



National Foundation For Development of Indigenous Nationalities  
Sanepa, Lalitpur, Nepal

Indigenous Nationalities of Nepal based on the Classification of Groups

A. Endangered Group					
S.No.	Caste/ Ethnicity	Population	(%)	Mother Tongue Spoken	(%)
1	Kusunda	273	0.00%	28	0.00%
2	Bankariya	N/A	0.00%	69	0.00%
3	Raute	618	0.00%	461	0.00%
4	Surel	N/A	0.00%	287	0.00%
5	Hayu	2,925	0.01%	1,520	0.01%
6	Raji	4,235	0.02%	3,758	0.03%
7	Kissan	1,739	0.01%	1,178	0.01%
8	Lepcha	3,445	0.01%	7,499	0.06%
9	meche	4,867	0.02%	4,375	0.04%
10	Kusbadiya	3,182	0.01%	N/A	0.00%
<b>Total</b>		<b>21,284</b>	<b>0.08%</b>	<b>19,175</b>	<b>0.16%</b>

B. Highly Marginalized Group					
S.No.	Caste/ Ethnicity	Population	(%)	Mother Tongue Spoken	(%)
1	Majhi	83,727	0.3%	24,422	0.2%
2	Siyar	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%
3	Lhomi (Singsha)	1,614	0.0%	808	0.0%
4	Thudam	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%
5	Dhanuk	219,808	0.8%	N/A	0.0%
6	Chepang	68,399	0.3%	48,476	0.4%
7	Satar/Santhal	51,735	0.2%	49,858	0.4%
8	Thami	28,671	0.1%	23,151	0.2%
9	Jhagad (Urao)	37,424	0.1%	33,651	0.3%
10	Bote	10,397	0.0%	8,766	0.1%
11	Danuwar	84,115	0.3%	45,821	0.4%
12	Baram	8,140	0.0%	155	0.0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>594,030</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>235,108</b>	<b>2.0%</b>

C. Marginalized Group					
S.No.	Caste/ Ethnicity	Population	(%)	Mother Tongue Spoken	(%)
1	Sunuwar	55,712	0.2%	37,898	0.3%
2	Tharu	1,737,470	6.6%	1,529,875	12.9%
3	Tamang	1,539,830	5.8%	1,353,311	11.4%
4	Bhujel	118,650	0.4%	21,715	0.2%
5	Kumal	121,196	0.5%	12,222	0.1%
6	Rajbanshi	115,242	0.4%	122,214	1.0%
7	Gangai	36,988	0.1%	3,612	0.0%
8	Dhimal	26,298	0.1%	19,300	0.2%
9	Bhote	13,397	0.1%	N/A	0.0%
10	Darai	16,789	0.1%	11,677	0.1%
11	Tajpuriya	19,213	0.1%	18,811	0.2%
12	Pahari	13,615	0.1%	3,458	0.0%
13	Topkegola	1,523	0.0%	N/A	0.0%
14	Dolpo	4,107	0.0%	1,667	0.0%
15	Fri	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%
16	Mugal	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%
17	Larke	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%
18	Lhopa	2,624	0.0%	3,029	0.0%
19	Dura	5,394	0.0%	2,156	0.0%
20	Walung	1,249	0.0%	1,169	0.0%
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,829,297</b>	<b>14.5%</b>	<b>3,142,114</b>	<b>26.6%</b>

D. Disadvantaged Group					
S.No.	Caste/ Ethnicity	Population	(%)	Mother Tongue Spoken	(%)
1	Gurung	522,641	2.0%	325,622	5.4%
2	Magar	1,887,733	7.1%	788,530	13.1%
3	Rai	620,004	2.3%	159,114	2.6%
4	Limbu	387,300	1.5%	343,603	5.7%
5	Chairotan	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%
6	Tangbe	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%
7	Tingaonle Thakali	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%
8	Barhagaonle	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%
9	Marphali Thakali	N/A	0.0%	N/A	0.0%
10	Sherpa	112,946	0.4%	114,830	1.9%
11	Yakkha	24,336	0.1%	19,558	0.3%
12	Chantyal	11,810	0.0%	4,283	0.1%
13	Jirel	5,774	0.0%	4,829	0.1%
14	Byashi	3,895	0.0%	480	0.0%
15	Hyolmo	10,752	0.0%	10176	0.2%
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,587,191</b>	<b>13.5%</b>	<b>1,771,025</b>	<b>29.4%</b>

E. Advanced Group					
S.No.	Caste/ Ethnicity	Population	(%)	Mother Tongue Spoken	(%)
1	Newar	1,321,933	5.0%	846,557	14.1%
2	Thakali	13,215	0.0%	5,242	0.1%
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,335,148</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>851,799</b>	<b>14.2%</b>

F. Others/Not defined Indigenous Group					
S.No.	Caste/ Ethnicity	Population	(%)	Mother Tongue Spoken	(%)
		<b>1,228</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total (A+B+C+D+E+F)</b>		<b>9,368,178</b>	<b>35.4%</b>	<b>6,019,221</b>	<b>50.9%</b>

Enlisted INs Groups					
		Population	(%)	Mother Tongue Spoken	(%)
<b>A</b>	<b>Endangered Group</b>	21,284	0.1%	19,175	0.2%
<b>B</b>	<b>Highly Marginalized Group</b>	594,030	2.2%	235,108	2.0%
<b>C</b>	<b>Marginalized Group</b>	3,829,297	14.5%	3,142,114	26.6%
<b>D</b>	<b>Disadvantaged Group</b>	3,587,191	13.5%	1,771,025	15.0%
<b>E</b>	<b>Advanced Group</b>	1,335,148	5.0%	851,799	7.2%
<b>F</b>	<b>Others/Not defined Indigenous Group</b>	1,228	0.0%	-	0.0%
<b>G. Total</b>		<b>9,368,178</b>	<b>35.4%</b>	<b>6,019,221</b>	<b>50.9%</b>

Total Population					
		Population	(%)	Mother Tongue Spoken	(%)
		<b>26,494,504</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>11,826,953</b>	<b>44.6%</b>

(Source: CBS 2011, Nepal)

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