

Figure 1.1.1. (a) Types of organization Overview of number of international organizations by type: 2003

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"). For other groupings of types, see Figure 1.1.1. (b) in this volume.

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.)

Types by group	Intergovernmental			Nongovernmental			Total	
	No. of this type	% of this type	% of this group	No. of this type	% of this type	% of this group	No. of this type	% of this group
GROUP: CONVENTIONAL INTERNATIONAL BODIES								
A. Federations of international organizations	1	2.70	0.41	36	97.30	0.50	37	0.49
B. Universal membership organizations	34	6.69	13.88	474	93.31	6.53	508	6.77
C. Intercontinental membership organizations	33	2.98	13.47	1075	97.02	14.81	1108	14.76
D. Regionally oriented membership organizations	177	3.02	72.24	5676	96.98	78.17	5853	77.98
TOTAL: CONVENTIONAL BODIES	245	3.26	100.00	7261	96.74	100.00	7506	100.00
GROUP: OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES								
E. Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	885	25.14	50.77	2635	74.86	19.39	3520	22.96
F. Organizations of special form	748	15.32	42.91	4136	84.68	30.43	4884	31.85
G. Internationally oriented national organizations	110	1.59	6.31	6819	98.41	50.18	6929	45.19
TOTAL: OTHER BODIES	1743	11.37	100.00	13590	88.63	100.00	15333	100.00
TOTAL Types E + F	1633	19.43		6771	80.57		8404	
TOTAL Types A B C D E F	1878	11.80		14032	88.20		15910	
TOTAL Types A B C D E F G	1988	8.70		20851	91.30		22839	
GROUP: SPECIAL TYPES								
H. Dissolved or apparently inactive organizations	593	13.45	11.15	3815	86.55	12.80	4408	12.55
J. Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	94	20.43	1.77	366	79.57	1.23	460	1.31
K. Subsidiary and internal bodies	582	29.28	10.94	1406	70.72	4.72	1988	5.66
N. National organizations	1	0.03	0.02	3746	99.97	12.57	3747	10.67
R. Religious orders and secular institutes	0	0.00	0.00	901	100.00	3.02	901	2.57
S. Autonomous conference series	133	18.58	2.50	583	81.42	1.96	716	2.04
T. Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	2323	100.00	43.68	0	0.00	0.00	2323	6.61
U. Currently inactive nonconventional bodies	1592	7.73	29.94	18990	92.27	63.71	20582	58.60
TOTAL: SPECIAL TYPES	5318	15.14	100.00	29807	84.86	100.00	35125	100.00
TOTAL Types H + U	2185	8.74		22805	91.26		24990	
TOTAL ALL TYPES	7306	12.60		50658	87.40		57964	