

## “Catalan Sign Language [csc] (A language of Spain)

- **Alternate Names:** Catalanian Sign Language, Lengua de Señas Catalana, Lengua de Signos Catalana, Llengua de Signes Catalana, LSC
- **Population:** 9,000 (2014). Deaf sign language users, total for all three sign languages in Spain: 60,000–80,000 (2000 Instituto Nacional de Estadística), 100,000 (2014 EUD). Based on these numbers and proportions of total population in various regions in Spain, estimated 9,000–15,000 for LSC.
- **Location:** Scattered in Catalonia.
- **Language Status:** 5 (Developing). Statutory language of provincial identity in Balearic Islands Autonomous Community (1985, Autonomy Act, No. 2, 1985, Article 3(2)). Recognized language (2006, Basic Law No. 6 of 19 July).
- **Dialects:** None known. Similar to Spanish Sign Language [ssp] and Valencian Sign Language [vsv]. About 70%–80% intelligibility by users of Spanish Sign Language (2014 S. Parkhurst). Fingerspelling system similar to French Sign Language [fsl].
- **Typology:** One-handed fingerspelling.
- **Language Use:** Deaf schools in the past. Most deaf children now integrated in hearing schools. Deaf associations. Deaf who have travelled tend to understand the other sign languages in Spain but use their own. (2014 S. Parkhurst).
- **Language Development:** Theater. Films. TV. Dictionary. Grammar. Bible portions: 2008–2014.
- **Other Comments:** Many sign language classes for hearing people. Materials for learning as L2. Few parents actually learn to sign. (2014 S. Parkhurst). Christian (Roman Catholic), Christian (Protestant).”

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