

Registry of Peoples

WHAT's NEW in ROP Release (14 December 2022)?

The latest release of the Registry of Peoples (ROP) includes 12,673 Active ROP3 codes:

739 ROP3 People Group codes have been added to account for new research and alignment of ethnic entities in major research databases. See Change History Type C (Created)

538 ROP3 People Group codes have undergone PeopleName changes, either regularizing name forms or reflecting an ethnonym as opposed to the language name. See Change History Type U (Updated).

5 ROP3 People Group codes that were previously retired have been reactivated reflecting ongoing research that shows groups once thought to have been extinct to still exist within at least one partner people group list. See Change History Type Q (Reactivated)

2,457 ROP3 People Group codes have been assigned a new ROP2 People Cluster code. See Change History Type P (Changed Cluster). Much of this change reflects reconfiguration of Clusters assigned to the South Asian Peoples Affinity Bloc.

Descriptions have been added or updated in the memo field of tblROP3people for **1,232** codes to assist code users in more accurately applying the codes.

This release reflects the adoption of **ROP2.5 Kinship Group**, a new grouping level between **ROP3 People** and **ROP2 People Cluster**. ROP 2.5 attempts to define ἔθνη (ethne) at the highest common level, understanding that major people group lists tend to start with the same people at the highest level but diverge in their application of ethnolinguistic, ethnoreligious, or ethnocultural subdivisions within their people group lists. a new, that provides

ROP data is available as a web service that updates as frequently as changes are made to the data. The url is <https://gis.imb.org/arcgis/rest/services/LIVE/ROP/MapServer>.

WHAT's NEW in ROP Release 20 (18 August 2020)?

Release 20 of the Registry of Peoples (ROP) includes 12,537 Active ROP3 codes:

214 ROP3 People Group codes have been added to account for new research and alignment of ethnic entities in major research databases. See Change History Type C (Created)

12 ROP3 People Group codes have undergone PeopleName changes, either regularizing name forms or reflecting an ethnonym as opposed to the language name. See Change History Type U (Updated).

2,616 ROP3 People Group codes have been assigned a new ROP2 People Cluster code. See Change History Type P (Changed Cluster).

Annotations have been added or updated in the memo field of tblROP3people for **434** codes to assist code users in more accurately applying the codes.

Data for this release is delivered in two downloadable formats: tab delimited text and Microsoft Access database. Users may contact the [ROP Editor](#) for assistance with other data formats.

Additionally, ROP data is available as a web service that updates as frequently as ROP data changes are processed. The url is <https://gis.imb.org/arcgis/rest/services/LIVE/ROP/MapServer>.

WHAT's NEW in ROP Release 19 (19 August 2019)?

Release 19 of the Registry of Peoples (ROP) includes 12,502 Active ROP3 codes:

74 ROP3 People Group codes have been added to account for new research and alignment of ethnic entities in major research databases. See Change History Type C (Created)

5 ROP3 People Group codes have been retired reflecting research that the group does not exist as defined or is represented by another code. See Change History Type R (Retired).

30 ROP3 People Group codes have undergone PeopleName changes, either regularizing name forms or reflecting an ethnonym as opposed to the language name. See Change History Type U (Updated).

2 ROP3 People Group codes that were previously retired have been reactivated reflecting ongoing research that shows groups once thought to have been extinct to still exist within at least one partner people group list. See Change History Type Q (Reactivated)

2 ROP3 People Group code has been assigned a new ROP2 People Cluster code. See Change History Type P (Changed Cluster).

Annotations have been added or updated in the memo field of [tblROP3people](#) for **102** codes to assist code users in more accurately applying the codes.

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WHAT's NEW in ROP Release 18 (8 June 2018)?

Release 18 of the Registry of Peoples (ROP) includes 12,432 ROP3 codes:

191 ROP3 People Group codes have been added to account for new research and alignment of ethnic entities in major research databases. See Change History Type C (Created)

9 ROP3 People Group codes have been retired reflecting research that the group does not exist as defined or is represented by another code. See Change History Type R (Retired).

