

# Language Teaching Policy: Lithuania

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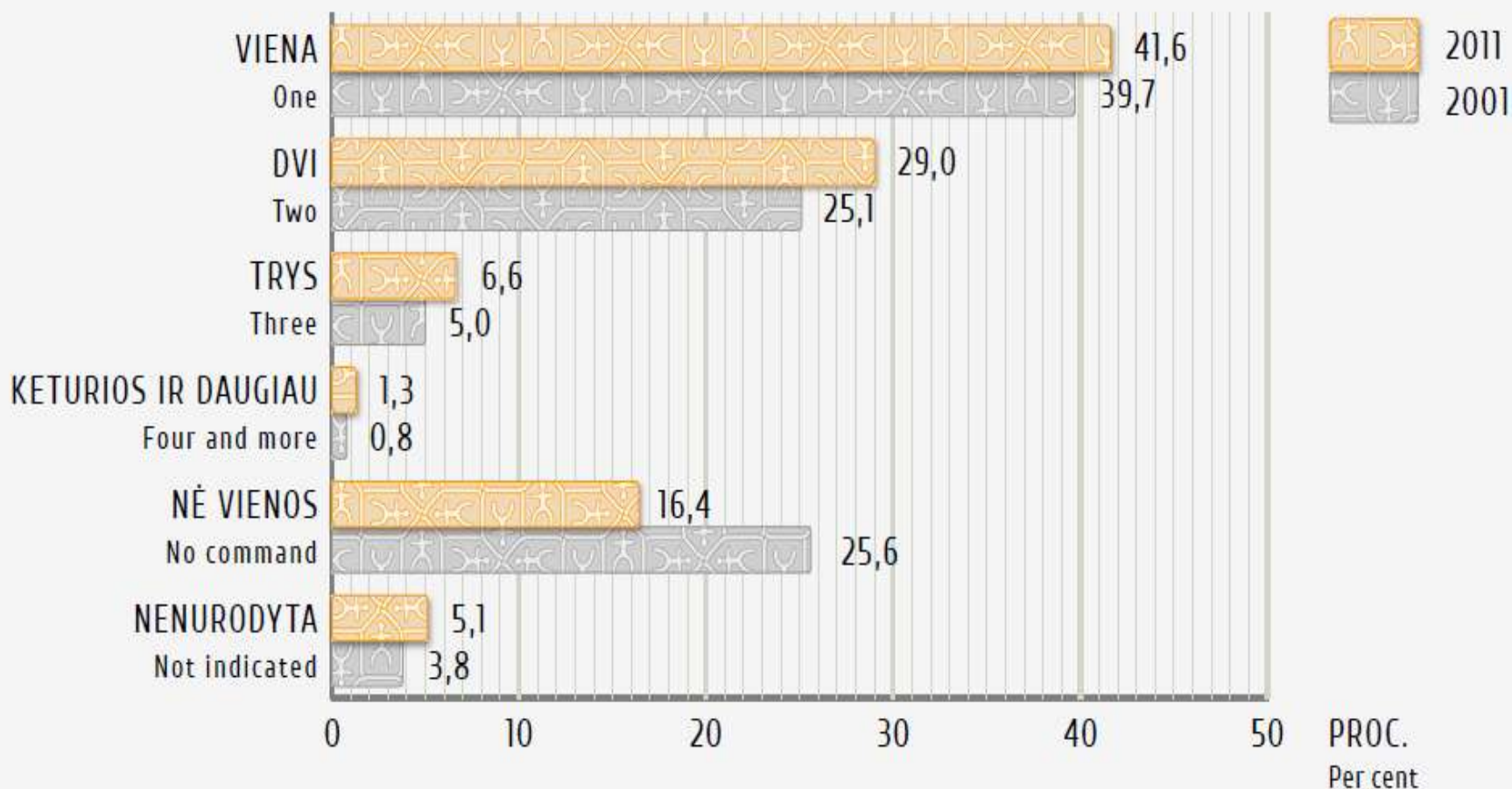
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# Population Census 2001 / 2011

