionary. Grammar. NT: 1869–1990. *Writing*: Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 4,239,280. Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia. Also established in: Romania, Turkey. Unestablished in: Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States.

Amharic [amh]. *Users*: 12,400 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Afro-Asiatic, Semitic, South, Ethiopian, South, Transversal, Amharic-Argobba. *Type*: SOV; prepositions, genitives, articles, and relatives precede noun heads; question word initial; case-marking (4 cases); verb suffixes show person, number, gender of subject and (optionally) object; passives including deponents; aspect; causatives; no comparatives; 27 consonant and 7 vowel phonemes; non-tonal; very weak stress. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. Bible: 1840–2013. *Writing*: Braille script. Ethiopic script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 57,567,300 (as L1: 32,449,400; as L2: 25,117,900). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Ethiopia. Also established in: Israel. Unestablished in: Australia, Canada, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Finland, Germany, Kuwait, Sudan, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States.

Arabic, Levantine [apc]. *Users*: 47,000 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Afro-Asiatic, Semitic, Central, South, Arabic. *Lg Dev*: Radio. TV. Dictionary. Grammar. Bible portions: 1940–1973. *Writing*: Arabic script, Naskh variant. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 47,595,360 (as L1: 47,236,360; as L2: 359,000). Global EGIDS level: 3 (Wider communication). Indigenous in: Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria, Turkey. Also established in: Mexico. Unestablished in: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Finland, France, French Guiana, Gambia, Germany, Guinea, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Jamaica, Kuwait, Libya, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Martinique, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Oman, Panama, Portugal, Qatar (North Levantine Spoken Arabic), Saudi Arabia (North Levantine Spoken Arabic), Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Venezuela, Yemen.

Arabic, Mesopotamian Spoken [acm]. *Users*: 13,500 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Afro-Asiatic, Semitic, Central, South, Arabic. *Type*: SVO; 32 consonant phonemes. *Lg Dev*: Radio. TV. Grammar. *Writing*: Arabic script, Naskh

variant. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 18,162,050. Global EGIDS level: 3 (Wider communication). Indigenous in: Iran, Iraq, Syria. Also established in: Turkey. Unestablished in: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Finland, Germany, India, Kuwait, Lebanon, Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Yemen.

Arabic, Moroccan Spoken [ary]. *Users*: 10,900 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Afro-Asiatic, Semitic, Central, South, Arabic. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; genitives, adjectives, relatives after noun heads; articles and numerals before noun heads; question word initial; prefixes 3. suffixes 4; word order distinguishes subjects, objects, indirect objects, topic and comment; affixes do not indicate case of noun phrase; verb affixes mark person, number, gender of subject, object-obligatory; CCVCC; nontonal. *Lg Dev*: Dictionary. Grammar. NT: 1932–2012. *Writing*: Arabic script, Naskh variant. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 39,160,180 (as L1: 29,540,180; as L2: 9,620,000). Global EGIDS level: 3 (Wider communication). Indigenous in: Morocco, Western Sahara. Also established in: Egypt, Spain. Unestablished in: Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Italy, Libya, Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States.

Arabic, North Mesopotamian Spoken [ayp]. *Users*: 7,630 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Afro-Asiatic, Semitic, Central, South, Arabic. *Lg Dev*: Grammar. NT: 2012. *Writing*: Arabic script, Naskh variant. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 10,263,460. Global EGIDS level: 6a (Vigorous). Indigenous in: Iraq, Syria, Turkey. Also established in: Jordan. Unestablished in: Belgium, Germany, Sweden.

Arabic, Sudanese Spoken [apd]. *Users*: 6,350 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Afro-Asiatic, Semitic, Central, South, Arabic. *Lg Dev*: Literature. Radio. TV. Dictionary. Grammar. NT: 1978. *Writing*: Arabic script, Naskh variant. Latin script. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 42,373,370 (as L1: 33,373,370; as L2: 9,000,000). Global EGIDS level: 3 (Wider communication). Indigenous in: South Sudan, Sudan. Also established in: Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia. Unestablished in: Australia, Canada, Germany, Libya, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.

Bosnian [bos]. *Users*: 18,700 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Balto-Slavic, Slavic, South, Western. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; gender (masculine/feminine/neuter); vestiges of dual number; case-marking (7 cases); verb affixes mark person, number, gender of subject (in past tense); passives; tense and aspect; 25 consonant and 5 vowel phonemes; pitch stress. *Lg Dev*: Dictionary. Bible: 2013–2021. *Writing*: Arabic script, Naskh variant, no longer in use. Cyrillic script. Latin script. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 2,618,390 (as L1: 2,608,490; as L2: 9,900). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro. Also established in: Croatia, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia.

Unestablished in: Australia, Austria, Canada, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United States.

Bulgarian [bul]. *Users*: 8,430 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Balto-Slavic, Slavic, South, Eastern. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; noun head final; gender (masculine/feminine/neuter); vestiges of dual number; definite article affix; verb affixes mark person, number; tense and aspect; comparatives; 35 consonants, 6 vowels, 2 diphthongs; non-tonal; free stress. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. *Bible*: 1864–1923. *Writing*: Braille script. Cyrillic script, primary usage. Cyrillic script, Old Church Slavonic variant, 19th century, experimental usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 7,745,340 (as L1: 6,541,540; as L2: 1,203,800). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Bulgaria, Greece, Serbia, Turkey. Also established in: Hungary, Moldova, Romania, Ukraine. Unestablished in: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Kazakhstan, Libya, Poland, Portugal, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States.

Burmese [mya]. *Users*: 4,220 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Sino-Tibetan, Tibeto-Burman, Ngwi-Burmese, Burmish, Southern. *Type*: SOV; noun head final; tense and aspect; 31 consonants, 8 vowels, 4 diphthongs; tonal (3 tones). *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. *Bible*: 1835–2014. *Writing*: Braille script. Myanmar (Burmese) script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 43,025,110 (as L1: 33,023,270; as L2: 10,001,840). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Myanmar. Unestablished in: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Laos (Myen), Malaysia, New Zealand, South Korea, Thailand, United States.

Chinese, Mandarin [cmn]. *Users*: 13,300 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Sino-Tibetan, Chinese. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; noun head final; 6 full (concrete meaning) word classes; no articles; passives; 24 consonants, 8 vowels, 6 diphthongs; tonal (4 phonemic tones). *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. *Bible*: 1874–1983. *Writing*: Bopomofo script, used since 1913, revised in 1920 and 1932, mainly used in Taiwan. Braille script. Han script, Simplified variant, used since 1956, official in Mainland China (1956) and Singapore (1969), also used elsewhere. Han script, Traditional variant, used since mid-19th century, official in Taiwan, also used elsewhere. Latin script. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 1,138,222,350 (as L1: 939,237,350; as L2: 198,985,000). Global EGIDS level: 0 (International). Indigenous in: China. Also established in 17 other countries and unestablished in 60 more.

Croatian [hrv]. Autonym: Hrvatski. *Users*: 6,320 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Balto-Slavic, Slavic, South, Western. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; noun head final; gender (masculine/feminine/neuter); no articles; case-marking (7 cases); verb affixes mark person, number; passives; tense and aspect; causatives; comparatives; 25 consonants, 5 vowels, 2 diphthongs; tonal (4 tones), stress is connected with tone. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. *Bible*: 1831–1999. *Writing*: Braille script. Latin script, primary

usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 6,758,610 (as L1: 5,474,510; as L2: 1,284,100). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Austria, Croatia, Montenegro. Also established in: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia. Unestablished in: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Italy, North Macedonia, Spain, Sweden, United States.

Czech [ces]. Autonym: Český jazyk, Čeština. *Users*: 2,590 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Balto-Slavic, Slavic, West, Czech-Slovak. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; noun head final; gender (masculine/feminine/neuter); no articles; case-marking (7 cases); verb affixes mark person, number; passives; tense and aspect; comparatives; 26 consonant and 9 vowel phonemes; non-tonal; stress on first syllable. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. Bible: 1380–1980. *Writing*: Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 12,257,160 (as L1: 9,568,660; as L2: 2,688,500). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Czechia. Also established in: Austria, Croatia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, United States. Unestablished in: Argentina, Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Kazakhstan, New Zealand, Russian Federation, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

Danish [dan]. Autonym: Dansk. *Users*: 20,800 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Location*: Scattered. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Germanic, North, East Scandinavian, Danish-Swedish, Danish-Riksmal, Danish. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; noun head final; gender (common/neuter); indefinite and definite affix; passives (middle, active, passive); tense; comparatives; 19 consonant and 27 vowel phonemes; pitch accent; stress on first syllable. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. Bible: 1550–1993. *Writing*: Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 5,612,110 (as L1: 5,608,410; as L2: 3,700). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Denmark, Germany. Also established in: Faroe Islands, Greenland, Sweden. Unestablished in: Australia, Canada, Iceland, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States.

