

Figure 0.1. Current overview

Number of international organizations: 2003

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 "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	993	14%	11397	22%	12390	21%
Cluster II: Dependent bodies	E, K, R	1467	20%	4942	10%	6409	11%
Cluster III: Organizational substitutes	S, T	2456	34%	583	1%	3039	5%
Cluster IV: National bodies	G, N	111	2%	10565	21%	10676	18%
Cluster V: Dead, inactive and unconfirmed bodies	H, J, U	2279	31%	23171	46%	25450	44%
	all	7306	100%	50658	100%	57964	100%

Figure 0.1.2. International organizations (Cluster I)

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Conventional international bodies	A-D	245	25%	7261	64%	7506	61%
Unconventional international bodies	F	748	75%	4136	36%	4884	39%
Total organizations		993	100%	11397	100%	12390	100%

Figure 0.1.3. Dependent bodies (Cluster II)

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	E	885	60%	2635	53%	3520	55%
Subsidiary and internal bodies	K	582	40%	1406	28%	1988	31%
Religious orders and secular institutes	R	0	0%	901	18%	901	14%
Total organizations		1467	100%	4942	100%	6409	100%

Figure 0.1.4. Organizational substitutes (Cluster III)

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Autonomous conference series	S	133	5%	583	100%	716	24%
Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	T	2323	95%	0	0%	2323	76%
Total organizations		2456	100%	583	100%	3039	100%

Figure 0.1.5. National bodies (Cluster IV)

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Internationally oriented national organizations	G	110	99%	6819	65%	6929	65%
National organizations	N	1	1%	3746	35%	3747	35%
Total organizations		111	100%	10565	100%	10676	100%

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

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Dissolved or apparently inactive conventional org's	H	593	26%	3815	16%	4408	17%
Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	J	94	4%	366	2%	460	2%
Currently excluded nonconventional bodies	U	1592	70%	18990	82%	20582	81%
Total organizations		2279	100%	23171	100%	25450	100%