

Is ethnologue.com legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

ethnologue.com

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

ethnologue.com appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-07-31 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 75%.

What this site appears to be

Official-looking Ethnologue homepage presenting a comprehensive database of 7,170 living languages, global language statistics, research articles, contributor profiles, subscriptions, datasets, software, publications, and consulting options. It identifies SIL Global as the publisher and cites a 70-plus-year operating history.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	26 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Archived since 2001 5000 snapshots	CLEAR
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by WE1	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- Public web-archive history exists since 2001.
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.

Full analysis

Overview

Ethnologue is an established language-reference and research platform presenting data on 7,170 living languages across 242 countries, alongside statistics, maps, research articles, datasets, software, publications, and consulting services. Published under the SIL Global identity, it combines free reference content with annual subscriptions starting at US\$480 and paid institutional products.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No identity contradictions, brand impersonation, phishing indicators, or malicious reputation findings were observed. The long-established domain and extensive, continuous archival record strongly support provenance, while the homepage's identity, subject matter, and commercial model are mutually consistent. Observed interaction testing found no hidden forms, external password forms, suspicious inline scripts, clipboard manipulation, cryptocurrency-wallet activity, or cloaking.

- The domain record shows registration through Namecheap, Inc. on 29 March 2000, making it approximately 26.35 years old.
- The web archive contains 5,000 snapshots from 27 September 2001 through 10 May 2023, spanning 23 tracked years with no gap longer than one year.
- The homepage identifies the service as "Ethnologue: Languages of the World" and presents a coherent language-research database and subscription offering.
- External reputation checks recorded zero malicious and zero suspicious detections, no malicious safe-browsing finding, no reported abuse, and an established global traffic rank of 36,758.

Regulatory Verification Notes

Ethnologue presents itself as an informational, research, software, publishing, and consulting service rather than a regulated financial product. The homepage names SIL Global as publisher and describes a long-running institutional research operation, but the supplied page evidence does not establish detailed corporate-registration particulars or contractual jurisdiction. This is a limited procurement-transparency matter, not evidence of deception or an identity conflict. No matching broker-reputation entry was identified; that absence neither grants nor calls into question any legal status.

- The homepage attributes publication to SIL Global and describes more than 70 years of language-data collection, curation, and publication.
- The homepage presents annual subscriptions beginning at US\$480, together with datasets, software, digital publications, and consulting.

- The site's transport encryption uses a WE1-issued domain-validated TLS certificate valid until 3 September 2026.
- The observed homepage contained one search form, with no sensitive form or untrusted submission destination.

What to Verify Next

Institutional purchasers should confirm the contracting entity, governing terms, renewal and cancellation provisions, permitted dataset uses, and applicable data-licensing restrictions before procurement. Material reliance on the platform's scale or authority claims should include independent validation of the cited methodology, contributor framework, scholarly references, and the suitability of the relevant dataset version for the intended decision process.

- The homepage claims five million data points covering 7,170 languages in 242 countries.
- It reports 2,500 expert contributors, thousands of annual updates, and 15,000 Google Scholar citations.
- It states that the service reaches 600,000 annual users, including universities, governments, and major technology companies.
- The homepage links its asserted authority to EGIDS and DLS language scales and provides research articles, contributor material, maps, and statistics for methodological review.

Summary Verdict

Ethnologue is a legitimate, established, and trustworthy website with strong convergence among its presented institutional identity, mature commercial model, historical continuity, clean external reputation, and benign observed behavior. No contradictory risk signals were found, and normal interaction—including account login and standard use—is appropriate.

Infrastructure Integrity

The website is served through Cloudflare's CDN and WAF, with all four observed IPv4 and IPv6 addresses operating as edge servers. This reduces direct origin exposure and provides mainstream traffic-protection controls, although protective infrastructure is a mitigating security measure rather than independent proof of legitimacy.

- The hosting infrastructure is served from AS13335 (Cloudflare, Inc., United States).
- Four Cloudflare edge addresses were observed, and no likely origin-server address appeared in the assessment.

Closing Assessment

Prospective users may engage with the service normally; organizations entering paid or institution-wide arrangements should apply their standard vendor-procurement and contractual review controls.

Written analysis generated 2026-07-31 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
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Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	25%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of ethnologue.com.

- The request stayed on ethnologue.com. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under NAMECHEAP INC. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by cloudflare.com, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2027-03-29. NOTED
- The earliest public archive of this site is from 2001-09-27. CLEAR
- It is hosted on CLOUDFLARENET, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	NAMECHEAP INC
Hosting	CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2606:4700:3108::ac42:2b61
Name servers	JOBS.NS.CLOUDFLARE.COM, MARY.NS.CLOUDFLARE.COM
SSL issuer	WE1
SSL expiry	2026-09-03
Domain age	26.4 years
Domain expiry	2027-03-29
Archive first seen	2001-09-27
Archive snapshots	5000
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0 reports Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about ethnologue.com at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that

evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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