Dutch [nld]. Autonym: Nederlands. *Users*: 9,100 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Germanic, West, Low Saxon-Low Franconian, Low Franconian. *Type*: SVO (SOV in subordinate clauses); prepositions; noun head final; gender (common/neuter); definite and indefinite articles; passives (middle, active, passive); tense and aspect; comparatives; 21 consonants, 13 vowels, 3 diphthongs; non-tonal; stress on first syllable. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. Bible: 1526–2004. *Writing*: Braille script, used since 1951. Latin script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 24,487,090 (as L1: 22,862,590; as L2: 1,624,500). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Belgium, Netherlands. Also established in: Aruba, Caribbean Netherlands, Curacao, Sint Maarten, Suriname, United States. Unestablished in: Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom.

English [eng] (Engelsk). Autonym: English. *Users*: 4,660,600 in Norway, all users. L1 users:

30,600 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. L2 users: 4,630,000 (2019). *Location*: Widespread. *Status*: 4 (Educational). *Class*: Indo-European, Germanic, West, English. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; genitives after noun heads; articles, adjectives, numerals before noun heads; question word initial; word order distinguishes subject, object, indirect objects, given and new information, topic and comment; active and passive; causative; comparative; consonant and vowel clusters; 24 consonants, 13 vowels, 8 diphthongs; non-tonal; free stress; phrasal verbs. *Lg Use*: Used as L2 by Norwegian [nor]. *Lg Dev*: Taught as subject in all primary and secondary schools. Taught in some tertiary schools. Fully developed. Bible: 1382–2002. *Writing*: Braille script. Deseret Alphabet, developed in 1854 with limited usage until 1877. Duployan shorthand. Latin script, primary usage. Shavian (Shaw) script, no longer in use. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 1,456,448,320 (as L1: 379,682,200; as L2: 1076,766,120). Global EGIDS level: 0 (International). Indigenous in: Ireland, United Kingdom. Also established in 167 other countries and unestablished in 16 more.

Estonian, Standard [ekk]. Autonym: Eesti Keel. *Users*: 5,250 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Uralic, Finnic. *Type*: SVO; 14 cases: affixes indicate case of noun phrases; verb affixes mark person, number of subject, and agreement (obligatory); genitives, adjectives, numerals before noun heads; question word initial; word order distinguishes given and new information; active and passive voice; 4 moods in both voices: indicative, imperative, conditional, oblique; 2 infinitives for all verbs; 4 tenses in both voices and all moods: present, past, perfect, pluperfect; 3 degrees of comparison: positive, comparative, superlative; stress on first syllable; possible secondary stress on third syllable; non-tonal. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. Bible: 1739–1995. *Writing*: Latin script. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 1,149,010 (as L1: 1,148,690; as L2: 320). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Estonia. Also established in: Australia, Finland. Unestablished in: Canada, Denmark, Georgia, Germany, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States.

Finnish [fin]. Autonym: Suomi. *Users*: 7,370 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Uralic, Finnic. *Type*: SVO; mostly postpositions, some prepositions; noun head final; no articles; case-marking (11 cases); verb affixes mark person, number; passives; tense; comparatives; 17 consonants, 16 vowels, 16 diphthongs; non-tonal; stress on first syllable; vowel harmony. *Lg Use*: Used as L2 by Kven Finnish [fkv]. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. Bible: 1642–1991. *Writing*: Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 5,609,760 (as L1: 4,952,060; as L2: 657,700). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Finland, Russian Federation. Also established in: Aland Islands, Estonia, Sweden. Unestablished in: Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States.

Finnish, Kven [fkv] (Kainu, Kainun kieli, Kveenin, Kveenin kieli, Kven, Kvensk, Kvääna, North Finnish). Autonym: Kvääni, Kväänin kieli. *Users*: 1,500 (Laakso et al 2013). *Location*: Finnmark and Troms counties: Kveeniland, Ruija; Tromso; Cities: Alta, Borselv, Bygoynes, Kvaenangsbotn, Neiden, Nordreisa, Oteren, Skibotn, Storslett, and Vadso. *Status*: 8a

(Moribund). *Class*: Uralic, Finnic. *Dialects*: Considered Old Finnish, speakers of Meänkieli [fit] and Kven recognize the differences between the two. Standard Finnish [fin] speakers generally understand, except for some vocabulary. Reportedly more similar to Meänkieli than to standard Finnish. Various dialects: northwest coast varieties differ from east. Kven integrates Norwegian [nor] loans, whereas Meänkieli has integrated Swedish [swe] loans. *Lg Use*: Older adults only. Shifted to Norwegian [nor]. Also use Finnish [fin]. *Lg Dev*: Literacy rate in L2: Over 90% in Finnish [fin]. Taught in schools 3 hours a week. Newspapers. *DLS*: Ascending (0.14). *Writing*: Latin script. *Other*: Christian. *Map*: 28:6.

French [fra]. Autonym: français. *Users*: 167,500 in Norway, all users. L1 users: 16,500 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. L2 users: 151,000 (Marcoux et al 2022). *Location*: Scattered. *Status*: 4 (Educational). *Class*: Indo-European, Italic, Romance, Italo-Western, Western, Gallo-Iberian, Gallo-Romance, Gallo-Rhaetian, Oïl, French. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; noun head final for common adjectives, numbers, possessives, but most attributive adjectives come after the noun; gender (masculine/feminine); definite and indefinite articles; verb affixes mark person, number; passives; tense; comparatives; 20 consonant and 14 vowel phonemes; non-tonal; syllable-timed stress. *Lg Dev*: Taught as subject in secondary schools. Fully developed. Bible: 1530–2000. *Writing*: Braille script. Duployan shorthand. Latin script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 309,804,220 (as L1: 80,770,190; as L2: 229,034,030). Global EGIDS level: 0 (International). Indigenous in: Andorra, Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Monaco, Switzerland. Also established in 95 other countries and unestablished in 24 more.

German, Standard [deu]. Autonym: Deutsch. *Users*: 30,200 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Germanic, West, High German, German, Middle German, East Middle German. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; noun head final; gender (masculine/feminine/neuter); definite and indefinite articles; case-marking (4 cases); verb affixes mark person, number; passives; tense; comparatives; 22 consonants, 22 vowels, 3 diphthongs; non-tonal; stress on first syllable of the root. *Lg Dev*: Taught as subject in secondary schools. Fully developed. Bible: 1466–2016. *Writing*: Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. Latin script, Fraktur variant, used until 1940. Runic script, no longer in use. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 133,245,880 (as L1: 75,282,080; as L2: 57,963,800). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Austria, Belgium, Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Italy. Also established in 40 other countries and unestablished in 22 more.

Greek [ell]. *Users*: 3,730 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Greek, Attic. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; noun head final; gender (masculine/feminine/neuter); definite and indefinite articles; case-marking (3 cases); verb affixes mark person, number; passives (active, medio-passive, passive); tense and aspect; comparatives; 18 consonant and 5 vowel phonemes; non-tonal; free stress. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. Bible: 1840–1994. *Writing*: Braille script. Cyrillic script, used in Ukraine. Greek script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 13,088,220 (as L1: 12,992,220; as L2: 96,000). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous

in: Albania, Greece. Also established in: Australia, Cyprus, Egypt, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Turkey, Ukraine. Unestablished in: Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Czechia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Djibouti, Finland, Germany, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Libya, Luxembourg, Malawi, Mexico, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Panama, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Hungarian [hun]. Autonym: Magyar. *Users*: 4,800 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Uralic. *Type*: SVO; postpositions; noun head final; definite article; case-marking (18 cases); verb affixes mark person, number, object; no passives; tense; comparatives; 25 consonants, 14 vowels, no diphthongs; non-tonal; stress on first syllable; vowel harmony. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. *Bible*: 1590–1991. *Writing*: Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 12,617,790 (as L1: 12,610,690; as L2: 7,100). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Austria, Hungary, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Ukraine. Also established in: Croatia, Israel, Slovenia. Unestablished in: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, Moldova, Netherlands, New Zealand, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States.

Icelandic [isl]. Autonym: íslenska. *Users*: 7,930 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Germanic, North, West Scandinavian. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; noun head final; gender (masculine/feminine/neuter); definite article suffix; case-marking (4 cases); verb affixes mark person, number; passives (active, passive, middle); comparatives; 20 consonants, 8 vowels, 5 diphthongs; non-tonal; stress on first syllable. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. *Bible*: 1584–1981. *Writing*: Latin script. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 329,150 (as L1: 328,740; as L2: 410). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Iceland. Unestablished in: Canada, Denmark, Germany, Spain, Sweden, United States.

Italian [ita]. Autonym: Italiano. *Users*: 5,400 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Italic, Romance, Italo-Western, Italo-Dalmatian. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; gender (masculine/feminine); definite and indefinite articles; verb affixes mark person, number; passives; tense; comparatives; 23 consonant and 7 vowel phonemes; non-tonal; stress mostly on penultimate syllable. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. *Bible*: 1471–1985. *Writing*: Braille script, used since 1974. Latin script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 67,935,480 (as L1: 64,647,380; as L2: 3,288,100). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Croatia, Italy, San Marino, Slovenia, Switzerland. Also established in 12 other countries and unestablished in 34 more.

