

Some large Mexican languages with endangered dialects:
Contacts and preliminary survey information for New Jersey
(from Bill Westerman) and Jackson Heights

1. Mixe

Mixe speaker, - what dialect?? Even so, number of Mixe speakers seems to be increasing. Moseley reports (p.203) 74,083 total speakers in 1991 and 95,264 in 1993 (INEGI). Dialects of Mixe might be endangered, but overall the language is not.

Mixe is a fragmented language group in the state of Oaxaca, usually divided into four or more dialects. Mixe-Zoque family, Mixean branch.

Mixe, Coatlán

[mco] 5,000 (1993 SIL). All Mixe languages: 90,000 (1993 SIL). East central Oaxaca, including Coatlán, Camotlán, San José, Santa Isabel, Ixcuintepéc. Alternate names: Southeastern Mixe. Dialects: Coatlán Mixe, Camotlán Mixe. Classification: Mixe-Zoque, Mixe, Eastern Mixe

Mixe, Isthmus

[mir] 20,000 (1990 SIL). Northeast Oaxaca, throughout San Juan Guichicovi Municipality, near Veracruz border, Isthmus of Tehuantepec. 3 towns. Alternate names: Eastern Mixe, Guichicovi Mixe, Mixe del Istmo. Classification: Mixe-Zoque, Mixe, Eastern Mixe

Mixe, Juquila

[mxq] 8,000 (2002 SIL). East central Oaxaca, Juquila, Quetzaltepec, Ocotepéc municipality, 1 or 2 other towns. Alternate names: South Central Mixe. Dialects: Juquila Mixe, Ocotepéc Mixe. Classification: Mixe-Zoque, Mixe, Eastern Mixe

Mixe, Mazatlán

[mzl] 19,200 (2000). East Oaxaca. 7 towns. Alternate names: East Central Mixe, Tutla Mixe. Classification: Mixe-Zoque, Mixe, Eastern Mixe

Mixe, North Central

[neq] 13,000 (2002 SIL). Ethnic population: 13,000 (2002 SIL). Northeast Oaxaca, northeast part of the Mixe District, several towns, including those listed as dialects. Alternate names: Atitlán Mixe, Mixe de Atitlán, Northeastern Mixe. Dialects: Mixe de San Juan Cotzocón, Zacatepec, Puxmetecán, Olotepéc, Mixistlan, Cotzocón Mixe, Atitlán Mixe. Classification: Mixe-Zoque, Mixe, Eastern Mixe

Mixe, Quetzaltepec

[pxm] 6,700 (2000 census). Northeast Oaxaca, northeastern part of the Mixe District, several towns including those listed as dialects. Alternate names: Central Mixe. Classification: Mixe-Zoque, Mixe, Eastern Mixe

Mixe, Tlahuitoltepec

[mxp] 5,000 (1991 SIL). Northeast Oaxaca; central Oaxaca, around Albarradas Zapoteco. 3 towns. Alternate names: West Central Mixe. Classification: Mixe-Zoque, Mixe, Western Mixe

Mixe, Totontepec

[mto] 5,200 (1990 census). 870 monolinguals. Northeast Oaxaca, north of Zacatepec. 10 towns. Alternate names: Ayuk, Northwestern Mixe. Dialects: Most distinct Mixe variety. 89% intelligibility with Acatepec Tlapanec [tpx], 79% with Alotepec, 72% with Tlahuitoltepec [mxp], 70% with Mixistlán dialect of North Central Mixe [neq]. Classification: Mixe-Zoque, Mixe, Western Mixe

2. Mixteco

Speakers of Mixteco in Edison, NJ.

Classification: Oto-Manguenan, Mixtecan, Mixtec-Cuicatec, Mixtec

Mixtec has as many as 30+ mutually unintelligible varieties.

