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# 第一章 绪 论

## 第一节 苗族概况

苗族是中国历史悠久,文化灿烂的民族之一,1990年全国共有苗族人口7 398 035人,仅次于汉族、壮族、满族、回族,居第5位。贵州是苗族的大本营,有368万人,湖南有150多万人,云南有89万人,四川和重庆有50多万人,广西有40多万人,湖北有20多万人,海南有5万多人,还有散居于其他省(市)的。另外,越南、老挝、泰国、缅甸、美国、加拿大、法国、澳大利亚等国亦有苗族分布,总人口100多万。他们都承认根在中国。

苗语属汉藏语系苗瑶语族苗语支,大致可分为3大方言,7个次方言和23种土语。

湘西方言(东部方言)主要通行于湘西和恩施两个土家族苗族自治州、渝南和黔东北,共2个土语,约有200万人操此方言。黔东南方言(中部方言)主要通行于黔东南苗族侗族自治州、黔南和黔西南两个布依族苗族自治州、广西融水苗族自治县,共3个土语,有200多万人操此方言。川黔滇方言(西部方言)主要通行于贵州贵阳、安顺、毕节和川南、云南,共7个次方言18个土语,操此方言者国内约有200万人,国外约100多万人。此外,还有近百万人使用汉、侗、瑶、布依等民族语言。苗语各方言同源词在40%左右。

在苗族民间文学作品和清代以来的一些汉文献中都有苗族古