Korean [kor]. *Users*: 7,670 in Norway (2019 Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Koreanic. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. *Bible*: 1911–1993. *Writing*: Braille script. Hangul and Han scripts, primary usage. Latin script, used for maps and signs. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries:

81,740,540 (as L1: 81,721,540; as L2: 19,000). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: North Korea, South Korea. Also established in: China, Japan, Russian Federation, United States, Uzbekistan. Unestablished in: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belarus, Brazil, Brunei, Cambodia, Canada, China–Taiwan, Denmark, France, Germany, Guam, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Northern Mariana Islands, Paraguay, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Vietnam.

Kurdish, Northern [kmr]. Autonym: Kurdî-Kurmancî, Kurmancî. *Users*: 5,830 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Indo-Iranian, Iranian, Western, Northwestern, Kurdish. *Lg Dev*: Literature. Newspapers. Periodicals. Radio. TV. Videos. Dictionary. Grammar. Bible: 2008. *Writing*: Arabic script, Naskh variant, used in Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon. Armenian script, used between 1921–1929, used in Armenia. Cyrillic script, used in Armenia, Russia, and Azerbaijan. Latin script, developed in 1932, used in Turkey and Syria. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 15,789,810 (as L1: 15,785,010; as L2: 4,800). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Turkey. Also established in: Georgia, Lebanon, Turkmenistan. Unestablished in: Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Netherlands, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States.

Latvian, Standard [lvs]. Autonym: Latviešu valoda, Latviski. *Users*: 12,900 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Balto-Slavic, Baltic, Eastern. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; noun head final; gender (masculine/feminine); no articles; case-marking (7 cases); verb affixes mark person, number; passives; tense and aspect; comparatives; 26 consonants, 11 vowels, 10 diphthongs; tonal (3 tones: even, falling, broken); stress on first syllable. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. Bible: 1689–1995. *Writing*: Latin script. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 2,005,550 (as L1: 1,554,520; as L2: 451,030). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Latvia. Unestablished in: Australia, Belarus, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Venezuela.

Lithuanian [lit]. Autonym: Lietuviškai, Lietuvių kalba. *Users*: 48,600 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Balto-Slavic, Baltic, Eastern. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. Bible: 1735–1998. *Writing*: Latin script. Latin script, Fraktur variant, no longer in use. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 2,772,870 (as L1: 2,771,830; as L2: 1,040). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Lithuania. Also established in: Poland. Unestablished in: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uzbekistan.

Macedonian [mkd]. *Users*: 4,550 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*:

Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Balto-Slavic, Slavic, South, Eastern. *Type*: SVO; gender (masculine/feminine/neuter); definite article suffix; verb affixes mark person, number; passives (active, middle, passive); 26 consonant and 5 vowel phonemes; non-tonal; stress on antepenultimate syllable. *Lg Dev*: Newspapers. Radio. Grammar. Bible: 1990–2006. *Writing*: Cyrillic script, used since 1944. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 1,738,250 (as L1: 1,732,750; as L2: 5,500). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Bulgaria, Greece (Slavic), North Macedonia. Also established in: Albania, Romania. Unestablished in: Australia, Austria, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Germany, Montenegro, Netherlands, Serbia, Slovenia, Sweden, Turkey, United States.

Nepali [npi]. *Users*: 2,640 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Indo-Iranian, Indo-Aryan, Intermediate Divisions, Eastern, Eastern Pahari. *Type*: SOV; postpositions; noun head final; 11 noun classes or genders; no articles; content q-word in situ; 1 prefix, up to 5 suffixes; clause constituents indicated by case-marking (4 cases); verbal affixation marks person, number and gender of subject; split ergativity; both tense and aspect; passives and voice; causatives; non-tonal; 29 consonant and 11 vowel phonemes. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. Bible: 1914–2004. *Writing*: Braille script. Devanagari script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 25,587,570 (as L1: 16,903,270; as L2: 8,684,300). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Bhutan, India, Nepal. Unestablished in: Australia, Bahrain, Brunei, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Spain, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States.

Norwegian [nor]. Autonym: Norsk. *Users*: 5,190,000 in Norway (2017). *Status*: 1 (National). De facto national language. *Class*: Indo-European, Germanic, North, East Scandinavian, Danish-Swedish, Danish-Bokmal. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; noun head final; gender (masculine/feminine/neuter); definite and indefinite articles; passives (active, middle, passive); comparatives; 24 consonants, 12 vowels, 5 diphthongs; 2 pitch contours; stress on first syllable. *Lg Use*: Most also use English [eng]. *Lg Dev*: Taught in all primary and secondary schools. Taught in tertiary schools. Fully developed. Bible: 1904–1985. *DLS*: Thriving (0.93). *Writing*: Latin script. *Other*: Norwegian has 2 written standards, both of which are assigned codes in the ISO 639-3 standard: Bokmål Norwegian (nob) and Nynorsk Norwegian (nno). Bokmål differs from Nynorsk in numerous details in the lexicon, morphosyntax and the use of diphthongs versus single vowels. These written norms have neither a precise geographical delineation nor a direct correspondence with spoken dialects, although Nynorsk is closer to the western dialects and is more in use in western Norway. The written norms are grammatically and lexically very similar. Nynorsk, used by a minority of Norwegians, can be classified as West Scandinavian; Bokmål, the written standard of the majority of the population, tends towards East Scandinavian. Thus, Norwegian draws lexicon and syntax from both West Scandinavian and East Scandinavian speech varieties. *Maps*: 28:10, 28:10. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 5,312,730 (as L1: 5,308,030; as L2: 4,700). Unestablished in: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Ecuador, Germany, New Zealand, Russian Federation, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States.

Norwegian Sign Language [nsl] (NTS, Norsk Tegnspråk). *Users*: 5,000 (2021 DBS/DOOR/SIL). Estimated, assuming 0.1% of the total population. Other estimates vary: 2,500 sign language users (2021 EUD); 4,000 (Van Cleve 1986); 5,000 (2010 Norwegian Association of the Deaf); 22,000 deaf (2014 IMB). *Location*: Scattered. *Status*: 5 (Developing). *Class*: Sign language, Deaf community sign language. *Dialects*: Holmestrand, Oslo, Trondheim. Dialects associated with 3 schools: Holmestrand, Oslo, Trondheim. Intelligible with Danish [dsl] and Swedish [swl] sign languages with only moderate difficulty. Not intelligible with Finnish Sign Language [fse]. *Type*: One-handed fingerspelling. *Lg Use*: Vigorous. Used since 1815. First deaf school in 1825; first deaf club in 1878. Interpreters required in court, provided some for college students, and mental health programs. Instruction provided for parents of deaf children. Many classes for hearing people. Committee on national sign language. Deaf associations. Used by all. *Lg Dev*: British Sign Language [bfi], English [eng] and Norwegian [nor] taught as foreign languages starting in 1997 (2005 P. Pritchard). TV. Theater. Videos. Dictionary. Bible portions: 2004. Agency: Norwegian Association of the Deaf (NDF). *DLS*: Emerging (0.01). *Other*: Teachers required to take a one-year full-time university course in sign language. Parents of deaf children offered 40 weeks of sign language instruction free of charge (Timmermans 2005). Many classes for hearing people. Fingerspelling system similar to French Sign Language [fsl]. Right of deaf children to education in and about Norwegian Sign Language recognized by law in 1997 and 1999 (Timmermans 2005:64–65). 500 working sign language interpreters (2014 EUD). Museums of the Deaf in Trondheim and in Bergen. Christian.

Norwegian, Traveller [rmg] (Norwegian Traveller, Rodi, Scandoromani). *Users*: 100 (Carling et al 2014). *Location*: Sør-Trøndelag county: south of Trondheim. *Status*: 8a (Moribund). *Class*: Mixed language, Norwegian-Romani. *Dialects*: None known. Based on Norwegian [nor] with heavy lexical borrowing from Northern Romani varieties and German Rotwelsch [rmd]. Not intelligible with Angloromani [rme]. *Lg Use*: Active use (1997). Older adults only. Shifted to Norwegian [nor]. *DLS*: Still. *Other*: Spoken by the Fanter, who are not Roma, but intermarried with Roma and Yeniche (German Travellers). Romani influence from speakers descended from the first diaspora from India. Roma people were abandoned on the coast of Norway from British ships from 1544 onwards.

Persian, Iranian [pes]. *Users*: 23,800 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Indo-Iranian, Iranian, Western, Southwestern, Persian. *Type*: SOV; noun head initial; no articles; tense and aspect; causatives; 23 consonant and 6 vowel phonemes; stress on final syllable (or root). *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. Bible: 1845–1995. *Writing*: Arabic script, Naskh variant. Arabic script, Nastaliq variant, used in Iran. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 78,623,350 (as L1: 57,192,350; as L2: 21,431,000). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Iran. Also established in: Bahrain, Iraq, Oman, Qatar, Tajikistan, United Arab Emirates. Unestablished in: Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, India, Japan, Kuwait, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Syria, Turkey, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom, United States, Uzbekistan, Yemen.

Polish [pol]. *Users*: 117,000 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*:

Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Balto-Slavic, Slavic, West, Lechitic. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; noun head final; gender (masculine/feminine/neuter); no articles; case-marking (7 cases); verb affixes mark person, number; passives; aspect; comparatives; 30 consonant and 8 vowel phonemes; non-tonal; stress on penultimate syllable. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. *Bible*: 1561–2018. *Writing*: Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 40,589,930 (as L1: 39,896,930; as L2: 693,000). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Czechia, Poland, Ukraine. Also established in: Germany, Hungary, Israel, Lithuania, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia. Unestablished in: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States, Uzbekistan.

