

Figure 0.1. Current overview

Number of international organizations: 2005

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	967	13%	11707	22%	12674	21%
Cluster II: Dependent bodies	E, K, R	1369	18%	4841	9%	6210	10%
Cluster III: Organizational substitutes	S, T	2494	34%	606	1%	3100	5%
Cluster IV: National bodies	G, N	105	1%	9259	18%	9364	16%
Cluster V: Dead, inactive and unconfirmed bodies	H, J, U	2497	34%	26350	50%	28847	48%
	all	7432	100%	52763	100%	60195	100%

Figure 0.1.2. International organizations (Cluster I)

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Conventional international bodies	A-D	244	25%	7412	63%	7656	60%
Unconventional international bodies	F	723	75%	4295	37%	5018	40%
Total organizations		967	100%	11707	100%	12674	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	870	64%	2689	56%	3559	57%
Subsidiary and internal bodies	K	499	36%	1247	26%	1746	28%
Religious orders and secular institutes	R	0	0%	905	19%	905	15%
Total organizations		1369	100%	4841	100%	6210	100%

Figure 0.1.4. Organizational substitutes (Cluster III)

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Autonomous conference series	S	136	5%	605	100%	741	24%
Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	T	2358	95%	1	0%	2359	76%
Total organizations		2494	100%	606	100%	3100	100%

Figure 0.1.5. National bodies (Cluster IV)

Description	Yearbook types	Intergovernmental IGO		Nongovernmental NGO		Total	
Internationally oriented national organizations	G	105	100%	6630	72%	6735	72%
National organizations	N	0	0%	2629	28%	2629	28%
Total organizations		105	100%	9259	100%	9364	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	671	27%	4152	16%	4823	17%
Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	J	73	3%	287	1%	360	1%
Currently excluded nonconventional bodies	U	1753	70%	21911	83%	23664	82%
Total organizations		2497	100%	26350	100%	28847	100%