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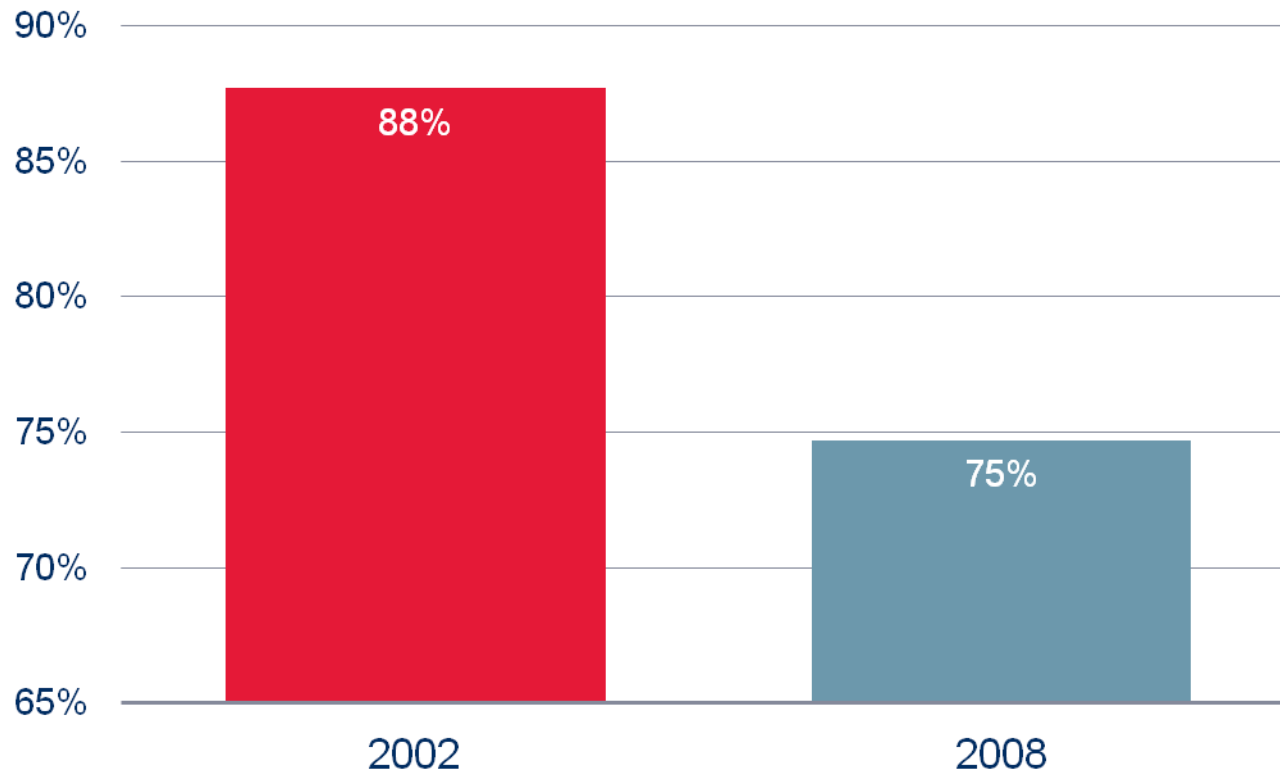
„A study of the language skills of the Czech population“
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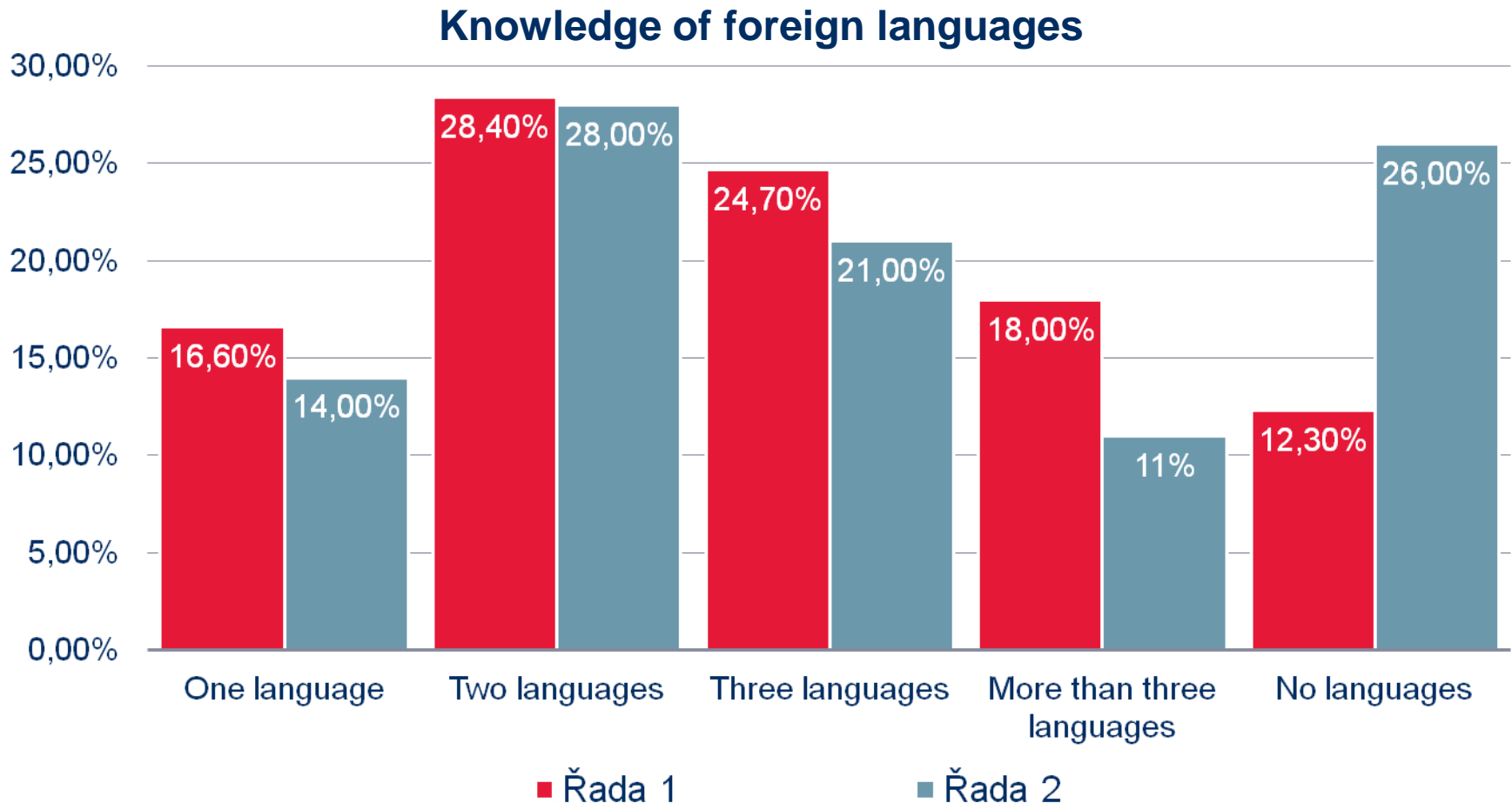
Comparison of the Results – Knowledge of Foreign Languages

Knowledge of at least one foreign language – all levels



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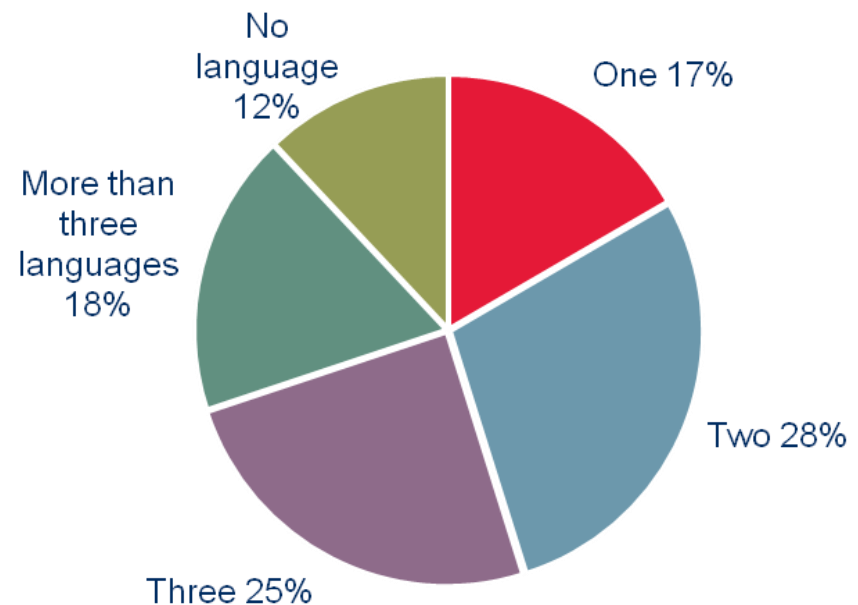
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Knowledge of Foreign Languages

More than a quarter of those interviewed (28.4 %) can speak two foreign languages well enough to be able to read and understand a simple text of a general nature, in addition to their native language. A quarter of respondents (24.7 %) can speak three foreign languages, while almost a fifth of respondents (18.0 %) can speak more than three languages. A sixth of those interviewed (16.6 %) can speak only one foreign language well enough to be able to read and understand a simple text of a general nature. More than a tenth of those interviewed (12.3 %) aged between 18 and 59 said that they do not speak any foreign language.

The question was answered by 100 % respondents.

How many languages (in addition to your native language) do you speak well enough to be able to read and understand a simple text of a general nature?



Source: Augur Consulting, s.r.o., 2008

Knowledge of Foreign Languages

The table below documents the replies according to the socio-demographic characteristics of respondents.

