

Figure 1.1.1. (a) Types of organization
Number of international organizations by type: 2000

Presented in this table is the number of international organizations listed in this edition 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.

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 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. (Documentalists might also include inactive bodies, Type H, which figure in the "authority lists" of international organizations.)

Types of organization	Intergovernmental			Nongovernmental			Total	
	No.	% Type	% IGO	No.	% Type	% NGO	No.	% Total
CONVENTIONAL INTERNATIONAL BODIES								
A. Federations of international organizations	1	2.63	0.41	37	97.37	0.58	38	0.57
B. Universal membership organizations	35	6.86	14.40	475	93.14	7.47	510	7.72
C. Intercontinental membership organizations	34	3.09	13.99	1063	96.91	16.72	1097	16.62
D. Regionally oriented membership organizations	173	3.49	71.20	4782	96.51	75.23	4955	75.09
TOTAL CONVENTIONAL	243	3.68	100.0	6357	96.32	100.0	6600	100.0
OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES								
E. Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	817	25.98	51.29	2328	74.02	19.46	3145	23.19
F. Organizations of special form	679	15.75	42.63	3631	84.25	30.34	4310	31.79
TOTAL Types E + F	1496	-	-	5959	-	-	7455	-
TOTAL Types A to F	1739	-	-	12326	-	-	14055	-
G. Internationally oriented national organizations	97	1.58	6.08	6007	98.42	50.20	6104	45.02
TOTAL OTHER (Types E F G)	1593	11.74	100.0	11966	88.26	100.0	13559	100.0
TOTAL Types A to G	1836	-	-	18323	-	-	20159	-
SPECIAL TYPES								
H. Dissolved or apparently inactive organizations	577	13.08	11.75	3834	86.92	13.32	4411	13.09
J. Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	79	14.33	1.60	472	85.67	1.64	551	1.63
K. Subsidiary and internal bodies	520	26.84	10.59	1417	73.16	4.92	1937	5.75
N. National organizations	0	0	0	3599	100.0	12.50	3599	10.68
R. Religious orders and secular institutes	0	0	0	903	100.0	3.13	903	2.68
S. Autonomous conference series	110	16.54	2.24	555	83.46	1.92	665	1.97
T. Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	2122	100.0	43.26	0	0	0	2122	6.30
U. Currently inactive nonconventional bodies	1499	7.68	30.56	17995	92.32	62.57	19494	57.90
TOTAL SPECIAL	4907	14.56	100.0	28775	85.44	100.0	33682	100.0
TOTAL Types G + N	97	-	-	9606	-	-	9703	-
TOTAL Types H + U	2076	-	-	21829	-	-	23905	-
TOTAL ALL TYPES	6743	-	-	47098	-	-	53841	-