

Ethnic groups in Uganda



Uganda doesn't have a **historically developed population structure**, but one which is dominated by colonial influences. The borders are not based on ethnic groups, but they were more or less arbitrarily drawn up by the British Empire. The present ethnic groups can be divided into **four major groups**:

- Bantu
- Nilotic
- Pygmies
- Sudanese group

The **Bantu-Peoples** represent the largest group, who live mainly in the southern half of the country. The Bantu have always been settled farmers and promoted the formation of kingdoms. In total 17 different tribes belong to this group of peoples, of which the **Baganda** with 17%, **Basoga** (8%) and **Bakiga** (7%) of the total population are largest.

The Nilotic peoples originate from the Nile region and are shepherds. Key representatives of this group are living in Kenya: **Maasai** and **Samburo**. The **Sudanese people** on the other hand live in the western Nile region, whereas the **Pygmies** can only very sporadically be found at the western border to the Republic of Congo. They are among the oldest surviving primitive peoples alive and partly still live as **hunters and collectors** to this present day.

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