Examples of Nation-States

* [Albania](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albania): The vast majority of the population is ethnically [Albanian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albanians) at about 98.6 percent of the population, with the remainder consisting of a few small ethnic minorities.
* [Armenia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armenia): The vast majority of Armenia's population consists of ethnic [Armenians](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armenian_people) at about 98 percent of the population, with the remainder consisting of a few small ethnic minorities.
* [Bangladesh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bangladesh): The vast majority ethnic group of Bangladesh are the [Bengali people](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bengali_people), comprising 98 percent of the population, with the remainder consisting of mostly [Bihari](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bihari) migrants and indigenous tribal groups. Therefore, Bangladeshi society is to a great extent linguistically and culturally homogeneous, with very small populations of foreign expatriates and workers, although there is a substantial number of Bengali workers living abroad.
* [Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egypt): The vast majority of Egypt's population consists of ethnic [Egyptians](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egyptian_people) at about 99 percent of the population, with the remainder consisting of a few small ethnic minorities, as well as refugees or asylum seekers. Modern Egyptian identity is closely tied to the [geography of Egypt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geography_of_Egypt) and its [long history](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Egypt), its development over the centuries saw overlapping or conflicting ideologies. Though today an Arabic-speaking people, that aspect constitutes for Egyptians a cultural dimension of their identity, not a necessary attribute of or prop for their national political being. Today most Egyptians see themselves, their history, culture and language ([the Egyptian variant of Arabic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egyptian_Arabic)) as specifically Egyptian and not "Arab."
* [Hungary](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hungary): The [Hungarians](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hungarian_people) or the Magyar people consist of about 95 percent of the population, with a small [Roma](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roma_people) and [German](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_people) minority: see [Demographics of Hungary](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Hungary).
* [Iceland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iceland): Although the inhabitants are ethnically related to other Scandinavian groups, the national culture and language are found only in Iceland. There are no cross-border minorities, the nearest land is too far away: see [Demographics of Iceland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demographics_of_Iceland)

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[Ainu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ainu_people), an [ethnic minority](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethnic_minority) people from [Japan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japan) (between 1863 and early 1870s).

* [Japan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japan): Japan is also traditionally seen as an example of a nation-state and also the largest of the nation states, with population in excess of 120 million. It should be noted that Japan has a small number of minorities such as [Ryūkyū peoples](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ry%C5%ABky%C5%AB_peoples), [Koreans](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koreans) and [Chinese](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Han_Chinese), and on the northern island of [Hokkaidō](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hokkaid%C5%8D), the indigenous [Ainu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ainu_people) minority. However, they are either numerically insignificant (Ainu), their difference is not as pronounced (though Ryukyuan culture is closely related to Japanese culture, it is nonetheless distinctive in that it historically received much more influence from China and has separate political and nonpolitical and religious traditions) or well assimilated ([Zainichi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zainichi" \o "Zainichi) population is collapsing due to assimilation/naturalisation). ;see also [Japanese Demographics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japan#Demographics) and [Ethnic issues in Japan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethnic_issues_in_Japan).
* [Lesotho](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lesotho): Lesotho's ethno-linguistic structure consists almost entirely of the [Basotho](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basotho) (singular Mosotho), a Bantu-speaking people; about 99.7 percent of the population are Basotho.
* [Maldives](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maldives): The vast majority of the population is ethnically [Dhivehi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dhivehi_people) at about 98 percent of the population, with the remainder consisting of foreign workers; there are no indigenous ethnic minorities.
* [Malta](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malta): The vast majority of the population is ethnically [Maltese](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maltese_people) at about 95.3 percent of the population, with the remainder consisting of a few small ethnic minorities.
* [North](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/North_Korea) and [South Korea](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/South_Korea), are one of the most ethnically and linguistically homogeneous in the world. Particularly in reclusive North Korea, there are very few ethnic minority groups and expatriate foreigners.
* [Poland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poland): After [World War II](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War_II), with the extermination of the [Jews](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jews) by the invading [German Nazis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nazi_Germany) during the [Holocaust](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holocaust), the [Expulsion of Germans after World War II](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Expulsion_of_Germans_after_World_War_II) and the loss of eastern territories ([Kresy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kresy" \o "Kresy)), 96.7 percent of the people of [Poland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poland) claim [Polish nationality](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poles), and 97.8 percent declare that they speak [Polish](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polish_language) at home (Census 2002).
* Several [Polynesian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polynesia) countries such as [Tonga](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tonga), [Samoa](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samoa), [Tuvalu](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tuvalu), etc.[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Citation_needed)]
* [Portugal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portugal): Although surrounded by other lands and people, the Portuguese [nation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nation) has occupied the same territory since the [romanization or latinization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Romanization_(cultural)) of the native population during the [Roman](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Rome) era. The modern [Portuguese nation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portuguese_people) is a very old amalgam of formerly distinct historical populations that passed through and settled in the territory of modern Portugal: native Iberian peoples, [Celts](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Celts), ancient Mediterraneans ([Greeks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greeks), [Phoenicians](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phoenicia), [Romans](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Rome), [Jews](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jew)), invading [Germanic peoples](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Germanic_peoples) like the [Suebi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suebi) and the [Visigoths](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visigoths), and [Muslim](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muslim) [Arabs](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arab_people) and [Berbers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berber_people). Most Berber/Arab people and the Jews were expelled from the [Iberian Peninsula](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iberian_Peninsula) during the [Reconquista](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reconquista) and the repopulation by [Christians](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christians).
* [San Marino](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Marino): The Sammarinese make up about 97 percent of the population and all speak [Italian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italian_language) and are ethnically and linguisticially identical to [Italians](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italian_people). San Marino is a landlocked enclave, completely surrounded by Italy. The state has a population of approximately 30,000, including 1,000 foreigners, most of whom are Italians.
* [Swaziland](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swaziland): The vast majority of the population is ethnically [Swazi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swazi_people) at about 98.6 percent of the population, with the remainder consisting of a few small ethnic minorities.