
Figure 8.7.
Multi-lingualism among international organization officers
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This table is based on the entries of the 1,410 biographees that contain information on language proficiency. In these entries 101 languages are mentioned. These 101 languages are listed in Table 8.4. Of these 101 languages, 37 are listed by only 1 biographee while 40 are listed by more than 4 biographees; these 40 languages are listed in Table 8.5.

This table gives the number of biographees indicating a proficiency in one or more languages. For example, 460 biographees claim to be bi-lingual and 229 claim to be tri-lingual; 5 biographees profess proficiency in 9 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.

	Number of languages										
	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
People	1	0	5	6	11	39	81	128	229	460	450