

Figure 0.1. Current overview

Number of international organizations: 2000

These tables suggest different answers to the question "How many international organizations are there?" Each table is a different combination of types of non-profit organization in the *Yearbook of International Organizations*. To be included in the Yearbook an organization must satisfy, or appear to satisfy, some understanding of "international". Totals for each cluster are different reflecting different possible combinations of types.

1. Conventional intergovernmental organizations, when attaching importance to the non-recognition of international nongovernmental 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 nongovernmental, 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.

Figure 0.1.1. All bodies in Yearbook database

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Cluster I: International organizations	A-D, F	922	14%	9988	21%	10910	20%
Cluster II: Dependent bodies	E, K, R	1337	20%	4648	10%	5985	11%
Cluster III: Organizational substitutes	S, T	2232	33%	555	1%	2787	5%
Cluster IV: National bodies	G, N	97	1%	9606	20%	9703	18%
Cluster V: Dead, inactive and unconfirmed bodies	H, J, U	2155	32%	22301	47%	24456	45%
	all	6743	100%	47098	100%	53841	100%

Figure 0.1.2. International organizations (Cluster I)

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
		No.	% Type	No.	% Type	No.	% Total
Conventional international bodies	A-D	243	26%	6357	64%	6600	60%
Unconventional international bodies	F	679	74%	3631	36%	4310	40%
Total organizations		922		9988		10910	

Figure 0.1.3. Dependent bodies (Cluster II)

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	E	817	61%	2328	50%	3145	53%
Subsidiary and internal bodies	K	520	39%	1417	30%	1937	32%
Religious orders and secular institutes	R	0	0%	903	19%	903	15%
Total organizations		1337		4648		5985	

Figure 0.1.4. Organizational substitutes (Cluster III)

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Autonomous conference series	S	110	5%	555	100%	665	24%
Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	T	2122	95%	0	0%	2122	76%
Total organizations		2232		555		2787	

Figure 0.1.5. National bodies (Cluster IV)

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Internationally oriented national organizations	G	97	100%	6007	63%	6104	63%
National organizations	N	0	0%	3599	37%	3599	37%
Total organizations		97		9606		9703	

Figure 0.1.6. Inactive, unconfirmed and excluded bodies (Cluster V)

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Dissolved or apparently inactive conventional organizations	H	577	27%	3834	17%	4411	18%
Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	J	79	4%	472	2%	551	2%
Currently excluded nonconventional bodies	U	1499	70%	17995	81%	19494	80%
Total organizations		2155		22301		24456	