How many languages (in addition to your native language) do you speak well enough to be able to read and understand a simple text of a general nature?		One in %	Two in %	Three in %	More than three in %	No languages in %	Total in %
Gender	Male	15,5	29,2	24,7	17,6	13,0	100,0
	Female	17,6	27,5	24,8	18,3	11,8	100,0
Age	18 – 29	15,8	31,6	28,6	17,6	6,4	100,0
	30 – 39	15,8	27,7	25,7	20,3	10,5	100,0
	40 – 49	16,1	26,7	23,3	17,9	16,0	100,0
	50 – 59	19,0	26,4	20,1	15,9	18,6	100,0
Education	Primary	24,1	28,2	14,5	8,4	24,8	100,0
	Secondary	14,8	31,1	28,9	17,7	7,5	100,0
	Higher	7,5	22,6	32,5	34,7	2,7	100,0
Study field – categorised form	Technical field	19,5	29,6	22,6	13,1	15,2	100,0
	Economic field	13,6	29,5	27,6	20,4	8,9	100,0
	Humanities	9,1	25,4	30,7	27,5	7,3	100,0
	Sciences	17,2	30,7	26,0	21,4	4,7	100,0
	Other	24,6	23,8	18,5	12,5	20,6	100,0

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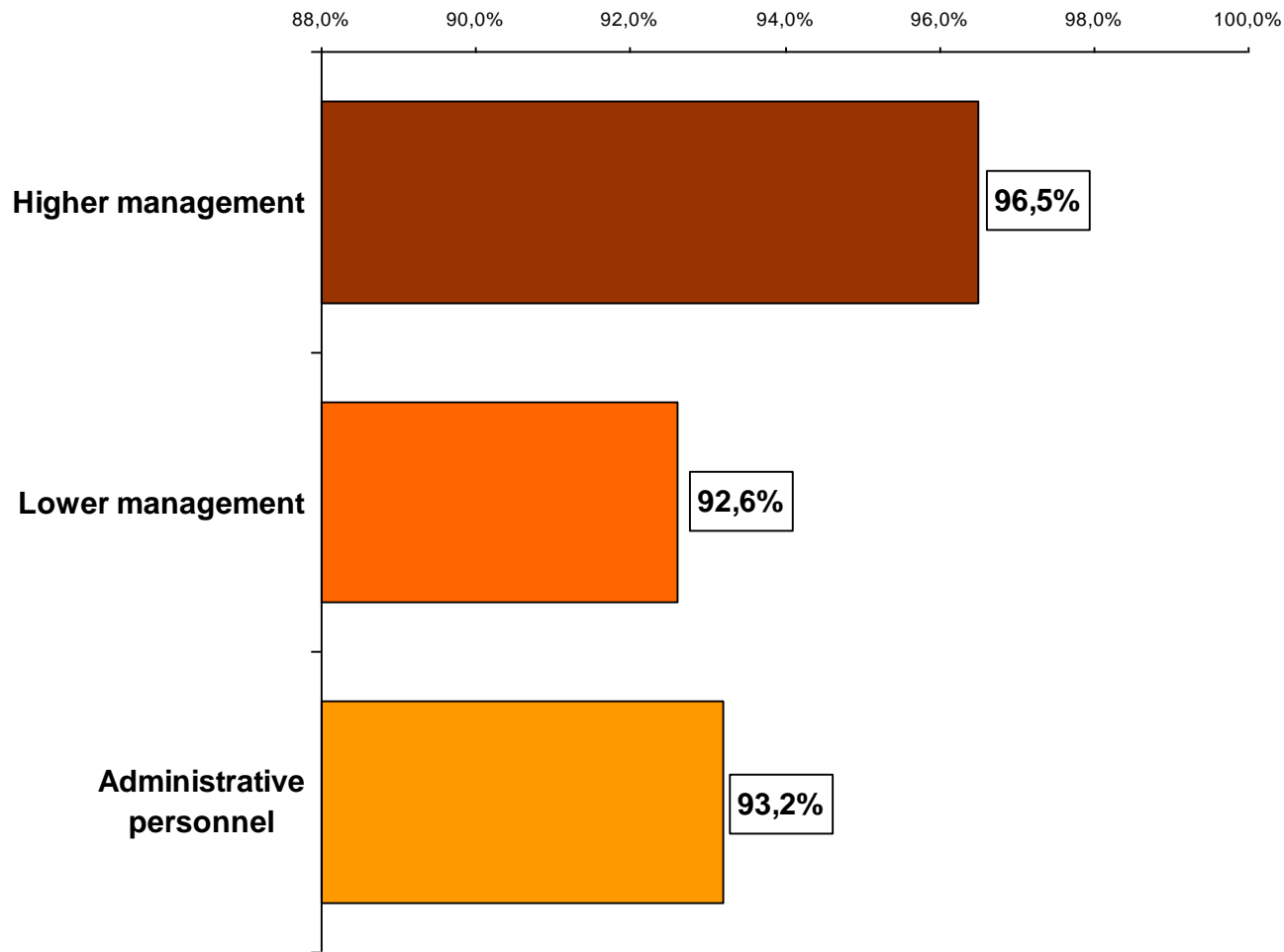
Knowledge Of Foreign Languages

How many languages (in addition to your native language) do you speak well enough to be able to read and understand a simple text of a general nature?		One in %	Two in %	Three in %	More than three in %	No languages in %	Total in %
REGIONS	Prague	14,1	26,1	24,1	24,6	11,1	100,0
	South Bohemian Region	26,2	35,4	24,6	11,5	2,3	100,0
	South Moravian Region	8,1	27,8	29,3	21,5	13,3	100,0
	Karlovy Vary Region	8,6	31,4	21,4	25,7	12,9	100,0
	Vysočina Region	11,9	37,3	21,6	13,4	15,8	100,0
	Hradec Králové Region	6,8	24,6	35,6	28,8	4,2	100,0
	Liberec Region	17,2	51,5	18,2	10,1	3,0	100,0
	Moravian Silesia Region	16,0	20,1	26,2	28,5	9,2	100,0
	Olomouc Region	14,7	28,2	27,6	16,7	12,8	100,0
	Pardubice Region	18,3	22,5	21,8	16,9	20,5	100,0
	Plzeň Region	27,1	36,1	24,8	10,5	1,5	100,0
	Central Bohemian Region	18,0	37,8	20,3	6,5	17,4	100,0
	Ústí Region	28,6	19,1	17,0	6,2	29,1	100,0
	Zlín Region	12,6	23,0	33,3	26,7	4,4	100,0

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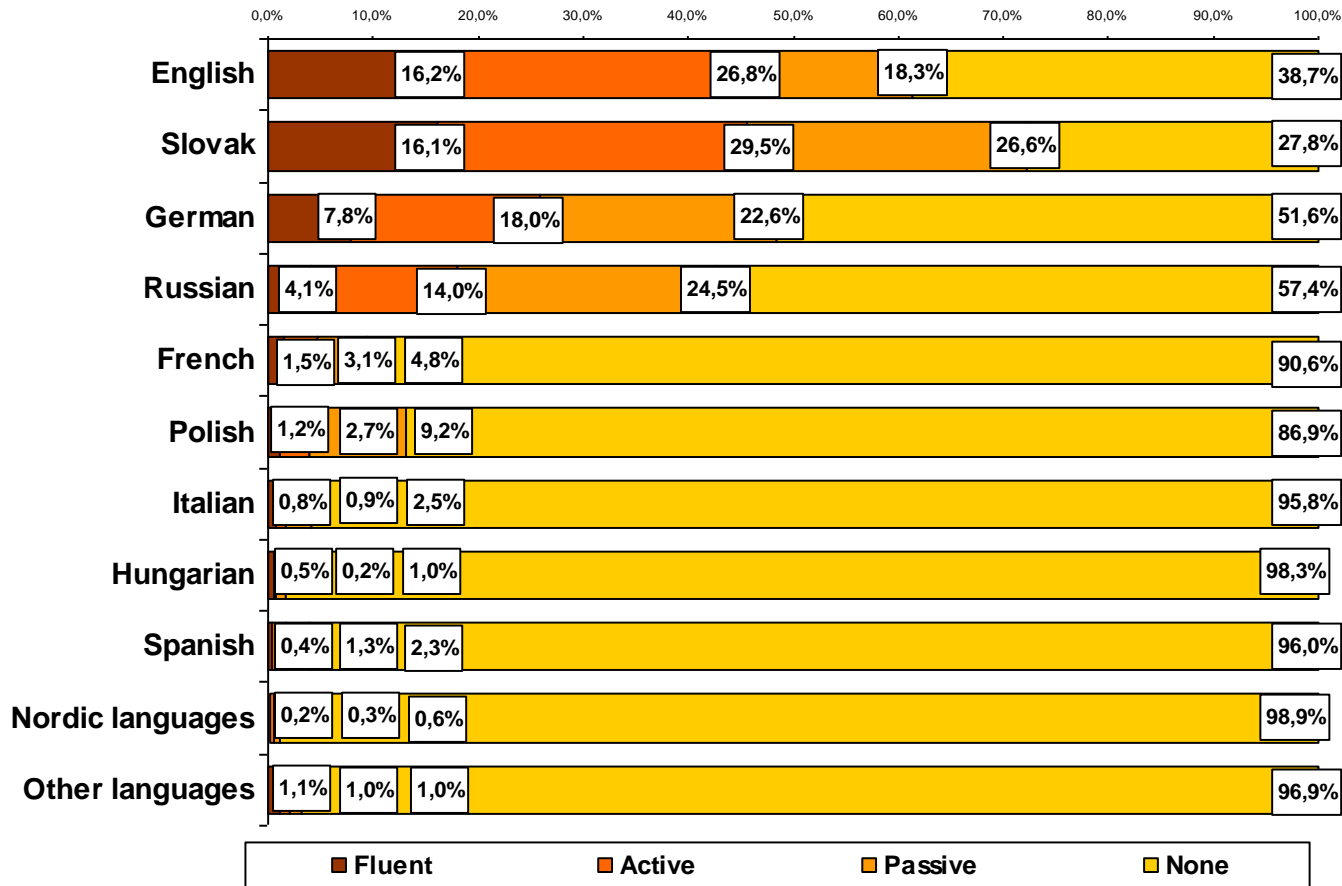
Foreign language skills – all levels – according to social standing



Source: Augur Consulting, s.r.o., 2008

Knowledge Of Foreign Languages

Which foreign languages can you speak and to what standard?



