

**Figure 8.5.**  
**Languages most commonly spoken by international organization officers**  
*Edition 46, 2009/2010 (data collected in 2008)*

This table is based on the entries of the 1,930 biographees that contain information on language proficiency. In these entries 154 languages are mentioned; these 154 languages are listed in Figure 8.4. Of these 154 languages, 64 are listed by only 1 biographee while 53 are listed by more than 4 biographees; these 53 are listed here.

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 "Male" and "Female".

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.

See also 7.1. for a complete list of languages, and 7.2. for details on languages used by international organizations.

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	1529	2835	269	490	1859	3423	Tamil	10	19	3	7	13	26
French	1090	2066	198	371	1324	2492	Czech	8	18	3	6	12	27
German	623	1130	98	178	747	1348	Swahili	9	14	3	7	12	21
Spanish	442	846	96	184	547	1045	Persian	8	20	3	5	11	25
Italian	288	570	45	92	339	670	Romanian	5	9	4	4	10	14
Dutch	232	422	37	53	279	488	Serbo-Croatian	9	26	0	0	9	26
Portuguese	108	200	20	34	132	240	Sinhalese	6	10	2	3	9	15
Russian	101	216	12	15	118	243	Bulgarian	7	13	1	1	8	14
Arabic	85	187	7	17	97	212	Korean	5	10	1	2	8	15
Swedish	64	121	27	48	95	176	Mandarin Chinese	5	12	2	4	8	17
Danish	51	97	8	19	61	120	Punjabi	5	12	2	4	8	17
Latin	31	64	9	19	40	83	Yoruba	8	22	0	0	8	22
Norwegian	28	45	10	23	39	69	Ancient Greek	5	12	2	3	7	15
Greek	31	64	5	11	36	75	Bahasa Malaysia	4	6	2	2	7	9
Japanese	28	48	2	3	33	57	Croatian	6	18	1	4	7	22
Hebrew	28	52	2	7	31	60	Thai	4	10	3	9	7	19
Finnish	17	38	11	18	30	61	Turkish	6	14	1	2	7	16
Hindi	20	44	6	12	28	60	Amharic	5	13	1	2	6	15
Hungarian	19	38	7	15	27	54	Bahasa Indonesia	5	7	1	4	6	11
Polish	23	54	4	7	27	61	Bengali	3	4	3	6	6	10
Chinese	15	28	3	4	18	32	Afrikaans	4	11	1	1	5	12
Esperanto	13	28	0	0	15	31	Gujarati	5	7	0	0	5	7
Filipino	10	27	4	11	14	38	Malay	3	5	2	2	5	7
Kiswahili	8	19	5	11	14	32	Slovenian	5	17	0	0	5	17
Urdu	7	13	6	15	14	29	Wolof	4	10	1	2	5	12
Catalan	13	28	0	0	13	28	Yiddish	5	7	0	0	5	7
Indonesian	9	15	4	9	13	24							