AFRICA
Ethnolinguistic Groups

ARAB/LOMWE Selected ethnic group or tribe

Group and tribe name size indicates general extent and not relative importance.

Scale 1:10,400,000

0 150 300 450 600 750 Statute Miles

0 150 300 450 600 750 Kilometers

Tribe or Ethnic Group Name*	Location	Population Estimate*	Variant Name (s)*
1 SEMITIC-HAMITIC			
ABAIDAT E-8		50,000	
AFAR	G-8	110,000	Danakil
AMHARA F-6		768,000	
ARAB	A-7, B-8, C-8, D-7, E-6, E-7	28,000,000	
ATTA	B-7	50,000	Ait Atta
BEJA	F-7	675,000	
BERBER B-8, D-8		3,250,000	
CHAAMBA	C-8	140,000	Camba, Dachamba, Tsamba
DELIM	A-7	70,000	Oulad Delim
EGYPTIAN	F-7	20,000,000	
ESA	G-6	125,000	Eesa, Eissa, Isa
FEZZAN	D-7	40,000	
FULANI	B-6	5,944,600	Fellani, Fellata, Filani, Ful, Foulah, Fulbe, Peul, Pullo
FUR	E-6	303,000	For, Forawa
GALLA	F-5, G-5	9,664,400	
GIL	B-8	25,000	Beni Guil
GURAGE F-5		350,000	Gouraghe
HADENDOWA	F-6	260,000	Hendawa
HAWIYA G-5		520,000	
ISHAAK	G-5	750,000	
JALO	E-7	10,000	Gialo
KABYLE C-8		2,000,000	
KANEMBU	D-6	75,000	Hamedj
NUBA	E-6	540,000	
NUBIAN	F-6	330,000	
RAHANWEIN	G-5	500,000	
REGEIBAT	A-7	10,000	Ergeibat, Rgibat
RIF	B-8	700,000	Riffians
SHAWIA C-8		140,000	Chaoula
SHLUH	B-7	1,000,000	Chleuch
SIDAMO F-5		2,175,000	
SOMALI	G-5	1,450,000	
TEBOU	D-7	2,000	
TIGRE	F-6	2,900,000	Tigrai
TUAREG B-6, C-6, C-7		621,000	Touareg
TUKULOR	A-6	400,000	Takruri, Tekarir, Torodo, Toucouleur, Tukri
2 BANTU			
AMBO	D-3	271,000	Ovambo
BAMILEKE	C-5	700,000	
BANE	D-5	170,000	Bene
BASSA	D-5	160,000	Basa
BEMBA	F-3	372,000	Awemba, Ayemba, Babemba, Muemba, Wawemba, Wemba
BUBI	C-5	15,000	Adsja, Boobe, Edire
CHAGA	F-4	318,000	Chagga, Dschagga, Jagga, Wadschagga
CHEWA	F-3	1,385,000	Achewa, Ancheya, Cewa, Masheba, Sheva
CHIGA	E-4	459,000	Bachiga, Bakyiga, Batciga, Ciga, Kiga
CHOKWED-3		400,000	Ahioko, Aioko, Atsokwe, Bachoko, Badjok, Bakioko, Batchokwe, Batshoko, Chiboque, Kashioko, Katsokwe, Khioko, Kioko, Kioqua, Makioko, Matchioko, Quioco, Shioko, Tschiokwe, Tsiboko, Tsokwe, Tutschokwe, Utshickwe, Vichioko, Watschokwe
ETON	D-5	140,000	Etun, Toni
FANG	D-5	144,000	Fan, Fanwa, Mpangwe, Mfang, Pahouin, Pangwe
GANDA	F-5	1,400,000	Baganda, Waganda
GISU	F-5	450,000	Bageshu, Bagish, Geshu, Gishu, Masaba, Sokwia
GOGO	F-4	403,000	Wagogo
