

## Figure 0.1. Current overview

### Number of international organizations: 2001

These tables suggest answers to the question "How many international organizations are there?"

To be included in the *Yearbook of International Organizations* an organization must satisfy, or appear to satisfy, some understanding of being "non-profit" and "international" (see Appendix 10 "Types of organization"). However, opinion may vary on what bodies are really eligible, or interesting. Each of five tables below is a different (and exclusive) cluster of international organizations that share similar broad characteristics. Each cluster is itself a grouping of more narrowly defined types of organization. There is also a summary table combining the five clusters.

For further discussion, and numbers of organizations according to a more detailed classification common with previous *Yearbooks*, see Figure 1.1.1.

**Figure 0.1.1. All bodies in Yearbook database**

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Cluster I: International organizations	A-D, F	927	13%	9974	21%	10901	20%
Cluster II: Dependent bodies	E, K, R	1383	20%	4674	10%	6057	11%
Cluster III: Organizational substitutes	S, T	2389	34%	570	1%	2959	5%
Cluster IV: National bodies	G, N	100	1%	9405	19%	9505	17%
Cluster V: Dead, inactive and unconfirmed bodies	H, J, U	2281	32%	23579	49%	25860	47%
	all	7080	100%	48202	100%	55282	100%

**Figure 0.1.2. International organizations (Cluster I)**

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Conventional international bodies	A-D	232	25%	6398	64%	6630	61%
Unconventional international bodies	F	695	75%	3576	36%	4271	39%
<b>Total organizations</b>		<b>927</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9974</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10901</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Figure 0.1.3. Dependent bodies (Cluster II)**

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	E	832	60%	2286	49%	3118	51%
Subsidiary and internal bodies	K	551	40%	1488	32%	2039	34%
Religious orders and secular institutes	R	0	0%	900	19%	900	15%
<b>Total organizations</b>		<b>1383</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4674</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6057</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Figure 0.1.4. Organizational substitutes (Cluster III)**

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Autonomous conference series	S	124	5%	569	100%	693	23%
Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	T	2265	95%	1	0%	2266	77%
<b>Total organizations</b>		<b>2389</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2959</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Figure 0.1.5. National bodies (Cluster IV)**

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Internationally oriented national organizations	G	100	100%	5807	62%	5907	62%
National organizations	N	0	0%	3598	38%	3598	38%
<b>Total organizations</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9405</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>9505</b>	<b>100%</b>

**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	632	28%	4084	17%	4716	18%
Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	J	115	5%	431	2%	546	2%
Currently excluded nonconventional bodies	U	1534	67%	19064	81%	20598	80%
<b>Total organizations</b>		<b>2281</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>23579</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>25860</b>	<b>100%</b>