22 ROP3 People Group codes have undergone PeopleName changes, either regularizing name forms or reflecting an ethnonym as opposed to the language name. See Change History Type U (Updated).

1 ROP3 People Group code has been assigned a new ROP2 People Cluster code. See Change History Type P (Changed Cluster).

Annotations have been added or updated in the memo field of [tblROP3people](#) for **237** codes to assist code users in more accurately applying the codes.

WHAT's NEW in ROP Release 17 (16 August 2017)?

Release 17 of the Registry of Peoples (ROP) includes 12,250 ROP3 codes:

440 ROP3 People Group codes have been added to account for new research and alignment of ethnic entities in major research databases. See Change History Type C (Created)

18 ROP3 People Group codes have been retired reflecting research that the group does not exist as defined or is represented by another code. See Change History Type R (Retired).

24 ROP3 People Group codes have undergone PeopleName changes, either regularizing name forms or reflecting an ethnonym as opposed to the language name. See Change History Type U (Updated). **19 ROP3 People Group codes that were previously retired have been reactivated** reflecting ongoing research that shows groups once thought to have been extinct to still exist within at least one partner people group list. See Change History Type Q (Reactivated)

10 ROP3 People Group codes have been assigned a new ROP2 People Cluster code. See Change History Type P (Changed Cluster).

Annotations have been added or updated in the memo field of [tblROP3people](#) for **595** codes to assist code users in more accurately applying the codes.

WHAT's NEW in ROP Release 16.1 (1 August 2016)?

Release 16.1 of the Registry of Peoples (ROP) includes 11,809 ROP3 codes:

338 ROP3 People Group codes have been added to account for new research and alignment of ethnic entities in major research databases. See Change History Type C (Created)

74 ROP3 People Group codes have been retired reflecting research that the group does not exist as defined or is represented by another code. See Change History Type R (Retired).

102 ROP3 People Group codes have undergone PeopleName changes, either regularizing name forms or reflecting an ethnonym as opposed to the language name. See Change History Type U (Updated). **18 ROP3 People Group codes that were previously retired have been reactivated** reflecting ongoing research that shows groups once thought to have been extinct to still exist within at least one partner people group list. See Change History Type Q (Reactivated)

4 ROP3 People Group codes have been assigned a new ROP2 People Cluster code. See Change History Type P (Changed Cluster).

Annotations have been added or updated in the memo field of [tblROP3people](#) for **2,635** codes to assist code users in more accurately applying the codes, marking another milestone in the development of ROP as all 11,809 codes now contain descriptive comments in the Memo field.

WHAT's NEW in ROP Release 16 (15 January 2016)?

Release 16 of the Registry of Peoples (ROP) includes 11,527 ROP3 codes:

220 ROP3 People Group codes have been added to account for new research and alignment of ethnic entities in major research databases. See Change History Type C (Created)

877 ROP3 People Group codes have been retired reflecting research that the group does not exist as defined or is represented by another code. See Change History Type R (Retired).

121 ROP3 People Group codes have undergone PeopleName changes, either regularizing name forms or reflecting an ethnonym as opposed to the language name. See Change History Type U (Updated). **5**

ROP3 People Group codes have been assigned a new ROP2 People Cluster code. See Change History Type P (Changed Cluster).

Annotations have been added or updated in the memo field of tblROP3people for **1,108** codes to assist code users in more accurately applying the codes; **1,242** of the current 11,527 people group codes (10.77%) still contain no descriptive comments in the Memo field. This issue will continue to be addressed in future releases.

WHAT's NEW in ROP Release 15 (15 January 2015)?

