Languages of the World (2009 Estimate)
Percentage of people who speak each language as their first language.


Which language is spoken by the most people?

What percentage of people speak one of the top 10 languages?

What percentage of people speak one of the top 5 languages?

If the world population was 6.8 billion in 2009, how many of those people spoke Portuguese?

There are an estimated 7,100 languages spoken in the world. Do you think this number will increase or decrease? Explain your answer.
Which language is spoken by the most people?
Mandarin

What percentage of people speak one of the top 10 languages?
39.83%

What percentage of people speak one of the top 5 languages?
28.05%

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6,800,000,000 x 0.0262 = 178,160,000 (about 180 million)

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Decrease most likely due to globalization.