

## Portugal's linguistic diversity

Portuguese is the official language of Portugal, spoken by nearly 96% of the population. The other commonly used language is English, spoken by 14.87% of population. The most popular languages used in Portugal, besides Portuguese and English is It is French (10.39%) and Spanish (6.98%). It is important to mention that the younger demographic, the more diversified the linguistic profile is. Percentage of people in Portugal between ages 15 and 34 who speak the English as their as a mother tongue or foreign language is 27.62%, French 12%, Spanish 7.23%. When it comes popularity of the languages amongst older demographic, that is people who are over 55, English is spoken by 4.28%, which makes it less popular than French (7.16%), but still more popular than Spanish (3.99%). According to the International English Proficiency Index, Portugal has a high proficiency level in English, higher than those of other Romance-speaking European countries like Italy, France or Spain. When it comes to regional languages, the most distinctive is Mirandese, which is recognized as a co-official regional language in some municipalities of North-Eastern Portugal.