Release 15 of the Registry of Peoples (ROP) includes 12,180 ROP3 codes:

189 ROP3 People Group codes have been added to account for new research and alignment of ethnic entities in major research databases. See Change History Type C (Created)

23 ROP3 People Group codes have been retired reflecting research that the group does not exist as defined or is represented by another code. See Change History Type R (Retired).

34 ROP3 People Group codes have undergone PeopleName changes, either regularizing name forms or reflecting an ethnonym as opposed to the language name. See Change History Type U (Updated).

1 ROP3 People Group code has been assigned a different ROP2 People Cluster code. See Change History Type P (Changed Cluster).

Annotations have been added or updated in the memo field of tblROP3people for **2,182** codes to assist code users in more accurately applying the codes; **2,115** of the current 12,180 people group codes (17.36%) still contain no descriptive comments in the Memo field. This issue will continue to be addressed in future releases.

WHAT's NEW in ROP Release 14 (15 January 2014)?

Release 14 of the Registry of Peoples (ROP) includes 12,013 ROP3 codes:

603 ROP3 People Group codes have been added to account for new research and alignment of ethnic entities in major research databases. See Change History Type C (Created)

20 ROP3 People Group codes have been retired reflecting research that the group does not exist as defined or is represented by another code. See Change History Type R (Retired).

58 ROP3 People Group codes have undergone PeopleName changes, either regularizing name forms or reflecting an ethnonym as opposed to the language name. See Change History Type U (Updated).

4 ROP3 People Group codes have been assigned a different ROP2 People Cluster code. See Change History Type P (Changed Cluster).

Annotations have been added or updated in the memo field of [tblROP3people](#) for **2,255** codes to assist code users in more accurately identifying the code that describes the people group in their list; however, **4,011** of the current 12,013 people group codes (33.38%) still contain no descriptive comments in the Memo field. This issue will continue to be addressed in future releases.

WHAT's NEW in ROP Release 13 (24 July 2013)?

Release 13 of the Registry of Peoples (ROP) includes the following enhancements and edits:

51 ROP3 People Group codes have been added to account for new research and alignment of ethnic entities in major research databases. See Change History Type C (Created)

7 ROP3 People Group codes have been retired reflecting research that the group does not exist as defined or is represented by another code. See Change History Type R (Retired).

12 ROP3 People Group codes have undergone PeopleName changes, either regularizing name forms or reflecting an ethnonym as opposed to the language name. See Change History Type U (Updated).

Annotations have been added or updated in the memo field of [tblROP3people](#) for 165 codes to assist code users in more accurately identifying the code that describes the people group in their list; however, 5,611 of the current 11,431 people group codes (49.08%) still contain no descriptive comments in the Memo field. This issue will continue to be addressed in future releases.

WHAT's NEW in ROP Release 12.1 (25 October 2012)?

Release 12.1 of the Registry of Peoples (ROP) includes the following enhancements and edits:

196 ROP3 People Group codes have been added to account for new research and alignment of ethnic entities in major research databases. See Change History Type C (Created)

47 ROP3 People Group codes have been retired reflecting research that the group does not exist as defined or is represented by another code. See Change History Type R (Retired).

170 ROP3 People Group codes have undergone PeopleName changes, either regularizing name forms or reflecting an ethnonym as opposed to the language name. See Change History Type U (Updated).

6 ROP3 People Group codes that were previously retired have been reactivated reflecting ongoing research that shows groups once thought to have been extinct to still exist within at least one partner people group list. **59 ROP3 People Group codes have been assigned a different ROP2 People Cluster code.** See Change History Type P (Changed Cluster).

2 ROP2 People Cluster codes have been added (C0280 Swiss, C0281 Agau).

1 ROP2 People Cluster code has been reactivated (C0005 Afar)

6 ROP2 People Cluster codes have undergone name changes (C0001 “Aborigine” changed to “Australian Aborigine”, C0005 “Afar” changed to “Afar-Saho”, C0144 “Mixteco” changed to “Mixtec”, C0229 “West China / Lolo” changed to “Other Tibeto-Burmese”, C0234 “Zapoteco” changed to “Zapotec”, C0276 “Cushitic” changed to “Sidama”)

Extensive annotations have been added to the memo field in the primary ROP3 Peoples table to assist code users in more accurately identifying the code that describes the people group in their list; however, 5,676 of the current 11,387 people group codes (49.84%) still contain no descriptive comments in the Memo field. This issue will continue to be addressed in future releases.

