

Workshop on Data and Information
on Indigenous Peoples and
Cultural Communities in the Philippines

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Legal Framework

In **Mexico**, the indigenous population is covered by the theme 'Ethnicity'.

For its identification Mexico adheres to the agreements signed with:

United Nations

Refers to the cultural practices that distinguish an ethnic group

ECLAC

establishes 4 dimensions for identifying ethnic groups

ILO

Convention 169 concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries

INEGI has developed the **Technical Standard for the Generation of Basic Statistics**. The Standard states that Basic Statistics must have a conceptual design.

Conceptual design: it should consider the recommendations of international organisations, the justification of the concepts by means of relevance criteria.

How do we define an indigenous person?

Mexican Constitution

Article 2 recognizes the Nation as multicultural, sustained by the Indigenous peoples, descendants of the original populations. They maintain their own social, economic, cultural, and political institutions. Indigenous communities are social, economic, and cultural units settled in a territory, which are governed by authorities according to their uses and traditions.

ECLAC

4 dimensions that group elements & operational criteria for the identification of ethnic groups, mainly indigenous & afro-descendants: **self-recognition of identity, common origin, culture & territoriality**.

CONAPRED

Indigenous peoples are determined by **the awareness of their members** to continue to maintain certain socio-cultural specificities, so awareness of their identity as indigenous peoples should be a fundamental criterion for determining to whom the provisions on Indigenous peoples apply.

Classification of Indigenous Languages

Consultation & support document presented by INEGI to **organize for Statistical purposes the existing diversity of Indigenous languages** in Mexico.

Standards for defining the indigenous population

Indigenous language condition

- Distinction of the **population aged 3 years and over** who report speaking or not speaking an **indigenous language**.
- The **most used criterion**, however, excludes people from indigenous traditions whose language has been lost through the generations.



Indigenous self-ascription

- **Self-recognition** as an **indigenous person** in accordance with their culture, customs and traditions.
- This is the **most appropriate** criterion in relation to the **human rights perspective**.



Family member

- The **National Commission for the Development of Indigenous Peoples** (CDI, in Spanish) points out that the **home** is the main institution for socialization, cultural transmission and identity formation.

National Institute of Indigenous People (INPI, in Spanish) – CDI



*“considers **indigenous population (IP)** to be all persons who are part of an **indigenous household**, where the head of household, spouse and/or any of the ascendants declared to be an indigenous language speaker. In addition, it includes people who declared speaking an indigenous language and who are not part of these households.¹*



Household as a key space for cultural transmission and socialization through strong kinship ties.



Shared **codes** and **identities** within households with indigenous members, even if they no longer speak the language.



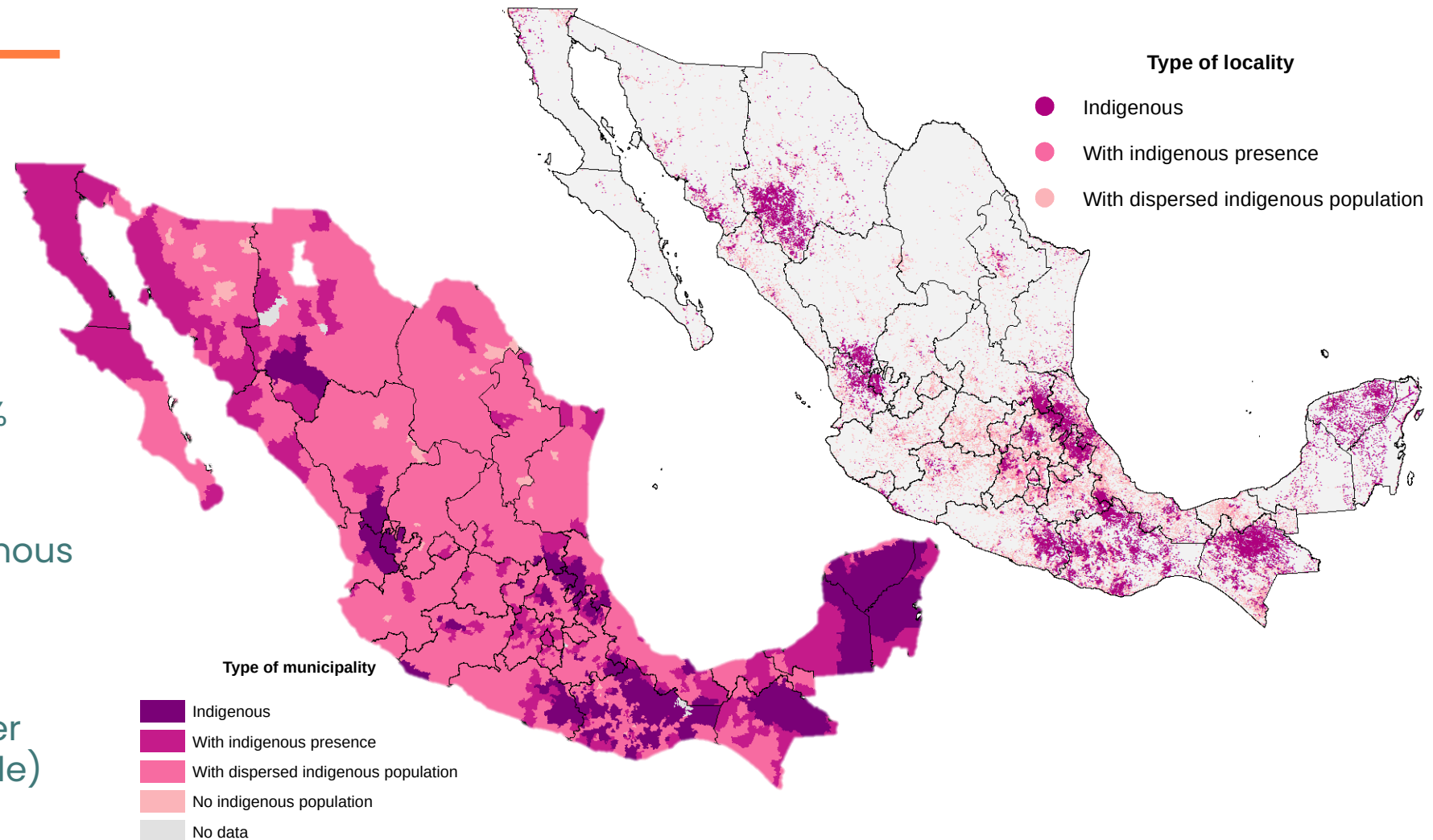
This approach includes **individuals of indigenous descent** who preserve traditions, customs, and community bonds.

