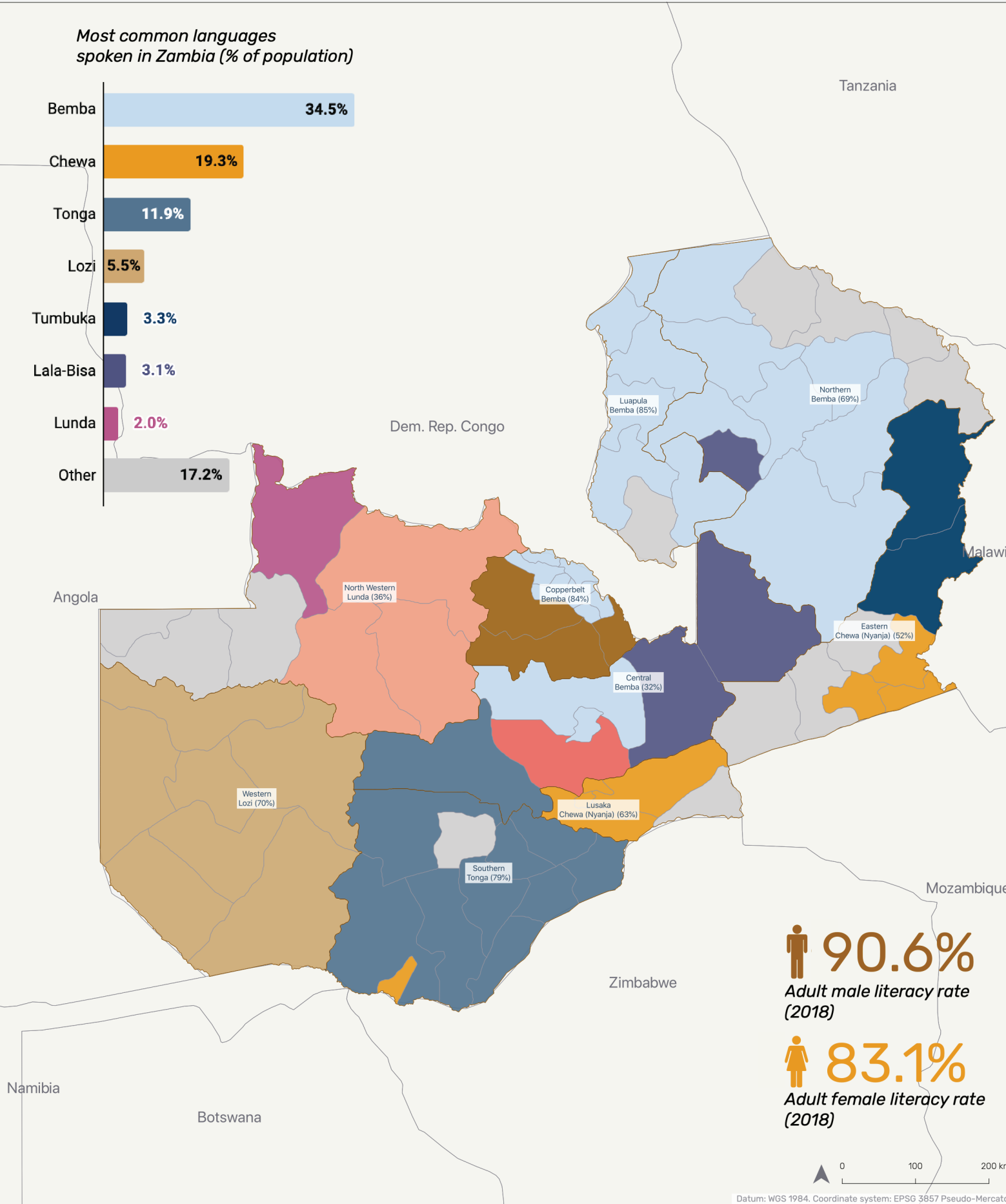
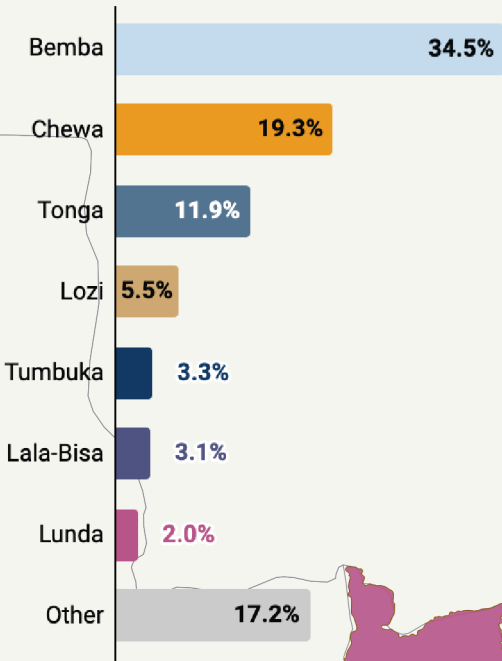




# Language map of Zambia

Most common languages  
spoken in Zambia (% of population)



 **90.6%**  
Adult male literacy rate  
(2018)

 **83.1%**  
Adult female literacy rate  
(2018)

## Most common first language



The 2010 census records over 30 languages spoken in Zambia. English, the country's official language, is spoken by only about 2% of the population as a first language, but it's the most commonly used second language, especially by those with high education levels. The census indicates that Zambia's most widely spoken languages are Bemba (spoken by 35% of the population), Nyanja or Chewa (20%), Tonga (12%) and Lozi (6%).



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Sources:  
2010 Zambia Population Census.