

**Figure 8.7.**  
**Multi-lingualism among international organization officers**  
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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 in Figure 8.5.

This figure gives the number of biographees indicating a proficiency in one or more languages. For example, 308 biographees claim to be bi-lingual and 347 claim to be tri-lingual; 3 biographees profess proficiency in 10 languages, 1 in 11 languages.

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.

	Number of languages										
	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
People	1	3	7	10	15	71	147	229	347	308	260