GUSII	F-4	538,000	Ghizi, Gissi, Kisii
HA	F-4	386,000	Abaha, Waha
HAYA	F-4	438,000	Basiba, Heia, Kiziba, Wahaya, Wassiba, Ziba
HERERO D-2, D-3		50,000	Damara, Ovaherero
KAMBA	F-4	900,000	Akamba, Wakamba
KARANGA	E-2	282,000	Makaranga, Vakaranga, Wakaranga
KGATLA E-2		32,000	Bakgatla, Bakxatla
KIKUYU	F-4	1,600,000	Akikuyu, Giguyu, Wakikuyu
KIMBUNDU	D-4	700,000	Ambundu, Mbundu
KONGO	D-4	1,350,000	Bacongo, Bakongo, Makongo
KOREKORE	E-3	515,000	Korikori, Makorekore, Wakoreikori
KOTA	D-5	50,000	Bakota, Bandjambi, Ikota, Kuta, Okota
KUBA	E-4	100,000	Bacouba, Bakuba, Tukubba
KWENA	E-2	73,000	Bakwena
LOMWE	F-3	584,000	Acilowe, Alomwe, Anguru, Nguru, Walomwe, Wanguru
LUBA	E-4	1,500,000	Baluba, Balunga, Baluva, Bulaba, Louba, Turraba, Waluba
LUHYA	F-5	1,000,000	Luyia, Baluhya
LUNDA	E-3	215,400	Alunda, Arunda, Balonda, Baloundou, Bamlundu, Kalunda, Lounda
LUVALE	E-3	103,400	Aluena, Balovale, Kaluena, Lobare, Lovale, Luena, Lwena, Malobale, Muluena, Tulwena, Valwena
MAKONDE	F-3	333,000	Wakonde, Wamakonde
MAKUA	F-3	1,000,000	Makoa, Makoane, Wakua, Wamakua
MANYIKA	F-3	329,000	Bamanyeke, Manika, Wamanyika, Wanyika
MARAVI	F-3	125,000	
MBEDE	D-4	72,000	
MBOCHI D-5		100,000	
MBUNDU D-3		1,500,000	Banano, Bimbundu, Mambari, Mbali, Munano, Nano, Ovimbali, Ovimbundu, Limbundu, Vakuanano, Vanano
MERU	F-4	439,000	Mweru
MONGO	E-4	2,000,000	Balolo, Bamongo, Bomongo, Mbongo, Lolo
MPONGWE	C-4	24,000	Bayugu, Empoongwe, Pongo, Pongoue
NDEBELE	E-2, E-3	300,000	Amandebele, Landeen, Matabele, Tebele
NGALA	D-5	110,000	Bamangala, Bangala, Mangala, Mongalla, Ngola, Wangala
NGWAKETSE	E-2	71,000	Bangwaketse
NGWATOE-2		200,000	Bamangwato
NKOLE	F-4	519,000	Banyankole
NSENGA F-3		175,000	Senga
NYAMWEZI	F-4	362,000	Banyamwezi, Wanyamwezi
NYANJA F-3		383,000	Anyanja, Wanyanja
RUANDA F-4		2,150,000	Banyaruanda, Rwanda
RUNDI	F-4	2,000,000	Barundi, Warundi
SENA	F-3	375,000	Asena, Wasena
SHIRA	D-4	96,000	Echira, Eshira
SOGA	F-5	501,000	Basoga
SOTHO	E-2	2,400,000	Basotho, Bassouto, Basuto
SUKUMA F-4		1,000,000	Basukuma, Wassukuma
SWAZI	F-2	400,000	Amaswazi
TEKE	D-4	150,000	Bateke
THONGA F-2		1,065,000	Bathonga, Tonga
TONGA	E-3, F-3	165,000	Batonga, Matoka
XOSA	E-1	2,000,000	Amakosa, Amaxosa, Kaffir, Xhosa