¹ This criterion was defined in 2015 for the Information and Indicators System on the Indigenous Population of Mexico
Source: INPI. Indicadores Socioeconómicos de los Pueblos Indígenas de México 2015.

INDIGENOUS POPULATION INPI-CDI

Criteria for **classifying geographic units** using percentage of indigenous population:

- **Indigenous** (>70% or 40–69% indigenous).
- **With indigenous presence** (<40% but over 5 000 indigenous individuals and minority language speakers).
- **With dispersed indigenous populations** (<40% and fewer than 5 000 indigenous people)
- **No indigenous population.**



Source: INPI. Indicadores Socioeconómicos de los Pueblos Indígenas de México 2015 y 2010.

INDIGENOUS POPULATION

National Survey on Discrimination (ENADIS, in Spanish) 2022



In coordination with the **National Council to Prevent Discrimination** (CONAPRED, in Spanish) **INEGI** has participated in the 2017 and 2022 editions of this survey, which defines Indigenous peoples as:

Groups with a language, knowledge systems, culture, and beliefs, decide to preserve and reproduce their ways of life and ancestral system. Due to various historical factors, they do not predominate in society.

It is based on **the criterion of self-ascription** which highlights the four measures of ethnic identification: **self-recognition, common origin, culture, and territoriality**.



INDIGENOUS POPULATION

Ejidal Census



Ejidal or communal property commissariat:
speaks indigenous language.

1991

2001

2007

2022



3 questions referred to **indigenous language spoken**:

- for the producer,
- to know if the producer's mother or father speaks the language,
- if the producer's wife or husband speaks the language.

- **Socio-demographic characteristics** of the producer
- Speaks **indigenous language**
- Indigenous and Afro-Mexican **self-recognition**

Agricultural, Livestock and Forestry Census

INDIGENOUS POPULATION

	 Indigenous speaking condition	 Indigenous self-ascription
▪ Population and Housing Census 2020 and Intercensal Survey 2015	•	•
▪ National Survey of Household Income and Expenditure (ENIGH, in Spanish) 2022	•	•
▪ National Survey of Demographic Dynamics (ENADID, in Spanish) 2023	•	•
▪ National Survey on Time Use (ENUT, in Spanish) 2019	•	•
▪ Demographic Retrospective Survey (EDER, in Spanish) 2017	•	•
▪ National Survey on Sexual and Gender Diversity (ENDISEG, in Spanish) 2021	•	•
▪ National Survey of Self-reported Well-being (ENBIARE, in Spanish) 2021	•	

INDIGENOUS POPULATION

POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2020

➤ The **Ethnicity** theme was captured with two criteria: **linguistic** and **self-recognition** of identity.

➤ The **Basic Questionnaire** included three questions: Indigenous Language, Name of Indigenous Language and Speaks Spanish.

➤ **Expanded questionnaire** also captured **indigenous self-ascription**

CONTINÚE SI LA PERSONA TIENE 3 AÑOS CUMPLIDOS O MÁS

6. LENGUA INDÍGENA	7. NOMBRE DE LA LENGUA INDÍGENA	8. HABLA ESPAÑOL
Ahora quiero preguntarle. ¿(NOMBRE) habla algún dialecto o lengua indígena? CIRCULE SÓLO UN CÓDIGO Sí 1 No 3 PASE A 9	¿Qué dialecto o lengua indígena habla (NOMBRE)? ANOTE EL DIALECTO O LENGUA INDÍGENA _____ _____ _____	¿(NOMBRE) habla también español? CIRCULE SÓLO UN CÓDIGO Sí 1 No 3

16. AUTOADSCRIPCIÓN INDÍGENA

De acuerdo con su cultura, ¿(NOMBRE) se considera indígena?

CIRCULE SÓLO UN CÓDIGO

Sí 1

No 3

INDIGENOUS POPULATION POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS 2020

The INPI determines that: “...**self-identification** is the **main criterion** to be considered who is indigenous, and who, individually or collectively, is subject to the rights enshrined in the laws on the matter.

Therefore, INEGI **provides referential information** based on the statistical information available from the results of the 2020 Census with the following criteria: Indigenous **speaking condition**, Indigenous population by **self-identification** and **Indigenous population in households**.

Delimitation of INEGI subpopulations. 2020 Census – INPI Criteria

	Population 3 years and over speaking an indigenous language (2020 Census)	Population 3 years of age and over speaking an indigenous language (2020 census sample)	Population 3 years and over self-identifying as indigenous (2020 census sample)	Indigenous Population in Households (INPI) (2020 Census)
National	7.4 millions (6.1%)	7.5 millions (6.3%)	23.2 millions (19.4%)	12.0 millions (9.5%)
Men	3.6 millions	3.7 millions	11.3 millions	5.9 millions
Women	3.8 millions	3.8 millions	11.9 millions	6.1 millions

Source: INEGI. Censo de Población y Vivienda 2020.

