

List of countries where English is an official language

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The following is a list of sovereign states and territories where English is an official language, in order of population. Several of these nations, like Canada and the Philippines, use English as *an* official language but not the *sole* official language.

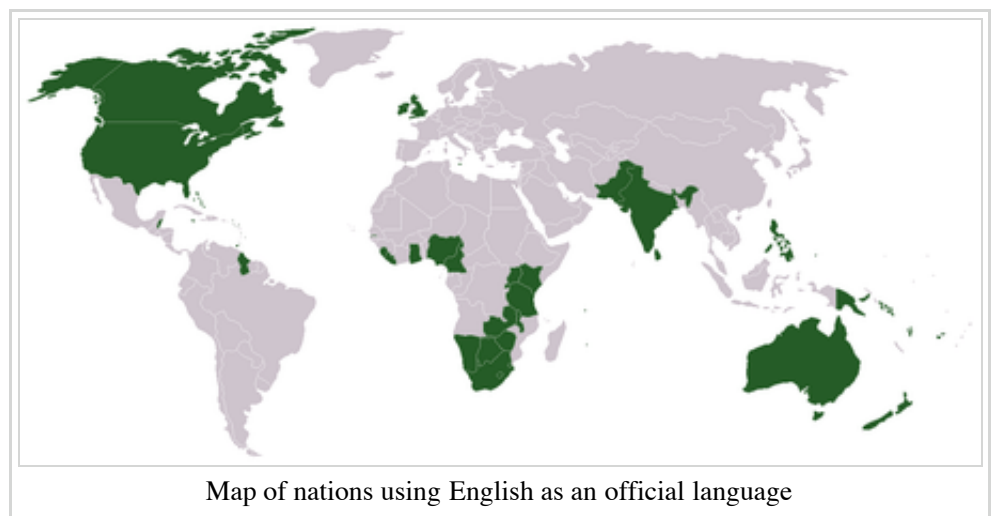
In Australia, English is only a *de facto* official language. This is the same in the U.S. and the UK, although some states or regions within the UK and the U.S. have English as a *de jure* official language.

The status of English as a country's official language does not necessarily correlate with the number of English-speakers in that country. This is especially true for India and many African nations, and to a smaller extent for the Philippines.

Note that almost all of these countries are current or former colonies of the UK (see also British Empire). Exceptions include the Philippines, which is a former colony of Spain and the United States, Liberia, which was founded by freeborn and formerly enslaved black people from the United States, and countries formerly part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Palau, Marshall Islands, and Micronesia, Federated States of). American Samoa, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands are also currently US territories, while the Northern Mariana Islands and Puerto Rico are US commonwealths, both former Spanish colonies before they were transferred to American control. English is a co-official language in Puerto Rico, however more than 90% of the population solely use Spanish at home and work on an everyday basis.

These nations total 2,135 million people, 15,583,152 square miles and about 18 trillion US dollars in GDP. India represents over half this population, and the United States represents over half this GDP.

Rank	Country (*= de facto official language)	Population ^[1]
1	India	1,103,600,000
2	United States*	299,462,105
3	Pakistan	162,419,946
4	Nigeria	128,771,988



5	Philippines	87,857,473
6	United Kingdom*	60,441,457
7	South Africa	44,344,136
8	Kenya	33,829,590
9	Canada	32,300,000
10	Uganda	27,269,482
11	Ghana	21,029,853
12	Australia*	20,300,000
13	Sri Lanka	20,064,776
14	Cameroon	16,380,005
15	Zimbabwe	12,746,990
16	Malawi	12,158,924
17	Zambia	11,261,795
18	Rwanda	8,440,820
19	Hong Kong [2]	6,898,686
20	Sierra Leone	6,017,643
21	Papua New Guinea	5,545,268
22	Singapore	4,425,720
23	Republic of Ireland	4,130,700
24	New Zealand	4,108,561
25	Puerto Rico	3,912,054
26	Liberia	3,482,211
27	Jamaica	2,731,832
28	Namibia	2,030,692
29	Lesotho	1,867,035
30	Botswana	1,640,115
31	The Gambia	1,593,256
32	Mauritius	1,230,602

33	Swaziland	1,173,900
34	Trinidad and Tobago	1,088,644
35	Fiji	893,354
36	Guyana	765,283
37	Solomon Islands	538,032
38	Malta	398,534
39	The Bahamas	301,790
40	Belize	279,457
41	Barbados	279,254
42	Vanuatu	205,754
43	Guam	168,564
44	Saint Lucia	166,312
45	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	117,534
46	U.S. Virgin Islands	108,708
47	Micronesia, Federated States of	108,105
48	Kiribati	103,092
49	Jersey	90,812
50	Grenada	89,502
51	Seychelles	81,188
52	Northern Mariana Islands	80,801
53	Isle of Man	75,049
54	Dominica	69,029
55	Antigua and Barbuda	68,722

56	Bermuda	65,365
57	Guernsey	65,228
58	American Samoa	64,869
59	Marshall Islands	59,071
60	Cayman Islands	44,270
61	Saint Kitts and Nevis	38,958
62	Gibraltar	27,884
63	British Virgin Islands	22,643
64	Cook Islands	21,388
65	Turks and Caicos Islands	20,556
66	Palau	20,303
67	Anguilla	13,254
68	Montserrat	9,341
69	Saint Helena	7,460
70	Falkland Islands	2,967
71	Norfolk Island	1,828
72	Christmas Island ^[3]	1,600
73	Pitcairn Islands	67

See also

- List of countries by English-speaking population
- Anglosphere

Footnotes

1. ↑ The population figures are based on List of countries by population.
2. ↑ Hong Kong is a special administrative region of the People's Republic of China
3. ↑ Christmas Island is an external territory of Australia

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