Other languages:
 Czech, Latin,
 Romany, Greek,
 Croatian, Hungarian,
 Mongolian,
 Vietnamese,
 Ukrainian, Slovenian,
 Chinese, Portuguese,
 Turkish, Flemish,
 Bulgarian, Hebrew,
 Dutch, Catalanian.

Source: Augur Consulting, s.r.o., 2008

Knowledge of Foreign Languages

The table below documents the replies according to the socio-demographic characteristics of respondents.

Which foreign languages can you speak and to what standard?		English in %		German in %		Russian in %	
		Fluent	Active	Fluent	Active	Fluent	Active
Gender	Male	14,9	28,1	7,7	17,3	3,2	14,3
	Female	17,4	25,6	8,0	18,6	4,8	13,8
Age	18 – 29	24,7	41,5	9,0	23,8	1,2	3,0
	30 – 39	18,8	28,0	7,0	16,9	3,1	12,6
	40 – 49	10,6	21,3	8,7	13,4	6,6	22,6
	50 – 59	6,3	8,8	6,1	15,4	6,8	22,9
Education	Primary	7,7	16,4	2,3	9,7	2,1	8,6
	Secondary	15,0	29,1	8,1	19,7	3,5	13,8
	Higher	30,0	35,3	14,1	24,7	7,7	21,6
Study field – categorised form	Technical field	10,5	20,7	4,6	12,0	3,5	12,8
	Economic field	20,2	31,3	10,5	22,7	4,4	14,4
	Humanities	23,9	35,3	13,8	22,7	5,7	18,4
	Sciences	12,6	29,5	5,5	23,5	6,0	15,8
	Other	18,3	19,3	5,6	14,2	1,5	8,1

Source: Augur Consulting, s.r.o., 2008

Knowledge of Foreign Languages

The table below documents the replies according to the socio-demographic characteristics of respondents.

Which foreign languages can you speak and to what standard?		French in %		Polish in %		Italian in %	
		Fluent	Active	Fluent	Active	Fluent	Active
Gender	Male	0,7	2,8	1,4	3,4	0,7	0,6
	Female	2,3	3,4	1,0	2,0	0,8	1,1
Age	18 – 29	2,1	4,7	0,2	2,0	0,9	0,8
	30 – 39	1,6	2,9	1,9	2,3	0,6	1,6
	40 – 49	1,3	1,9	1,7	3,2	0,6	0,9
	50 – 59	0,9	2,3	1,4	3,6	0,9	0,2
Education	Primary	0,7	2,3	1,2	2,3	0,3	0,3
	Secondary	0,9	3,0	1,0	3,1	0,8	1,1
	Higher	4,2	4,6	1,8	2,4	1,3	1,1
Study field – categorised form	Technical field	0,4	1,8	1,5	2,9	0,3	0,4
	Economic field	1,3	3,1	0,9	2,0	1,5	1,5
	Humanities	5,5	5,5	0,6	4,0	1,1	0,9
	Sciences	0,5	0,5	2,7	1,6	0,5	1,1
	Other	1,0	6,1	0,5	2,0	0,0	1,0

Source: Augur Consulting, s.r.o., 2008

Knowledge of Foreign Languages

The table below documents the replies according to the socio-demographic characteristics of respondents.

Which foreign languages can you speak and to what standard?		Spanish in %		Nordic languages in %	
		Fluent	Active	Fluent	Active
Gender	Male	0,0	0,9	0,3	0,6
	Female	0,7	1,7	0,2	0,1
Age	18 – 29	0,8	2,4	0,2	0,3
	30 – 39	0,0	1,4	0,0	0,0
	40 – 49	0,2	0,6	0,4	0,4
	50 – 59	0,5	0,2	0,5	0,7
Education	Primary	0,2	0,7	0,3	0,2
	Secondary	0,5	1,5	0,2	0,3
	Higher	0,4	1,8	0,2	0,7
Study field – categorised form	Technical field	0,0	0,6	0,1	0,3
	Economic field	0,9	1,5	0,2	0,2
	Humanities	0,9	1,7	0,3	1,1
	Sciences	0,0	1,1	0,5	0,0
	Other	0,0	2,5	0,5	0,0

Source: Augur Consulting, s.r.o., 2008

Knowledge Of Foreign Languages

The table below documents the replies according to the socio-demographic characteristics of respondents.

Which foreign languages can you speak and to what standard?	English in %		German in %		Russian in %	
	Fluent	Active	Fluent	Active	Fluent	Active
	REGIONS					
Prague	17,5	46,3	7,3	22,0	3,4	15,3
South Bohemian Region	5,5	24,4	3,9	23,6	1,6	10,2
South Moravian Region	24,4	26,1	10,7	18,8	5,6	17,9
Karlovy Vary Region	19,7	24,6	6,6	37,7	4,9	23,0
Vysočina Region	20,4	20,4	9,7	9,7	3,5	16,8
Hradec Králové Region	22,1	35,4	4,4	20,4	5,3	17,7
Liberec Region	10,4	17,7	9,4	14,6	3,1	13,5
Moravian Silesia Region	15,4	24,4	7,4	18,3	4,5	17,6
Olomouc Region	9,6	32,4	2,9	17,6	1,5	13,2
Pardubice Region	31,0	23,9	12,4	14,2	4,4	14,2
Plzeň Region	13,7	26,0	10,7	19,1	1,5	3,8
Central Bohemian Region	12,3	22,9	5,6	11,7	6,1	10,6
Ústí Region	8,2	22,2	6,4	13,5	5,3	7,0
Zlín Region	18,5	24,6	12,3	20,0	3,8	15,4

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Knowledge Of Foreign Languages

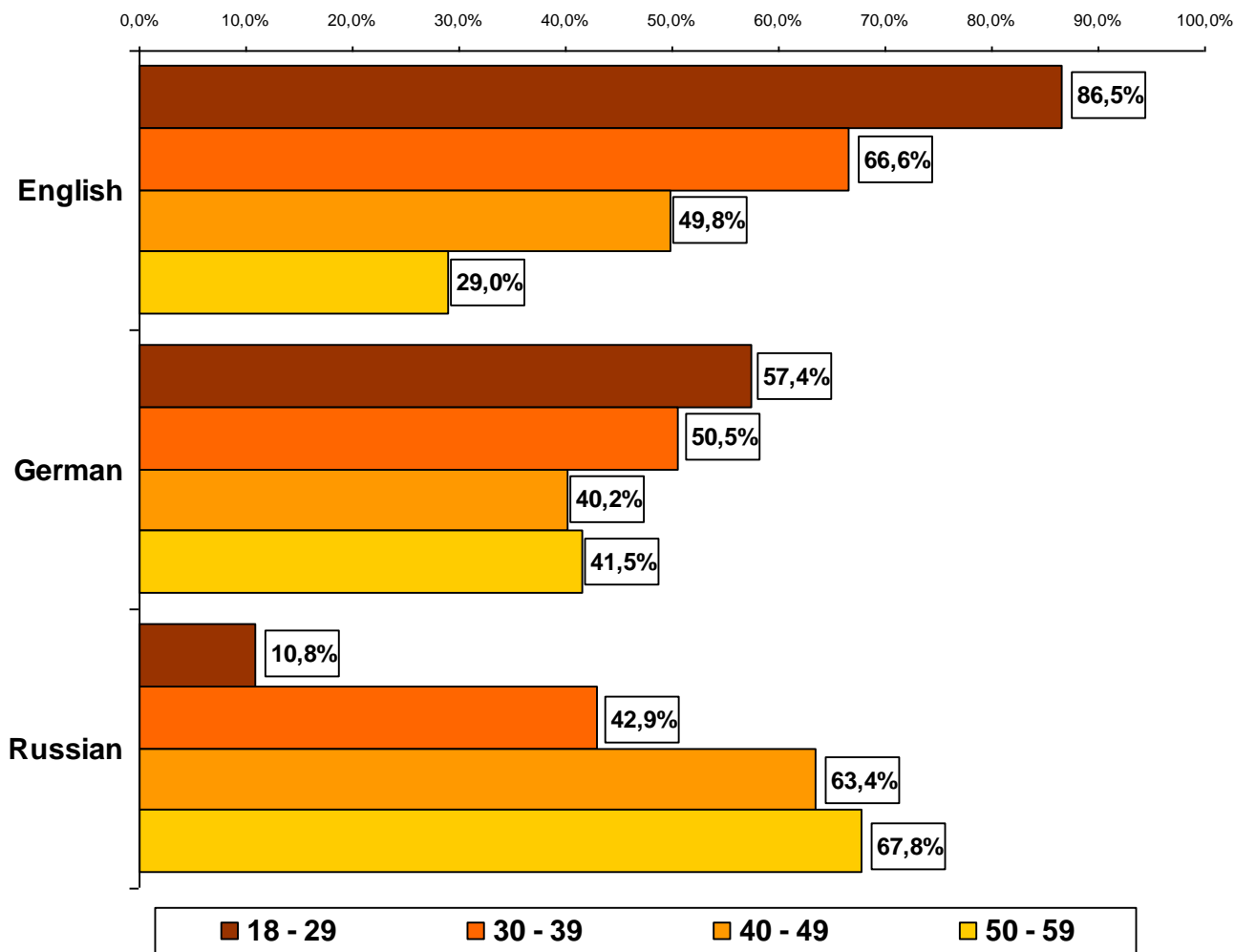
The table below documents the replies according to the socio-demographic characteristics of respondents.