Moseley reports (p.203) gradual increase in number of speakers, but many varieties recognized as endangered:

Endangered dialects of Mixtec (based on UNESCO):

Mixtec of San Miguel Piedras: severely endangered; 243 (2000)

Mixtec of San Pedro Tidaá: severely endangered; 384 (2000)

Mixtec of Santa Cruz Itundujia: definitely endangered; 861 (2000)

Mixtec of Santa Inés de Zaragoza: definitely endangered; 775 (2000)

Mixtec of the central Ravine: definitely endangered; 1,878 (2000)

Mixtec of the northeast lowlands: severely endangered; 220 (2000)

Mixtec of the Puebla-Oaxaca border: definitely endangered; 3,791 (2000)

Mixtec of the southwest of Puebla: definitely endangered; 1,074 (2000)

Mixtec of Tlaltetman: definitely endangered; 19 (2000)

Mixtec of Villa de Tututepec: definitely endangered; 1,019 (2000)

Mixtec of Zapotitlán: severely endangered; 396 (2000)

Dialects with fewest speakers (under 2,000) from Ethnologue:

Mixtec, Cacaloxtepec

[miu] 850 (1990 census). 100 monolinguals. Ethnic population: 1,254. Oaxaca, Santiago Cacaloxtepec town. Alternate names: Huajuapán Mixtec, Mixteco de Cacaloxtepec. Dialects: 59% intelligibility with Silacayoapan [mks] (most similar).

Mixtec, Chigmecatitlán

[mii] 1,600 (1990 census). 273 monolinguals (1990). Puebla, due south of Puebla City, halfway to Oaxaca border, Santa Catarina Tlaltetman. Alternate names: Central Puebla Mixtec, Mixteco de Santa María Chigmecatitlán. Dialects: 23% intelligibility with Chazumba [mit] (Southern

Puebla is most similar). An ‘island’ of Mixtec surrounded by Popoloca and Nahuatl varieties. Low intelligibility with all Mixtec; very different.

Mixtec, Itundujia

[mce] 1,080 (1990 census). 33 monolinguals. Oaxaca, Putla District, southwest of Yosondúa, southeast of Putla. Most in Morelos and Guerrero villages. Alternate names: Eastern Putla Mixtec, Mixteco de Santa Cruz Itundujia. Dialects: 60% intelligibility with Yosondúa [mpm], 59% with Chalcatongo, 25% with San Martín Peras, 15% with Amoltepec [mbz], 12% with Zacatepec [mza], 10% with San Esteban Atatláhuca [mib], Nuyoo, 0% with Ixtayutla [vmj].

Mixtec, Mitlatongo

[ymm] 1,800 (1994 SIL). Oaxaca, Nochixtlán, Santiago Mitlatongo, Santa Cruz Mitlatongo. Alternate names: Mixteco de Mitlatongo. Dialects: 70% intelligibility with Yutanduchi [mab], 56% with Peñoles [mil], 54% with San Juan Tamazola, 43% with Teita, 10% with Nuxaá, 8% with Diuxi [xtd].

Mixtec, San Juan Teita

[xtj] 570 (2002). Oaxaca, Tlaxiaco District, southeast of Tlaxiaco, San Juan Teita town. Alternate names: Teita Mixtec. Dialects: Santa Maria Tataltepec.

Mixtec, San Miguel Piedras

[xtp] 450 (1990 census). Ethnic population: 1,123 (1990 census). Oaxaca, Nochixtlán District. Dialects: 49% intelligibility with Estetla (Eastern), 29% with Soyaltepec [vmq], Yosondúa [mpm], 18% with Peñoles [mil], 15% with Chalcatongo, 13% with Tilantongo, 11% with Chichahua.

Mixtec, Sindihui

[xts] 140 (1990 census). West central Oaxaca. Dialects: Distinct from Yutanduchi [mab].

Mixtec, Sinicahua

[xti] 1,300 (1990 census). 400 monolinguals. Oaxaca, Tlaxiaco District, San Antonio Sinicahua, Siniyucu, Sinicahua Municipio. Alternate names: Mixteco de San Antonio Sinicahua. Dialects: 75% intelligibility with Yosoyúa, 73% with Ocotepc [mie], 72% with San Miguel el Grande [mig], and 51% with Nduaxico [xtn] (Northern Tlaxiaco Mixtec).

Mixtec, Southern Puebla

[mit] 1,330 (1990 census). 386 monolinguals. Oaxaca, southwest Puebla, Zapotitlán Palmas town. Alternate names: Acatlán Mixtec, Mixteco del Sur de Puebla. Dialects: 53% intelligibility with Cacaloxtepc [miu] (Huajuapán; most similar).

