

Population Data on Mayan Languages & Garifuna

The following data is offered here only as a rough guide. In these postmodern times, population figures are rarely accurate, and are more a reflection of the agenda of the group publishing the data.

Language	COIGL data	SIL data (date unknown)	ALMG y Saqb'ichil- COPMAGUA (d.u.)
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1. K'iche' (Quiche)	647,624	647,436	(193%) 1,896,007
2. Q'eqchi' (Kekchi)	473,749	(-15.5%) 400,000	(55%) 732,340
3. Mam	346,548	(41%) 490,000	(225%) 1,126,599
4. Kaqchikel (Cakchiquel)	343,038	(30%) 446,400	(201%) 1,032,128
5. Poqomchi' (Pocomochi)	94,714	95,000	(180%) 266,750
6. Q'anjob'al (Kanjobal)	75,155	77,700	(181%) 211,687
7. Tz'utujil	50,080	(66%) 83,800	(221%) 160,907
8. Chuj	50,000	41,588	(74%) 87,489
9. Ixil	47,902	(45%) 69,000	(181%) 134,599
10. Poqomam (Pocomam)	46,515	48,012	(180%) 130,928
11. Akateko	40,991	48,500	(0%) 40,991
12. Jakalteko	39,635	(123%) 88,700	(118%) 86,266
13. Chorti'	27,097	31,500	(183%) 76,782
14. Awakateko	18,572	18,000	(88%) 35,385
15. Achi	15,617	(427%) 82,300	(271%) 58,000
16. Uspanteko	12,402	(-75%) 3,000	(77%) 22,025
17. Mopán	8,500	(-69%) 2,600	(58%) 13,460
18. Sipakapense	4,409	(36%) 6,000	(38%) 6,118
19. Sakapulteko	3,033	(1,127%) 36,823	(1,345%) 43,439
20. Garífuna	2,477	(573%) 16,700	(171%) 6,730
21. Itzá	650	(-98%) 12	(182%) 1,835
22. Xinka	107	(-100%) 0	??
23. Tektiteko		1,200	(?) 4,895
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Total	2,348,815	(17%) 2,754,271	(162%) 6,168,730

Note: The data on speakers in the second column for the first four languages listed are drawn from the 1994 population census and the rest from the 1981 census. SIL data was drawn from the Ethnologue. The last column's exact origin and date is unknown.

Links:

http://www.ethnologue.com/show_country.asp?name=GT