

# The People of Afghanistan

Afghanistan is home to more than a dozen tribal groups. This chart describes some of the major ones. Study the chart, then answer the questions that follow.

Tribe	Pushtun	Tajiks	Hazaras	Uzbeks	Turkomans or Turkmen
Home	Southern Afghanistan, near and below Qandahar	Northeastern Afghanistan	Central mountain region	Northern plains	Northern plains
Percentage of Afghan Population	40%	25%	18%	6%	2.5%
Language	Pashto	Dari	Hazaragi	Turkish	Turkish
Religion	Islam	Islam	Islam	Islam	Islam
Fast Fact	Pushtuns have been the main ruling group in Afghanistan for 250 years.	Tajiks are the wealthiest of Afghanistan's tribal groups	Hazaras are believed to be descended from the Mongols. In the 1800s, many Hazaras were kept as slaves by Pushtuns.	Uzbeks are known for breeding karakul sheep. Karakul sheepskins are one of the nation's most important exports.	Turkomans are known for weaving beautiful woolen carpets.

1. What language is spoken by the Uzbeks? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Which tribal group comprises about one-quarter of Afghanistan's people?  
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3. Afghanistan has about 20 million people. According to the graph, what percentage of those are Pushtuns? \_\_\_\_\_ How many Pushtuns are there in Afghanistan? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which tribal groups from this chart inhabit the northern part of Afghanistan?  
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5. What is one thing all of the tribal groups on the chart have in common?  
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6. What are the Turkomans, or Turkmen, famous for?  
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7. When added together, these five tribal groups represent about \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the Afghan population. What percentage of the population is made up of tribal groups not named on this chart? \_\_\_\_\_