	Which foreign languages can you speak and to what standard?	French in %		Polish in %		Italian in %	
		Fluent	Active	Fluent	Active	Fluent	Active
		REGIONS	Prague	0,6	5,1	0,6	1,1
South Bohemian Region	0,0	1,6	0,8	0,8	0,8	0,0	
South Moravian Region	2,6	2,6	0,9	0,4	0,9	0,9	
Karlovy Vary Region	1,6	6,6	0,0	1,6	3,3	1,6	
Vysočina Region	4,4	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,8	1,8	
Hradec Králové Region	4,4	8,8	0,9	1,8	0,0	0,9	
Liberec Region	0,0	1,0	0,0	1,0	0,0	2,1	
Moravian Silesia Region	1,3	0,6	5,8	13,5	0,6	0,3	
Olomouc Region	1,5	5,1	0,0	1,5	0,7	0,0	
Pardubice Region	2,7	5,3	0,0	0,9	0,9	0,9	
Plzeň Region	0,0	2,3	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	
Central Bohemian Region	0,6	2,2	0,6	0,6	0,6	0,0	
Ústí Region	0,6	2,9	0,6	0,0	1,8	0,6	
Zlín Region	2,3	4,6	0,0	1,5	0,0	3,1	

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Level Knowledge Of Foreign Languages

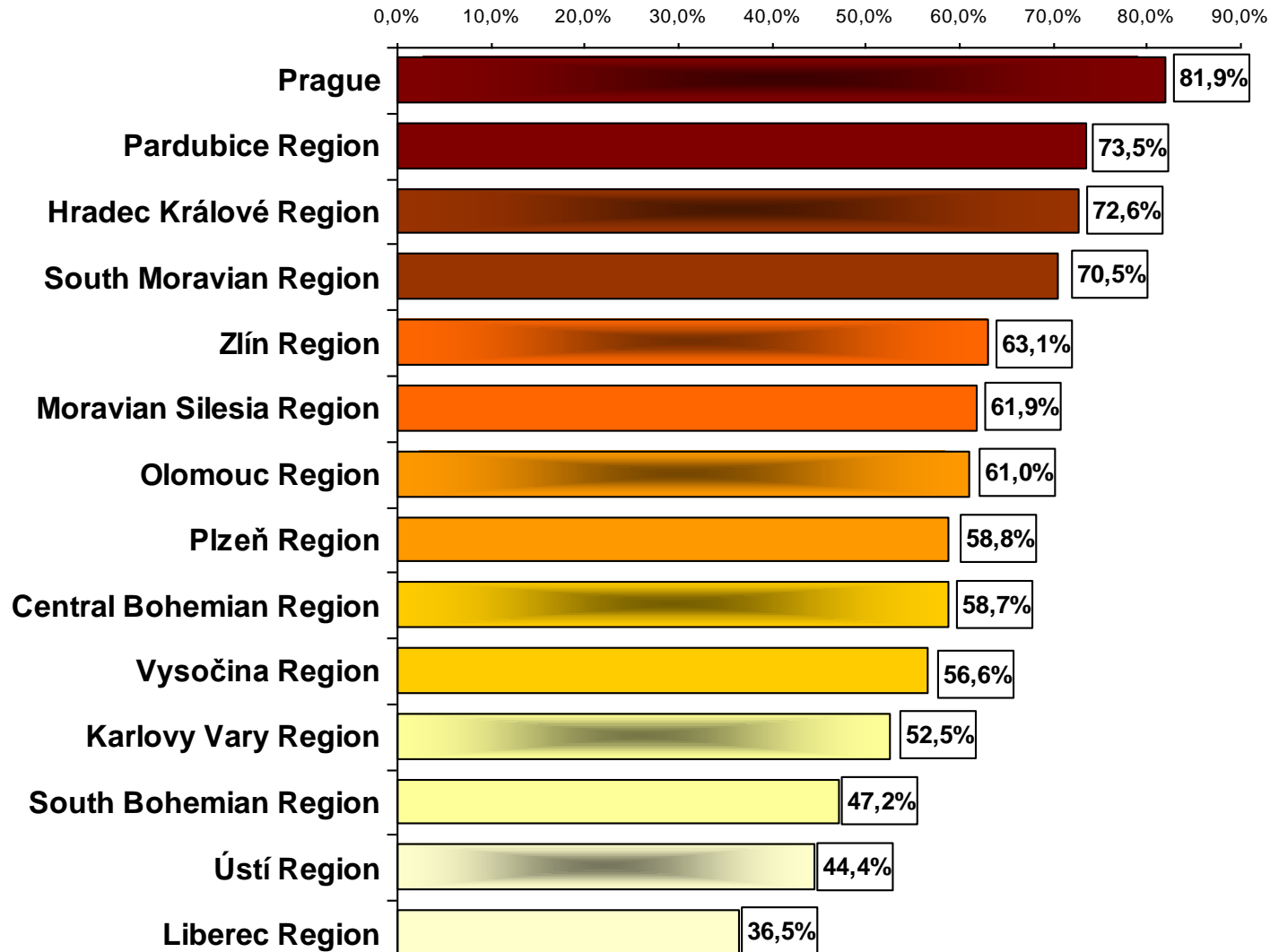
Foreign language skills – all levels – according to the age of the respondent



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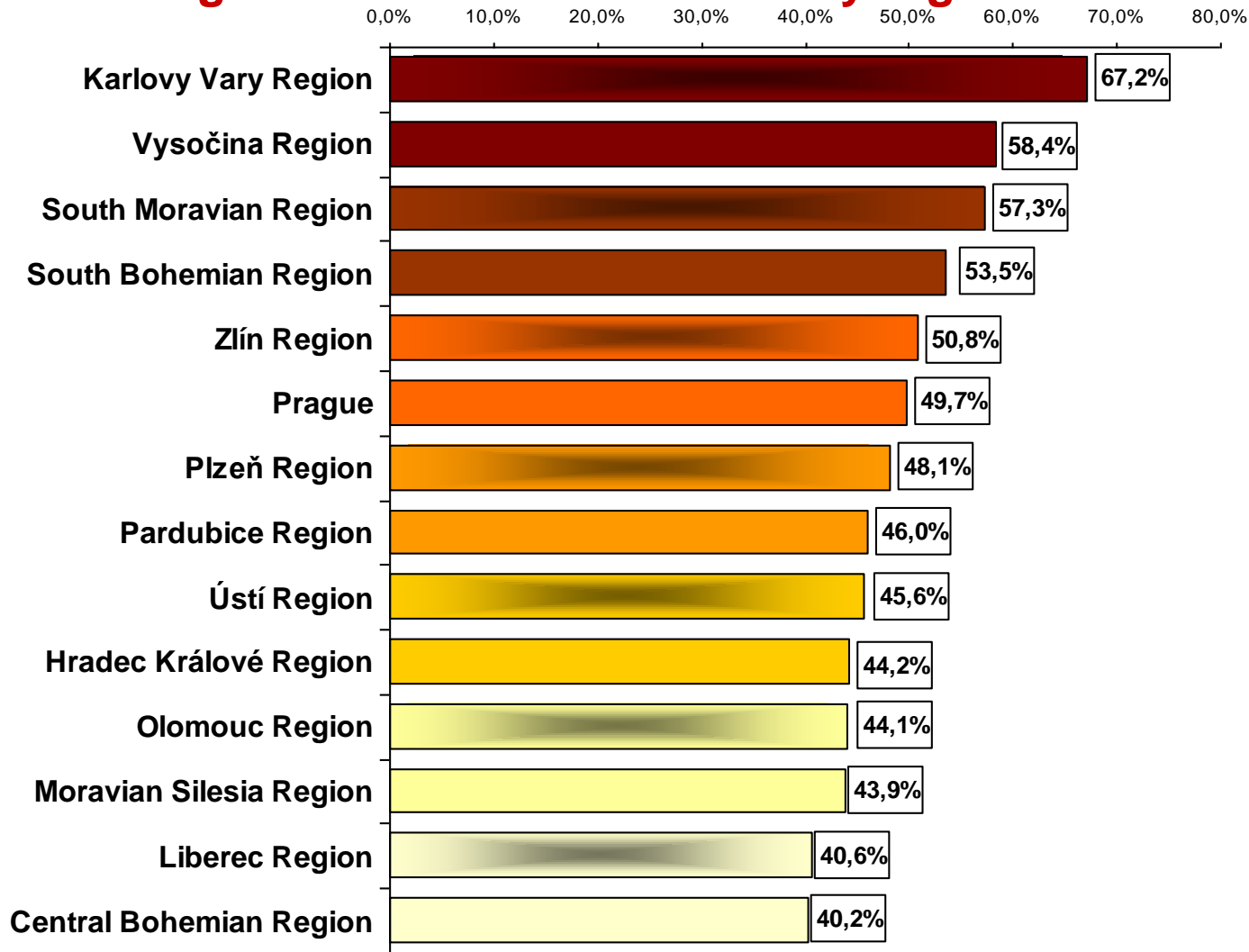
Knowledge of English – all levels – by region



