

Figure 7.1.5. (a,b,c,d) Organizations: structure and leadership

Leading people in international organizations – languages: 2005

These figures, reproduced from *Who's Who in International Organizations*, 5th edition, are based on the entries of the 1,687 biographees that contain information on language proficiency.

In these entries 142 languages are mentioned; these 142 languages are listed in Table 4.1. Of these 142 languages, 57 are listed by only 1 biographee while 50 are listed by more than 4 biographees; these 50 are listed in Table 4.2.

Breakdowns are given for male and female biographees; however, because gender is not always known to the editors, the figures given in the columns "Both" may be greater than the sum of the columns "Men" and "Women".

The tables also give the total number of organizations (from the *Yearbook of International Organizations*) listed in the entries of these biographees.

It should be noted that the figures in these tables are derived from information provided by the biographees themselves; according to general policy, the editors took people at their word and made no effort to check the accuracy of the claims.

Figure 7.1.5. (a) Languages mentioned in the entries of biographees (alphabetical listing)

Language	Male		Female		Both		Language	Male		Female		Both	
	People	Org's	People	Org's	People	Org's		People	Org's	People	Org's	People	Org's
Afrikaans	5	16	1	1	6	17	Icelandic	2	3	0	0	2	3
Akan	2	4	0	0	2	4	Igbo	1	5	0	0	1	5
Albanian	1	1	0	0	1	1	Indonesian	8	16	4	9	12	25
Amharic	5	14	1	2	6	16	Italian	261	574	33	72	297	650
Ancient Greek	5	14	2	3	7	17	Jamaican Vernacular	1	1	0	0	1	1
Arabic	75	207	5	17	84	231	Japanese	23	43	2	3	28	51
Aramaic	1	1	0	0	1	1	Kakwa	1	2	0	0	1	2
Bahasa Indonesia	5	7	1	5	6	12	Kannada	2	7	0	0	2	7
Bahasa Malaysia	4	6	1	1	6	8	Kihaya	1	2	0	0	1	2
Bambara	0	0	1	1	1	1	Kikongo	1	2	0	0	1	2
Bengali	3	4	3	6	6	10	Kikuyu	0	0	1	3	1	3
Berber	1	1	0	0	1	1	Kiswahili	7	19	4	7	12	28
Besideo Malay	1	1	0	0	1	1	Korean	3	11	1	2	6	16
Braille	2	12	0	0	2	12	Krio	2	9	0	0	2	9
Breton	1	1	0	0	1	1	Kyrgyz	1	2	0	0	1	2
Bulgarian	6	15	0	0	6	15	Laotian	1	4	1	5	2	9
Cantonese	1	1	0	0	1	1	Latin	30	72	9	20	39	92
Castilian	2	4	0	0	2	4	Latvian	1	1	0	0	1	1
Catalan	11	43	0	0	11	43	Lingala	3	5	0	0	3	5
Chichewa	2	5	0	0	2	5	Lithuanian	1	5	1	1	2	6
Chinese	15	34	3	4	18	38	Low German	1	3	0	0	1	3
Chinyanja	1	5	0	0	1	5	Luganda	1	2	1	2	2	4
Cinyanja	1	5	0	0	1	5	Luxemburgisch	3	6	0	0	3	6
Creole	1	1	0	0	1	1	Maithili	1	4	0	0	1	4
Croatian	4	13	0	0	4	13	Malagasy	1	3	0	0	1	3
Czech	8	21	2	6	10	27	Malay	3	6	2	2	5	8
Danish	49	96	9	20	60	120	Malayalam	2	6	0	0	2	6
Dholuo	1	4	0	0	1	4	Maltese	3	8	0	0	3	8
Dioula	1	3	0	0	1	3	Mandarin Chinese	5	13	1	2	7	16
Dutch	220	442	28	40	257	493	Marathi	3	7	1	3	4	10
Dzongkha	1	2	0	0	1	2	Masa	1	6	0	0	1	6
Ebira	1	1	0	0	1	1	Mongolian	1	3	0	0	1	3
English	1394	2921	213	414	1650	3403	Mooré	2	5	0	0	2	5
Esperanto	14	35	0	0	15	36	Musey	1	6	0	0	1	6
Estonian	2	2	0	0	2	2	Navajo	1	2	0	0	1	2
Fijian	1	6	0	0	1	6	Nepalese	2	3	0	0	2	3
Filipino	10	31	4	14	14	45	Norwegian	31	47	7	19	39	67
Finnish	15	45	8	15	25	65	Occitan	1	5	0	0	1	5
Flemish	1	2	0	0	1	2	Oko	1	1	0	0	1	1
French	1004	2155	155	307	1183	2499	Ouolof	2	3	1	6	3	9
Frisian	1	1	0	0	1	1	Pakistani	0	0	1	2	1	2
Friuli	1	1	0	0	1	1	Pangasinense	0	0	1	3	1	3
German	565	1148	74	146	658	1324	Persian	7	19	2	2	9	21
Greek	30	79	5	11	35	90	Polish	21	61	3	7	24	68
Gujarati	5	8	0	0	5	8	Portuguese	94	193	12	23	106	216
Haitian Creole	1	3	0	0	1	3	Pulaar	2	7	0	0	2	7
Hausa	2	2	0	0	2	2	Punjabi	7	20	2	4	9	24
Haya	0	0	1	5	1	5	Quechuan	1	1	0	0	1	1
Hebrew	27	55	2	7	30	63	Romanian	5	9	1	1	6	10
Hindi	21	51	5	8	26	59	Rotuman	1	6	0	0	1	6
Hokkien	1	4	0	0	1	4	Runyankore	1	3	0	0	1	3
Hopi	1	1	0	0	1	1	Russian	88	210	9	11	98	223
Hungarian	15	30	4	9	19	39	Sanskrit	2	2	1	2	3	4
Ibo	2	4	0	0	2	4	Serbo-Croatian	8	28	0	0	8	28