Portuguese [por]. Autonym: Português. *Users*: 10,700 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Italic, Romance, Italo-Western, Western, Gallo-Iberian, Ibero-Romance, West Iberian, Portuguese-Galician. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; gender (masculine/feminine); definite and indefinite articles; verb affixes mark person, number; passives; tense; comparatives; 21 consonants, 13 vowels, 11 diphthongs; non-tonal. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. *Bible*: 1751–2017. *Writing*: Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 263,638,850 (as L1: 236,266,650; as L2: 27,372,200). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Portugal, Spain. Also established in 14 other countries and unestablished in 38 more.

Romani, Vlax [rmy] (Rom). Autonym: Romani. *Users*: 500 in Norway (Johnstone 1993). Ethnic population: 3,500. *Location*: Oslo county. *Status*: 5* (Dispersed). *Class*: Indo-European, Indo-Iranian, Indo-Aryan, Intermediate Divisions, Western, Romani, Vlax. *Dialect*: Lovari (Norwegian Lovari). *Lg Use*: Also use Norwegian [nor]. *Lg Dev*: Literacy rate in L1: 30%–60%. Literacy rate in L2: 75%–100%. Printed or pre-recorded Romani language materials may not be understandable outside the country (or context of surrounding languages) in which they were produced. *Grammar*. *Bible*: 2008. *Writing*: Cyrillic script, used by Kalderash dialect. Latin script. *Other*: Non-indigenous. Christian. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 551,000. Global EGIDS level: 4 (Educational). Indigenous in: Romania. Also established in 17 other countries and unestablished in 10 more.

Romanian [ron]. *Users*: 20,100 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Italic, Romance, Eastern. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; noun head initial; gender (masculine/feminine/ambigeneric); indefinite article and definite article suffix; case-marking (2 cases); verb affixes mark person, number; passives; tense; 22 consonants, 7 vowels, 2 diphthongs; non-tonal; free stress. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. *Bible*: 1688–1989. *Writing*: Braille script. Cyrillic script, official usage in Moldova until 1991. Cyrillic script, Old Church Slavonic variant, 1688, experimental usage. Latin script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 24,478,820 (as L1: 24,461,820; as L2: 17,000). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Moldova,

Romania, Ukraine. Also established in: Hungary, Israel, Serbia. Unestablished in: Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Portugal, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom, United States, Uzbekistan.

Russian [rus]. *Users*: 22,600 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*:

Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Balto-Slavic, Slavic, East. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; genitives after noun heads; adjectives, numerals before noun heads; question word initial; 1 prefix on a word; recursive addition of suffixes allowed; gender (masculine/feminine/neuter); no articles; case-marking (6 cases); verb affixes mark person, number; passives; tense and aspect; comparatives; 32 consonants, 5 vowels, 4 diphthongs; non-tonal; free stress. *Lg Dev*: Taught as subject in secondary schools. Fully developed. Bible: 1876–2011. *Writing*: Braille script. Cyrillic script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 254,997,130 (as L1: 146,954,150; as L2: 107,987,980). Global EGIDS level: 0 (International). Indigenous in: Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Russian Federation, Ukraine. Also established in 17 other countries and unestablished in 29 more.

Saami, Lule [smj] (Julevusámegiella, Lule, Saame). Autonym: Julevusámegiella. *Users*: 500 in Norway (Krauss 1992). 1,000–2,000 speakers in Norway and Sweden (Salminen 2007). Ethnic population: 1,000 (1995 M. Krauss). *Location*: Nordland county: Folden, Hamaroy, and Tysfjord. *Status*: 6b (Threatened). *Class*: Uralic, Sami, Western, Northern. *Lg Use*: Language use has recently been activated to some extent. Younger speakers may nevertheless prefer Norwegian [nor] (Salminen 2007). Some young people, all adults. Also use Norwegian [nor]. *Lg Dev*: Literacy rate in L1: 30%–60%. Literacy rate in L2: 75%–100%. NT: 1903–2003. *Writing*: Latin script. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Map*: 28:7. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 2,000. Indigenous in: Sweden.

Saami, North [sme] (North Sámi, Northern Saami, Saami, Same, Samic, “Lapp” *pej.*, “Northern Lappish” *pej.*, “Norwegian Lapp” *pej.*). Autonym: Davvisámegiella, Sámegeiella. *Users*: 20,000 in Norway (Laakso et al 2013). Ethnic population: 30,000 (1995 M. Krauss). *Location*: Finnmark, Troms counties; Nordland county: Ofoten. *Status*: 2 (Provincial). Statutory provincial language in Sami Administrative District (1987, Sami Act, No. 12, Article 3). *Class*: Uralic, Sami, Western, Northern. *Dialects*: Western Inland Saami, Torne, Sea Saami, Eastern Inland Saami. *Type*: SVO; prepositions and postpositions; noun head final; dual number; case-marking (8 cases); verb affixes mark person, number; passives; comparatives; 30 consonants, 7 vowels, 4 diphthongs; non-tonal. *Lg Use*: In central Finnmark Province, where North Saami has an official status, many children learn the language and are likely to continue to use it in adulthood (Salminen 2007). Used by all. All also use Norwegian [nor] (Aikio and Ylikoski 2022). *Lg Dev*: Literacy rate in L1: 30%–60%. Literacy rate in L2: 75%–100%. Taught in a few primary and secondary schools. Bible: 1895. *DLS*: Vital (0.50). *Writing*: Cyrillic script. Latin script, primary usage. *Other*: Formerly called “Finns” which they consider derogatory. *Map*: 28:9. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 25,700. Also indigenous in: Finland, Sweden.

- Saami, Pite** [sje] (Pite, “Lapp” *pej.*). Autonym: Bidumsáme, Bidumsámegiella. *Location*: Nordland county: between Saltenfjord and Ranenfjord. *Status*: 8b (Nearly extinct). *Class*: Uralic, Sami, Western, Northern. *Lg Use*: No remaining speakers in Norway (2000 T. Salminen). Shifted to Norwegian [nor]. *Writing*: Latin script. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Map*: 28:12. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 20. Indigenous in: Sweden.
- Saami, Skolt** [sms]. Autonym: Sää’mkïöll. *Users*: No known L1 speakers in Norway. *Location*: Troms og Finnmark county: Sør-Varanger municipality. *Status*: 10 (Extinct). *Class*: Uralic, Sami, Eastern. *Dialect*: Neiden. *Type*: SVO; dual number (pronouns); synthetic language; case-marking (9 cases); verbs marked for person, number, mood, and tense; 5 grammatical moods; 2 simple tenses, 2 compound tenses; 31 consonants and 10 vowels; 4 grammatical persons, including fourth person. *Lg Dev*: Dictionary. Grammar. Texts. Bible portions: 1878–1988. *Writing*: Cyrillic script, used in 1894. Latin script. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 320. Global EGIDS level: 7 (Shifting). Also indigenous in: Finland, Russian Federation.
- Saami, South** [sma] (Saami, Same, Samic, Åarjelsaemiengiele, “Northern Lappish” *pej.*, “Norwegian Lapp” *pej.*). Autonym: Åarjelsaemiengiele. *Users*: 300 in Norway (Krauss 1992). Ethnic population: 600. *Location*: Hedmark county: near Femunden and Rostvolden; Nord-Trøndelag county: southwest of Linnset. *Status*: 6b (Threatened). *Class*: Uralic, Sami, Western, Southern. *Lg Use*: Some young people, all adults. Also use Norwegian [nor]. *Lg Dev*: Literacy rate in L1: 30%–60%. Literacy rate in L2: 75%–100%. Bible portions: 1993–2013. *Writing*: Latin script. *Map*: 28:14. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 600. Also indigenous in: Sweden.
- Saami, Ume** [sju] (Ubmejensámien giella, Umesamisk). Autonym: Ubmejensámien giella. *Users*: No known L1 speakers in Norway (Salminen 2007). *Location*: Nordland county: Rana municipality. *Status*: 9 (Dormant). *Class*: Uralic, Sami, Southern. *Lg Use*: Shifted to Norwegian [nor]. *Lg Dev*: Bible: 1811. *Writing*: Latin script, no longer in use. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 20. Global EGIDS level: 8b (Nearly extinct). Also indigenous in: Sweden.
- Serbian** [srp]. *Users*: 9,290 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Balto-Slavic, Slavic, South, Western. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; noun head final; gender (masculine/feminine/neuter); no articles; case-marking (7 cases); verb affixes mark person, number; passives; tense and aspect; causatives; comparatives; 25 consonant and 5 vowel phonemes, the ‘r’ also functioning as a vocalic (or syllabic) consonant; nontonal. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. Bible: 1804–1868. *Writing*: Braille script. Cyrillic script, primary usage. Latin script. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 10,213,776 (as L1: 10,193,976; as L2: 19,800). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia. Also established in: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Turkey. Unestablished in: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Czechia, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, Libya, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United States,

Zambia.

