

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

Leading people in international organizations – languages: 2008

These figures, reproduced from Volume 6 (2008-09), are based on the entries of the 1,780 biographees that contain information on language proficiency. In these entries 148 languages are mentioned; these 148 languages are listed in Table 4.1. Of these 148 languages, 86 are listed by only 1 biographee while 62 are listed by more than 4 biographees; these 62 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 "Total" may be greater than the sum of the columns "Men" and "Women".

The tables also give the total number of organizations (from Volume 1 of this Yearbook) 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		Total		Language	Male		Female		Total	
	People	Org's	People	Org's	People	Org's		People	Org's	People	Org's	People	Org's
Afrikaans	8	30	2	2	10	32	Greek	54	152	10	22	64	174
Akan	2	6	0	0	2	6	Guarani	2	8	0	0	2	8
Albanian	2	2	0	0	2	2	Gujarati	10	16	0	0	10	16
Amharic	10	28	2	4	12	32	Haitian creole	2	6	0	0	2	6
Ancient greek	10	28	4	6	14	34	Hausa	2	2	0	0	2	2
Arabic	158	449	12	40	180	505	Haya	0	0	2	12	2	12
Aramaic	2	2	0	0	2	2	Hebrew	55	111	4	14	60	126
Azeri	1	8	0	0	1	8	Hindi	40	100	11	24	53	130
Bahasa indonesia	10	14	2	10	12	24	Hokkien	2	8	0	0	2	8
Bahasa malaysia	8	12	2	2	12	16	Hungarian	32	65	10	28	42	93
Bamanan	0	0	0	0	1	2	Ibo	4	8	0	0	4	8
Bambara	0	0	2	2	2	2	Icelandic	4	6	0	0	4	6
Bengali	6	8	6	12	12	20	Igbo	2	10	0	0	2	10
Berber	3	3	0	0	3	3	Indonesian	16	32	8	18	24	50
Besideo malay	2	2	0	0	2	2	Italian	542	1256	72	173	622	1439
Braille	4	24	0	0	4	24	Jamaican vernacular	2	2	0	0	2	2
Breton	2	2	0	0	2	2	Japanese	49	95	4	6	59	113
Bulgarian	12	30	0	0	12	30	Kakwa	2	4	0	0	2	4
Cantonese	2	2	0	0	2	2	Kannada	4	14	0	0	4	14
Castilian	4	8	0	0	4	8	Kihaya	2	4	0	0	2	4
Catalan	24	88	0	0	24	88	Kikongo	2	4	0	0	2	4
Chichewa	4	10	0	0	4	10	Kikuyu	0	0	2	6	2	6
Chinese	30	66	6	8	36	74	Kiswahili	14	38	10	22	26	64
Chinyanja	2	10	0	0	2	10	Korean	7	22	2	4	13	32
Cinyanja	2	10	0	0	2	10	Krio	4	18	0	0	4	18
Classical arabic	1	1	0	0	1	1	Kyrgyz	2	4	0	0	2	4
Creole	4	10	0	0	4	10	Laotian	2	8	2	10	4	18
Croatian	10	34	0	0	10	34	Latin	60	144	18	40	78	184
Czech	16	42	5	13	23	63	Latvian	2	2	0	0	2	2
Danish	96	198	16	38	116	244	Lingala	6	10	0	0	6	10
Dioula	4	14	0	0	4	14	Lithuanian	2	10	2	2	4	12
Dutch	446	906	62	87	527	1017	Low german	2	6	0	0	2	6
Dzongkha	2	4	0	0	2	4	Luganda	2	4	2	4	4	8
Ebira	2	2	0	0	2	2	Luxemburgisch	6	12	0	0	6	12
English	2861	6189	467	939	3430	7298	Maithili	2	8	0	0	2	8
Esperanto	26	68	0	0	29	72	Malagasian	2	6	0	0	2	6
Estonian	4	4	0	0	4	4	Malay	6	12	4	4	10	16
Fijian	2	12	0	0	2	12	Malayalam	4	12	0	0	4	12
Filipino	20	62	8	31	28	93	Maltese	6	16	0	0	6	16
Finnish	32	96	17	31	53	137	Mandarin chinese	10	26	4	10	16	38
Flemish	2	4	0	0	2	4	Marathi	6	14	2	6	8	20
French	2049	4573	341	703	2449	5369	Masa	2	12	0	0	2	12
Frisian	2	2	0	0	2	2	Mongolian	2	6	0	0	2	6
Friuli	2	2	0	0	2	2	Mooré	4	10	0	0	4	10
German	1153	2421	167	327	1364	2823	Musey	2	12	0	0	2	12