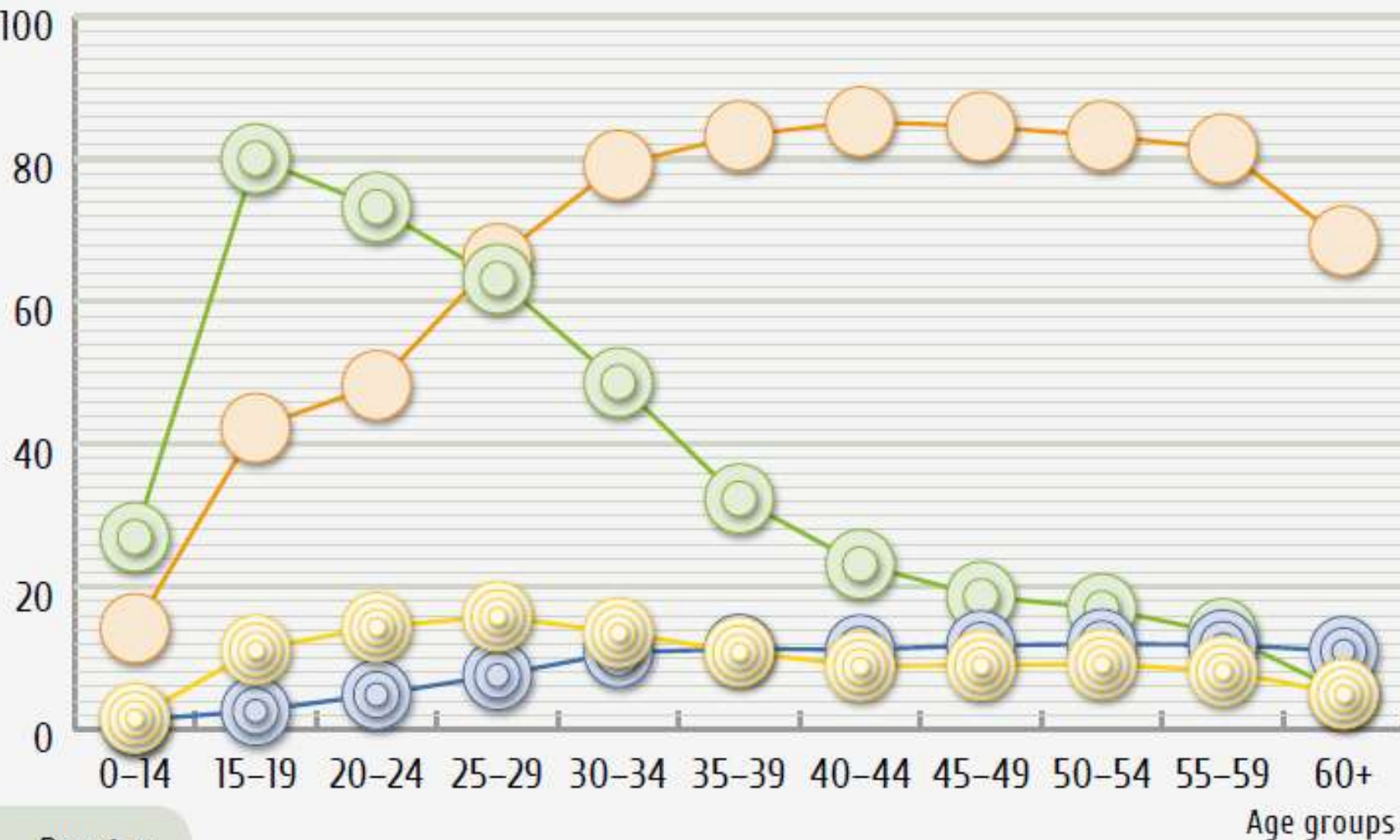
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Population by command of languages\*

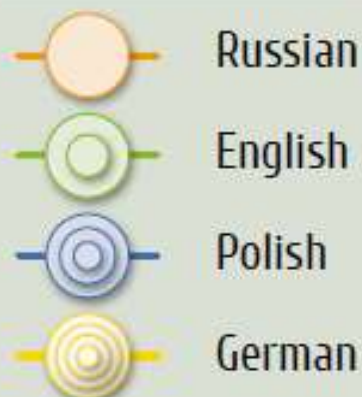
\* excluding mother tongue.