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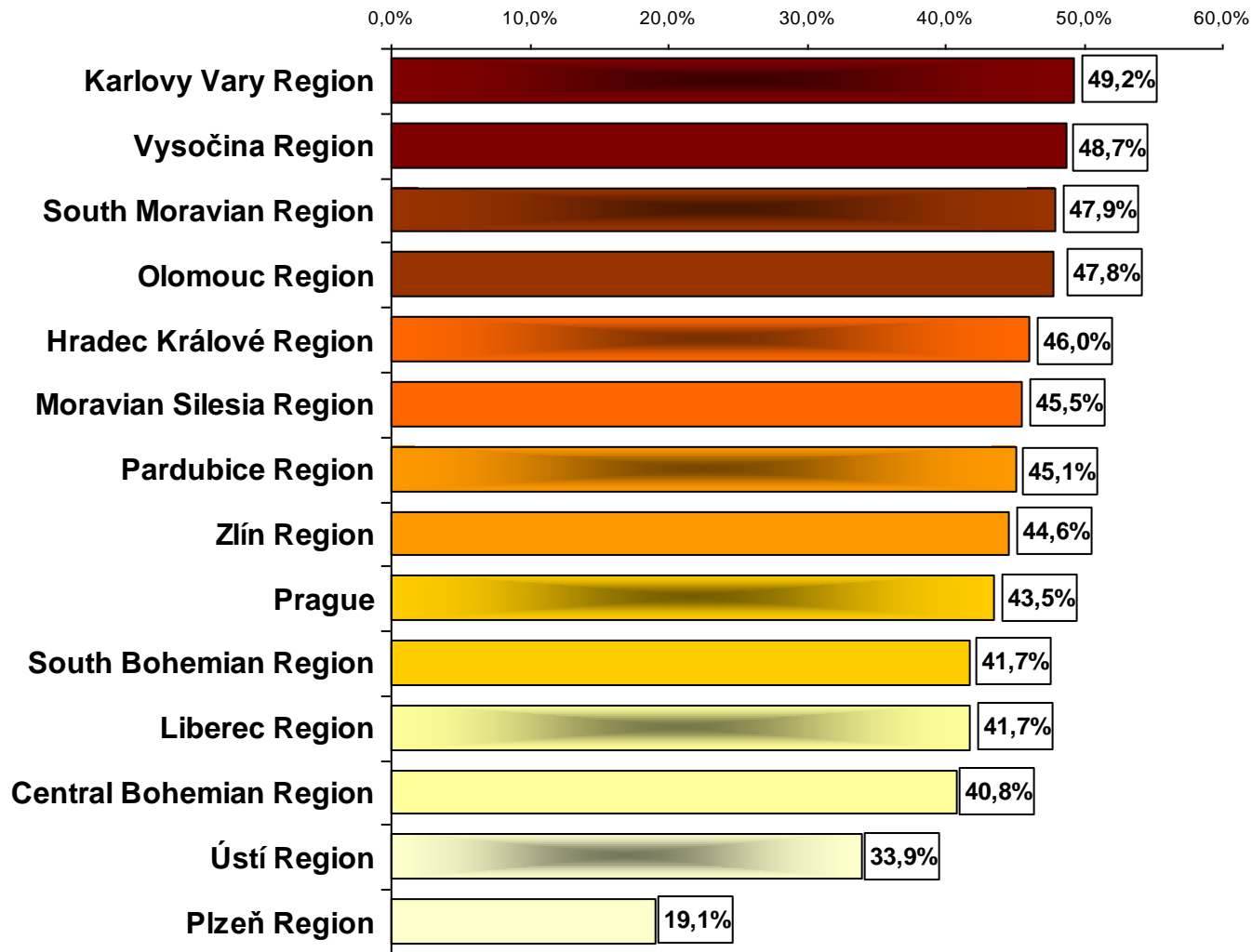
Knowledge of German – all levels – by region



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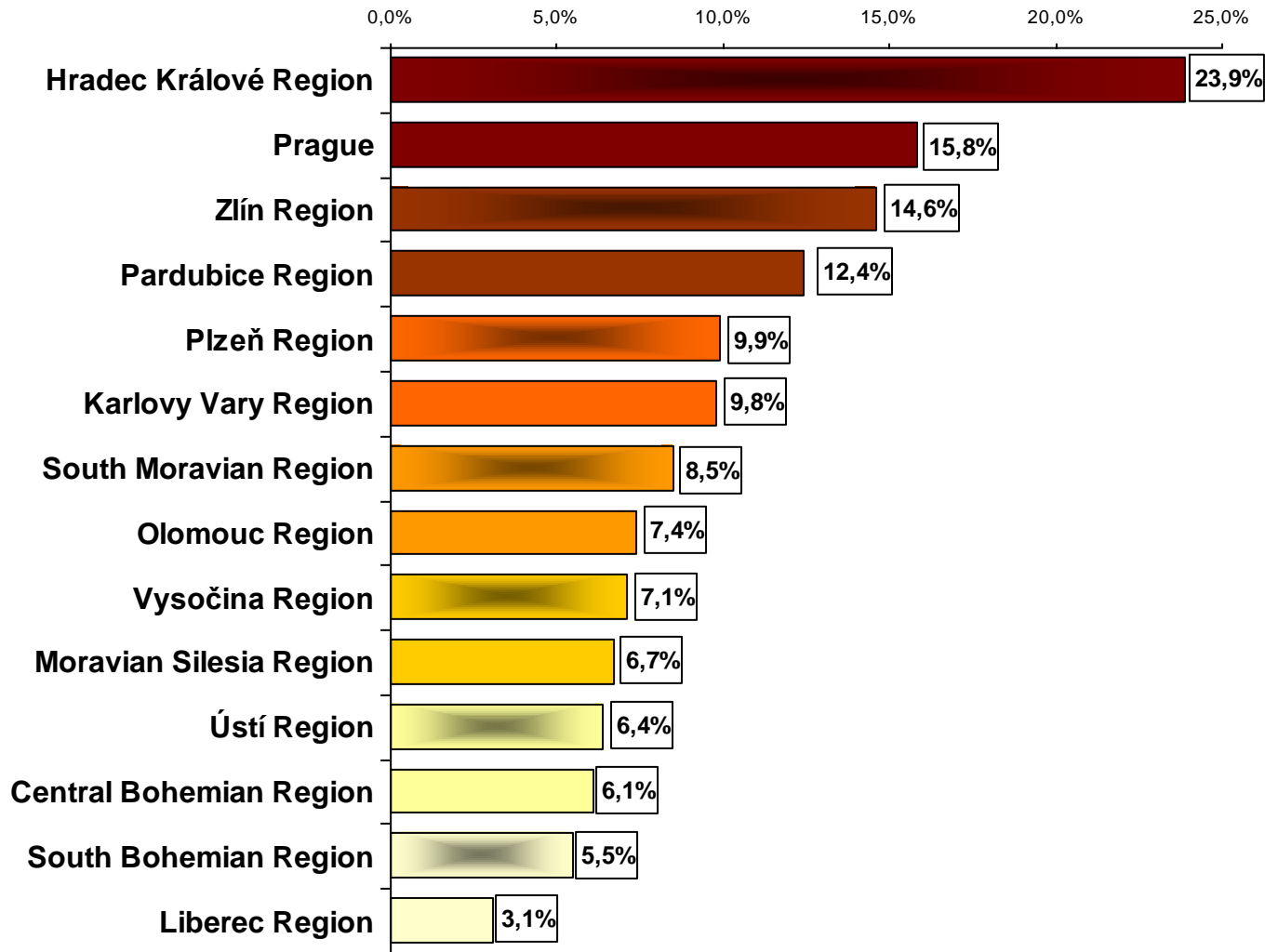
Knowledge of Russian – all levels – by region



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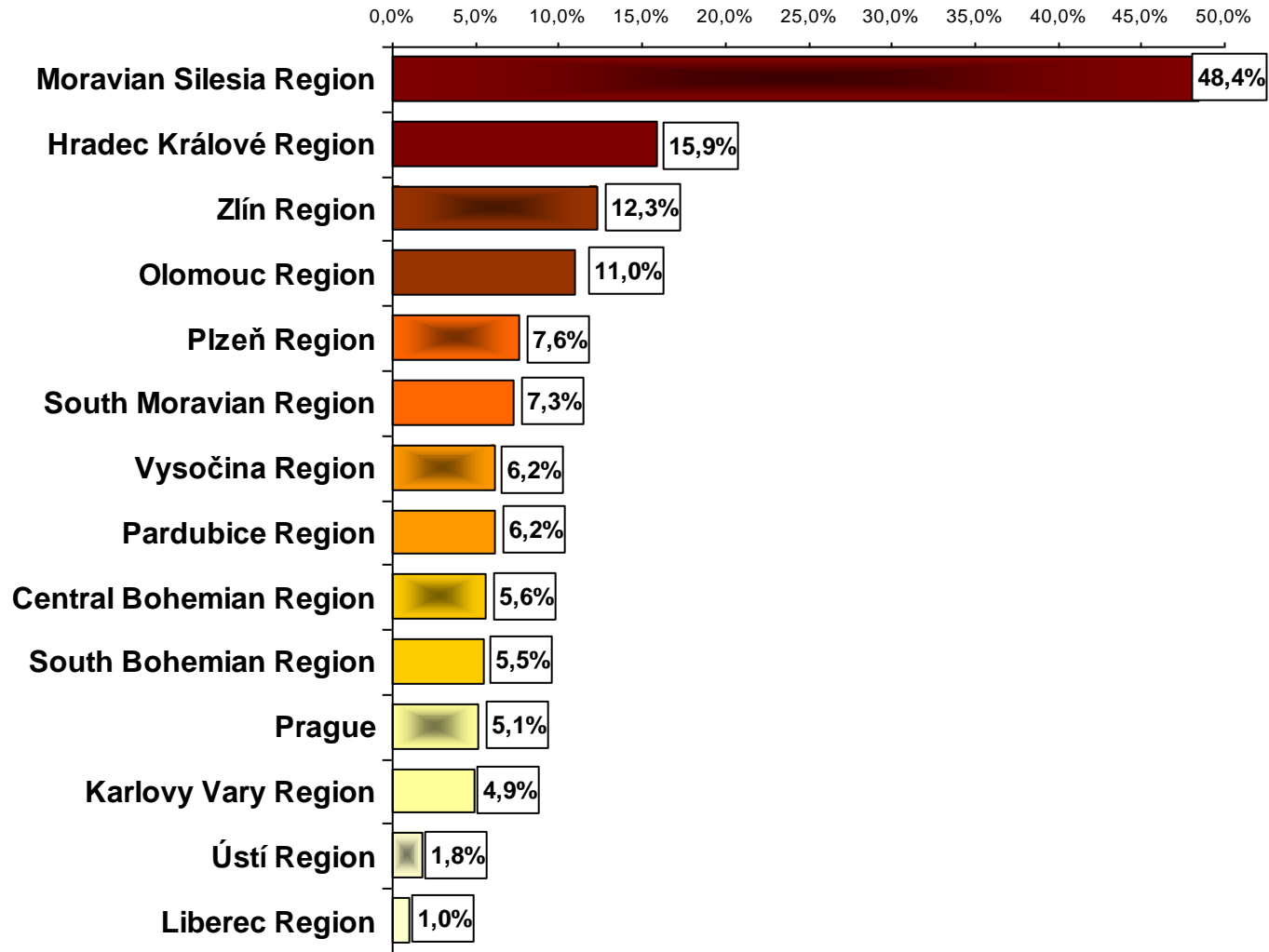
Knowledge of French – all levels – by region



