

Figure 0.1. Current overview

Number of international organizations: 2004

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	973	13%	11430	22%	12403	21%
Cluster II: Dependent bodies	E, K, R	1440	20%	5030	10%	6470	11%
Cluster III: Organizational substitutes	S, T	2473	34%	582	1%	3055	5%
Cluster IV: National bodies	G, N	108	1%	10430	20%	10538	18%
Cluster V: Dead, inactive and unconfirmed bodies	H, J, U	2356	32%	24037	47%	26393	45%
	all	7350	100%	51509	100%	58859	100%

Figure 0.1.2. International organizations (Cluster I)

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Conventional international bodies	A-D	246	25%	7306	64%	7552	61%
Unconventional international bodies	F	727	75%	4124	36%	4851	39%
Total organizations		973	100%	11430	100%	12403	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	882	61%	2700	54%	3582	55%
Subsidiary and internal bodies	K	558	39%	1429	28%	1987	31%
Religious orders and secular institutes	R	0	0%	901	18%	901	14%
Total organizations		1440	100%	5030	100%	6470	100%

Figure 0.1.4. Organizational substitutes (Cluster III)

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Autonomous conference series	S	133	5%	582	100%	715	23%
Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	T	2340	95%	0	0%	2340	77%
Total organizations		2473	100%	582	100%	3055	100%

Figure 0.1.5. National bodies (Cluster IV)

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Internationally oriented national organizations	G	108	100%	6798	65%	6906	66%
National organizations	N	0	0%	3632	35%	3632	34%
Total organizations		108	100%	10430	100%	10538	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	628	27%	3962	16%	4590	17%
Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	J	64	3%	261	1%	325	1%
Currently excluded nonconventional bodies	U	1664	71%	19814	82%	21478	81%
Total organizations		2356	100%	24037	100%	26393	100%