

## “Czech Sign Language [cse] (A language of [Czech Republic](#))

- **Alternate Names:** Český Znakový Jazyk, CZJ
- **Population:** 10,000 (2014 EUD). 12,000 (2011 census). 10,000 sign language users (2014 EUD). 51,500 (2014 IMB).
- **Location:** Scattered.
- **Language Status:** 5 (Developing).
- **Dialects:** None known. Possibly a distinct variety in Moravia. Partially intelligible with French Sign Language [fsl].
- **Typology:** Two-handed fingerspelling.
- **Language Use:** Used since 1786 when deaf schools began. Dialect used in schools differs from adult use outside. Interpreters required in court; some provided for college students and important public events.
- **Language Development:** Films. TV. Videos. Dictionary.
- **Other Comments:** 70 working sign language interpreters (2014 EUD). Sign language instruction for parents of deaf children.”

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