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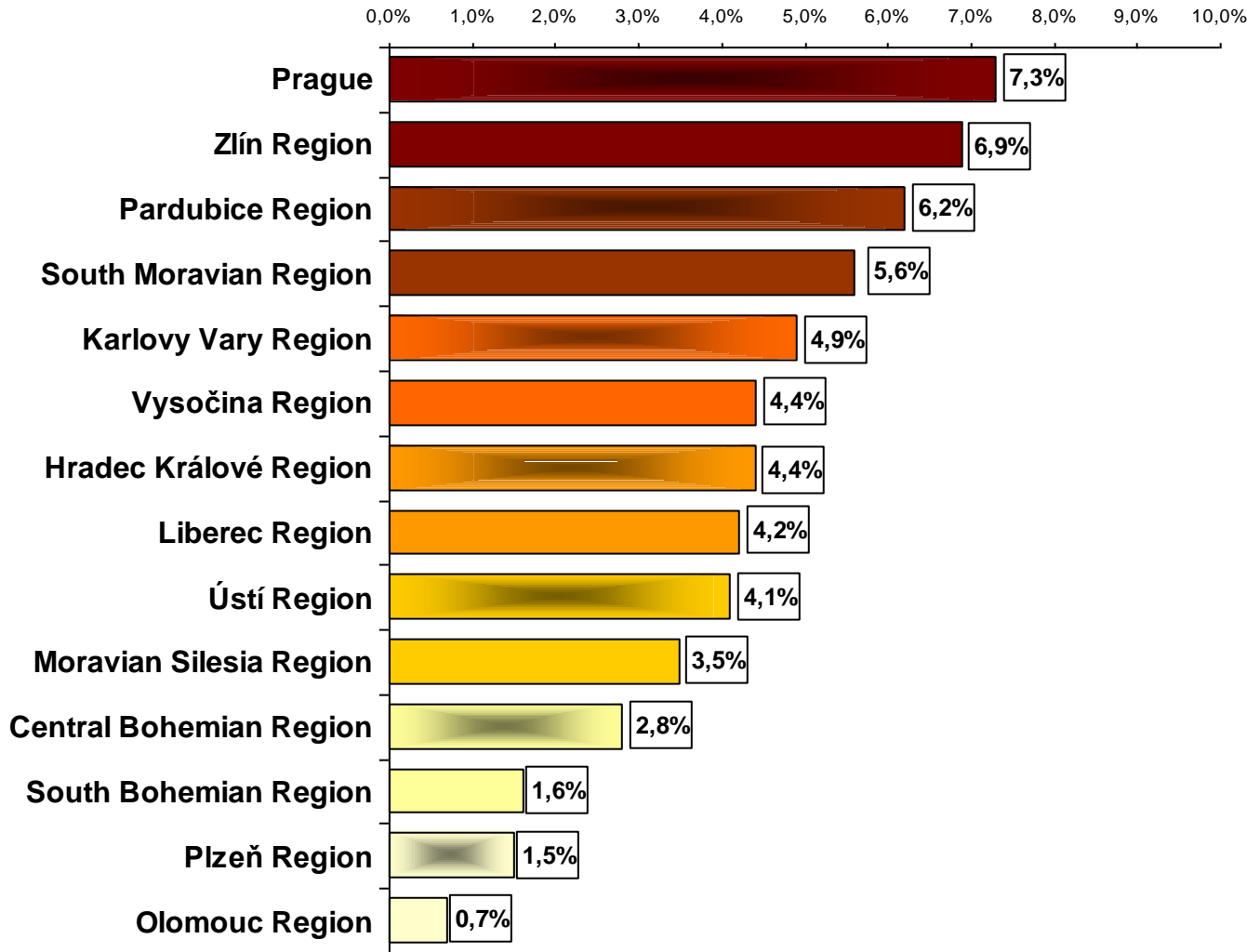
Knowledge of Polish – all levels – by region



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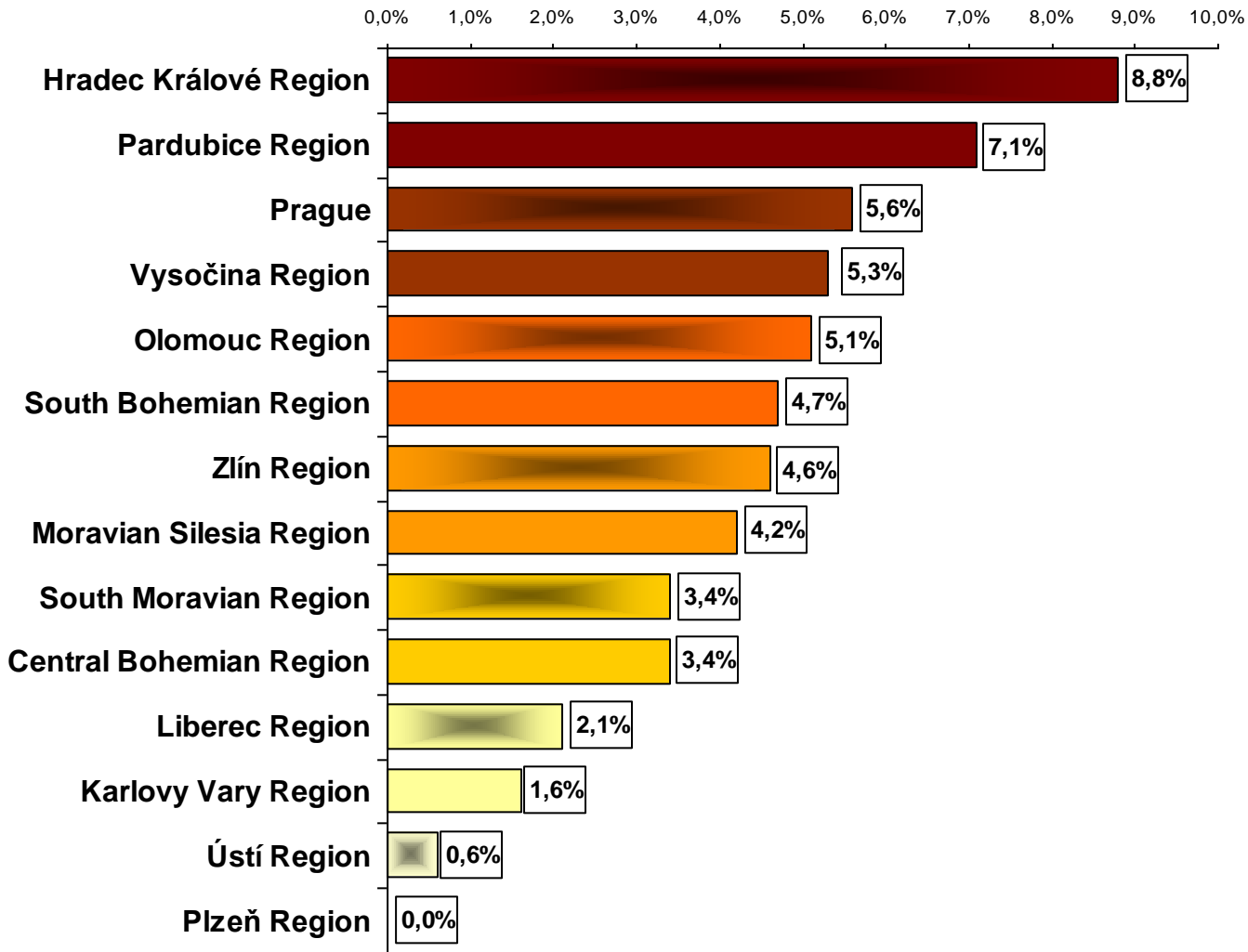
Knowledge of Italian – all levels – by region