An enhancement to Release 12.1 is the inclusion of descriptions for each Affinity Bloc (tblROP1AffinityBloc) and People Cluster (tblROP2PeopleCluster).

WHAT's NEW in ROP Release 12 (29 March 2012)?

Release 12 of the Registry of Peoples (ROP) provides the following enhancements and edits:

427 ROP3 People Group codes have been added to account for new research and alignment of ethnic entities in major research databases. See Change History Type C (Created)

79 ROP3 People Group codes have been retired reflecting research that the group does not exist as defined or is represented by another code. See Change History Type R (Retired).

110 ROP3 People Group codes have undergone PeopleName changes, either regularizing name forms or reflecting an ethnonym as opposed to the language name. See Change History Type U (Updated). **17 ROP3 People Group codes that were previously retired have been reactivated** reflecting ongoing research that shows groups once thought to have been extinct to still exist within at least one partner people group list.

5 ROP3 People Group codes have been assigned a different ROP2 People Cluster code. See Change History Type P (Changed Cluster).

1 ROP1 Affinity Bloc code has undergone a name change (A005 from “Iranian-Median” to “PersianMedian”).

1 ROP1 Affinity Bloc code has been added (A017 – Deaf Peoples).

Extensive annotations have been added to the memo field in the primary ROP3 Peoples table to assist code users in more accurately identifying the code that describes the people group in their list; however, 6,078 of the current 11,228 people group codes (54.13%) still contain no descriptive comments in the Memo field. This issue will continue to be addressed in future releases.

WHAT's NEW in ROP Release 11 (29 July 2011)?

Release 11 of the Registry of Peoples (ROP) provides the following enhancements and edits:

45 ROP3 People Group codes have been added to account for new research and alignment of ethnic entities in major research databases. See Change History Type C (Created)

80 ROP3 People Group codes have been retired reflecting research that the group does not exist as defined or is represented by another code. See Change History Type R (Retired).

79 ROP3 People Group codes have undergone PeopleName changes, either regularizing name forms or reflecting an ethnonym as opposed to the language name. See Change History Type U (Updated).

94 ROP3 People Group codes have been assigned a different ROP2 People Cluster code. See Change History Type U (Updated).

4 ROP2 People Cluster codes have been added.

2 ROP2 People Cluster codes have been retired.

1 ROP2 People Cluster code has undergone a name change.

1 ROP1 Affinity Bloc code has undergone a name change.

Extensive annotations have been added to the memo field in the primary ROP3 Peoples table to assist code users in more accurately identifying the code that describes the people group in their list; however, 6,873 of the current 10,860 people group codes (63.3%) still contain no descriptive comments in the Memo field. This issue will be addressed in future releases.

WHAT's NEW in ROP Release 10 (23 December 2010)?

Release 10 of the Registry of Peoples (ROP) provides the following enhancements and edits **268 new people groups have been** added to account for new research and alignment of ethnic entities in major research databases. See Change History Type C (Created)

PeopleName has been changed for 25 people groups, either regularizing name forms or reflecting an ethnonym as opposed to the language name. See Change History Type U (Updated).

315 people group codes have been retired, reflecting research that the group does not exist as defined or is represented by another code. See Change History Type R (Retired).

Extensive annotations have been added to the memo field in the primary ROP3 Peoples table to assist code users in more accurately identifying the code that describes the people group in their list.

WHAT's NEW in ROP Release 9 (31 August 2010)?