INDIGENOUS POPULATION

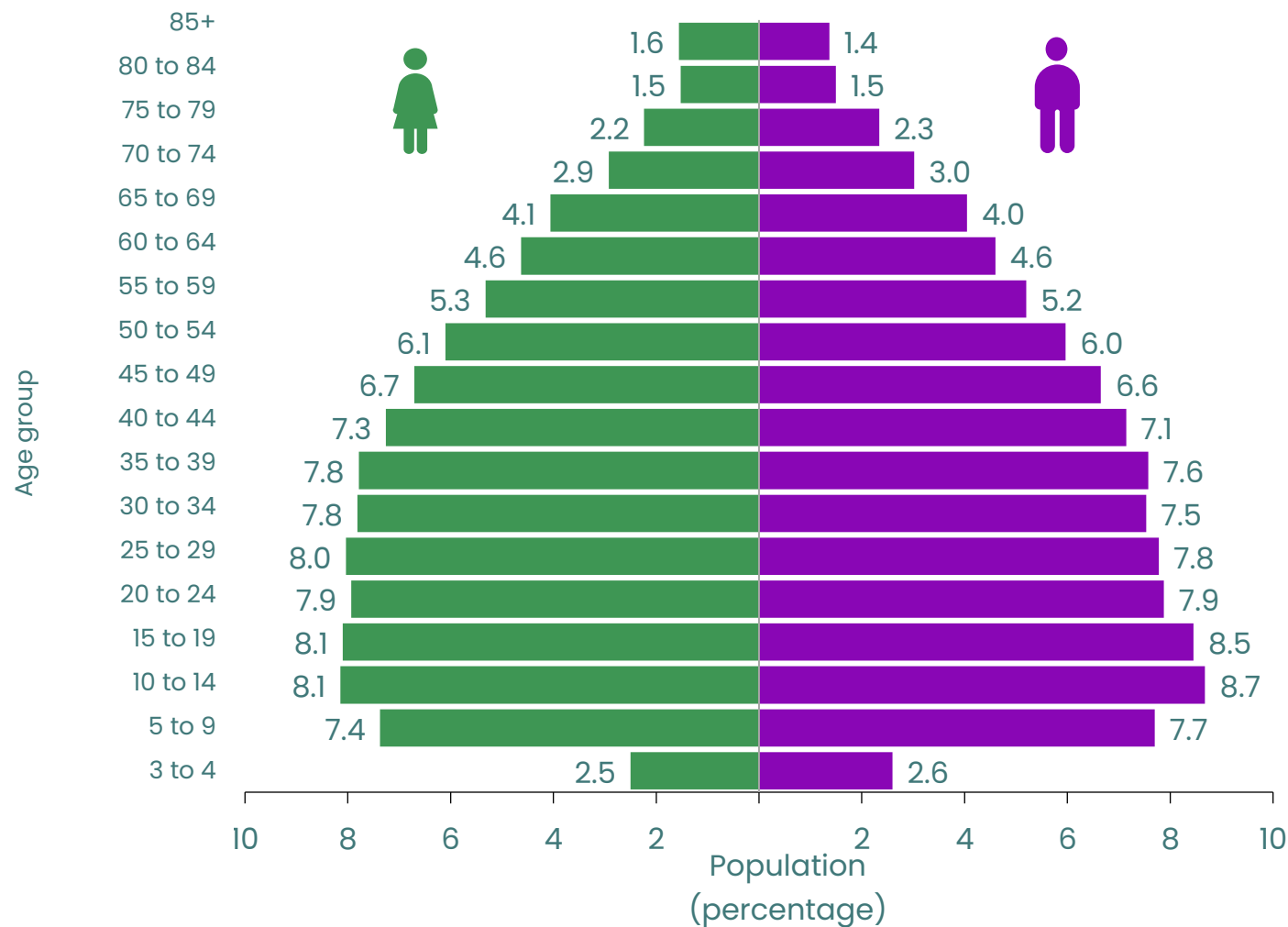
 In Mexico, **7 364 645** people aged 3 years and over speak an indigenous language.



51.4%



48.6%



Source: INEGI. Censo de Población y Vivienda 2020.

INDIGENOUS POPULATION

Population 3 years and over who speak an indigenous language by state (percentage)

States with the **highest percentage**:

Oaxaca (**31.2**)

Chiapas (**28.2**)

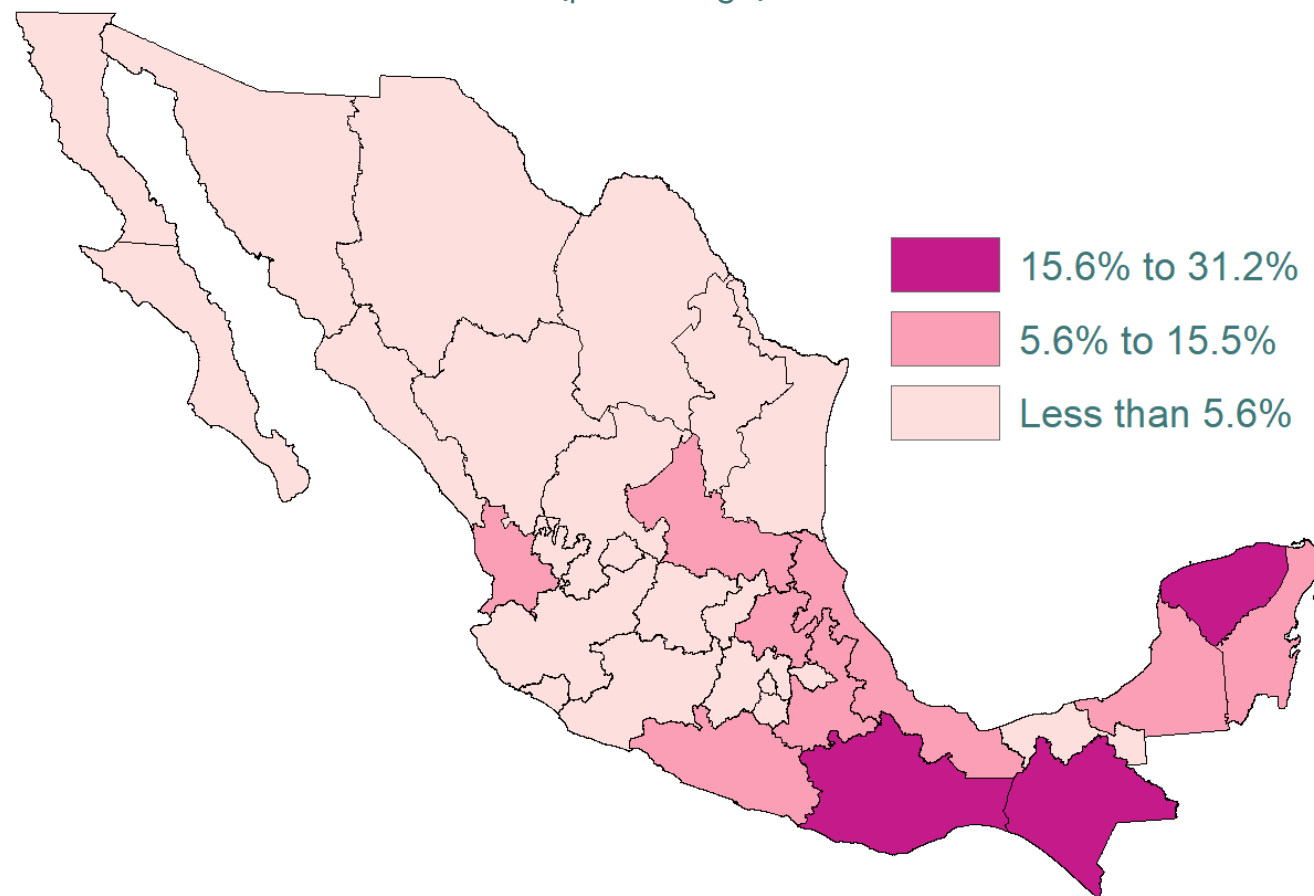
Yucatán (**23.7**)