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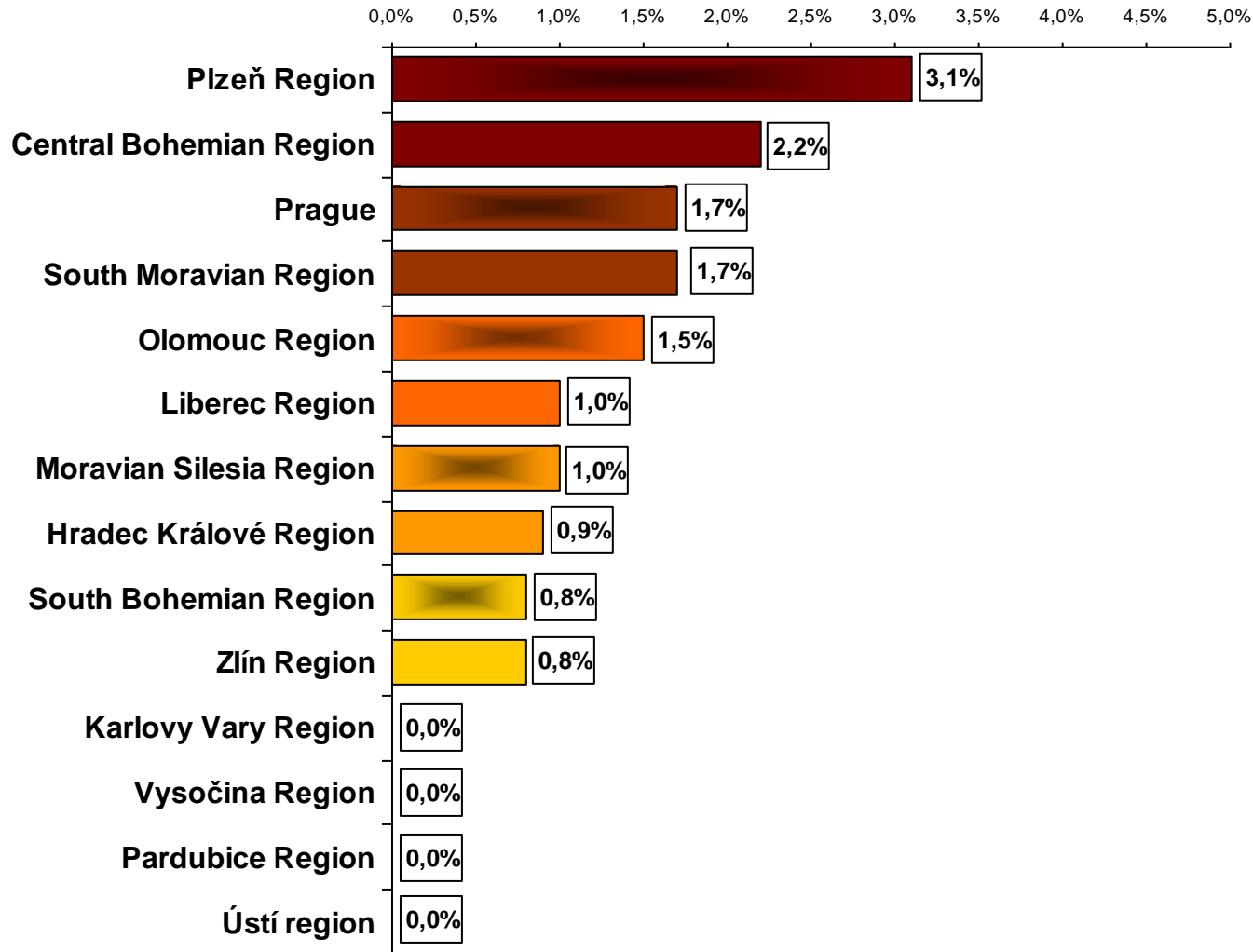
Knowledge of Spanish – all levels – by region



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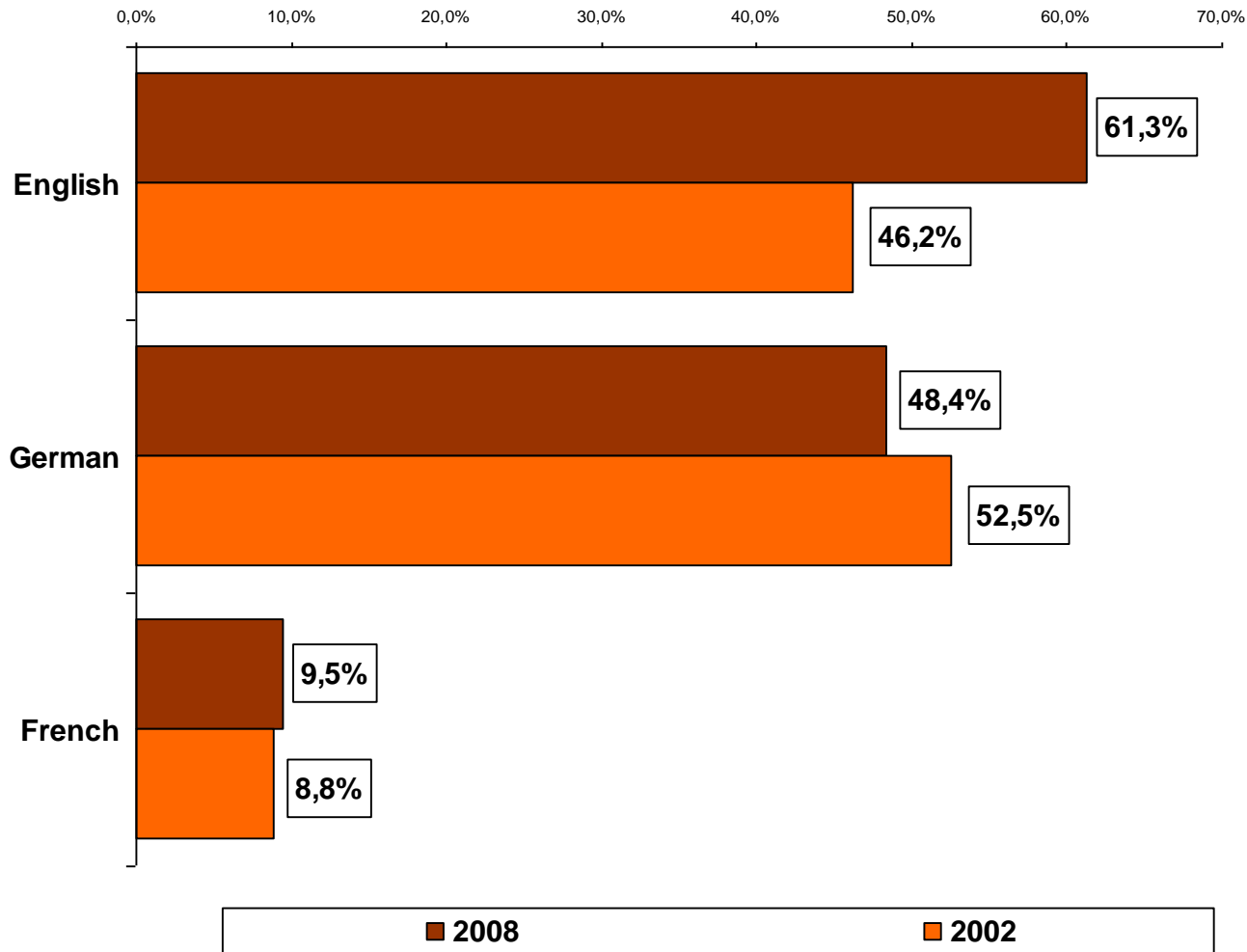
Level Knowledge Of Foreign Languages

Knowledge of Nordic languages – all levels – by region



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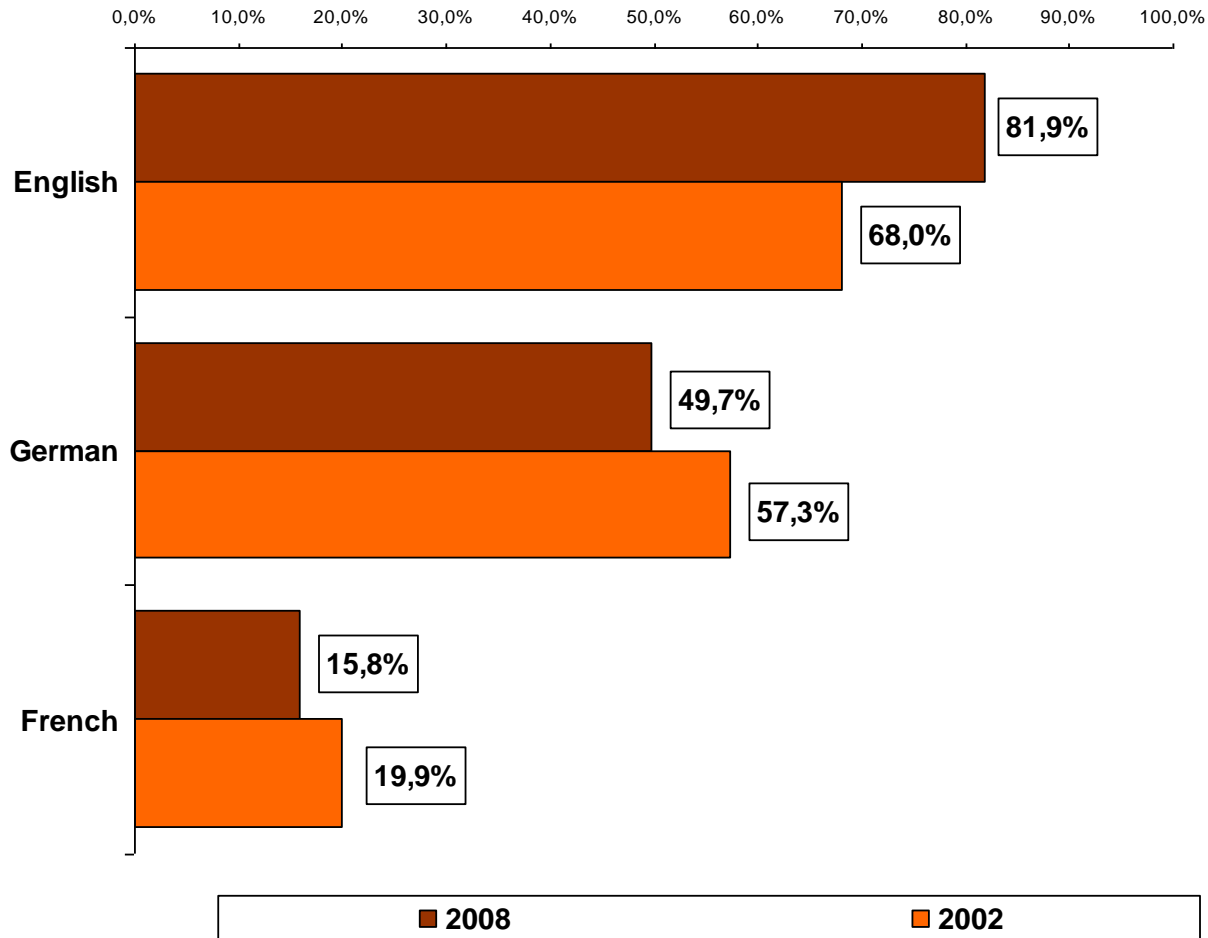
Comparison of The Results – all levels



