



Language map of Nepal

Language most commonly spoken as first or second language in Nepal
(% of population)

Language	First language	Second language
Nepali	44.4%	32.8%
Maithili	11.6%	0.7%
Bhojpuri	6%	0.6%
Tharu	5.8%	0.3%
Tamang	5.1%	0.1%
Newar	3.2%	0.1%
Magar	3%	0.1%
Avadhi	1.9%	0.2%
Bantawa	0.5%	0.1%
Gurung	1.2%	0.1%
Limbu	1.3%	0.1%
Bajjika	3%	0.2%
Urdu	2.6%	0.2%
Rajbanshi	0.5%	0.1%
Sherpa	0.4%	0%
Hindi	0.2%	4.5%
Chamling	0.3%	0%



78.5 %
Adult male literacy rate
(2018)



59.7 %
Adult female literacy rate
(2018)

Languages most commonly spoken as first or second language

- Nepali

Maithili

Bhojpuri

Avadhi

Bajjika

Dotyali

Baitadeli

Other

Department name
(main primary or secondary language)

According to the 2011 census of Nepal, the country has 122 major languages. Nepali is spoken by 78% of the population either as first or second language and has official language status. The other 121 languages are all recognized national languages. Maithili is the second most spoken language.