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Per cent



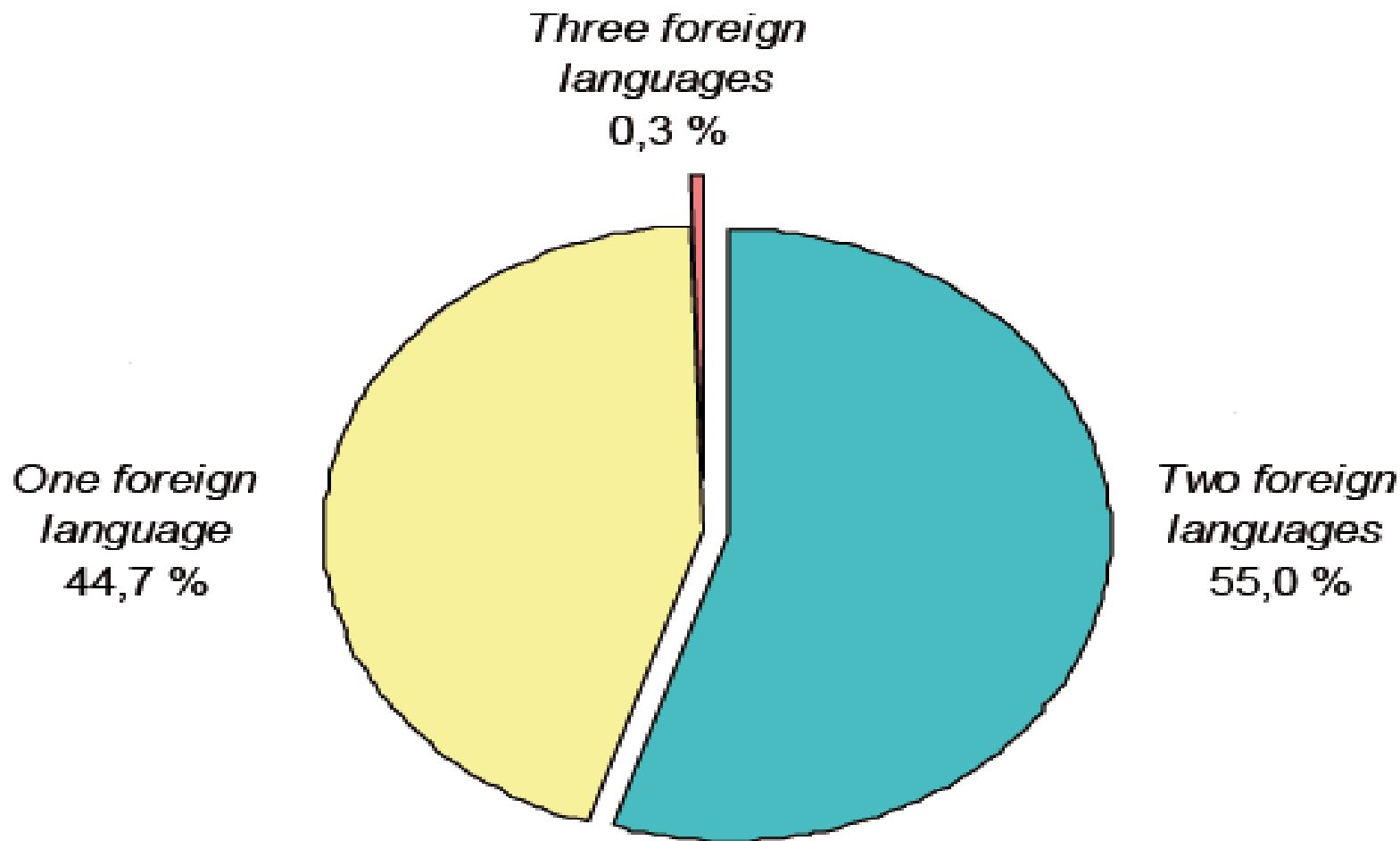
Population by age group and command of languages\*