Mixtec, Soyaltepec

[vmq] 320 (1990 census). Ethnic population: 926 (1990 census). Oaxaca, Teposcolula District, San Bartolo Soyaltepec, Guadalupe Gabilera villages. Alternate names: Mixteco de San Bartolo Soyaltepec. Dialects: 28% intelligibility with Tilantongo [xtd], 25% with Ñumí [xtn], 23% with Apoala [mip].

Mixtec, Tacahua

[xtt] 580 (1990 census). 78 monolinguals. Oaxaca, Tlaxiaco District, east of Yosondúa, southeast of San Miguel el Grande. Alternate names: Mixteco de Santa Cruz Tacahua.

Mixtec, Tidaá

[mtx] 550 (1990 census). Ethnic population: 900 (1990 census). Oaxaca. Alternate names: Mixteco de Tidaá, North Central Nochixtlán Mixtec. Dialects: 60% intelligibility with Peñoles [mil] (Eastern) (most similar); Nuxaá is similar.

Mixtec, Tututepec

[mtu] 820 (1990 census). Ethnic population: 30,046 (1990 census). Oaxaca. San Pedro Tututepec, Santa María Acatepec, Santa Cruz Tututepec, other towns. Alternate names: Mixteco de San Pedro Tututepec. Dialects: Santa María Acatepec. 61% intelligibility with Ixtayutla [vmj] (most similar), 50% with Pinotepa [mio].

Mixtec, Yucuañe

[mvg] 520 (2000 census). 88 monolinguals. Oaxaca, northeast Tlaxiaco District, San Bartolomé Yucuañe. Many work in D.F. and USA. Alternate names: Mixteco de San Bartolomé Yucuañe. Dialects: 87% intelligibility with San Cristóbal Amoltepec [mbz], 86% with Yosoyúa, 85% of Magdalena Peñasco [xtm], 64% of Teita [xtj], 60% of Nduaxico [xtn] (Northern Tlaxiaco Mixtec), 56% of Tlacotepec [xtm]. 2 dialects in San Agustín Tlacotepec.

Mixtec, Yutanduchi

[mab] 1,800 (1990 census). 38 monolinguals. Oaxaca, Nochixtlán District, Yutanduchi de Guerrero. Alternate names: Mixteco de Yutanduchi, Southern Nochixtlán Mixtec. Dialects: 49% intelligibility with Estetla (Eastern), 48% with San Juan Tamazola [vmx], 20% with Yosondúa [mpm] and Soyaltepec [vmq], 36%–18% with Peñoles [mil], 15% with Chalcatongo, 13% with Tilantongo [xtd].

In short, dialects above are those that one would be interested in targeting for language work.

3. Zapotec

Zapotec speakers in south Jersey, including Brigdeton, other spots in Cumberland and Atlantic Counties.

Classification: Oto-Manguean, Zapotecan, Zapotec

Zapotec has as many as 40+ mutually unintelligible varieties.

Moseley reports (p.208) total of 403,457 sp in Mexico in 1990.

Endangered varieties of Zapotec (based on UNESCO):

Zapotec of Asunción Tlacolulita: critically endangered; 53 (2000)

Zapotec of Mixtepe: critically endangered; 14 (2000)

Zapotec of Petapa: definitely endangered; 4,613 (2000)
Zapotec of San Antonino el Alto: definitely endangered; 504 (2000)
Zapotec of San Bartolo Yautepec: severely endangered; 246 (2000)
Zapotec of San Felipe Tejalapan: critically endangered; 50 (2000)
Zapotec of the Southern mountains, eastern lowlands: definitely endangered; 420 (2000)
Zapotec of the Southern mountains, northeast: definitely endangered; 849 (2000)
Zapotec of the Southern mountains, northwest lowlands: definitely endangered; 164
Zapotec of the Valleys north: severely endangered; 1,303 (2000)
Zapotec of the Valleys, central: severely endangered; 257 (2000)
Zapotec of the Valleys, middle northwest: definitely endangered; 20,448 (2000)
Zapotec of the Valleys, west: definitely endangered; 211 (2000)
Zapotec of Zimatlán de Álvarez: definitely endangered; 562 (2000)

Dialects with fewest speakers (under 1,000) from Ethnologue:

****Zapotec, Asunción Mixtepec**

[zoo] 100 (1990 census). Ethnic population: 2,476 (1990 census). Central Oaxaca, southwest of Oaxaca City, Asunción Mixtepec and another town. Alternate names: North Central Zimatlan Zapotec, Zapoteco de Asunción Mixtepec. Dialects: 22% intelligibility with Ayoquesco [zaf] (most similar) 3% with San Pedro el Alto. Nearly extinct.