Source: Augur Consulting, s.r.o. 2008, Universitas 2002

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Respondents living in Prague



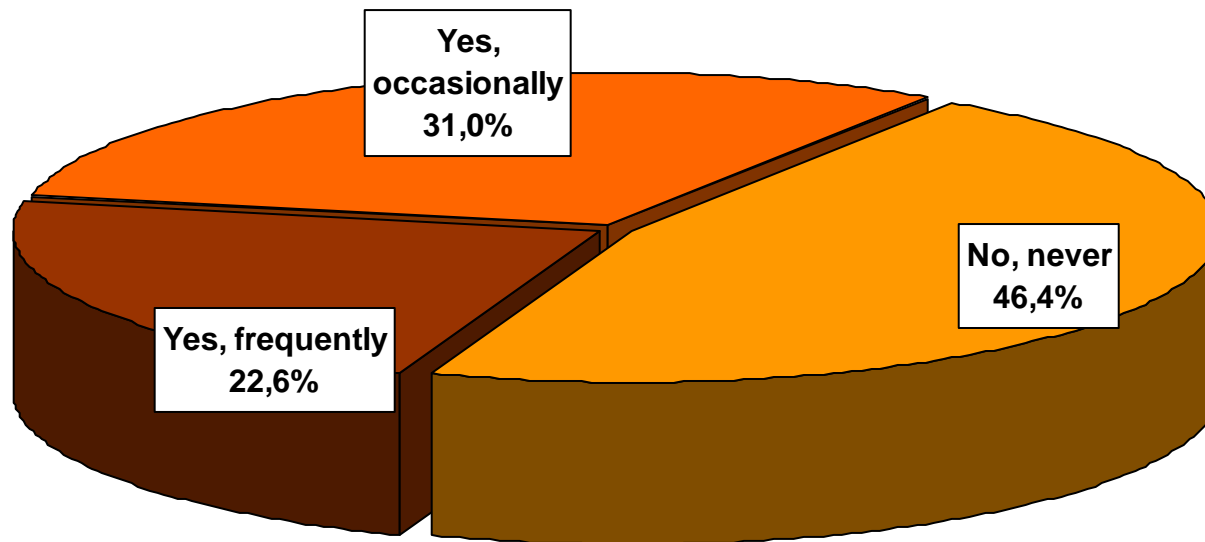
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Utilisation of Foreign Languages at Work

Almost a half of respondents (46.4 %) do not make use of their knowledge of a foreign language at work. A third of respondents (31.0 %) use their knowledge of a foreign language at work occasionally, while one fifth of respondents (22.6 %) use their knowledge of a foreign language at work frequently.

The question was answered by 87.0 % respondents.

Do you make use of your knowledge of a foreign language at work?



Source: Augur Consulting, s.r.o. 2008

Knowledge of Foreign Languages

The table below documents the replies according to the socio-demographic characteristics of respondents.

Do you make use of your knowledge of a foreign language at work?		Yes, frequently in %	Yes, occasionally in %	No, never in %	Total in %	Yes, frequently in %	Yes, occasionally in %
Gender	Male	22,0	31,5	46,5	100,0	22,0	31,5
	Female	23,1	30,5	46,4	100,0	23,1	30,5
Age	18 – 29	28,1	33,3	38,6	100,0	28,1	33,3
	30 – 39	25,6	35,3	39,1	100,0	25,6	35,3
	40 – 49	21,5	29,4	49,1	100,0	21,5	29,4
	50 – 59	11,8	23,9	64,3	100,0	11,8	23,9
Education	Primary	9,3	16,2	74,5	100,0	9,3	16,2
	Secondary	20,5	36,4	43,1	100,0	20,5	36,4
	Higher	44,6	37,5	17,9	100,0	44,6	37,5
Study field – categorised form	Technical field	15,8	28,1	56,1	100,0	15,8	28,1
	Economic field	26,1	36,5	37,4	100,0	26,1	36,5
	Humanities	36,0	35,2	28,8	100,0	36,0	35,2
	Sciences	18,7	36,3	45,0	100,0	18,7	36,3
	Other	18,8	15,1	66,1	100,0	18,8	15,1

Source: Augur Consulting, s.r.o., 2008

Knowledge Of Foreign Languages

The table below documents the replies according to the socio-demographic characteristics of respondents.

Do you make use of your knowledge of a foreign language at work?		Yes, frequently in %	Yes, occasionally in %	No, never in %	Total in %
REGIONS	Prague	27,3	44,3	28,4	100,0
	South Bohemian Region	15,7	26,8	57,5	100,0
	South Moravian Region	36,6	28,0	35,4	100,0
	Karlovy Vary Region	29,5	26,2	44,3	100,0
	Vysočina Region	23,9	26,5	49,6	100,0
	Hradec Králové Region	30,1	39,8	30,1	100,0
	Liberec Region	24,0	25,0	51,0	100,0
	Moravian Silesia Region	17,5	26,9	55,6	100,0
	Olomouc Region	18,3	29,8	51,9	100,0
	Pardubice Region	29,2	31,9	38,9	100,0
	Plzeň Region	16,8	34,4	48,8	100,0
	Central Bohemian Region	20,3	27,1	52,6	100,0
	Ústí Region	12,3	35,1	52,6	100,0
	Zlín Region	18,5	31,5	50,0	100,0

Source: Augur Consulting, s.r.o., 2008

Sample Structure		%
Gender	Male	48.9
	Female	51.1
Age	18 – 29	29.8
	30 – 39	24.1
	40 – 49	23.4
	50 – 59	22.7
Education	Primary	34.1
	Secondary	46.3
	Higher	19.6
Number of dependent children / persons in the household	None	46.3
	One	28.3
	Two	22.0
	Three or more	3.4
Study field – categorised form	Technical field	39.4
	Economic field	25.8
	Humanities	16.0
	Sciences	8.2
	Other	10.6

Source: Augur Consulting, s.r.o., 2008

Sample Structure		%
Employment – social position	Higher management	6.2
	Lower management	18.4
	Administrative personnel	22.6
	Other	52.8
Employment – social position	Labourer (manual worker)	21.6
	Administrative employee (in the commercial sphere)	16.0
	Administrative employee (the state, state-funded organisation)	13.0
	Managerial staff	9.5
	Teacher, doctor, research worker, etc.	6.9
	Entrepreneur	4.2
	Small trader	4.2
	Unemployed	2.7
	Pensioner, including invalid pension, disabled persons	5.1
	Maternity / paternity leave, in the home	2.6
	Student, apprentice	12.4
	Economically active - other	1.8

Source: Augur Consulting, s.r.o., 2008

Sample Structure		%
POPULATION	Up to 1,000	6.4
	1,001 – 5,000	11.6
	5,001 – 20,000	9.9
	20,001 – 100,000	45.4
	100,000 or more	26.7
REGIONS	Prague	8.3
	South Bohemian Region	5.4
	South Moravian Region	11.3
	Karlovy Vary Region	2.9
	Vysočina Region	5.6
	Hradec Králové Region	4.9
	Liberec Region	4.1
	Moravian Silesia Region	14.4
	Olomouc Region	6.5
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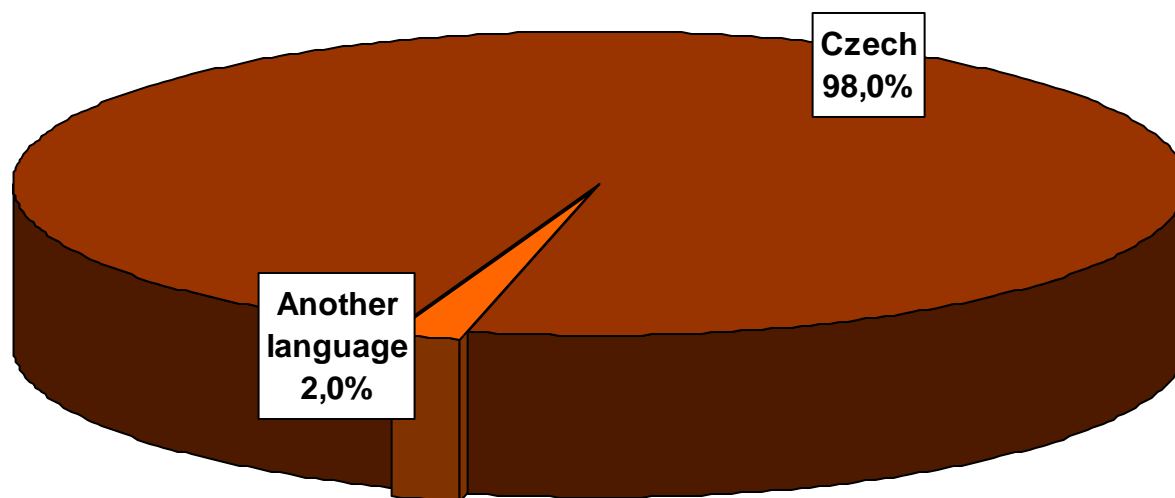
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Sample Structure

98.0 % of respondents stated Czech as their native language. Only 2.0 % of respondents stated a language other than Czech as their native language.

The question was answered by 79.4 % respondents.

What is your native language?



Another language: Slovak, Hungarian, Vietnamese, Russian, German, Ukrainian, Romany, Polish, Mongolian.

Source: Augur Consulting, s.r.o., 2008