States with the **lowest percentage** :

Coahuila (**0.2**)

Aguascalientes (**0.2**)

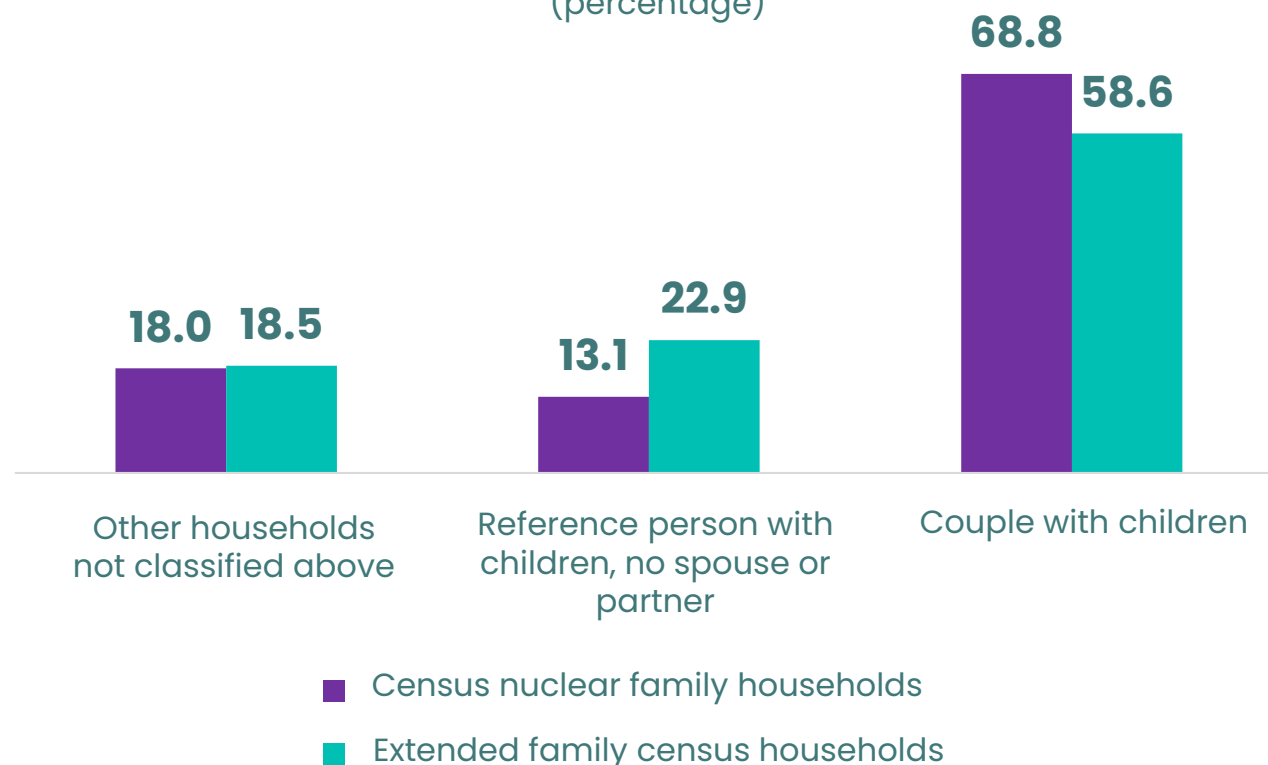
Guanajuato (**0.2**)



Source: INEGI. Censo de Población y Vivienda 2020.

INDIGENOUS HOUSEHOLDS

Distribution of indigenous census households according to the composition of the reference person's family nucleus (percentage)



- **2 858 588** indigenous census households (**8.1%** of total households).
- Sex of the reference person: **women 26.1%** and men 73.9%.
- Six out of ten indigenous census households are **nuclear** and three out of ten are **extended**.



Average
household
size

Indigenous households¹

4.1

Non-indigenous households

3.5

Note: ¹ Census household distinction if the reference person speaks any indigenous language.

Source: INEGI. Censo de Población y Vivienda 2020.

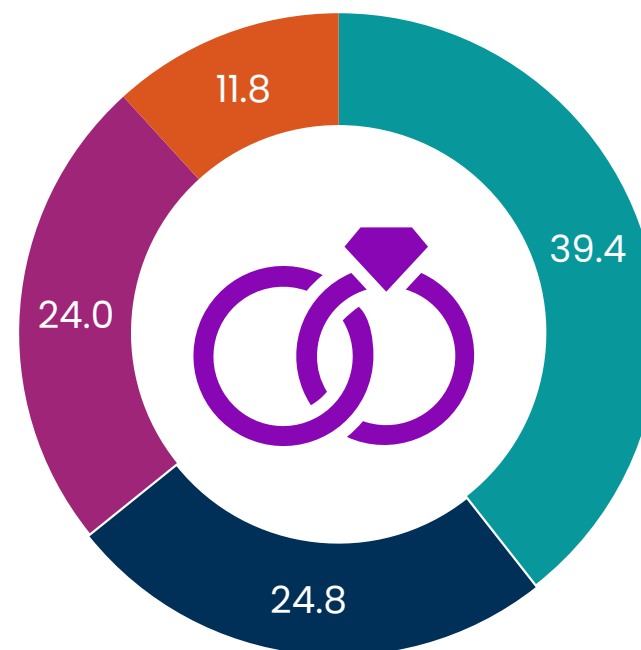
MARITAL STATUS



Population 12 years and
over who speak an
indigenous language

6 377 891
(6.3%)

Distribution of population 12 years and over who speak an
indigenous language by marital status
(percentage)



■ Married

■ Single

■ Commonlaw marriage

■ Separated, divorced or widowed

Source: INEGI. Censo de Población y Vivienda 2020.