Zapotec, Ayoquesco

[zaf] 880 (1990 census). 9 monolinguals. Oaxaca, Santa María Ayoquesco, Santa Cruz Nexila, San Andrés Zabache, San Martín Lachila. Alternate names: Western Ejutla Zapotec, Zapoteco de Santa María Ayoquesco. Dialects: Most similar to Ocotlán Zapotec [zac] (23% intelligibility).

Zapotec, Coatlán

[zps] 500 (1992 SIL). Southern Oaxaca near Chatino region, about 7 towns, but mainly Santo Domingo Coatlán. Alternate names: San Miguel Zapotec, Western Miahuatlán Zapotec, Zapoteco de Santa María Coatlán. Dialects: 54% intelligibility with Loxicha (most similar), 51% with San Gregorio Ozolotepec, 44% with Cuixtla, 29% with Logueche, 16% with San Juan Mixtepec, 1% with Santa Catalina Quierí

Zapotec, El Alto

[zpp] 900 (1990 census). 29 monolinguals. West Oaxaca, San Pedro el Alto, San Antonino el Alto, San Andrés el Alto. Alternate names: South Central Zimatlan Zapotec, Zapoteco de San Pedro el Alto. Dialects: 20% intelligibility with Totomachapan (most similar).

Zapotec, Elotepec

[zte] 200 (1990 census). West Oaxaca, west of Zimatlán. 1 village. Alternate names: Papabuco, Zapoteco de San Juan Elotepec. Dialects: 68% intelligibility with Santa María Zaniza [zpw] (most similar), 10% with Texmelucan [zpz].

Zapotec, Miahuatlán

[zam] 1,000 (2007 SIL). South central Oaxaca, Cuixtla. Alternate names: Zapoteco de Miahuatlán

****Zapotec, San Agustín Mixtepec**

[ztm] 59 (1994 SIL). Oaxaca, Miahuatlán, San Agustín Mixtepec. Dialects: Distinct from San Juan Mixtepec Zapotec [zpm]. Nearly extinct.

Zapotec, Santa Catarina Albarradas

[ztn] 1,000 (1990 census). Oaxaca, Santa Catarina Albarradas (also known as San Antonio Albarradas). Alternate names: Zapoteco de Santa Catarina Albarradas. Dialects: 80% intelligibility with Santo Domingo Albarradas [zas]; Santo Domingo 52% with Santa Catarina. Differences in phonology and grammar.

Zapotec, Tejalapan

[ztt] 120 (1990 census). Ethnic population: 4,656. Oaxaca, Etla District, San Felipe Tejalapan. Alternate names: Zapoteco de San Felipe Tejalapan, Zapoteco de Tejalápam. Dialects: Distinct from Santo Tomás Mazaltepec Zapotec [zpy].

Zapotec, Tlacolulita

[zpk] 140 (1990 census). Ethnic population: 904 (1990 census). East Oaxaca, Asunción Tlacolulita, San Juan Alotepec. Alternate names: Southeastern Yautepec Zapotec, Zapoteco de Asunción Tlacolulita. Dialects: 15% intelligibility with Lachixila (most similar), 10% with Mitla [zaw] and San Juan Guelavía [zab], 0% with Lachiguiri [zpa], Juchitán, Guevea de Humboldt, Petapa [zpe], San Juan Mixtepec, and Quiégolani [zpi].

***Zapotec, Totomachapan**

[zph] 260 (1990 census). Ethnic population: 1,009 (1990 census). West Oaxaca. 2 towns. Alternate names: Western Zimatlán Zapotec, Zapoteco de San Pedro Totomachapan. Dialects: No intelligibility with other Zapotec.

