

**Figure 1.1.1. (a) Types of organization
Overview of number of international organizations by type: 2001**

Presented in this table is the number of international organizations currently listed in the database of the *Yearbook of International Organizations*. The organizations are totalled by type (see the appendix "Types of organization") and by whether they are intergovernmental or not. In addition, totals are given for certain groupings of types ("conventional", "other" and "special").

This table suggests different answers to the question "How many international organizations are there?"

1. Conventional intergovernmental organizations, when attaching importance to the non-recognition of international non-governmental organizations in terms of international law. (Multilateral treaties, Type T, might be added as closely related international "instruments".)
2. Conventional international bodies, both governmental and non-governmental, when attaching importance to the existence of autonomous international bodies as a social reality.
3. Conventional bodies (Types A to D) plus special forms (Type F), when recognizing the importance of organizational substitutes and unconventional form. (To the latter might be added conference series, Type S, and multilateral treaties, Type T, as forms of organization substitute.)
4. Conventional bodies (Types A to D), special forms (Type F) and religious orders (Type R), when attaching importance to the social reality of the latter as independent actors.
5. Conventional bodies (Types A to D), other international bodies (Types E to G), religious orders (Type R), and multilateral treaties (Type T), when recognizing the international impact of semi-autonomous and nationally tied organizations. (Documentalists might also include inactive bodies, Type H, which figure in the "authority lists" of international organizations.)

Note that the corresponding table for last year is reprinted, with corrections, on the next page.

| Types | Intergovernmental | | | Nongovernmental | | | Total | |
|--|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | No. | % Type | % IGO | No. | % Type | % NGO | No. | % Total |
| CONVENTIONAL INTERNATIONAL BODIES | | | | | | | | |
| A. Federations of international organizations | 1 | 2.63 | 0.43 | 37 | 97.37 | 0.57 | 38 | 0.57 |
| B. Universal membership organizations | 34 | 6.74 | 14.65 | 470 | 93.26 | 7.34 | 504 | 7.60 |
| C. Intercontinental membership organizations | 31 | 2.85 | 13.36 | 1055 | 97.15 | 16.48 | 1086 | 16.38 |
| D. Regionally oriented membership organizations | 166 | 3.31 | 71.56 | 4836 | 96.69 | 75.61 | 5002 | 75.45 |
| TOTAL CONVENTIONAL | 232 | 3.49 | 100.00 | 6398 | 96.51 | 100.00 | 6630 | 100.00 |
| OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES | | | | | | | | |
| E. Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies | 832 | 26.68 | 54.49 | 2286 | 73.32 | 39.00 | 3118 | 42.19 |
| F. Organizations of special form | 695 | 16.27 | 45.51 | 3576 | 83.73 | 61.00 | 4271 | 57.81 |
| TOTAL Types E + F | 1527 | 20.67 | 100.00 | 5862 | 79.33 | 100.00 | 7389 | 100.00 |
| TOTAL Types A to F | 1759 | 12.55 | - | 12260 | 87.45 | - | 14019 | - |
| G. Internationally oriented national organizations | 100 | 1.69 | 100.00 | 5807 | 98.31 | 100.00 | 5907 | 100.00 |
| TOTAL OTHER (Types E + F+ G) | 1627 | 12.23 | - | 11669 | 87.77 | - | 13296 | - |
| TOTAL Types A to G | 1859 | 9.33 | - | 18067 | 90.67 | - | 19926 | - |
| SPECIAL TYPES | | | | | | | | |
| H. Dissolved or apparently inactive organizations | 632 | 13.40 | 12.10 | 4084 | 86.60 | 13.56 | 4716 | 13.34 |
| J. Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed | 115 | 21.06 | 2.20 | 431 | 78.97 | 1.43 | 546 | 1.54 |
| K. Subsidiary and internal bodies | 551 | 27.02 | 10.55 | 1488 | 72.98 | 4.93 | 2039 | 5.76 |
| N. National organizations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3598 | 100 | 11.93 | 3598 | 10.17 |
| R. Religious orders and secular institutes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 900 | 100 | 2.98 | 900 | 2.54 |
| S. Autonomous conference series | 124 | 17.89 | 2.37 | 569 | 82.11 | 1.88 | 693 | 1.96 |
| T. Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements | 2265 | 99.95 | 43.40 | 1 | 0.05 | 0 | 2266 | 6.40 |
| U. Currently inactive nonconventional bodies | 1534 | 7.44 | 29.38 | 19064 | 92.56 | 63.29 | 20598 | 58.29 |
| TOTAL SPECIAL | 5221 | 14.76 | 100.00 | 30135 | 85.24 | 100.00 | 35356 | 100.00 |
| TOTAL G + N | 100 | 1.05 | - | 9405 | 98.95 | - | 9505 | - |
| TOTAL H + U | 2166 | 8.55 | - | 23148 | 91.45 | - | 25314 | - |
| TOTAL ALL TYPES | 7080 | 12.80 | - | 48202 | 87.20 | - | 55282 | - |