FERTILITY

Average number of
children born alive

National

2.1

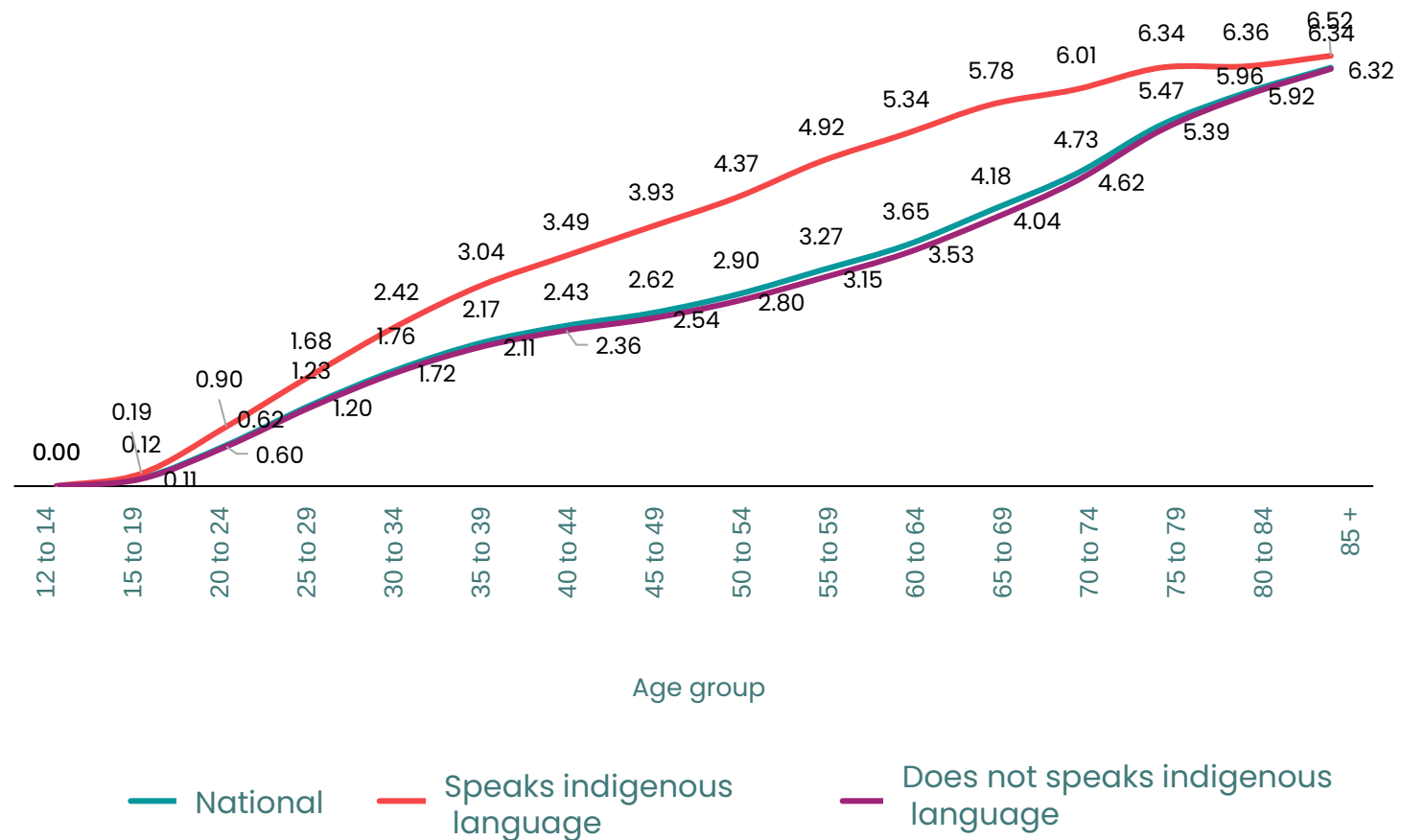
Women speakers of
indigenous languages

3.1

Women who do not
speak an indigenous
language

2.0

Average number of live births to women aged 12–49
by age groups



Note: Excludes women who did not specify whether they have had live-born children and those who have had children but did not specify the total number of children.
Source: INEGI. Censo de Población y Vivienda 2020.

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Population 12 years and over who speak an indigenous language
according to employment status
(percentage)



Population 12 years and
over who speak an
indigenous language

6 377 891

60.8%
(3.9 millions)
Labor force



39.2%
(2.5 millions)
**Not labor
force**

1.5 millions are engaged in
household chores

450 thousands are students

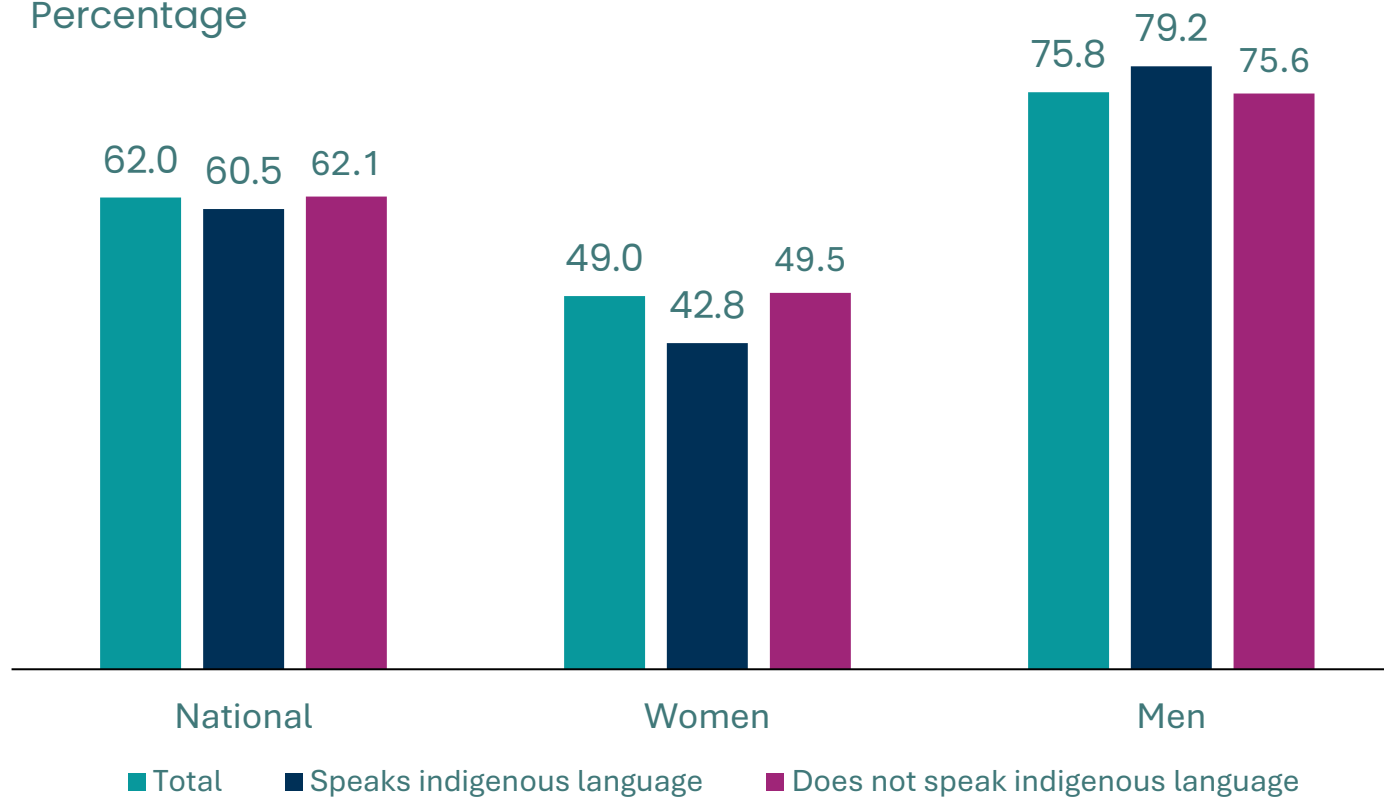
302 thousands are engaged in
other non-economic activities