Zapotec, Xadani

[zax] 340 (1990 census). Oaxaca, Pochutla District, San Miguel del Puerto Municipio, Santa María Xadani. 16 towns. Alternate names: Eastern Pochutla Zapotec, Zapoteco de Santa María Xadani.

Zapotec, Yautepec

[zpb] 310 (1990 census). East Oaxaca, San Bartolo Yautepec. Alternate names: Northwestern Yautepec Zapotec, Zapoteco de San Bartolo Yautepec. Dialects: 10% intelligibility with Tlacolulita [zpk] (most similar), none with other Zapotec.

Zapotec, Zaachila

[ztx] 550 (1990 census). Ethnic population: 10,000 or more (1990 census). Oaxaca, south Oaxaca City, past Xoxo, Zaachila, San Raymundo Jalpan, San Bartolo Coyotepec, San Pablo Cuatro Venados, and Santa María Coyotepec. Alternate names: San Raymundo Jalpan Zapotec.

Dialects: 85% intelligibility with Santa Inés Yatzechi [zpn], 75% with Tilquiapan [zts], 72% with San Juan Guelavía [zab], 10% with Ocotlán [zac].

Zapotec, Zaniza

[zpw] 770 (1990 census). 4 monolinguals. West Oaxaca, Santa María Zaniza, Santiago Textitlán, Santiago Xochiltepec, El Frijol, Buenavista. Alternate names: Papabuco, Western Sola de Vega Zapotec, Zapoteco de Santa María Zaniza. Dialects: 10% intelligibility with Texmelucan [zpz] (most similar).

Zapotec, Zoogocho

[zpq] 1,000 in Mexico (1991 SIL). Population total all countries: 1,400. Oaxaca, Zoogocho, Yalina, Tabehua, Oaxaca City, Mexico City. Also in United States. Alternate names: Zapoteco de San Bartolomé Zoogocho. Dialects: Zoogocho, Yalina, Tabehua

In short, dialects above are those that one would be interested in targeting for language work.

If friend is from Teococuilco, might speak:

Zapotec, Yareni

[zae] 2,900 (2000 census). North Oaxaca. Alternate names: Etlá Zapotec, Western Ixtlán Zapotec, Zapoteco de Santa Ana Yareni, Zapoteco de Teococuilco de Marcos Pérez. Dialects: 80% intelligibility with Sierra de Juárez Zapotec [zaa]. Different from Aloapam Zapotec [zaq].

Definitely worth investigating!!

4. Chinantec

Chinantec speakers in south Jersey, in Bridgeton.

Classification: Oto-Manguean, Chinantecan

At least 14 distinct Chinantec languages. In 1980 77,087 speakers, and in 1993, 109,100 speakers. Numbers increasing (Moseley p.208).

Endangered varieties of Chinantec (based on UNESCO):

Valle Nacional Chinantec (aka Chinanteco de San Juan Bautista Valle Nacional); definitely endangered; 442 (2000)

Dialects with fewest speakers (under 2,000) from Ethnologue:

Chinantec, Tlacoatzintepec

[ctl] 2,000 (1990 census). 550 monolinguals. Oaxaca, San Juan Bautista Tlacoatzintepec, San Pedro Alianza, Santiago Quetzalapa, San Juan Zapotitlán. Dialects: 85% intelligibility with Chiltepec [csa] (most similar, lower in outlying areas), 84% with Usila [cuc], 74% with Sochiapan [cso], 15% with Tepetotutla [cnt]

Chinantec, Valle Nacional

[cvn] 1,500 (1990 census). North Oaxaca, San Juan Bautista Valle Nacional; mainly San Mateo Yetla. Dialects: 71% intelligibility with Chiltepec [csa] (most similar), 70% with Palantla [cpa], 53% with Ozumacín [chz], 40% with Tepetotutla [cnt]

In short, dialects above are those that one would be interested in targeting for language work.

5. Otomí

Otomí speaker in south Jersey, in Bridgeton.

Classification: Oto-Manguenan, Otopamean, Otomian, Otomi
9 distinct Otomi varieties recognized in Ethnologue.

