

Joshua Project tracks each **People Group**

ETHNOS / ETHNE

Greek Translation

(nations or people groups)

The original biblical mandate

Therefore go and make disciples of all **nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19 NIV)

“And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all **nations**, and then the end will come”. (Matthew 24:14 NIV)

Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the **Gentiles** (ethne) by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the **nations** (ethne) be blessed.” So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith. (Galatians 3:7-9 NIV)

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PEOPLE GROUP OVERVIEW

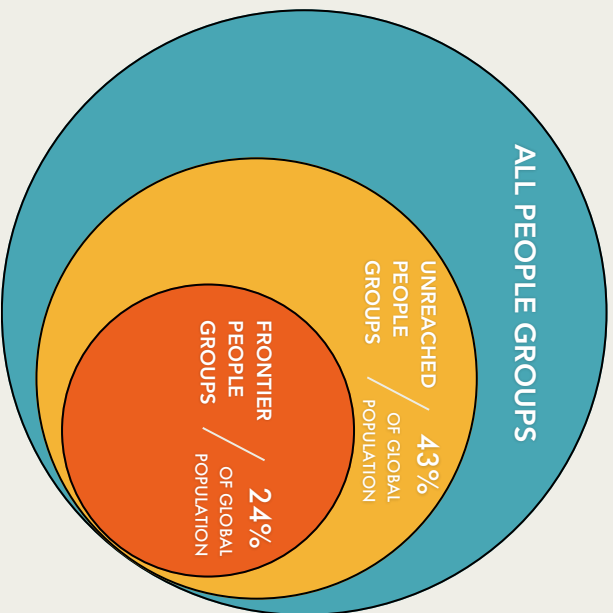


Joshua Project tracks thousands of people groups around the world.

Explore the data and find your next step

- Search by country, religion, or language to find people groups near you or on your heart
- Adopt a people group and mobilize your church to pray and give
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How many people groups are there?

counted by People Groups across country

Total People Groups **10,430**

Unreached People Groups **4,500**

Frontier People Groups **3,220**
(Subset of Unreached People Groups)

NOTE: 71% OF UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS ARE FRONTIER PEOPLE GROUPS

But what is a People Group in today's language?

THE SHORT ANSWER

A people group is a community of people who share a common identity. That shared identity can come from language, religion, ethnicity, culture, or history.

Languages and Cultural Identity

In most regions, language is the main dividing line. These can be referred to as ethno-linguistic people groups.

Community context matters

In South Asia, caste and tradition also shape group identity. These are called jati or communities.

FOR MISSION STRATEGY

A people group is the largest community where the gospel can spread freely. Once it crosses a barrier of language or acceptance, it has entered a different people group.

Two types of barriers

Understanding: people cannot grasp the message. Acceptance: people will not receive it due to social walls.

No perfect classification

Experts debate how to draw the lines. Joshua Project uses the terms 'people' and 'people group' interchangeably.

What is a Frontier People Group?

Frontier People Groups (FPGs) are a subset of Unreached People Groups, and are even harder to reach.

These communities have less than 1 in 1,000 Christians and no meaningful access to the gospel from within their own culture.



Discover Frontier People Groups

Scan the code below to learn more about Frontier People Groups

Look for ways you can be involved in reaching these people groups