Release 9 of the Registry of Peoples (ROP) provides the following enhancements and edits **343 new people groups have been added** to account for new research and alignment of ethnic entities in major research databases. See Change History Type C (Created)

PeopleName has been changed for 93 people groups, either regularizing name forms or reflecting an ethnonym as opposed to the language name. See Change History Type U (Updated).

94 people group codes have been retired, reflecting research that the group does not exist as defined or is represented by another code. See Change History Type R (Retired).

Four new fields have been added to ROP3 Peoples:

ROP2 – provides a link to tblROP2PeopleCluster

CultureID – contains the World Christian Encyclopedia EthnoCulture Code

PLOC – contains the Country name for a people group found primarily in a single country and provides the United Nations Sub-Region (m49) name for a people group found in multiple countries.

PROL – contains the ROL code for the Primary Language spoken by a people group in their primary location.

Two new tables have been added to the ROP to integrate Affinity Bloc and People Cluster with People Group. Each People Group relates to other similar People Groups within a People Cluster. And each People Cluster relates to other similar People Clusters within an Affinity Bloc: tblROP2PeopleCluster links to ROP3 Peoples to identify the People Cluster to which each People Group naturally relates.

tblROP1AffinityBloc links to tblROP2PeopleCluster to identify the Affinity Bloc to which each People Cluster naturally relates.

Extensive annotations have been added to the memo field in the primary ROP3 Peoples table to assist code users in more accurately identifying the code that describes the people group in their list.

WHAT's NEW in ROP Release of 10 November 2009?

The 10 November 2009 Release of the Registry of Peoples (ROP) provides the following enhancements and edits Many new people groups have been added to account for new research and alignment of ethnic entities in major research databases. See Change History Type C (Created)

New Registry of Language (ROL) Codes have been added to account for new language research as presented in Edition 16 of *The Ethnologue*.

ROL Codes representing Edition 14 and 15 of *The Ethnologue* are included to assist in correlating to the new codeset and resolving entity adjustments related to language. A large set of entities have not yet been resolved. Suggestions from users will be welcomed. Resolutions to fully update entities to the latest codes and realignments related to language identity will continue.

Further regularization and rationalization of entities and entity names in clusters has continued at a more local focus, uncovering some duplicates and anomalies in small or isolated ethnic entities. This mainly corrects listings from contributing databases that may have been missed in higher-level correlations in earlier rounds of editing. For name changes and new or renamed entities, see Change History Type U (Updated).

New Alternate Names have been added to further correlate peoples listed under varying names by different sources. If related to a change in the primary name of the ROP entity, this will be noted in Change History Type C (Updated).

Some codes retired as duplicates or overlaps of other entities, or unverifiable. See Change History Type R (Retired).

We have added further annotation in memo fields to assist in tracking and documentation of these major edits and documents entries, changes and anomalies discovered among sources. Memos explain significant findings or correlations, that will assist users to clarify entities and account for discrepancies among sources.

WHAT's NEW in ROP Release of 06 April 2005?

Errors in several clusters were corrected involving name confusion in source info, within stated groups and similar names in different countries or continents of unrelated groups.

Han Chinese entities worldwide have been reviewed and regularized, overcoming most differences between contributing sources, and regularizing entries by nation and mother tongue.

Name regularization: Regularization and rationalization of entities and entity names in clusters, such as Arab, Pashtun (Pathan, Pashto), Malinke (Mandika, Maninka), Kurd, Bobo and Bwamu, Albanian. Providing similar names enables users to overcome inconsistencies between sources' name forms, easing searching, sorting and querying. For name changes, see Change History Type U (Updated).

16 new codes added to account for peoples erroneously included by sources with other peoples. See Change History Type C (Created).

38 codes retired as duplicates or overlaps of other entities, or unverifiable. See Change History Type R (Retired).

Extensive annotation in memo fields provides tracking and documentation of these major edits and documents entries, changes and anomalies discovered among sources. Memos explain significant findings or correlations, that will assist users to clarify entities and account for discrepancies among sources.