Language	Male		Female		Both	
	People	Org's	People	Org's	People	Org's
Sesotho	1	1	1	1	2	2
Sharchooga	1	2	0	0	1	2
Shona	0	0	1	2	1	2
Sign Languages	2	4	0	0	2	4
Sindhi	0	0	1	1	1	1
Sinhalese	6	10	1	1	8	13
Slovakian	3	9	0	0	3	9
Slovenian	5	17	0	0	5	17
Soninke	1	1	0	0	1	1
Sonrai	0	0	1	1	1	1
Spanish	397	878	79	156	481	1041
Swahili	9	14	3	8	12	22
Swedish	65	132	19	38	88	177
Swiss-German	1	1	0	0	1	1
Syriac	1	1	0	0	1	1
Tagalog	2	3	1	1	3	4
Tamil	10	19	2	3	12	22

Language	Male		Female		Both	
	People	Org's	People	Org's	People	Org's
Telugu	2	3	0	0	2	3
Teochew	1	1	0	0	1	1
Thai	4	12	2	6	6	18
Tibetan	3	6	0	0	3	6
Tigrigna	1	1	0	0	1	1
Tiv	1	1	0	0	1	1
Tongan	0	0	0	0	1	2
Turkish	5	10	1	2	6	12
Twi	1	2	0	0	1	2
Ukrainian	2	4	0	0	2	4
Urdu	7	13	5	11	12	24
Vietnamese	2	2	0	0	2	2
Welsh	4	10	0	0	4	10
Wolof	2	14	0	0	2	14
Xhosa	1	1	0	0	1	1
Yiddish	4	6	0	0	4	6
Yoruba	7	30	0	0	7	30

Figure 7.1.5. (b) Languages mentioned in the entries of 5 or more biographees (numerical listing)

Language	Male		Female		Both	
	People	Org's	People	Org's	People	Org's
English	1394	2921	213	414	1650	3403
French	1004	2155	155	307	1183	2499
German	565	1148	74	146	658	1324
Spanish	397	878	79	156	481	1041
Italian	261	574	33	72	297	650
Dutch	220	442	28	40	257	493
Portuguese	94	193	12	23	106	216
Russian	88	210	9	11	98	223
Swedish	65	132	19	38	88	177
Arabic	75	207	5	17	84	231
Danish	49	96	9	20	60	120
Latin	30	72	9	20	39	92
Norwegian	31	47	7	19	39	67
Greek	30	79	5	11	35	90
Hebrew	27	55	2	7	30	63
Japanese	23	43	2	3	28	51
Hindi	21	51	5	8	26	59
Finnish	15	45	8	15	25	65
Polish	21	61	3	7	24	68
Hungarian	15	30	4	9	19	39
Chinese	15	34	3	4	18	38
Esperanto	14	35	0	0	15	36
Filipino	10	31	4	14	14	45
Indonesian	8	16	4	9	12	25
Kiswahili	7	19	4	7	12	28

Language	Male		Female		Both	
	People	Org's	People	Org's	People	Org's
Swahili	9	14	3	8	12	22
Tamil	10	19	2	3	12	22
Urdu	7	13	5	11	12	24
Catalan	11	43	0	0	11	43
Czech	8	21	2	6	10	27
Persian	7	19	2	2	9	21
Punjabi	7	20	2	4	9	24
Serbo-Croatian	8	28	0	0	8	28
Sinhalese	6	10	1	1	8	13
Ancient Greek	5	14	2	3	7	17
Mandarin Chinese	5	13	1	2	7	16
Yoruba	7	30	0	0	7	30
Afrikaans	5	16	1	1	6	17
Amharic	5	14	1	2	6	16
Bahasa Indonesia	5	7	1	5	6	12
Bahasa Malaysia	4	6	1	1	6	8
Bengali	3	4	3	6	6	10
Bulgarian	6	15	0	0	6	15
Korean	3	11	1	2	6	16
Romanian	5	9	1	1	6	10
Thai	4	12	2	6	6	18
Turkish	5	10	1	2	6	12
Gujarati	5	8	0	0	5	8
Malay	3	6	2	2	5	8
Slovenian	5	17	0	0	5	17

Figure 7.1.5. (c) Most frequent combinations of languages

Ten languages are listed in the entries of more than 80 biographees. This table gives totals for combinations of these ten languages. For example, 1 biographee includes Arabic and Dutch in the list of languages in which he or she is proficient, 1,157 biographees include English and French, 280 include French and Italian, and 159 include Italian and Spanish.

Dutch	Arabic		Dutch	English	French	German	Italian	Portuguese	Russian	Spanish	Swedish
	1	256									
English	81	256	English	1157							
French	52	241			539						
German	16	196		654		164					
Italian	13	56		289	280		46				
Portuguese	2	13		106	91	38		25			
Russian	5	8		95	68	60		4			
Spanish	13	57		473	405	182	159	96		29	
Swedish	2	4		88	50	63	7	5		9	

Figure 7.1.5. (d) Multi-lingualism

This table gives the number of biographees indicating a proficiency in one or more languages. For example, 381 biographees are bi-lingual and 488 are tri-lingual; 4 biographees profess proficiency in 10 languages, 1 in 11 languages.

People	Number of languages										
	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
People	1	4	8	14	26	97	197	322	488	381	151