

“Valencian Sign Language [[vsv](#)] (A language of [Spain](#))

- **Alternate Names:** Lengua de Signos Valenciana, Llengua de Signes en la Comunitat Valenciana, Llengua de Signes Valenciana, LSCV, LSV
- **Population:** 6,000 (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 6,000–10,000 for LSV.
- **Location:** Scattered in Valencia.
- **Language Status:** 5 (Developing). Recognized language (2006, Law 1/2006, Autonomy Statute of Valencia, Article 13(4)).
- **Dialects:** None known. Similar to Catalan Sign Language [[csc](#)] and Spanish Sign Language [[ssp](#)]. Fingerspelling system similar to French Sign Language [[fsl](#)].
- **Typology:** One-handed fingerspelling.
- **Language Use:** Deaf school 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:** TV. Videos. Dictionary. Grammar.
- **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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