

Languages and the Francophonie

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The language data come from the Federal Statistical Office, the Office cantonal de la statistique (cantonal statistical office) and the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie.¹

Indicator	Value	Reference	Part
French as main language in Geneva	79 to 80%	2020-2024	J
English as main language in Geneva	12%	2024	J
Portuguese and Spanish in Geneva	9.7% and 7.8%	2024	J
Foreign residents in Geneva	41.5%	2024	J
German, French, Italian, Romansh in Switzerland	61.8%, 22.8%, 7.8%, 0.5%	2022	J
Cross-border commuters in Geneva	107,200 (+2.8%)	early 2026	J, K
Cross-border commuters in Switzerland	391,000 (+3.2%)	end of 2025	J
French speakers worldwide (OIF)	396 million	2026	J
Share of the French-speaking world in global GDP	16.5%	2026	J
Share of world merchandise trade	20%	2026	J
Swiss double taxation agreements	around 120	1 January 2026	J
Projected French speakers in 2050	751 million	projection	J

1 Notes

1. Federal Statistical Office, main languages 2022; Tribune de Genève, 23 April 2026; Université Laval, 2024 data; Organisation internationale de la Francophonie, reports 2022 and 2026; lesfrontaliers.ch, 27 April 2026, cited in Part J. ↩

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