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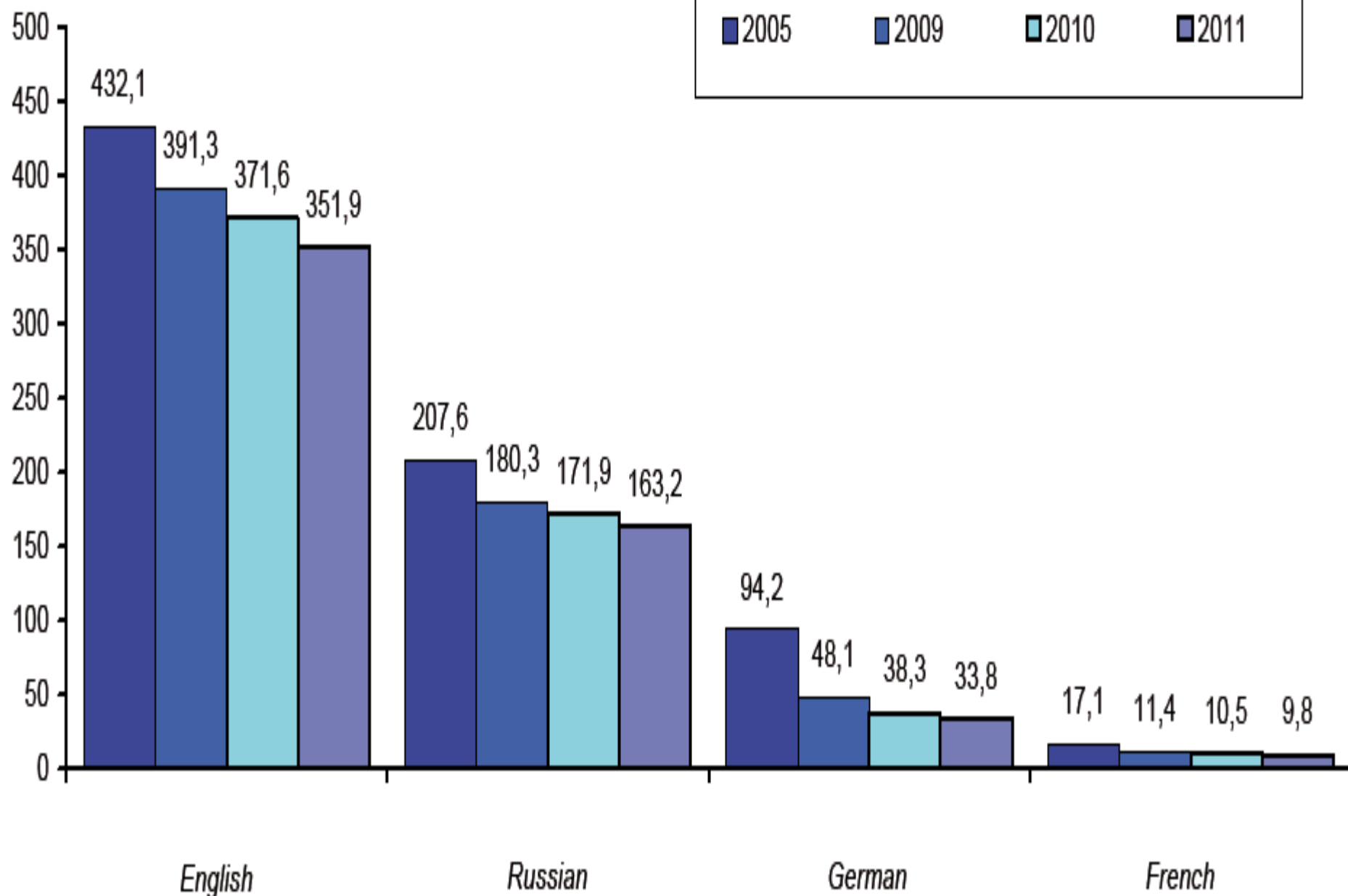


Students studying foreign languages compared to the total number of students, 2011–2012

