

**Figure 8.5.**  
**Languages most commonly spoken by international organization officers**  
*Edition 47, 2010/2011 (data collected in 2009)*

This figure is based on the entries of the 1,907 biographees that contain information on language proficiency. In these entries 149 languages are mentioned; these 149 languages are listed in Figure 8.3. Of these 149 languages, 60 are listed by only 1 biographee while 53 are listed by more than 4 biographees; these 53 languages 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	
	People	Org's	People	Org's	People	Org's
English	1482	2525	274	464	1808	3066
French	1048	1810	198	350	1276	2204
German	594	1014	99	168	715	1216
Spanish	426	743	100	182	534	938
Italian	282	514	49	94	334	611
Dutch	218	367	37	51	265	431
Portuguese	101	179	22	35	126	218
Russian	100	192	14	18	119	221
Swedish	64	116	27	45	95	168
Arabic	81	163	7	14	93	183
Danish	51	92	7	14	61	111
Latin	29	54	10	19	39	73
Greek	32	57	5	10	37	67
Norwegian	25	38	10	20	36	59
Japanese	29	47	2	3	35	57
Finnish	17	34	11	17	30	56
Hebrew	25	45	2	6	28	52
Hungarian	19	37	7	14	27	52
Polish	23	46	4	7	27	53
Hindi	19	38	6	12	26	53
Chinese	15	26	2	3	17	29
Esperanto	12	23	0	0	14	26
Catalan	13	27	0	0	13	27
Filipino	9	22	4	9	13	31
Kiswahili	8	17	4	9	13	27
Tamil	10	14	3	7	13	21
Urdu	7	13	6	15	13	28
Czech	8	15	3	3	12	21
Indonesian	8	13	4	8	12	21
Swahili	8	12	3	6	11	18
Persian	8	17	2	3	10	20
Romanian	5	8	4	4	10	13
Bulgarian	7	12	2	4	9	16
Sinhalese	6	9	2	3	9	13
Korean	5	10	1	2	8	15
Mandarin Chinese	5	10	2	3	8	14
Punjabi	6	13	2	4	8	17
Serbo-Croatian	8	20	0	0	8	20
Yoruba	8	19	0	0	8	19
Bahasa Malaysia	4	5	2	2	7	8
Croatian	6	14	1	4	7	18
Turkish	6	13	1	1	7	14
Amharic	5	7	1	1	6	8
Ancient Greek	4	9	2	2	6	11
Bahasa Indonesia	5	6	1	4	6	10
Bengali	4	7	2	5	6	12
Thai	3	7	3	9	6	16

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	<b>People</b>	<b>Org's</b>	<b>People</b>	<b>Org's</b>	<b>People</b>	<b>Org's</b>
Afrikaans	4	8	1	1	5	9
Gujarati	5	7	0	0	5	7
Malay	3	4	2	2	5	6
Slovakian	4	6	0	0	5	9
Slovenian	5	14	0	0	5	14
Wolof	4	10	1	2	5	12