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## Who Has an Official Language?



- 94 percent of the world’s countries and other land areas\* (189 of 202) have at least one official language.
- Official in 53 nations, English is the most common official language among the 202 nations with an official language. French is second (26 countries), followed by Arabic (23), Spanish (19) and Portuguese (6).
- The United States is one of only 15 nations that do not have an official language policy\*\*. The others are: Australia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Guyana, Holy See, Iceland, Jamaica, Japan, Mexico, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino and the United Kingdom.

\*Recognized by the United States Department of State, <http://www.state.gov/misc/list/>.

\*\* Per The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) The World Factbook, <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/fields/2098.html>.