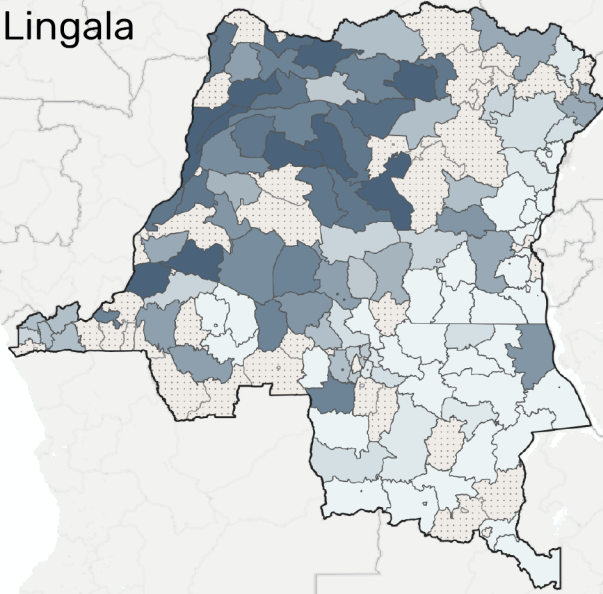


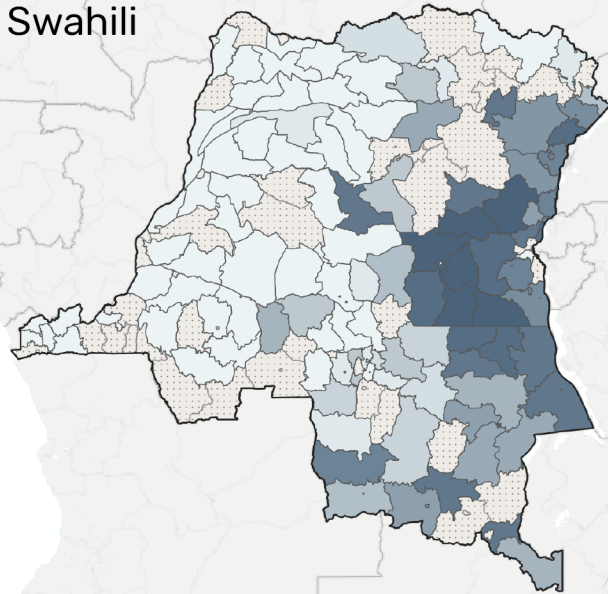
# The four national\* languages

of the Democratic Republic of Congo

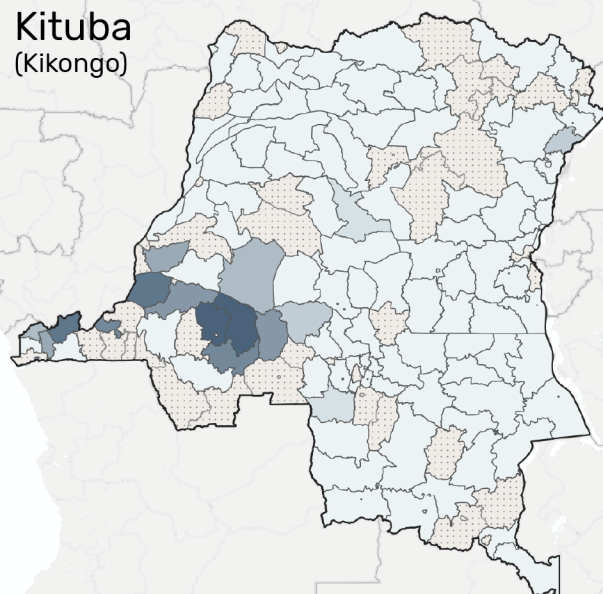
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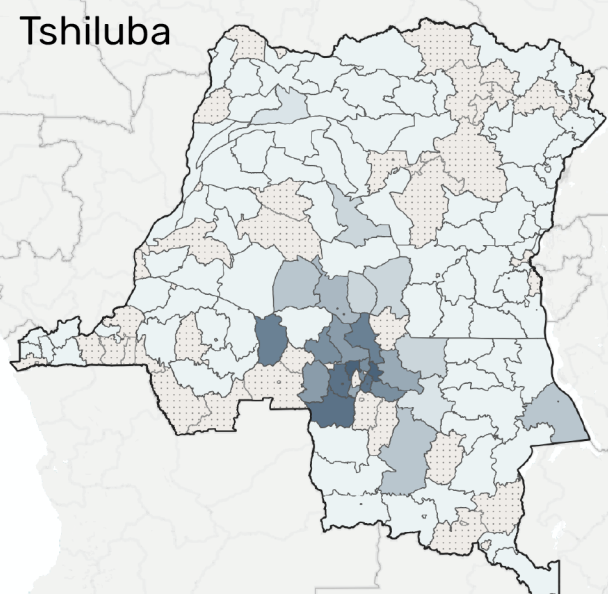
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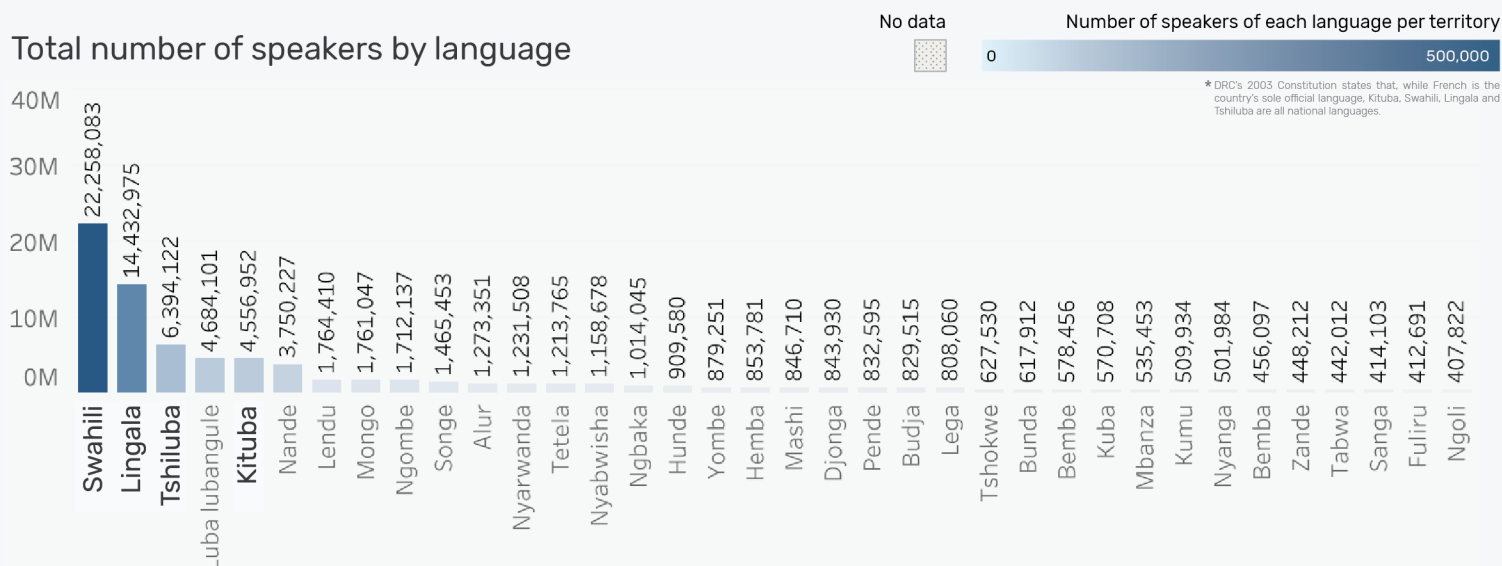
Kituba  
(Kikongo)



Tshiluba



## Total number of speakers by language



\* DRC's 2003 Constitution states that, while French is the country's sole official language, Kituba, Swahili, Lingala and Tshiluba are all national languages.

The Democratic Republic of Congo is one of the most linguistically diverse countries in the world, with over 200 languages spoken in the country. While French is the official language and widely used in education and government, there are four national languages: Kituba (Kikongo), Lingala, Swahili, and Tshiluba. The maps above show the distribution of speakers of each language in each of the country's territories.

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Sources: Cellule d'Analyses des Indicateurs de Développement 2016 (caid.cd); Admin boundaries are from UNOCHA DRC. This dataset is incomplete and often inconsistent. Statistics for percentage of the population who speak each language should not be seen as an indicator of fluency in that language.