Sinhala [sin]. *Users*: 15,800 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*:

Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Indo-Iranian, Indo-Aryan, Outer Languages, Southern, Sinhalese-Maldivian. *Type*: SOV; postpositions; noun head final; gender (masculine/feminine/neuter); indefinite article suffix; case-marking (5 cases); tense and aspect; causatives; 23 consonants and 13 vowels; non-tonal; distinctive diglossia. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. *Bible*: 1823–1982. *Writing*: Braille script. Sinhala script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 17,553,910 (as L1: 15,542,810; as L2: 2,011,100). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Sri Lanka. Also established in: Singapore. Unestablished in: Australia, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Germany, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, New Zealand, Oman, Qatar, Sweden, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States.

Slovak [slk]. Autonym: Slovenský Jazyk, Slovenčina. *Users*: 4,320 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Balto-Slavic, Slavic, West, Czech-Slovak. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; noun head final; gender (masculine/feminine/neuter); no articles; case-marking (6 cases); verb affixes mark number, person; passives; tense and aspect; comparatives; 27 consonants, 10 vowels, 4 diphthongs; non-tonal; stress on first syllable. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. *Bible*: 1832–1999. *Writing*: Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 7,330,420 (as L1: 5,281,620; as L2: 2,048,800). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Hungary, Slovakia. Also established in: Austria, Croatia, Czechia, Romania, Serbia, Ukraine. Unestablished in: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Ireland, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States.

Somali [som]. Autonym: Af-Soomaali, Afka Soomaaliga. *Users*: 43,600 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Afro-Asiatic, Cushitic, East, Somali. *Type*: SOV; prepositions; noun head initial; gender (masculine/feminine); enclitic definite article; verb affixes mark number, person, gender of subject; tense; comparatives; 22 consonant and 10 vowel phonemes; tonal (3 grammatical tones: high, low, falling); inclusive/exclusive pronouns. *Lg Dev*: Literature. Radio. Videos. Dictionary. Grammar. *Bible*: 1979. *Writing*: Arabic script, Naskh variant, no longer in use. Latin script, used since 1972. Osmanya script, no longer in use. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 22,044,840 (as L1: 21,937,940; as L2: 106,900). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia. Unestablished in: Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sweden, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Yemen.

Spanish [spa]. Autonym: Castellano, Español. *Users*: 51,300 in Norway, all users. L1 users: 27,300 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. L2 users: 24,000 (Instituto Cervantes 2021). *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Italic, Romance, Italo-Western, Western, Gallo-Iberian, Ibero-Romance, West Iberian, Castilian. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; genitives, relatives after noun heads; articles, numerals before noun heads; adjectives before or after

noun heads depending on whether it is evaluative or descriptive; question word initial; gender (masculine/feminine); definite and indefinite articles; verb affixes mark number, person; passives; tense; comparatives; 20 consonants, 5 vowels, 5 diphthongs; non-tonal; stress on penultimate syllable. Silbo Gomero whistled variety of Spanish used in Canary Islands. *Lg Dev*: Taught as subject in secondary schools. Fully developed. Bible: 1553–2012. *Writing*: Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 559,078,890 (as L1: 485,063,960; as L2: 74,014,930). Global EGIDS level: 0 (International). Indigenous in: Andorra, Gibraltar, Spain. Also established in 40 other countries and unestablished in 32 more.

Swedish [swe]. Autonym: Svenska. *Users*: 39,000 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Germanic, North, East Scandinavian, Danish-Swedish, Swedish. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; noun head final; gender (common, neuter); definite and indefinite articles; passives (active, middle, passive); comparatives; 19 consonant and 17 vowel phonemes; tonal (2 tones). *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. Bible: 1541–1999. *Writing*: Braille script, used since 1917. Latin script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 13,069,330 (as L1: 9,911,930; as L2: 3,157,400). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Aland Islands, Finland, Sweden. Also established in: Denmark. Unestablished in: Australia, Austria, Canada, Estonia, Germany, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Russian Federation, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States.

Tagalog [tgl]. Autonym: Tagalog. *Users*: 26,300 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Austronesian, Malayo-Polynesian, Greater Central Philippine, Central Philippine, Tagalog. *Type*: Prepositions; no articles; ergativity; tense and aspect; comparatives; 16 consonant and 5 vowel phonemes; non-tonal; inclusive/exclusive pronouns. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. Bible: 1905. *Writing*: Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. Tagalog script, no longer in use. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 83,054,910 (as L1: 28,746,910; as L2: 54,308,000). Global EGIDS level: 3 (Wider communication). Indigenous in: Philippines. Also established in: Canada, Guam, Sweden, United States. Unestablished in: American Samoa, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Brazil, Cayman Islands, China–Hong Kong, China–Macao, China–Taiwan, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Libya, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Northern Mariana Islands, Oman, Palau, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom.

Thai [tha]. *Users*: 22,700 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished. *Class*: Kra-Dai, Kam-Tai, Tai, Southwestern. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; noun head initial; no articles; comparatives; 20 consonants, 18 vowels, 14 diphthongs, 3 triphthongs; tonal (5 phonemic tones: 3 level, 2 contour). *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. Bible: 1883–2011. *Writing*: Braille script. Thai script, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 60,830,110 (as L1: 20,823,610; as L2: 40,006,500). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Cambodia, Thailand. Unestablished in: Australia, Austria, Canada, China–Taiwan, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, South

Korea, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States.

Tigrigna [tir]. *Users*: 30,200 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*:

Unestablished. *Class*: Afro-Asiatic, Semitic, South, Ethiopian, North. *Type*: SOV; noun head final; gender (masculine/feminine); definite article; verb affixes mark person, number, gender of subject; passives; aspect; 33 consonant and 14 vowel phonemes. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. *Bible*: 1956. *Writing*: Ethiopic script, used since 13th or 14th century. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 8,829,790 (as L1: 8,667,590; as L2: 162,200). Global EGIDS level: 3 (Wider communication). Indigenous in: Eritrea, Ethiopia. Also established in: Israel. Unestablished in: Australia, Canada, Finland, Germany, Sudan, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States.

Turkish [tur]. *Autonym*: Türkçe. *Users*: 18,600 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality.

Status: Unestablished. *Class*: Turkic, Southern, Turkish. *Type*: SOV; postpositions; noun head final; indefinite articles; case-marking (6 cases); verb affixes mark person, number; passives; tense; causatives; comparatives; 19 consonant and 8 vowel phonemes; non-tonal; stress on final syllable; vowel harmony; evidentiality. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. *Bible*: 1827–2006. *Writing*: Arabic script, Naskh variant, no longer in use. Braille script. Cyrillic script, used in Bulgaria. Greek script, no longer in use. Latin script, used since 1928 or 1929, primary usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 90,028,000 (as L1: 84,010,500; as L2: 6,017,500). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Turkey. Also established in: Germany, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Syria, Uzbekistan. Unestablished in: Albania, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Georgia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Poland, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States.

Ukrainian [ukr]. *Users*: 7,240 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*:

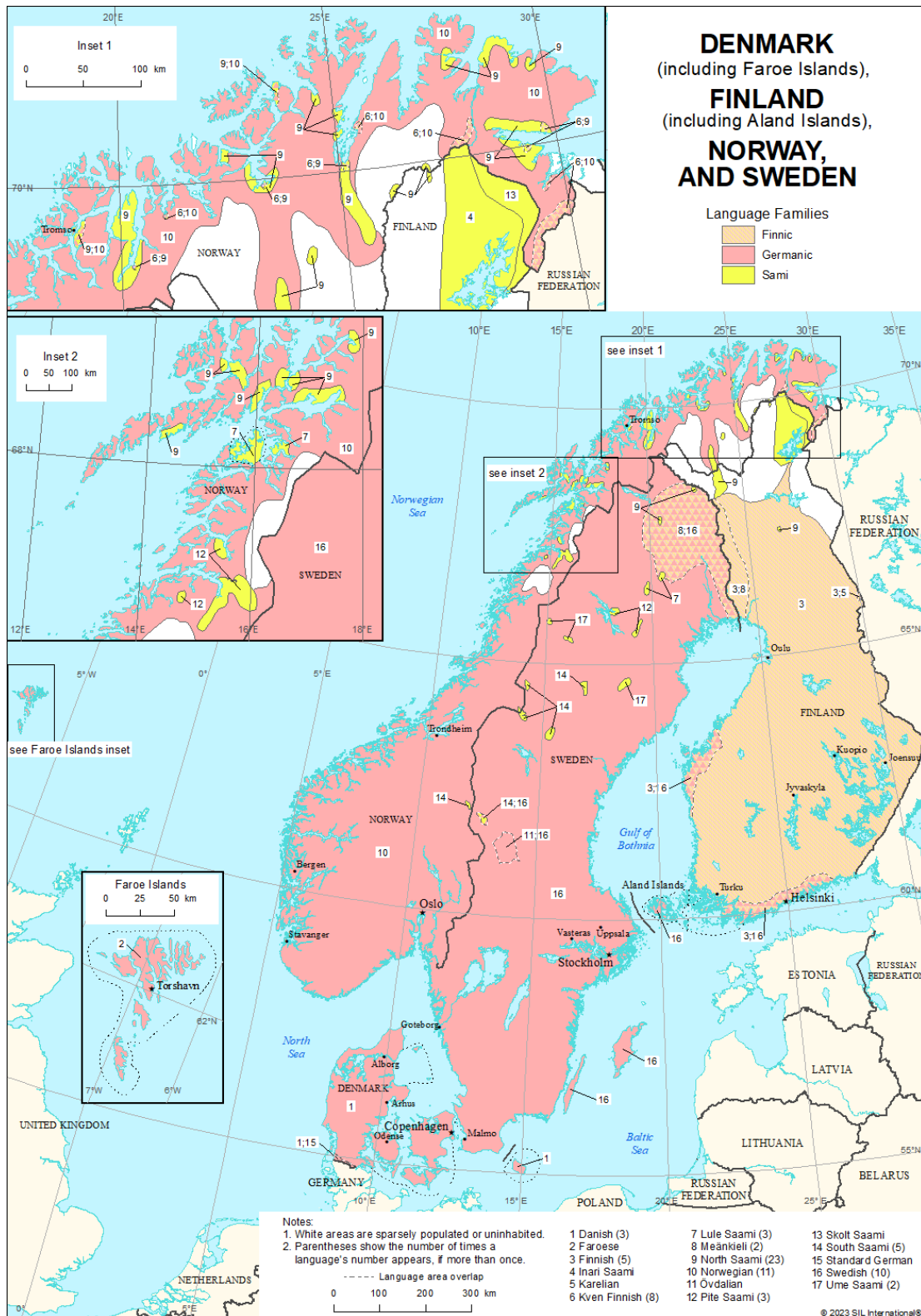
Unestablished. *Class*: Indo-European, Balto-Slavic, Slavic, East. *Type*: SVO; prepositions; noun head final; gender (masculine/feminine/neuter); no articles; case-marking (7 cases); verb affixes mark person, number; passives; tense and aspect; comparatives; 32 consonant and 6 vowel phonemes; non-tonal; free stress. *Lg Dev*: Fully developed. *Bible*: 1903–2020. *Writing*: Cyrillic script. Latin script, used in the 19th century, limited usage. *Other*: Non-indigenous. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 33,026,920 (as L1: 26,862,920; as L2: 6,164,000). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: Romania, Slovakia, Ukraine. Also established in: Brazil, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland. Unestablished in: Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Portugal, Russian Federation, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom, United States, Uzbekistan.