161 thousands have some
permanent physical or mental
limitation

80 thousands are pensioners
or retirees

LABOR FORCE

Percentage



Gender gap

Speaks indigenous language
36.4

Does not speak indigenous language
26.2

Labor force: indigenous language-speaking population

3.9 millions

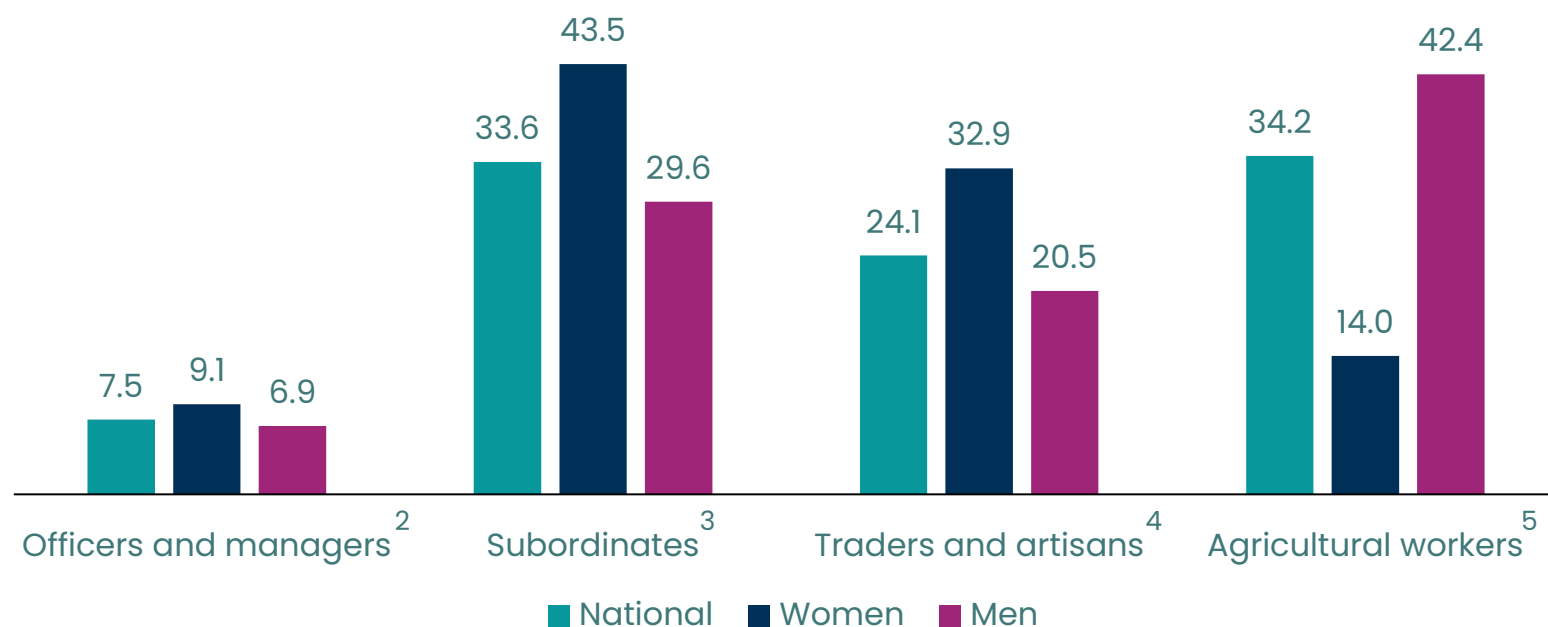
Labor force: non-indigenous language speaking population

58.4 millions

Source: INEGI. Censo de Población y Vivienda 2020.

OCCUPATION

Distribution of employed population 12 years and over according to indigenous language speaking status by occupational division¹ and sex
(percentage)



¹ Corresponds to the sector of the Industrial Classification System of North America (SCIAN-Hogares) 2018.

² Includes managers, professionals and technicians.

³ Corresponds to subordinates in the industrial, commercial and service.

⁴ Includes employees in sales and sales agents.