Language and dialect errors from sources identified and corrected.

WHAT's NEW in ROP Release of 28 September 2004?

Extensive verification has occurred on Geopolitical records

Name regularization: Major entities *Romany* and related and *Arab* entities have been reviewed and clarified, removing much overlap and duplication from sources. Similar name regularization has occurred with many other entities, easing searching, sorting and querying.

Many instances of similarly-named entities confused in sources have been clarified with the addition of new ROP entities, removal of some, and extensive notation in the Memo fields to clarify and track history of records.

WHAT's NEW in ROP Release of 11 March 2004?

A field for *Edit Date* has been added to all tables. All edits since Release 3 (May 2003) are now dated. Extensive *documentation and cross-referencing information* added in *memo fields* all tables clarifies many entries. Identification of *duplicate and overlapping entries* from disparate sources has greatly enhanced the authoritative validity of the Registry.

More provisional 116000 series codes have been *resolved*, most retired as redundant, a few verified and renumbered in the 114000 series as documented in Change History.

Added more *new entries* for some entities incorrectly combined in sources with others of the same or similar name.

Many *double names* from sources (<main name>, <alternate name>) changed to single name, as documented in Change History.

Most South Asia people names designated by numbers (<name 1>, <name 2>, etc.) have been updated from field sources to (<name, Sikh>, <name, Hindu>, etc.), as documented in Change History.

Name-form *regularization* has continued, to ease sorting and searching on related entries. All such changes are documented in Change History.

More erroneous language codes from sources have been corrected in the table ROP Geopolitical Language Index. More secondary languages are shown to better represent functional multi-lingual situations.

Some further edits to dialect code assignments; several errors from source databases have now been removed.

Some new language codes assigned by SIL which do not appear in the online version of the Ethnologue have been added to the table ROP Supplemental Language Data.

WHAT's NEW in ROP Release of 05 May 2003?

An extensive Change History is included, documenting any change to a code or the recommended name of an entity.

Extensive *memo fields* have been added in all tables to clarify many entries.

Extensive *duplicate records* have been *removed* (codes retired). Most of these occurred due to entries of the same entity from different sources under a different name.

Many provisional 116000 series codes have been *resolved*, most retired as redundant, a few verified and renumbered in the 114000 series as documented in Change History.

Added *new entries* for many entities incorrectly combined with others of the same or similar name. Added *new entries* for some entities in updates from sources.

Regularizing of many entries with multiple name, ex. "Apache, ...," "Arab, ...," to ease sorting and searching on related entries. This name regularization will be ongoing throughout the database. All such changes are documented in Change History.

Many populations in the table ROP Supplementary Data were updated or corrected from major sources.

Singularizing of some plural forms. The standard form of entry will be the singular form.

Extensive *additions* were made to the Alternate Names table to assist in cross-referencing.

Mexico data was *extensively revised*, eliminating multiple duplicates of many entities under different names.

Significant updates have been made to the critical table ROP Geopolitical Language Index to better identify the real-life situation of ethnic entities in their country-language setting. The processes described here will continue on an ongoing basis through the body of the database.

Hundreds of entries marked Language Unknown (Code XXX) have been resolved to their correct language codes. See the ROP Supplemental Language Code table for codes assigned where language family is known but insufficient research has been done for the Ethnologue to have yet assigned a specific code. Many erroneous language codes have been corrected.

Most codes for extinct language have been updated to the correct languages currently spoken by the respective peoples.

Many edits to Primary and Secondary language code assignments to better represent the current language usage patterns. Multiple secondary language codes have been added where applicable.

Extensive edits to dialect code assignments, especially where dialects, as analyzed in the Ethnologue, are related to separate ethnic entities.

Eliminated many duplicate records of the same entity from multiple sources. This process is ongoing as blocks of related data are reviewed.