Urdu [urd]. *Users*: 39,300 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status*: Unestablished.

Class: Indo-European, Indo-Iranian, Indo-Aryan, Western Hindi, Hindustani. *Type:* SOV; postposition; noun head final; gender (masculine/feminine); no articles; direct and oblique cases; verb affixes mark person, number, gender of subject; passives; tense and aspect; causatives; 35 consonants, 21 vowels; non-tonal; stress on penultimate syllable. *Lg Dev:* Fully developed. *Bible:* 1843–1998. *Writing:* Arabic script, Naskh variant. Arabic script, Nastaliq variant, primary usage. Braille script. Devanagari script, used in India (Ahmad 2011). *Other:* Non-indigenous. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 231,717,940 (as L1: 70,555,140; as L2: 161,162,800). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: India, Pakistan. Also established in: Bangladesh (Bihari), Fiji, Guyana, Mauritius, Nepal, South Africa. Unestablished in: Afghanistan, Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Malaysia, New Zealand, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States.

Vietnamese [vie]. Autonym: Tiếng Việt. *Users:* 23,800 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Class:* Austro-Asiatic, Mon-Khmer, Viet-Muong, Vietnamese. *Type:* SVO; prepositions; noun head initial; classifiers and numerals precede noun heads; possessor noun phrases and adjectives follow noun heads; noun classifiers; no articles; passives; comparatives; 25 consonants, 11 vowels, 20 diphthongs, 4 triphthongs; tonal (6 tones); inclusive/exclusive pronouns. *Lg Dev:* Fully developed. *Bible:* 1916–2008. *Writing:* Braille script. Han (Hanzi, Kanji, Hanja) script. Latin script, primary usage. *Other:* Non-indigenous. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 85,807,700 (as L1: 85,023,700; as L2: 784,000). Global EGIDS level: 1 (National). Indigenous in: China, Vietnam. Also established in: Cambodia, Thailand, United States. Unestablished in: Australia, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, China–Taiwan, Czechia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Martinique, Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Poland, Russian Federation, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Vanuatu.

Language Map



Languages by Population

In this section the languages of Norway are listed in order of their population of first-language speakers within the country, from highest to lowest. The entries report just the population and status elements.

1,000,000 to 9,999,999

Norwegian [[nor](#)] *Users:* 5,190,000 in Norway (2017). *Status:* 1 (National). De facto national language. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 5,312,730 (as L1: 5,308,030; as L2: 4,700).

100,000 to 999,999

Polish [[pol](#)] *Users:* 117,000 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 40,589,930 (as L1: 39,896,930; as L2: 693,000).

10,000 to 99,999

Lithuanian [[lit](#)] *Users:* 48,600 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 2,772,870 (as L1: 2,771,830; as L2: 1,040).

Arabic, Levantine [[apc](#)] *Users:* 47,000 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 47,595,360 (as L1: 47,236,360; as L2: 359,000).

Somali [[som](#)] *Users:* 43,600 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 22,044,840 (as L1: 21,937,940; as L2: 106,900).

Urdu [[urd](#)] *Users:* 39,300 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 231,717,940 (as L1: 70,555,140; as L2: 161,162,800).

Swedish [[swe](#)] *Users:* 39,000 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 13,069,330 (as L1: 9,911,930; as L2: 3,157,400).

English [[eng](#)] *Users:* 30,600 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. 4,660,600 in Norway, all users. L2 users: 4,630,000 (2019). *Status:* 4 (Educational). *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 1,456,448,320 (as L1: 379,682,200; as L2: 1076,766,120).

German, Standard [[deu](#)] *Users:* 30,200 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 133,245,880 (as L1: 75,282,080; as L2: 57,963,800).

Tigrigna [[tir](#)] *Users:* 30,200 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished.

Worldwide: Total users in all countries: 8,829,790 (as L1: 8,667,590; as L2: 162,200).

Spanish [spa] *Users:* 27,300 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. 51,300 in Norway, all users. L2 users: 24,000 (Instituto Cervantes 2021). *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 559,078,890 (as L1: 485,063,960; as L2: 74,014,930).

Tagalog [tgl] *Users:* 26,300 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 83,054,910 (as L1: 28,746,910; as L2: 54,308,000).

Persian, Iranian [pes] *Users:* 23,800 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 78,623,350 (as L1: 57,192,350; as L2: 21,431,000).

Vietnamese [vie] *Users:* 23,800 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 85,807,700 (as L1: 85,023,700; as L2: 784,000).

Thai [tha] *Users:* 22,700 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 60,830,110 (as L1: 20,823,610; as L2: 40,006,500).

Russian [rus] *Users:* 22,600 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 254,997,130 (as L1: 146,954,150; as L2: 107,987,980).

Danish [dan] *Users:* 20,800 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 5,612,110 (as L1: 5,608,410; as L2: 3,700).

Romanian [ron] *Users:* 20,100 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 24,478,820 (as L1: 24,461,820; as L2: 17,000).

Saami, North [sme] *Users:* 20,000 in Norway (Laakso et al 2013). Ethnic population: 30,000 (1995 M. Krauss). *Status:* 2 (Provincial). Statutory provincial language in Sami Administrative District (1987, Sami Act, No. 12, Article 3). *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 25,700.

Bosnian [bos] *Users:* 18,700 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 2,618,390 (as L1: 2,608,490; as L2: 9,900).

Turkish [tur] *Users:* 18,600 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 90,028,000 (as L1: 84,010,500; as L2: 6,017,500).

Albanian, Gheg [aln] *Users:* 16,600 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 4,239,280.

French [fra] *Users:* 16,500 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. 167,500 in Norway, all users. L2 users: 151,000 (Marcoux et al 2022). *Status:* 4 (Educational). *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 309,804,220 (as L1: 80,770,190; as L2: 229,034,030).

Sinhala [sin] *Users:* 15,800 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished.

Worldwide: Total users in all countries: 17,553,910 (as L1: 15,542,810; as L2: 2,011,100).

Arabic, Mesopotamian Spoken [acm] *Users:* 13,500 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 18,162,050.

Chinese, Mandarin [cmn] *Users:* 13,300 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 1,138,222,350 (as L1: 939,237,350; as L2: 198,985,000).

Latvian, Standard [lvs] *Users:* 12,900 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 2,005,550 (as L1: 1,554,520; as L2: 451,030).

Amharic [amh] *Users:* 12,400 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 57,567,300 (as L1: 32,449,400; as L2: 25,117,900).

Arabic, Moroccan Spoken [ary] *Users:* 10,900 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 39,160,180 (as L1: 29,540,180; as L2: 9,620,000).

Portuguese [por] *Users:* 10,700 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 263,638,850 (as L1: 236,266,650; as L2: 27,372,200).

1,000 to 9,999

Serbian [srp] *Users:* 9,290 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 10,213,776 (as L1: 10,193,976; as L2: 19,800).

Dutch [nld] *Users:* 9,100 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 24,487,090 (as L1: 22,862,590; as L2: 1,624,500).