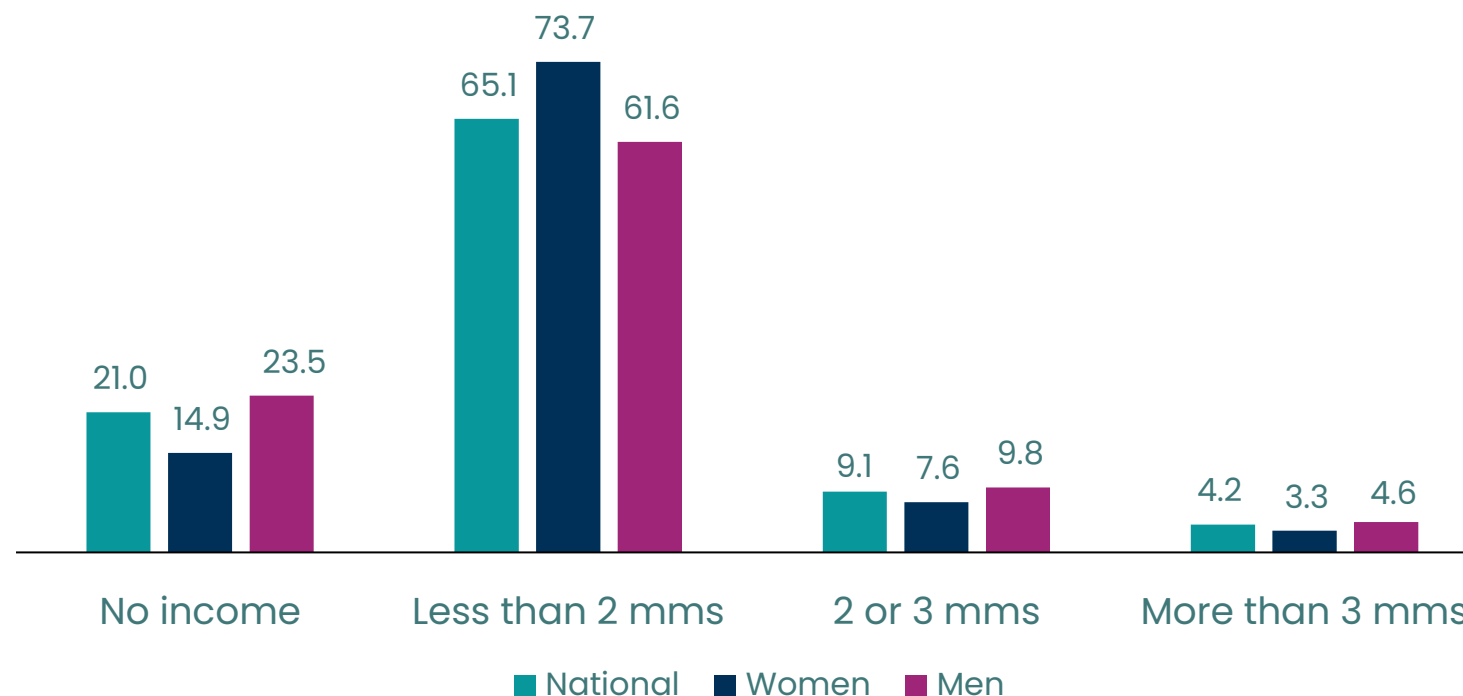
⁵ Corresponds to workers in agricultural, livestock, forestry, hunting and fishing activities.

Note: Percentage distribution does not add up to 100% because the value of *Not specified* is not plotted.

Source: INEGI. Censo de Población y Vivienda 2020.

EARNINGS

Distribution of employed population 12 years and over who speak indigenous language by earnings¹
(percentage)



¹ Expressed in minimum monthly salary (mms).

Note: Percentage distribution does not add up to 100% because the value of *Not specified* is not plotted.

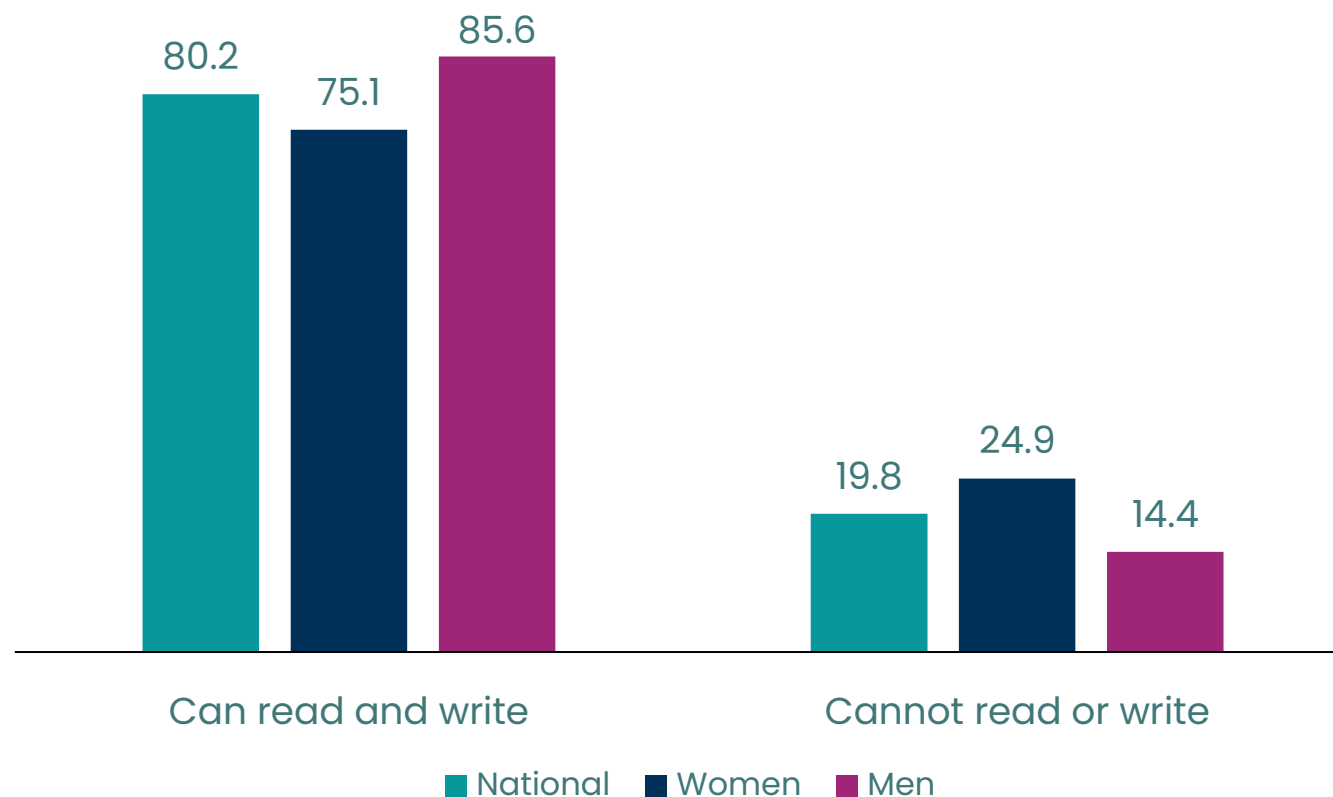
Source: INEGI. Censo de Población y Vivienda 2020.