Although Otomi is vigorous in some areas, with children acquiring the language through natural transmission (e.g. in the Mezquital valley of Hidalgo and in the Highlands), overall it is an endangered language. Three dialects in particular have reached moribund status: those of Ixtenco (Tlaxcala state), Santiago Tilapa (Mexico state), and Cruz del Palmar (Guanajuato state)

Endangered varieties of Otomí (based on UNESCO):

Central Otomí: definitely endangered; 84,593 (2000)
Ixtenco Otomí: severely endangered; 461 (2000)
Lower Northwestern Otomí: vulnerable; 6,509 (2000)
Mezquital Otomí: definitely endangered; 88,789 (2000)
Northwestern Otomí: (n.a.)
Ocoyoacac Otomí: severely endangered; 609 (2000)
Sierra Otomí: vulnerable; 43,468 (2000)
Tilapa Otomí: severely endangered; 292 (2000)
Western Otomí: severely endangered; 415 (2000)

Dialects with fewest speakers (under 1,000) from Ethnologue:

Otomí, Ixtenco

[otz] 740 (1990 census). 4 monolinguals (1990 census). Ethnic population: 5,356 (1990 census). Tlaxcala, San Juan Bautista Ixtenco. Alternate names: Southeastern Otomí. Dialects: 41% intelligibility with Estado De México Otomi [ots] (most similar), 23% with Mezquital [ote] and Eastern Highland Otomi [otm], 22% with Tenango Otomi [otn].

Otomí, Tilapa

[otl] 400 (1990 census). State of Mexico, Santiago Tilapa, between Mexico, D.F. and Toluca

In short, dialects above are those that one would be interested in targeting for language work.

6. Mazateco

Speaker in Jackson Heights, Queens. From: Agua de Cedro en el Municipio de San José Tenango, Oaxaca.

= **Higher Reservoir Mazatec** (UNESCO): vulnerable; 20,665 (Census 2000)

Location(s): Municipalities of San José Tenango and San José Independencia in the state of Oaxaca

Classification: Oto-Manguéan, Popolocan, Mazatecan

9 distinct Mazatec varieties recognized in Ethnologue. The only one with under 3,000 speakers is:

Mazatec, Chiquihuitlán

[maq] 2,500 (1990 census). 340 monolinguals. Oaxaca. Alternate names: Mazateco de San Juan Chiquihuitlán. Dialects: 47% intelligibility with Huautla [mau] (most similar), 37% with Ayautla [vmy], 29% with Soyaltepec [vmp], 20% with Ixcatlán [mzi].

Endangered varieties of Mazatec (based on UNESCO):

Acatepec Mazatec: vulnerable; 1,038 (2000)

Ayautla Mazatec: vulnerable; 3,192 (2000)

Chilchotla Mazatec: vulnerable; 20,585 (2000)

Chiquihuitlán Mazatec: definitely endangered; 1,502

Eloxochitlán Mazatec: vulnerable; 3,384 (2000)

Higher Reservoir Mazatec: vulnerable; 20,665 (2000)

Highland Mazatec: vulnerable; 33,859 (2000)

Huehuetlán Mazatec: vulnerable; 1,169 (2000)

Ixcatlán Mazatec: vulnerable; 8,593 (2000)

Lowland Mazatec: vulnerable; 18,389 (2000)

Mazatlán Mazatec: vulnerable; 12,340 (2000)

Ocopetatlillo Mazatec: vulnerable; 757 (2000)

Puebla Mazatec: vulnerable; 4,660 (2000)

Soyaltepec Mazatec: vulnerable; 27,524 (2000)

Tecóatl Mazatec: vulnerable; 1,300 (2000)

Western Mazatec: vulnerable; 6,639 (2000)

7. Tlapaneco

Speaker in Jackson Heights, Queens. From: Acatepec, Guerrero

= **SW of Northern Tlapanec, NW of Central Tlapanec** (UNESCO):

= **Me'phaa, Acatepec**

[tpx] 54,000 (2007 SIL). 15,000 monolinguals. Guerrero, southwest of Tlapa de Comonfort. Larger towns include Acatepec Municipality: Acatepec, Apetzuca, Barranca Pobre, Llano Grande, Mezcaltepec, Tres Cruces, Caxitepec, Xilotlancingo, El Fuereño, Escalería Zapata; Ayutla Municipality: El Salto, El Timbre, Barranca Tecoani, Acalmani. Alternate names: Me'pa, Me'pa Wí'in, Me'phaa, Western Tlapanec. Dialects: Acatepec, Zapotitlán Tablas, Platanillo. 83% intelligibility with Malinaltepec [tcf], 79% with Tlacoapa [tpl].