Bulgarian [bul] *Users:* 8,430 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 7,745,340 (as L1: 6,541,540; as L2: 1,203,800).

Icelandic [isl] *Users:* 7,930 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 329,150 (as L1: 328,740; as L2: 410).

Korean [kor] *Users:* 7,670 in Norway (2019 Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 81,740,540 (as L1: 81,721,540; as L2: 19,000).

Arabic, North Mesopotamian Spoken [ayp] *Users:* 7,630 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 10,263,460.

Finnish [fin] *Users:* 7,370 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 5,609,760 (as L1: 4,952,060; as L2: 657,700).

- Ukrainian** [ukr] *Users:* 7,240 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 33,026,920 (as L1: 26,862,920; as L2: 6,164,000).
- Arabic, Sudanese Spoken** [apd] *Users:* 6,350 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 42,373,370 (as L1: 33,373,370; as L2: 9,000,000).
- Croatian** [hrv] *Users:* 6,320 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 6,758,610 (as L1: 5,474,510; as L2: 1,284,100).
- Kurdish, Northern** [kmr] *Users:* 5,830 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 15,789,810 (as L1: 15,785,010; as L2: 4,800).
- Italian** [ita] *Users:* 5,400 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 67,935,480 (as L1: 64,647,380; as L2: 3,288,100).
- Estonian, Standard** [ekk] *Users:* 5,250 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 1,149,010 (as L1: 1,148,690; as L2: 320).
- Norwegian Sign Language** [nsl] *Users:* 5,000 (2021 DBS/DOOR/SIL). Estimated, assuming 0.1% of the total population. Other estimates vary: 2,500 sign language users (2021 EUD); 4,000 (Van Cleve 1986); 5,000 (2010 Norwegian Association of the Deaf); 22,000 deaf (2014 IMB). *Status:* 5 (Developing).
- Hungarian** [hun] *Users:* 4,800 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 12,617,790 (as L1: 12,610,690; as L2: 7,100).
- Macedonian** [mkd] *Users:* 4,550 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 1,738,250 (as L1: 1,732,750; as L2: 5,500).
- Slovak** [slk] *Users:* 4,320 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 7,330,420 (as L1: 5,281,620; as L2: 2,048,800).
- Burmese** [mya] *Users:* 4,220 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 43,025,110 (as L1: 33,023,270; as L2: 10,001,840).
- Greek** [ell] *Users:* 3,730 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 13,088,220 (as L1: 12,992,220; as L2: 96,000).
- Nepali** [npi] *Users:* 2,640 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 25,587,570 (as L1: 16,903,270; as L2: 8,684,300).
- Czech** [ces] *Users:* 2,590 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Status:* Unestablished.

Worldwide: Total users in all countries: 12,257,160 (as L1: 9,568,660; as L2: 2,688,500).

Finnish, Kven [fkv] *Users:* 1,500 (Laakso et al 2013). *Status:* 8a (Moribund).

100 to 999

Romani, Vlax [rmy] *Users:* 500 in Norway (Johnstone 1993). Ethnic population: 3,500. *Status:* 5* (Dispersed). *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 551,000.

Saami, Lule [smj] *Users:* 500 in Norway (Krauss 1992). 1,000–2,000 speakers in Norway and Sweden (Salminen 2007). Ethnic population: 1,000 (1995 M. Krauss). *Status:* 6b (Threatened). *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 2,000.

Saami, South [sma] *Users:* 300 in Norway (Krauss 1992). Ethnic population: 600. *Status:* 6b (Threatened). *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 600.

Norwegian, Traveller [rmg] *Users:* 100 (Carling et al 2014). *Status:* 8a (Moribund).

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Saami, Skolt [sms] *Users:* No known L1 speakers in Norway. *Status:* 10 (Extinct). *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 320.

Saami, Ume [sju] *Users:* No known L1 speakers in Norway (Salminen 2007). *Status:* 9 (Dormant). *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 20.

Unknown

Saami, Pite [sje] *Status:* 8b (Nearly extinct). *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 20.

Languages by Status

In this section the languages of Norway are listed in order of their status within the country as represented by their level on the EGIDs scale (Lewis and Simons 2010). The language entries are reduced to just the information elements that are relevant to assessing the EGIDS level: population, status, language use, language development, and writing.

1 (National)

Norwegian [[nor](#)] *Users:* 5,190,000 in Norway (2017). *Status:* De facto national language. *Lg Use:* Most also use English [[eng](#)]. *Lg Dev:* Fully developed. *Bible:* 1904–1985. *Writing:* Latin script. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 5,312,730 (as L1: 5,308,030; as L2: 4,700).

2 (Provincial)

Saami, North [[sme](#)] *Users:* 20,000 in Norway (Laakso et al 2013). Ethnic population: 30,000 (1995 M. Krauss). *Status:* Statutory provincial language in Sami Administrative District (1987, Sami Act, No. 12, Article 3). *Lg Use:* In central Finnmark Province, where North Saami has an official status, many children learn the language and are likely to continue to use it in adulthood (Salminen 2007). Used by all. All also use Norwegian [[nor](#)] (Aikio and Ylikoski 2022). *Lg Dev:* Bible: 1895. *Writing:* Cyrillic script. Latin script, primary usage. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 25,700.

4 (Educational)

English [[eng](#)] *Users:* 4,660,600 in Norway, all users. L1 users: 30,600 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. L2 users: 4,630,000 (2019). *Lg Use:* Used as L2 by Norwegian [[nor](#)]. *Writing:* Braille script. Deseret Alphabet, developed in 1854 with limited usage until 1877. Dupleyan shorthand. Latin script, primary usage. Shavian (Shaw) script, no longer in use. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 1,456,448,320 (as L1: 379,682,200; as L2: 1,076,766,120).

French [[fra](#)] *Users:* 167,500 in Norway, all users. L1 users: 16,500 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. L2 users: 151,000 (Marcoux et al 2022). *Writing:* Braille script. Dupleyan shorthand. Latin script, primary usage. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 309,804,220 (as L1: 80,770,190; as L2: 229,034,030).

5 (Developing)

Norwegian Sign Language [[nsl](#)] *Users:* 5,000 (2021 DBS/DOOR/SIL). Estimated, assuming 0.1% of the total population. Other estimates vary: 2,500 sign language users (2021 EUD); 4,000 (Van Cleve 1986); 5,000 (2010 Norwegian Association of the Deaf); 22,000 deaf (2014

IMB). *Lg Use*: Vigorous. Used since 1815. First deaf school in 1825; first deaf club in 1878. Interpreters required in court, provided some for college students, and mental health programs. Instruction provided for parents of deaf children. Many classes for hearing people. Committee on national sign language. Deaf associations. Used by all. *Lg Dev*: TV. Theater. Videos. Dictionary. Bible portions: 2004.

5 (Dispersed)

Romani, Vlax [rmy] *Users*: 500 in Norway (Johnstone 1993). Ethnic population: 3,500. *Lg Use*: Also use Norwegian [nor]. *Writing*: Cyrillic script, used by Kalderash dialect. Latin script. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 551,000.

6b (Threatened)

Saami, Lule [smj] *Users*: 500 in Norway (Krauss 1992). 1,000–2,000 speakers in Norway and Sweden (Salminen 2007). Ethnic population: 1,000 (1995 M. Krauss). *Lg Use*: Language use has recently been activated to some extent. Younger speakers may nevertheless prefer Norwegian [nor] (Salminen 2007). Some young people, all adults. Also use Norwegian [nor]. *Writing*: Latin script. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 2,000.

Saami, South [sma] *Users*: 300 in Norway (Krauss 1992). Ethnic population: 600. *Lg Use*: Some young people, all adults. Also use Norwegian [nor]. *Writing*: Latin script. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 600.

8a (Moribund)

Finnish, Kven [fkv] *Users*: 1,500 (Laakso et al 2013). *Lg Use*: Older adults only. Shifted to Norwegian [nor]. Also use Finnish [fin]. *Lg Dev*: Newspapers. *Writing*: Latin script.

Norwegian, Traveller [rmg] *Users*: 100 (Carling et al 2014). *Lg Use*: Active use (1997). Older adults only. Shifted to Norwegian [nor].

8b (Nearly extinct)

Saami, Pite [sje] *Lg Use*: No remaining speakers in Norway (2000 T. Salminen). Shifted to Norwegian [nor]. *Writing*: Latin script. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 20.

9 (Dormant)

Saami, Ume [sju] *Users*: No known L1 speakers in Norway (Salminen 2007). *Lg Use*: Shifted to Norwegian [nor]. *Writing*: Latin script, no longer in use. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 20.

10 (Extinct)

Saami, Skolt [[sms](#)] *Users*: No known L1 speakers in Norway. *Writing*: Cyrillic script, used in 1894. Latin script. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 320.

Unestablished

Albanian, Gheg [[aln](#)] *Users*: 16,600 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 4,239,280.

Amharic [[amh](#)] *Users*: 12,400 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Braille script. Ethiopic script, primary usage. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 57,567,300 (as L1: 32,449,400; as L2: 25,117,900).

