

**Figure 8.5.**  
**Languages mentioned in the entries of 5 or more biographees**  
*Edition 51: taken from Edition 50, 2013/2014 (data collected in 2012)*

This figure is based on the entries of the 1,686 biographees that contain information on language proficiency. In these entries 136 languages are mentioned; these 136 languages are listed in Figure 8.3. Of these 136 languages, 58 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          | 1152   | 2481  | 290    | 599   | 1479   | 3148  |
| French           | 733    | 1616  | 172    | 370   | 925    | 2024  |
| German           | 395    | 865   | 85     | 170   | 494    | 1060  |
| Spanish          | 298    | 659   | 82     | 181   | 384    | 849   |
| Italian          | 203    | 455   | 43     | 91    | 248    | 549   |
| Dutch            | 158    | 350   | 22     | 39    | 185    | 398   |
| Russian          | 78     | 173   | 10     | 14    | 93     | 198   |
| Portuguese       | 72     | 157   | 13     | 28    | 87     | 188   |
| Arabic           | 61     | 153   | 10     | 20    | 73     | 176   |
| Swedish          | 43     | 102   | 19     | 42    | 65     | 150   |
| Danish           | 35     | 81    | 9      | 20    | 46     | 105   |
| Greek            | 29     | 58    | 4      | 11    | 33     | 69    |
| Hindi            | 19     | 43    | 6      | 13    | 26     | 59    |
| Japanese         | 21     | 47    | 1      | 2     | 26     | 56    |
| Latin            | 19     | 43    | 6      | 15    | 25     | 58    |
| Polish           | 21     | 47    | 4      | 8     | 25     | 55    |
| Norwegian        | 18     | 39    | 6      | 18    | 24     | 57    |
| Finnish          | 12     | 31    | 9      | 21    | 23     | 57    |
| Hungarian        | 14     | 34    | 6      | 13    | 21     | 48    |
| Hebrew           | 17     | 36    | 2      | 6     | 19     | 42    |
| Filipino         | 8      | 21    | 5      | 11    | 13     | 32    |
| Urdu             | 7      | 13    | 6      | 16    | 13     | 29    |
| Esperanto        | 11     | 23    | 0      | 0     | 12     | 25    |
| Chinese          | 9      | 19    | 1      | 2     | 10     | 21    |
| Korean           | 6      | 14    | 1      | 2     | 10     | 20    |
| Persian          | 9      | 21    | 1      | 2     | 10     | 23    |
| Catalan          | 9      | 24    | 0      | 0     | 9      | 24    |
| Czech            | 7      | 14    | 1      | 1     | 9      | 18    |
| Kiswahili        | 5      | 14    | 3      | 8     | 9      | 23    |
| Romanian         | 4      | 7     | 4      | 5     | 9      | 13    |
| Swahili          | 8      | 13    | 1      | 4     | 9      | 17    |
| Bulgarian        | 6      | 11    | 2      | 4     | 8      | 15    |
| Croatian         | 5      | 13    | 3      | 7     | 8      | 20    |
| Punjabi          | 6      | 13    | 2      | 4     | 8      | 17    |
| Serbo-Croatian   | 8      | 20    | 0      | 0     | 8      | 20    |
| Tamil            | 5      | 9     | 3      | 7     | 8      | 16    |
| Thai             | 4      | 10    | 4      | 11    | 8      | 21    |
| Turkish          | 8      | 15    | 0      | 0     | 8      | 15    |
| Slovenian        | 6      | 17    | 1      | 2     | 7      | 19    |
| 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    |