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BANTU (Con't)			
YAO	F-3	587,000	Achawa, Adjao, Adsawa, Adsoa, Ajawa, Ayo, Hiao, Mudsau, Mujano, Mujoa, Myao, Veiao, Wahaiao, Wajyau, Wayao
ZEZURU F-3		250,000	Bazezuru, Bazuzura, Maziuru, Vazeziuru, Wazezuru
ZULU	F-2	3,200,000	Amazulu
3 GUINEAN			
ADANGME	C-5	217,000	Adampa
ADJA	C-5	220,000	
AIZO	C-5	100,000	Aizangbe, Whydah
ANYI	B-5	185,000	Agni
ASHANTI B-5		580,000	Asante
BASSA	B-5	50,000	Basa, Basso, Gbasa
BAULE	B-5	700,000	Baoule
BETE	B-5	325,000	
BRONG	B-5	138,000	Abron
EWE	C-5	514,000	Eibe, Ephe, Krepe
FANTI	B-5	463,000	Fante
FON	C-5	850,000	Dahomeans, Fonnu
IBO	C-5	5,500,000	
KABRE	C-5	246,000	Bekaburum, Cabrai, Kabure, Kaure, Kobore
KRU	B-5	50,000	Crau, Krao, Krawi, Nana
NGERE	B-5	210,000	Guere, Guerze, Nguerze
OUATCHIC-5		172,000	
YORUBA C-5		5,000,000	
4 HAUSA			
FULANI	C-6, D-6	5,945,000	Fellani, Fellata, Filani, Ful, Foulah, Fulbe, Peul, Pullo
HAUSA	C-6	5,500,000	Haoussa
5 WESTERN BANTOID			
BALANTE	A-6	158,400	Ballante
DIOLA	A-6	381,000	Dyola, Yola
FULANI	A-6, B-6, D-5	5,945,000	Same as no. 4
GOLA	A-5	50,000	
KISSI	A-5	160,000	Ghizi, Gissi, Kisi
SERER	A-6	647,000	Kegueme, Sarer
SONGHAI	C-6	330,000	Songhoi, Sonhray
TEMNE	A-5	748,000	Timne
WOLOF	A-6	1,372,000	Djoloff, Jaloff, Jolof, Ouolo, Yalof
ZERMA	C-6	250,000	Djerma, Dyerma, Zaberma
6 NILOTIC			
ACHOLI F-5		248,000	Atscholi, Gan, Gang
DINKA	E-5, F-6	1,000,000	Makdschuru, Shuli
LANGO	F-5	365,000	Denkawi, Jang
LUO	F-4	1,148,000	Umiro, Jaluo, Luwo, Nilotic, Kavirondo, Nyifwa
MASAI	F-4	180,000	Massai
NUER	F-5	460,000	
TESO	F-5	524,000	Bakedi, Bateso, Iteso, Kedi, Kedo, Kidi, Wakedi
TURKANA	F-5	181,000	Elgume
7 CENTRAL BANTOID			
BARGU	C-6	180,000	Barba, Bariba, Borgawa, Burgu
BOBO	B-6	806,000	
DAGOMBA	B-5	172,000	Dagbamba, Dagboma
GRUNSHI	B-6	305,000	Gorise, Gourounsi, Gruinse, Grussi, Gurunsi
GURMA	C-6	180,000	Gourmantche
MOSSI	B-6	2,400,000	Mole, Moshi
SENUFO B-5		483,000	Sene, Siena
SOMBA	C-6	100,000	Tsaam
SONGHAI	C-6	330,000	Songhoi, Sonhray
ZERMA	C-6	250,000	Djerma, Dyerma, Zaberma
8 MANDE			
BAMBARA	B-6	1,200,000	Banmana
DAN	B-5	245,000	Da
KPELLE	B-5	86,000	Gbese, Gerse, Kpese, Pessy
LOMA	B-5	50,000	Buzi, Buzi, Loma
MALINKE A-6, B-5		1,720,000	Manding, Mandingo, Wangara
MENDE	A-5	749,000	Kossa, Mendi
SONINKE	B-6	384,000	Sarakole, Seraculeh
SUSU	A-6	220,000	Soso, Soussou
9 CENTRAL AND EASTERN SUDANESE			
AZANDE E-5		750,000	Asandeh, Niam-Niam, Sande, Zande
BAGIRMI D-5		31,000	
BANDA	E-5	900,000	
BAYA	D-5	200,000	Baja, Gbaya
BWAKA	D-5	106,000	Bouaka, Gbwaka, Mbaka, Ngbwaka
FULANI	D-5	5,945,000	Fellani, Fellata, Filani, Ful, Foulah, Fulbe, Peul, Pullo
MANDJA D-5		24,000	Mangia
SARA	D-5	339,000	
10 EASTERN BANTOID			
MUM	D-5	110,000	Bamoum, Bamum, Banun, Mom
TIV	C-5	800,000	Mitshi, Munshi
11 MALAY-POLYNESIAN			
ANTAISAKA	G-2	414,000	Taisaka, Tesaki
ANTANDROY	G-2	342,000	Tandruy
BETSILEO	G-2	759,000	
BETSIMISARAKA	G-3	940,000	
MERINA	G-3	1,600,000	Antimerina, Hova, Imerina, Ovah
SAKALAVA	G-3	375,000	
TSIMIHETY	G-3	442,000	
12 KANURI			
DAZA	D-6	20,000	Dasa, Dazagarda
KANURI	D-6	1,250,000	
TEDA	D-6	12,000	Tebu, Tibbu, Toubou, Tubu
13 SONGHAI			
SONGHAI	C-6	330,000	Songhai, Sonhray
ZERMA	C-6	250,000	Djerma, Dyerma, Zaberma
14 KHOISAN			
NAMA	D-2	25,000	Naman, Namaqua
TAWANA E-3		42,000	Batawana, Batwana
15 INDO-EUROPEAN			
AFRIKAANER	E-1	1,788,000	

***NOTES:** *Principal Source: Africa, Its Peoples and Their Culture History, G. P. Murdock, 1959.*
Tribal or ethnic names may vary, depending on source.
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