*by the Educational and Cultural Statistics Division. Lithuania*



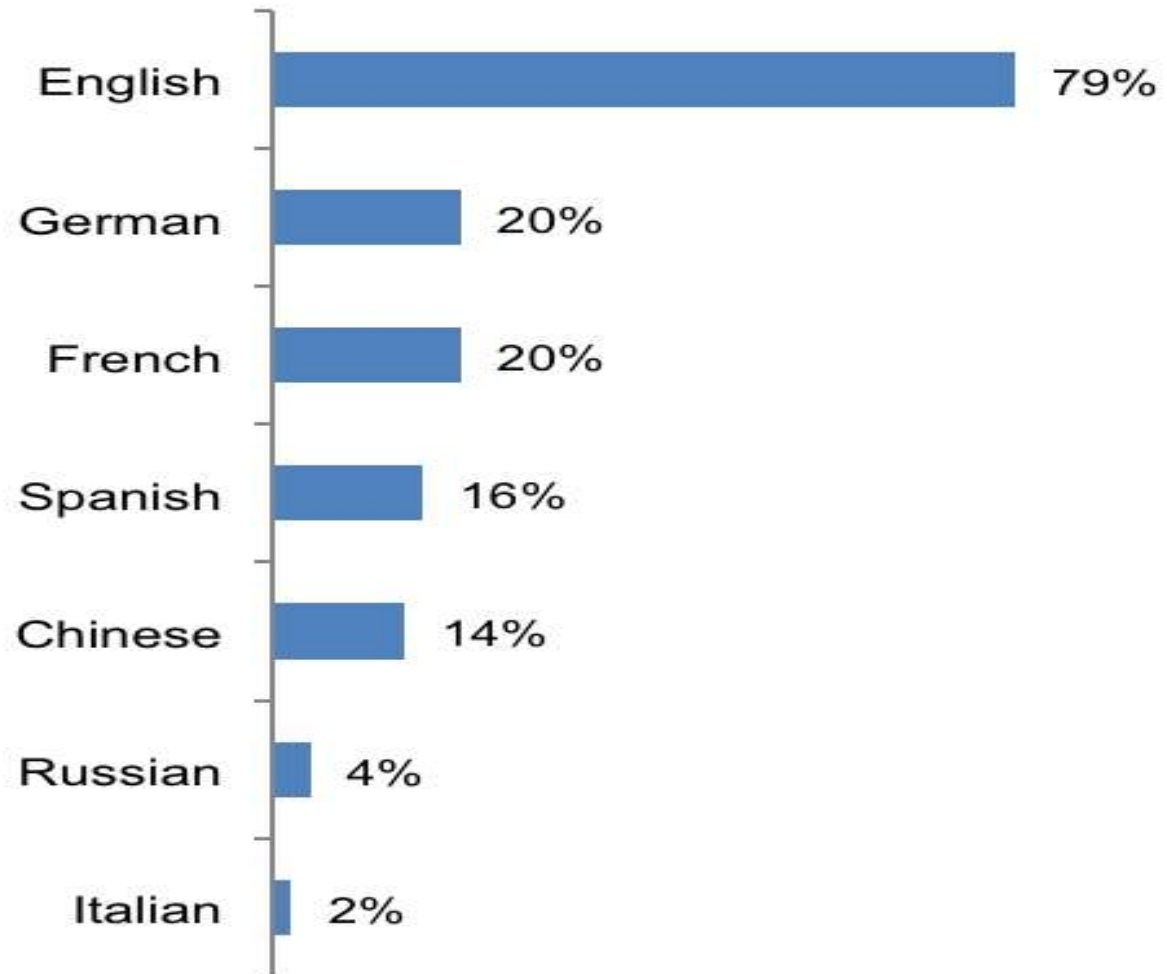
Thousand



# Eurobarometer 2012

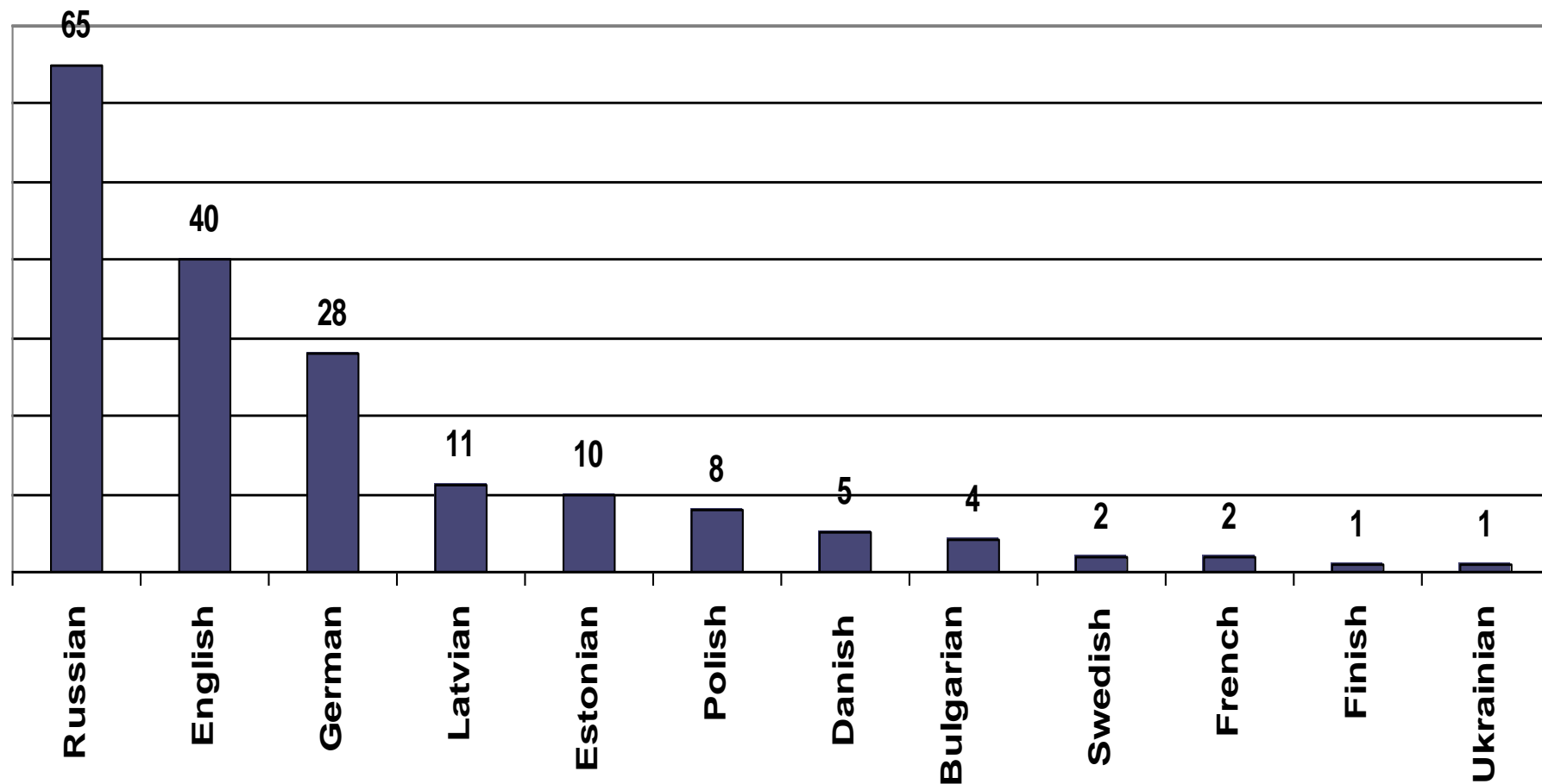
QE1b And for children to learn for their future?

***answers: languages with more than 3%***



## Language Rich Europe: Languages in Lithuanian companies

(Value = N of mentions)



# Language Education Policy

## IN PLACE

- **Early language learning:** English, German or French as the first foreign language
- **Lower secondary school:** two foreign languages compulsory
- **Upper secondary school:** one foreign language is compulsory
- **University entry:** International language exams accepted (B1 and higher)



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## IN PROGRESS

- **Criteria-referenced evaluation:** CEFR levels for foreign languages
- **B1 [B2] level or higher is compulsory:** one EU language for state-funded university entry
- **Language requirements for all teachers:** one foreign (EU) language at **B1 level or higher**
- **Lithuanian Language Exam for national minority students**

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## GAPS

- **Upper secondary school:** one foreign language is enough
- **Limited language offer:** English, German, French, and Russian
- **Language Demand by labour market:** English, Russian, Nordic
- **Pre-service teacher training:** one-language teachers, only the traditional four languages
- **Administrative restrains:** lack of flexibility in teacher recruitment, fixed learners' groups, choice of languages, timetable, etc.

Ačiū už dėmesį.

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