

Figure 8.5.
Languages mentioned in the entries of 5 or more biographees
Edition 54: taken from Edition 53, 2016/2017 (data collected in 2015-2016)

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	1466	3175	455	957	1959	4200
French	784	1724	205	454	1006	2211
German	416	929	93	206	523	1160
Spanish	316	711	97	216	417	936
Italian	216	487	51	110	269	600
Dutch	190	418	25	50	222	479
Russian	88	193	14	18	107	221
Portuguese	74	163	15	29	90	194
Arabic	73	174	14	30	88	206
Swedish	47	111	21	43	71	160
Danish	38	85	10	28	50	117
Greek	29	62	6	15	35	77
Norwegian	24	49	10	28	35	79
Japanese	27	55	1	2	31	63
Polish	23	55	6	11	29	66
Hindi	18	40	6	12	25	55
Finnish	13	34	9	24	24	63
Latin	18	41	5	14	23	55
Hungarian	15	37	5	11	21	49
Chinese	17	40	3	9	20	49
Hebrew	17	35	2	6	19	41
Turkish	14	25	1	1	16	28
Persian	13	26	2	3	15	29
Filipino	9	25	5	11	14	36
Korean	10	23	1	2	13	28
Urdu	6	12	7	17	13	29
Bulgarian	8	13	4	7	12	20
Catalan	10	24	1	1	11	25
Esperanto	10	19	0	0	11	21
Romanian	3	5	7	13	11	19
Czech	7	17	2	3	10	22
Slovene	9	23	1	2	10	25
Swahili	9	17	1	3	10	20
Kiswahili	5	13	3	8	9	22
Thai	4	10	5	11	9	21
Croatian	5	12	3	6	8	18
Indonesian	6	12	2	5	8	17
Serbo-Croatian	8	19	0	0	8	19
Punjabi	5	12	2	4	7	16
Tamil	4	8	3	7	7	15
Bengali	4	9	2	6	6	15
Icelandic	4	7	2	6	6	13
Serbian	2	6	4	11	6	17
Yoruba	6	17	0	0	6	17

