

Figure 8.4.
Languages mentioned in the entries of 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 this Table. 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 Table 5.

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 "Men" and "Women".

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
Afrikaans	3	8	1	1	4	9
Amharic	2	3	1	2	3	5
Ancient Greek	4	8	0	0	4	8
Arabic	73	174	14	30	88	206
Azerbaijani	2	2	0	0	2	2
Azeri	1	3	0	0	1	3
Bahasa Indonesia	1	2	1	2	2	4
Bahasa Malaysia	1	2	1	1	2	3
Bambara	2	5	1	1	3	6
Bananna	0	0	0	0	1	2
Basque	0	0	2	4	2	4
Bengali	4	9	2	6	6	15
Bosnian	2	2	0	0	2	2
Braille	2	7	0	0	2	7
Bulgarian	8	13	4	7	12	20
Castilian	2	4	0	0	2	4
Catalan	10	24	1	1	11	25
Cherokee	0	0	1	3	1	3
Chichewa	1	4	0	0	1	4
Chinese	17	40	3	9	20	49
Chinyanja	1	3	0	0	1	3
Cinyanja	1	4	0	0	1	4
Comorian	1	2	0	0	1	2
Creole	1	4	0	0	1	4
Croatian	5	12	3	6	8	18
Czech	7	17	2	3	10	22
Danish	38	85	10	28	50	117
Dioula	3	9	0	0	3	9
Dutch	190	418	25	50	222	479
Dzongkha	1	2	0	0	1	2
English	1466	3175	455	957	1959	4200
Esperanto	10	19	0	0	11	21
Estonian	2	4	0	0	2	4
Fijian	1	3	0	0	1	3
Filipino	9	25	5	11	14	36
Finnish	13	34	9	24	24	63
Flemish	1	3	0	0	1	3
France	1	3	0	0	1	3
French	784	1724	205	454	1006	2211
Gaelic	1	3	0	0	1	3
German	416	929	93	206	523	1160
Greek	29	62	6	15	35	77
Guarani	1	4	0	0	1	4
Gujarati	3	5	0	0	3	5
Haitian Creole	1	2	0	0	1	2
Haya	0	0	1	3	1	3
Hebrew	17	35	2	6	19	41
Hindi	18	40	6	12	25	55
Hokkien	1	2	0	0	1	2
Hungarian	15	37	5	11	21	49
Ibo	1	2	0	0	1	2

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	People	Org's	People	Org's	People	Org's
Icelandic	4	7	2	6	6	13
Igbo	1	4	0	0	1	4
Indonesian	6	12	2	5	8	17
Italian	216	487	51	110	269	600
Jamaican vernacular	1	1	0	0	1	1
Japanese	27	55	1	2	31	63
Kakwa	1	1	0	0	1	1
Kannada	2	5	0	0	2	5
Kazakh	2	3	0	0	2	3
Kikongo	1	1	0	0	1	1
Kikuyu	0	0	1	3	1	3
Kiswahili	5	13	3	8	9	22
Korean	10	23	1	2	13	28
Krio	1	4	0	0	1	4
Kurdish	0	0	1	3	1	3
Kyrgyz	2	3	0	0	2	3
Laotian	1	4	1	2	2	6
Latin	18	41	5	14	23	55
Latvian	0	0	2	5	2	5
Lingala	2	2	0	0	2	2
Lithuanian	1	3	1	4	2	7
Low German	1	3	0	0	1	3
Luganda	1	2	1	2	2	4
Luxemburgisch	3	4	0	0	3	4
Maasai	1	4	0	0	1	4
Maithili	1	4	0	0	1	4
Malagasy	2	5	0	0	2	5
Malay	2	5	2	5	4	10
Malayalam	1	2	0	0	1	2
Maltese	3	5	0	0	3	5
Mandarin Chinese	3	8	1	1	4	9
Manding	2	5	0	0	2	5
Marathi	3	6	1	2	4	8
Masa	1	1	0	0	1	1
Moldavian	0	0	1	1	1	1
Moor,	2	4	0	0	2	4
Musey	1	1	0	0	1	1
Myéné	1	4	0	0	1	4
Navajo	1	1	0	0	1	1
Nepalese	1	2	0	0	1	2
Nepali	1	4	0	0	1	4
Norwegian	24	49	10	28	35	79
Occitan	1	3	0	0	1	3
Ouolof	1	1	1	1	2	2
Pakistani	1	1	1	1	2	2
Pangasinense	0	0	1	3	1	3
Pashto	1	1	0	0	1	1
Persian	13	26	2	3	15	29
Polish	23	55	6	11	29	66
Portuguese	74	163	15	29	90	194
Pulaar	1	3	0	0	1	3
Punjabi	5	12	2	4	7	16
Quechuan	1	1	0	0	1	1
Romani	1	1	0	0	1	1
Romanian	3	5	7	13	11	19
Rotuman	1	3	0	0	1	3
Runyankore	1	3	0	0	1	3
Russian	88	193	14	18	107	221
Samburu	1	4	0	0	1	4
Sami	0	0	1	1	2	3
Sanskrit	2	2	1	2	3	4
Serbian	2	6	4	11	6	17
Serbo-Croatian	8	19	0	0	8	19
Sesotho	0	0	1	2	1	2
Sharchogpa	1	2	0	0	1	2
Sheng	1	4	0	0	1	4
Shona	0	0	1	2	1	2
Sign languages	2	4	0	0	2	4
Sinhalese	3	6	1	1	4	7
Slovakian	2	4	1	3	4	9
Slovene	9	23	1	2	10	25
Slovenian	0	0	1	1	1	1
Sonräi	0	0	1	1	1	1

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	People	Org's	People	Org's	People	Org's
Spanish	316	711	97	216	417	936
Swahili	9	17	1	3	10	20
Swedish	47	111	21	43	71	160
Syriac	1	1	0	0	1	1
Tagalog	1	2	2	4	3	6
Tahitian	1	2	0	0	1	2
Tamil	4	8	3	7	7	15
Thai	4	10	5	11	9	21
Tibetan	2	4	1	1	3	5
Turkic	1	1	0	0	1	1
Turkish	14	25	1	1	16	28
Twi	1	2	0	0	1	2
Ukrainian	2	3	0	0	2	3
Urdu	6	12	7	17	13	29
Valencian	0	0	1	1	1	1
Vietnamese	1	4	0	0	1	4
Welsh	2	7	0	0	2	7
Wolof	3	8	1	2	4	10
Yiddish	2	3	0	0	2	3
Yoruba	6	17	0	0	6	17
GRAND TOTALS	4198	9258	1148	2471	5458	11936