EDUCATION

- **1.3 millions** indigenous language speakers cannot read or write.



Population 12 years and over speaking indigenous language by reading-writing ability, and sex
(percentage)



EDUCATION

**National gap
according to
indigenous language**

3.8 years

**Male gap according to
indigenous language**

3.4 years

**Female gap according
to indigenous
language**

4.2 years

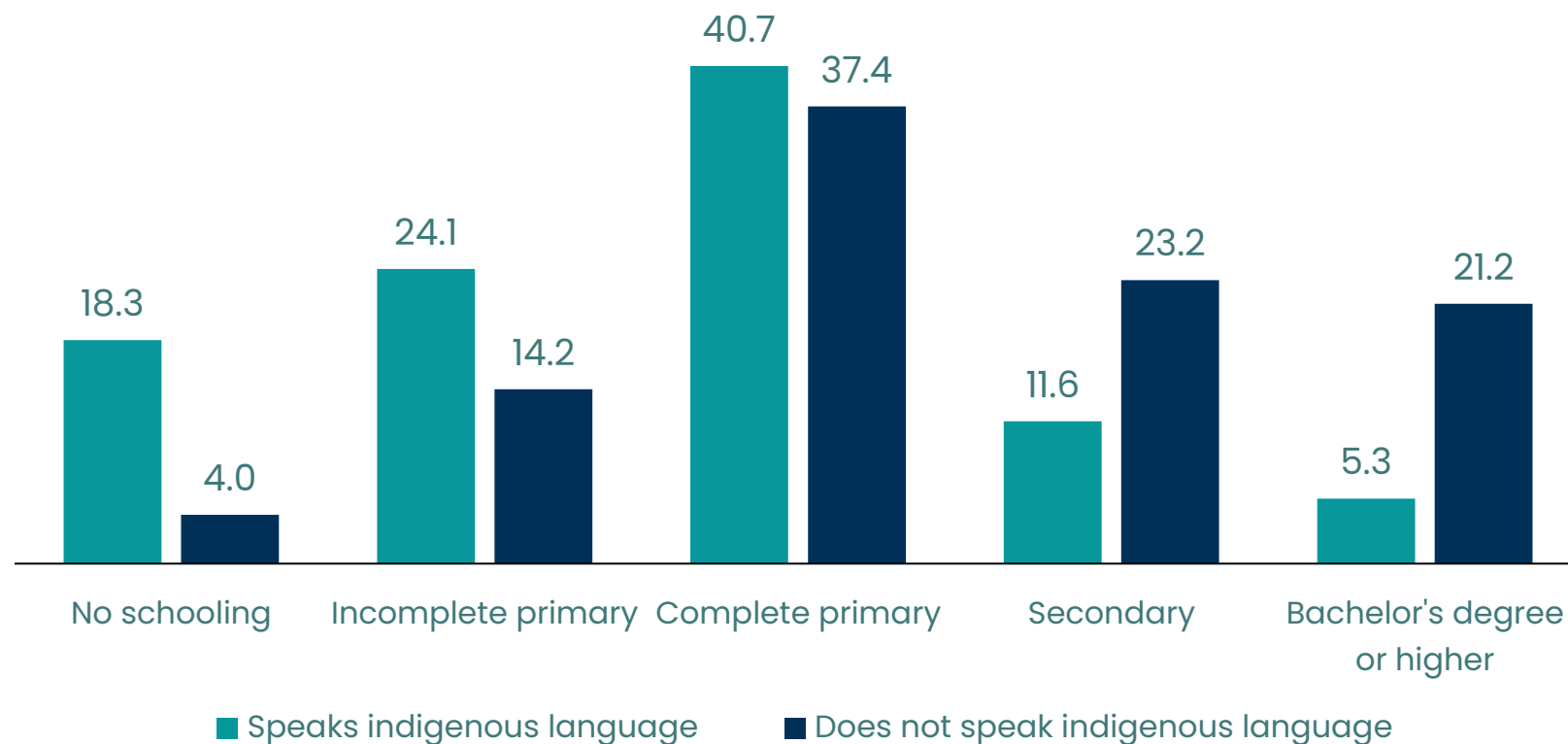
**Average level of schooling of the population 15 years and over
according to indigenous language spoken and sex**



Source: INEGI. Censo de Población y Vivienda 2020.

EDUCATION ATTAINMENT

Distribution of population 12 years and over according to indigenous language spoken and educational level
(percentage)



Source: INEGI. Censo de Población y Vivienda 2020.

National System of Statistical and Geographic Information (SNIEG, in Spanish)



It has subsystems whose objective is to **produce**, integrate and **disseminate** *Information of National Interest*. One of them:

National Subsystem of Demographic and Social Information (SNIDS, in Spanish)

Each subsystem is made up of an Executive Committee and **Specialized Technical Committees**.

...must have a certain information infrastructure, **Key Indicators** to be produced and the **sources** from which it will obtain, with the support of the **States Units**, the basic information for these indicators.

SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

Guidelines for the collection of statistical data on the indigenous population are promoted within the Committees. Some of the work **carried out** during **2024**:

STC on **Disability Information** and STC **Sectoral in Health**

- Promotes the collection of statistical data such **indigenous communities** or **spoken indigenous languages**.
- It is collected in Birth, Death and Fetal Death **Certificates**.
- INEGI provided technical support in the creation of the **first national Electronic Certificate of Disability**.

STC on **Population and Demographic Dynamics**

- Promotes the collection of information on the **indigenous population** on mobility and international migration issues.



STC on **Educational Information**

- Work to create the **Continuous Education Statistics System** with information from the **911 Form**. This format captures basic statistical information, such as student body and personnel.
- The information on the student body includes the **number of indigenous language speakers**.

STC on **Information on the Integral Protection of the Rights of Children and Adolescents**

- Participation in the updating of indicators on children and adolescents, which are presented with disaggregation by sex, age, schooling, indigenous status, among other topics.



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