**Languages**

Information about language(s) spoken is important to support communication about services, help understand the community being served, improve access to services, and improve acceptability of services by tailoring services to meet cultural and language needs.

Some possible questions are below. You can suggest other possible questions:

1. Which language are you most comfortable using?
2. Which language do you speak at home?
3. What is your preferred language?
4. Which language do you want regional centers to use to communicate with you? In writing? Verbally?
5. Which language are you most comfortable using when speaking?
6. Which language are you most comfortable using when writing?
7. Which language are you most comfortable using when reading?
8. How comfortable are you with English? In writing? Verbally?
   1. never, rarely, occasionally, often, always

The list of possible languages below includes the top fifty languages spoken in California, based on the American Community Survey (ACS) Census for 2009-2013 (released in October 2015). The following languages also are listed: Mesoamerican Indigenous language groups (including Mixteco, Zapoteco, Nahuatl, Chinanteco, K’iche, Purépecha, Tzotzil, Mayan, Amuzgo, Ayuujk (Mixe), Mam, Popti’, Q’anjob’al, Triqui, and Chatino), Nepalese, Pashto, Sinhalese, American Sign Language, Other Sign Languages, and Yiddish. This list also includes eight additional languages currently collected by regional centers: Danish, Dutch, Guamanian, Hawaiian, Nigerian (several), Norwegian, Somali, and Swahili.

The table below lists current and possible languages:

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| **CURRENT** | **POSSIBLE** |
| All Other Languages | Delete |
| Amharic | Amharic |
|  | Amuzgo |
| Arabic | Arabic |
| Aramaic/Chaldean | Aramaic/Chaldean |
| Armenian | Armenian |
|  | Ayuujk (Mixe) |
| ASL | American Sign Language |
|  | Bengali |
|  | Bisayan |
|  | Burmese |
| Cambodian | Mon |
| Cambodian | Khmer |
| Cantonese Chinese | Cantonese |
|  | Chatino |
|  | Chinanteco |
| Danish | Danish |
| Dutch | Dutch |
| East Indian | Delete |
| English | English |
| Farsi Persian | Persian |
| French | French |
| German | German |
| Guamanian | Guamanian |
| Hawaiian | Hawaiian |
| Hebrew | Hebrew |
| Hindi Northern India | Hindi |
| Hmong | Hmong |
| Hungarian | Hungarian |
|  | Greek |
|  | Gujrati |
|  | Ibo |
|  | Ilocano |
|  | Indonesian |
| Iranian | Persian |
| Italian | Italian |
| Japanese | Japanese |
|  | Kannada |
|  | K’iche |
| Korean | Korean |
| **CURRENT** | **POSSIBLE** |
|  | Kru |
| Laotian | Laotian |
|  | Malayalam |
|  | Mam |
| Mandarin Chinese | Mandarin |
|  | Marathi |
|  | Mayan |
| Mien | Mien |
|  | Mixteco |
|  | Nahuatl |
|  | Nepalese |
| Nigerian | Nigerian, Other |
| Other Germanic | Delete |
| Other Indo-Iranian | Delete |
| Other Latin | Delete |
| Other Pac Island | Delete |
| Other Scandinavian | Delete |
| Other Semitic | Delete |
| Other Sign Language | Other Sign Language |
| Other Spc Prov | Delete |
| Other Uralic Slavic | Delete |
|  | Panjabi |
|  | Pashto |
|  | Polish |
|  | Popti’ |
| Portuguese | Portuguese |
|  | Purépecha |
|  | Q’anjob’al |
|  | Romanian |
| Russian | Russian |
| Samoan | Samoan |
|  | Simplified Chinese |
|  | Sinhalese |
| Somali | Somali |
| Spanish | Spanish |
| Swahili | Swahili |
| Swedish | Swedish |
|  | Syriac |
| Tagalog | Tagalog/Filipino |
|  | Taiwanese |
|  | Tamil |
| **CURRENT** | **POSSIBLE** |
| Thai | Thai |
|  | Telugu |
|  | Tongan |
|  | Triqui |
|  | Turkish |
|  | Tzotzil |
|  | Ukrainian |
| Unknown | Delete |
| Urdu Pakistan | Urdu |
| Vietnamese | Vietnamese |
|  | Yiddish |
|  | Yoruba |
|  | Zapoteco |
|  | Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |