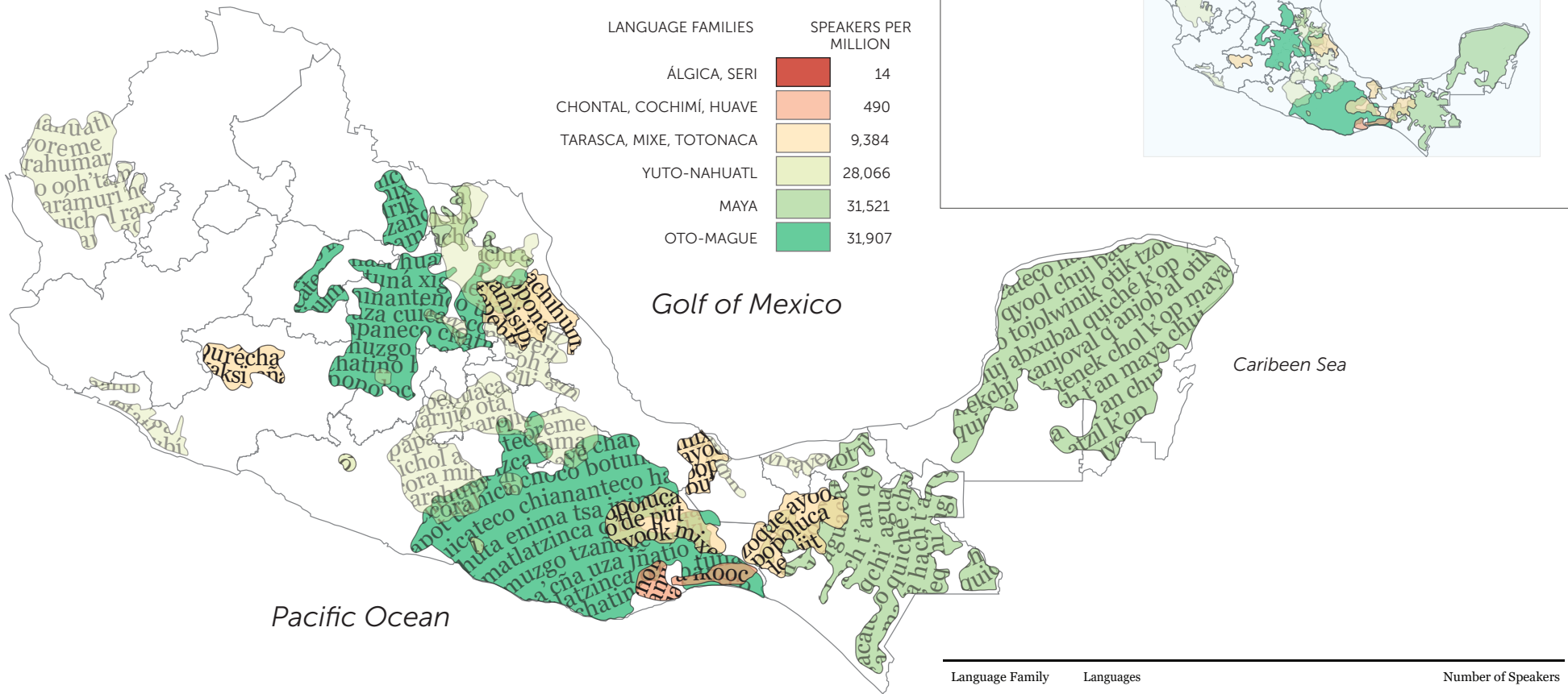


THE LANGUAGES OF MEXICO



Castilian (Spanish) along with at least 62 distinct indigenous languages (from eleven different families) are spoken in Mexico. Some have few speakers and likely will become extinct.

A language family is a group of related languages that developed from a common historic ancestor. The family of Indo-European languages includes languages such as English, Farsi, German, Greek, Russian, Bengali and Castilian.

Language Family	Languages	Number of Speakers
Álgica	kikapí,	580
Seri	konkaak	910
Chontal- Oaxaca	sljuala xanuk	13,000
Cochimí - yumana	kwa'ala, kumiaí , cucapá, k'olew, cochimi	14,930
Huave	huave	23,000
Tarasca	purépecha	204,000
Mixe-zoque	mixe , o'de piüt, popoluca	345,000
Totonaca	totonaca, tepehua	427,000
Yuto -Nahuatl	nahuatl, tarahumara, mayo, huichol, tepehuacán, cora, yaqui, guarijio, pima, pápago	2,918,870
Maya	teco, aguacateco, lacandón, fixil, motozintleco, cakchiquel, quiché, abxubal, q'eqchi', chuj , qyool, q'anjob'al, yokot'an, tojolabal, chol, tzotzil, tzetzal, maya, tének	3,278,200
Oto -mangue	zapoteco, ñuu savi , otomi, mazateco, mazahua, chinanteco, tlapaneco, chatino, amuzgo, triqui, popoloca, cuicateco, xigüe, uza, botuná, chocho, tlahuica , ixcateco	3,318,220