Language	Male		Female		Total		Language	Male		Female		Total	
	People	Org's	People	Org's	People	Org's		People	Org's	People	Org's	People	Org's
Myéné	1	14	0	0	1	14	Slovakian	6	18	0	0	6	18
Navajo	2	4	0	0	2	4	Slovenian	10	34	0	0	10	34
Nepalese	4	6	0	0	4	6	Soninke	2	2	0	0	2	2
Norwegian	58	95	16	44	76	141	Sonrai	0	0	2	2	2	2
Occitan	2	10	0	0	2	10	Spanish	822	1895	165	359	1000	2276
Oko	2	2	0	0	2	2	Swahili	16	26	6	18	22	44
Ouolof	4	6	2	12	6	18	Swedish	129	270	44	99	181	383
Pakistani	0	0	2	4	2	4	Swiss-german	2	2	0	0	2	2
Pangasinense	0	0	2	6	2	6	Syriac	2	2	0	0	2	2
Persian	14	38	6	10	20	48	Tagalog	4	6	2	2	6	8
Polish	44	128	7	15	51	143	Tahitian	2	6	0	0	2	6
Portuguese	196	418	30	58	229	480	Tamil	20	38	5	14	25	52
Pulaar	4	14	0	0	4	14	Telugu	4	6	0	0	4	6
Punjabi	10	36	4	8	14	44	Teochew	2	2	0	0	2	2
Quechuan	2	2	0	0	2	2	Thai	8	24	5	21	13	45
Romanian	10	18	4	4	14	22	Tibetan	6	14	0	0	6	14
Rotuman	2	12	0	0	2	12	Tigrigna	2	2	0	0	2	2
Runyankore	2	6	0	0	2	6	Tiv	2	2	0	0	2	2
Russian	184	458	20	36	211	514	Tongan	0	0	0	0	2	4
Sanskrit	6	6	2	4	8	10	Turkish	12	36	2	4	14	40
Serbian	4	10	0	0	4	10	Twí	2	4	0	0	2	4
Serbo-croatian	18	60	0	0	18	60	Ukrainian	4	8	0	0	4	8
Sesotho	0	0	2	4	2	4	Urdu	14	26	11	30	25	56
Sharchogpa	2	4	0	0	2	4	Vietnamese	4	4	0	0	4	4
Shona	0	0	2	4	2	4	Welsh	8	20	0	0	8	20
Sign languages	4	8	0	0	4	8	Wolof	4	28	0	0	4	28
Sindhi	0	0	2	2	2	2	Xhosa	2	2	0	0	2	2
Sinhalese	12	20	4	8	18	32	Yiddish	8	12	0	0	8	12
Slovak	0	0	0	0	2	8	Yoruba	15	62	0	0	15	62

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

Language	Male		Female		Total		Language	Male		Female		Total	
	People	Org's	People	Org's	People	Org's		People	Org's	People	Org's	People	Org's
English	2861	6189	467	939	3430	7298	Serbo-croatian	18	60	0	0	18	60
French	2049	4573	341	703	2449	5369	Sinhalese	12	20	4	8	18	32
German	1153	2421	167	327	1364	2823	Mandarin chinese	10	26	4	10	16	38
Spanish	822	1895	165	359	1000	2276	Yoruba	15	62	0	0	15	62
Italian	542	1256	72	173	622	1439	Ancient greek	10	28	4	6	14	34
Dutch	446	906	62	87	527	1017	Punjabi	10	36	4	8	14	44
Portuguese	196	418	30	58	229	480	Romanian	10	18	4	4	14	22
Russian	184	458	20	36	211	514	Turkish	12	36	2	4	14	40
Swedish	129	270	44	99	181	383	Korean	7	22	2	4	13	32
Arabic	158	449	12	40	180	505	Thai	8	24	5	21	13	45
Danish	96	198	16	38	116	244	Amharic	10	28	2	4	12	32
Latin	60	144	18	40	78	184	Bahasa indonesia	10	14	2	10	12	24
Norwegian	58	95	16	44	76	141	Bahasa malaysia	8	12	2	2	12	16
Greek	54	152	10	22	64	174	Bengali	6	8	6	12	12	20
Hebrew	55	111	4	14	60	126	Bulgarian	12	30	0	0	12	30
Japanese	49	95	4	6	59	113	Afrikaans	8	30	2	2	10	32
Finnish	32	96	17	31	53	137	Croatian	10	34	0	0	10	34
Hindi	40	100	11	24	53	130	Gujarati	10	16	0	0	10	16
Polish	44	128	7	15	51	143	Malay	6	12	4	4	10	16
Hungarian	32	65	10	28	42	93	Slovenian	10	34	0	0	10	34
Chinese	30	66	6	8	36	74	Marathi	6	14	2	6	8	20
Esperanto	26	68	0	0	29	72	Sanskrit	6	6	2	4	8	10
Filipino	20	62	8	31	28	93	Welsh	8	20	0	0	8	20
Kiswahili	14	38	10	22	26	64	Yiddish	8	12	0	0	8	12
Tamil	20	38	5	14	25	52	Lingala	6	10	0	0	6	10
Urdu	14	26	11	30	25	56	Luxemburgisch	6	12	0	0	6	12
Catalan	24	88	0	0	24	88	Maltese	6	16	0	0	6	16
Indonesian	16	32	8	18	24	50	Ouolof	4	6	2	12	6	18
Czech	16	42	5	13	23	63	Slovakian	6	18	0	0	6	18
Swahili	16	26	6	18	22	44	Tagalog	4	6	2	2	6	8
Persian	14	38	6	10	20	48	Tibetan	6	14	0	0	6	14

Figure 7.1.5. (c) Most frequent combinations of languages

Ten languages are each listed in the entries of more than 180 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; 1,221 biographees include English and French; 299 include French and Italian; 171 include Italian and Spanish.

Dutch	Arabic 1	Dutch								
English	88	265	English							
French	58	249	1221	French						
German	18	202	689	564	German					
Italian	14	58	310	299	175	Italian				
Portuguese	3	16	119	104	43	52	Portuguese			
Russian	5	9	105	75	62	27	6	Russian		
Spanish	14	61	502	425	192	171	109	32	Spanish	
Swedish	2	4	92	52	63	8	5	9	23	Swedish

Figure 7.1.5. (d) Multi-lingualism

This table gives the number of biographees indicating a proficiency in one or more languages. For example, 417 biographees claim to be bi-lingual and 512 claim to be tri-lingual; 5 biographees profess proficiency in 10 languages, 1 in 11 languages.

	Number of languages										
	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
People	1	5	8	15	26	103	201	343	512	417	149