Arabic, Levantine [[apc](#)] *Users*: 47,000 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Arabic script, Naskh variant. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 47,595,360 (as L1: 47,236,360; as L2: 359,000).

Arabic, Mesopotamian Spoken [[acm](#)] *Users*: 13,500 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Arabic script, Naskh variant. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 18,162,050.

Arabic, Moroccan Spoken [[ary](#)] *Users*: 10,900 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Arabic script, Naskh variant. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 39,160,180 (as L1: 29,540,180; as L2: 9,620,000).

Arabic, North Mesopotamian Spoken [[ayp](#)] *Users*: 7,630 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Arabic script, Naskh variant. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 10,263,460.

Arabic, Sudanese Spoken [[apd](#)] *Users*: 6,350 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Arabic script, Naskh variant. Latin script. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 42,373,370 (as L1: 33,373,370; as L2: 9,000,000).

Bosnian [[bos](#)] *Users*: 18,700 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Arabic script, Naskh variant, no longer in use. Cyrillic script. Latin script. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 2,618,390 (as L1: 2,608,490; as L2: 9,900).

Bulgarian [[bul](#)] *Users*: 8,430 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Braille script. Cyrillic script, primary usage. Cyrillic script, Old Church Slavonic variant, 19th century, experimental usage. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 7,745,340 (as L1: 6,541,540; as L2: 1,203,800).

Burmese [[mya](#)] *Users*: 4,220 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Braille script. Myanmar (Burmese) script, primary usage. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 43,025,110 (as L1: 33,023,270; as L2: 10,001,840).

Chinese, Mandarin [[cmn](#)] *Users*: 13,300 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*:

Bopomofo script, used since 1913, revised in 1920 and 1932, mainly used in Taiwan. Braille script. Han script, Simplified variant, used since 1956, official in Mainland China (1956) and Singapore (1969), also used elsewhere. Han script, Traditional variant, used since mid-19th century, official in Taiwan, also used elsewhere. Latin script. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 1,138,222,350 (as L1: 939,237,350; as L2: 198,985,000).

Croatian [[hrv](#)] *Users*: 6,320 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 6,758,610 (as L1: 5,474,510; as L2: 1,284,100).

Czech [[ces](#)] *Users*: 2,590 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 12,257,160 (as L1: 9,568,660; as L2: 2,688,500).

Danish [[dan](#)] *Users*: 20,800 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 5,612,110 (as L1: 5,608,410; as L2: 3,700).

Dutch [[nld](#)] *Users*: 9,100 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Braille script, used since 1951. Latin script, primary usage. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 24,487,090 (as L1: 22,862,590; as L2: 1,624,500).

Estonian, Standard [[ekk](#)] *Users*: 5,250 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Latin script. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 1,149,010 (as L1: 1,148,690; as L2: 320).

Finnish [[fin](#)] *Users*: 7,370 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Lg Use*: Used as L2 by Kven Finnish [[fkv](#)]. *Writing*: Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 5,609,760 (as L1: 4,952,060; as L2: 657,700).

German, Standard [[deu](#)] *Users*: 30,200 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. Latin script, Fraktur variant, used until 1940. Runic script, no longer in use. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 133,245,880 (as L1: 75,282,080; as L2: 57,963,800).

Greek [[ell](#)] *Users*: 3,730 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Braille script. Cyrillic script, used in Ukraine. Greek script, primary usage. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 13,088,220 (as L1: 12,992,220; as L2: 96,000).

Hungarian [[hun](#)] *Users*: 4,800 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 12,617,790 (as L1: 12,610,690; as L2: 7,100).

Icelandic [[isl](#)] *Users*: 7,930 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Latin script. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 329,150 (as L1: 328,740; as L2: 410).

Italian [[ita](#)] *Users*: 5,400 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Braille script, used since 1974. Latin script, primary usage. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 67,935,480 (as L1: 64,647,380; as L2: 3,288,100).

Korean [kor] *Users:* 7,670 in Norway (2019 Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs), based on nationality. *Writing:* Braille script. Hangul and Han scripts, primary usage. Latin script, used for maps and signs. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 81,740,540 (as L1: 81,721,540; as L2: 19,000).

Kurdish, Northern [kmr] *Users:* 5,830 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Arabic script, Naskh variant, used in Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon. Armenian script, used between 1921–1929, used in Armenia. Cyrillic script, used in Armenia, Russia, and Azerbaijan. Latin script, developed in 1932, used in Turkey and Syria. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 15,789,810 (as L1: 15,785,010; as L2: 4,800).

Latvian, Standard [lvs] *Users:* 12,900 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Latin script. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 2,005,550 (as L1: 1,554,520; as L2: 451,030).

Lithuanian [lit] *Users:* 48,600 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Latin script. Latin script, Fraktur variant, no longer in use. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 2,772,870 (as L1: 2,771,830; as L2: 1,040).

Macedonian [mkd] *Users:* 4,550 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Cyrillic script, used since 1944. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 1,738,250 (as L1: 1,732,750; as L2: 5,500).

Nepali [npi] *Users:* 2,640 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Braille script. Devanagari script, primary usage. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 25,587,570 (as L1: 16,903,270; as L2: 8,684,300).

Persian, Iranian [pes] *Users:* 23,800 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Arabic script, Naskh variant. Arabic script, Nastaliq variant, used in Iran. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 78,623,350 (as L1: 57,192,350; as L2: 21,431,000).

Polish [pol] *Users:* 117,000 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 40,589,930 (as L1: 39,896,930; as L2: 693,000).

Portuguese [por] *Users:* 10,700 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 263,638,850 (as L1: 236,266,650; as L2: 27,372,200).

Romanian [ron] *Users:* 20,100 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Braille script. Cyrillic script, official usage in Moldova until 1991. Cyrillic script, Old Church Slavonic variant, 1688, experimental usage. Latin script, primary usage. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 24,478,820 (as L1: 24,461,820; as L2: 17,000).

Russian [rus] *Users:* 22,600 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Braille script. Cyrillic script, primary usage. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 254,997,130 (as L1: 146,954,150; as L2: 107,987,980).

Serbian [srp] *Users:* 9,290 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Braille script. Cyrillic script, primary usage. Latin script. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 10,213,776 (as L1: 10,193,976; as L2: 19,800).

Sinhala [sin] *Users:* 15,800 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Braille script. Sinhala script, primary usage. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 17,553,910 (as L1: 15,542,810; as L2: 2,011,100).

Slovak [slk] *Users:* 4,320 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 7,330,420 (as L1: 5,281,620; as L2: 2,048,800).

Somali [som] *Users:* 43,600 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Arabic script, Naskh variant, no longer in use. Latin script, used since 1972. Osmanya script, no longer in use. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 22,044,840 (as L1: 21,937,940; as L2: 106,900).

Spanish [spa] *Users:* 51,300 in Norway, all users. L1 users: 27,300 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. L2 users: 24,000 (Instituto Cervantes 2021). *Writing:* Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 559,078,890 (as L1: 485,063,960; as L2: 74,014,930).

Swedish [swe] *Users:* 39,000 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Braille script, used since 1917. Latin script, primary usage. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 13,069,330 (as L1: 9,911,930; as L2: 3,157,400).

Tagalog [tgl] *Users:* 26,300 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Braille script. Latin script, primary usage. Tagalog script, no longer in use. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 83,054,910 (as L1: 28,746,910; as L2: 54,308,000).

Thai [tha] *Users:* 22,700 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Braille script. Thai script, primary usage. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 60,830,110 (as L1: 20,823,610; as L2: 40,006,500).

Tigrigna [tir] *Users:* 30,200 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Ethiopic script, used since 13th or 14th century. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 8,829,790 (as L1: 8,667,590; as L2: 162,200).

Turkish [tur] *Users:* 18,600 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Arabic script, Naskh variant, no longer in use. Braille script. Cyrillic script, used in Bulgaria. Greek script, no longer in use. Latin script, used since 1928 or 1929, primary usage. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 90,028,000 (as L1: 84,010,500; as L2: 6,017,500).

Ukrainian [ukr] *Users:* 7,240 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Cyrillic script. Latin script, used in the 19th century, limited usage. *Worldwide:* Total users in all countries: 33,026,920 (as L1: 26,862,920; as L2: 6,164,000).

Urdu [urd] *Users:* 39,300 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing:* Arabic script,

Naskh variant. Arabic script, Nastaliq variant, primary usage. Braille script. Devanagari script, used in India (Ahmad 2011). *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 231,717,940 (as L1: 70,555,140; as L2: 161,162,800).

Vietnamese [vie] *Users*: 23,800 in Norway (2021 census), based on nationality. *Writing*: Braille script. Han (Hanzi, Kanji, Hanja) script. Latin script, primary usage. *Worldwide*: Total users in all countries: 85,807,700 (as L1: 85,023,700; as L2: 784,000).

Languages by County

This index gives an alphabetical listing of the top-level administrative subdivisions within Norway. Under the name of each county is a list of the language communities that are located within its area.

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Languages by Family

This index gives an alphabetical listing of the linguistic classifications used for the established languages of Norway. The entries in this index represent the full path in the linguistic family tree from the highest level grouping down to the lowest. All the languages listed in the same entry are members of the same lowest-level subgroup. The referenced page contains the main entry that describes the language.

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