

Figure 8.5.
Languages mentioned in the entries of 5 or more biographees
Edition 53: taken from Edition 52, 2015/2016 (data collected in 2014-2015)

This figure is based on the entries of the 2,050 biographees that contain information on language proficiency. In these entries 141 languages are mentioned; these 141 languages are listed in Table 4. Of these 141 languages, 57 are listed by only 1 biographee while 44 are listed by more than 4 biographees; these 44 languages are listed in this Table.

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.

| Language | Male | | Female | | Total | |
|------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| | People | Org's | People | Org's | People | Org's |
| English | 1367 | 3043 | 418 | 895 | 1823 | 4007 |
| French | 785 | 1770 | 200 | 452 | 1003 | 2258 |
| German | 408 | 932 | 90 | 198 | 512 | 1155 |
| Spanish | 314 | 731 | 93 | 207 | 411 | 947 |
| Italian | 217 | 502 | 49 | 105 | 268 | 610 |
| Dutch | 183 | 406 | 30 | 56 | 219 | 472 |
| Russian | 88 | 197 | 12 | 16 | 105 | 224 |
| Portuguese | 76 | 173 | 15 | 32 | 92 | 207 |
| Arabic | 66 | 165 | 14 | 34 | 81 | 201 |
| Swedish | 45 | 110 | 20 | 44 | 68 | 160 |
| Danish | 37 | 87 | 10 | 27 | 49 | 118 |
| Greek | 29 | 60 | 6 | 15 | 35 | 75 |
| Norwegian | 20 | 44 | 9 | 27 | 29 | 71 |
| Japanese | 24 | 52 | 1 | 2 | 28 | 60 |
| Polish | 22 | 54 | 6 | 11 | 28 | 65 |
| Hindi | 18 | 42 | 6 | 13 | 25 | 58 |
| Finnish | 13 | 34 | 9 | 23 | 24 | 62 |
| Latin | 19 | 43 | 5 | 14 | 24 | 57 |
| Hungarian | 14 | 34 | 6 | 13 | 21 | 48 |
| Hebrew | 17 | 36 | 2 | 6 | 19 | 42 |
| Chinese | 16 | 40 | 2 | 5 | 18 | 45 |
| Filipino | 9 | 25 | 5 | 11 | 14 | 36 |
| Turkish | 12 | 23 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 26 |
| Urdu | 7 | 14 | 7 | 18 | 14 | 32 |
| Persian | 11 | 24 | 2 | 4 | 13 | 28 |
| Czech | 7 | 17 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 24 |
| Esperanto | 10 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 23 |
| Korean | 8 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 21 |
| Romanian | 3 | 6 | 7 | 13 | 11 | 20 |
| Catalan | 10 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 25 |
| Slovene | 9 | 25 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 27 |
| Swahili | 9 | 17 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 21 |
| Bulgarian | 6 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 17 |
| Kiswahili | 5 | 14 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 23 |
| Thai | 5 | 11 | 4 | 11 | 9 | 22 |
| Croatian | 5 | 13 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 20 |
| Indonesian | 6 | 13 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 18 |
| Serbo-Croatian | 8 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 20 |
| Bengali | 5 | 12 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 18 |
| Punjabi | 5 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 16 |
| Tamil | 4 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 15 |
| Icelandic | 4 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 13 |
| Yoruba | 6 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 17 |
| Mandarin Chinese | 4 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 11 |