

“Nicaraguan Sign Language [ncs] (A language of [Nicaragua](#))

- **Alternate Names:** Idioma de Señas de Nicaragua
- **Population:** 3,000 (1997 ANSNIC).
- **Location:** Scattered, especially Managua.
- **Language Status:** 5 (Developing).
- **Dialects:** None known. Unrelated to El Salvadoran [[esn](#)], Costa Rican [[csr](#)], or other sign languages.
- **Language Use:** Increasing use among hearing people. Users know little Spanish [[spa](#)].
- **Language Development:** Taught in primary and secondary schools. Dictionary.
- **Other Comments:** There was no strong Nicaraguan deaf community until the late 1970s when Nicaraguan Sign Language emerged among deaf children from the increased focus on deaf education and the establishment of deaf schools.”

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