

**Figure 8.5.**  
**Languages most commonly spoken by international organization officers**  
*Edition 49: taken from Edition 48, 2011/2012 (data collected in 2010)*

This figure is based on the entries of the 1,398 biographees that contain information on language proficiency. In these entries 138 languages are mentioned; these 138 languages are listed in Figure 8.3. Of these 138 languages, 60 are listed by only 1 biographee while 43 are listed by more than 4 biographees; these 43 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	1012	2128	214	429	1255	2611
French	700	1496	154	323	871	1850
German	386	826	80	156	479	1007
Spanish	290	617	77	165	372	792
Italian	199	430	41	87	241	518
Dutch	146	304	19	33	169	344
Russian	77	168	9	13	91	192
Portuguese	71	154	12	26	86	184
Arabic	58	145	6	13	66	161
Swedish	43	100	20	42	66	148
Danish	32	73	6	15	40	92
Greek	28	55	3	8	31	63
Japanese	21	44	1	2	25	52
Latin	19	44	6	15	25	59
Polish	21	45	3	6	24	51
Hindi	16	35	6	13	23	51
Norwegian	16	29	7	19	23	48
Finnish	12	31	7	15	21	51
Hungarian	14	32	6	13	21	46
Hebrew	17	36	2	6	19	42
Urdu	7	13	6	16	13	29
Esperanto	10	21	0	0	11	23
Filipino	8	21	3	8	11	29
Catalan	9	23	0	0	9	23
Kiswahili	5	14	3	8	9	23
Persian	8	18	1	2	9	20
Romanian	4	7	4	4	9	12
Swahili	8	13	1	4	9	17
Bulgarian	6	11	2	4	8	15
Chinese	7	17	1	2	8	19
Croatian	6	14	2	6	8	20
Czech	6	13	1	1	8	17
Korean	5	11	1	2	8	16
Punjabi	6	13	2	4	8	17
Serbo-croatian	8	20	0	0	8	20
Tamil	4	8	3	7	7	15
Thai	3	7	4	11	7	18
Bengali	4	8	2	6	6	14
Indonesian	5	10	1	4	6	14
Yoruba	6	17	0	0	6	17
Mandarin chinese	4	9	1	2	5	11
Slovenian	5	14	0	0	5	14
Turkish	5	12	0	0	5	12