Classification: Oto-Manguenan, Subtiaba-Tlapanecan

Only 4 varieties of Me'phaa (aka Tlapanec) recognized in Ethnologue. The only small languages is:

Me'phaa, Azoyú

[tpc] 680. No monolinguals. Ethnic population: 17,000 in the Municipio. Guerrero, Azoyú, east of Ometepec, Azoyú municipality: Macahuite, Maxmadí, Toxnene, Zapotitlán de la Fuente. Alternate names: Me'phaa, Azoyú Tlapanec, tlapaneco de Azoyú, Mè'phàà, Tsíndíí.

Endangered varieties of Tlapanec (based on UNESCO):

Central Tlapanec: vulnerable

Eastern Tlapanec: vulnerable

Malinaltepec Tlapanec: vulnerable

Northern Tlapanec: vulnerable

Northwestern Tlapanec: vulnerable

*Southern Tlapanec: severely endangered

Southwestern Tlapanec: vulnerable

Western Tlapanec: vulnerable

8. Amuzgo

Speaker in Jackson Heights, Queens. From: Zochitztahuaca, Costa Chica, Guerrero

Classification: Oto-Manguenan, Amuzgoan

3 varieties of Amuzgo in Ethnologue.

=**Amuzgo, Guerrero**

[amu] 23,000 (1990 census). 10,000 monolinguals (1990 census). Southeast Guerrero, Xochistlahuaca municipality, Zacoalpan, Cochoapa, Huehuetonoc, Tlacoachistlahuaca, Guadalupe Victoria, Cozoyoapan, Huistepec, and Rancho del Cura. Santa Catarina River separates Guerrero variety from Oaxaca varieties. Alternate names: Nomndaa, Ñomndaa. Dialects: Most towns in Guerrero understand the Amuzgo spoken in Xochistlahuaca. More information.

Amuzgo, Ipalapa

[azm] 940 (2000 census). 19 monolinguals (2000 census). Oaxaca, Putla District: Santa María Ipalapa, 5–8 km northeast of San Pedro Amuzgos, 5km off Highway 125 Tlaxiaco to coast, La Ciénaga. Alternate names: Jnunda. Dialects: Somewhat intelligible with other Amuzgo.

Amuzgo, San Pedro Amuzgos

[azg] 4,000 (1990 census). Southwest Oaxaca, Putla District, San Pedro Amuzgos; outlying settlements. Alternate names: Amuzgo de San Pedro Amuzgos, Oaxaca Amuzgo. Dialects: 76% comprehension with Amuzgo of Guerrero [amu].

UNESCO lists no Amuzgo languages as endangered; Ipalapa Amuzgo looks like the most endangered from SIL stats.

9. Nahua

Speaker in Jackson Heights, Queens. From: Guerrero

Classification: Uto-Aztecan, Southern Uto-Aztecan, Aztecan, General Aztec, Aztec

28 varieties listed in Ethnologue.

Most likely, this is a speaker of:

Nahuatl, Guerrero

[ngu] 150,000 (1998 SIL). Balsas River: Tepecoacuilco de Trujano, Huitzuco de los Figueroa, Atenango del Río, Copalillo, Mártir de Cuilapan, Zitlala, Tixtla de Guerrero, Mochitlán, Quechultenango, Chiulapa de Álvarez, Ahuacuotzingo, Olinalá, Atlixac, Zapotitlan Tablas, Ayutla de los Libres, Cualác, Huamuxtitlán, Xochihuehuetlán, Tlapa de Comonfort, Alpoyecá, Xalpatláhuac, and Alcozauca de Guerrero municipalities. Alternate names: Guerrero Aztec, Náhuatl de Guerrero.

Though there are at least 4 other varieties listed for Guerrero, and some are very small languages.