

## Air Force Strategic Language List (FY09)

### Immediate Investment Languages:

Arabic [1]  
 Chinese [2]  
 French [\*]  
 Languages of India [3]  
 Languages of Indonesia [4]  
 Japanese  
 Korean [\*]  
 Pashtu (Pushtu) [5]  
 Persian [6]  
 Portuguese [7] [\*]  
 Russian [\*]  
 Spanish [\*]  
 Turkic Languages [8]  
 Urdu

[1] Includes only Modern Standard Arabic (MSA), Algerian, Egyptian, Gulf, Iraqi, and Levantine dialects.

[2] Includes only Mandarin, Cantonese, Gan and Wu

[3] Includes only Hindi, Punjabi, Tamil, Telegu, Malayalam, and Kanarese.

[4] Includes only Indonesian and Javanese

[5] Includes Pashto-Afghan

[6] Includes only Afghan (Dari) and Iranian (Farsi) dialects.

[7] Includes Continental and Brazilian

[8] Includes only Turkish and Turkmen

### Strategic Stronghold:

Bengali  
 Cambodian  
 Czech  
 Georgian  
 Hebrew  
 Languages of Africa [1]  
 Kurdi (Kurdish)  
 Maylay  
 Serbo-Croatian  
 Tagalog [\*]  
 Thai  
 Turkic Languages [2]  
 Vietnamese

[1] Includes only Hausa, Igbo, Somali, Swahili, and Yoruba.

[2] Includes only Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Uighur, Uzbek.

### The following are considered “Other” languages:

Afrikaans	Dutch	Kikongo	Quechua
Albanian	Estonian	Kirghiz	Romanian
Amharic	Finnish	Kurmanje	Sindhi
Armenian	Flemish	Lao	Singhalese
Assyrian	German [*]	Latvian	Slovak
Baluchi	Greek	Lithuanian	Slovenian
Belorussian	Gujarati	Luganda	Swedish
Berber	Haitian-Creole	Macedonian	Tadjik (Tajik)
Bulgarian	Hiligaynon	Mandingo-Bambara	Tausug (Moro)
Burmese	Hungarian	Marathi	Tigrinya
Cebuano	Icelandic	Mongolian	Ukrainian
Chavacano	Ilocano	Nepalese	Wolof
Chechen	Italian [*]	Norwegian	Zulu-Zul
Danish	Kashmiri	Polish	

[1] Indicates languages considered “Dominant” for FLPB purposes.