

Figure 1.1.1. (a) Types of organization
Overview of number of international organizations by type: 2006

Presented in this table is the number of international organizations currently listed in the database 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 ("conventional", "other" and "special"). For other groupings of types, see Figure 1.1.1. (b) in this volume.

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 non-governmental 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 non-governmental, 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 by group	Intergovernmental			Nongovernmental			Total	
	No. of this type	% of this type	% of this group	No. of this type	% of this type	% of this group	No. of this type	% of this group
GROUP: CONVENTIONAL INTERNATIONAL BODIES								
A. Federations of international organizations	1	2.78	0.41	35	97.22	0.47	36	0.46
B. Universal membership organizations	34	6.77	14.05	468	93.23	6.23	502	6.47
C. Intercontinental membership organizations	32	2.95	13.22	1051	97.05	13.98	1083	13.96
D. Regionally oriented membership organizations	175	2.85	72.31	5963	97.15	79.33	6138	79.11
TOTAL: CONVENTIONAL BODIES	242	3.12	100.00	7517	96.88	100.00	7759	100.00
GROUP: OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES								
E. Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	814	23.24	49.07	2689	76.76	19.31	3503	22.48
F. Organizations of special form	728	14.36	43.88	4342	85.64	31.18	5070	32.53
G. Internationally oriented national organizations	117	1.67	7.05	6895	98.33	49.51	7012	44.99
TOTAL: OTHER BODIES	1659	10.64	100.00	13926	89.36	100.00	15585	100.00
TOTAL Types E + F	1542	17.99		7031	82.01		8573	
TOTAL Types A B C D E F	1784	10.92		14548	89.08		16332	
TOTAL Types A B C D E F G	1901	8.14		21443	91.86		23344	
GROUP: SPECIAL TYPES								
H. Dissolved or apparently inactive organizations	761	14.93	13.52	4336	85.07	13.39	5097	13.41
J. Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	76	21.84	1.35	272	78.16	0.84	348	0.92
K. Subsidiary and internal bodies	456	27.19	8.10	1221	72.81	3.77	1677	4.41
N. National organizations	0	0.00	0.00	2073	100.00	6.40	2073	5.46
R. Religious orders and secular institutes	0	0.00	0.00	905	100.00	2.80	905	2.38
S. Autonomous conference series	138	19.19	2.45	581	80.81	1.79	719	1.89
T. Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	2376	100.00	42.21	0	0.00	0.00	2376	6.25
U. Currently inactive nonconventional bodies	1822	7.34	32.37	22984	92.66	71.00	24806	65.28
TOTAL: SPECIAL TYPES	5629	14.81	100.00	32372	85.19	100.00	38001	100.00
TOTAL Types H + U	2583	8.64		27320	91.36		29903	
TOTAL ALL TYPES	7530	12.27		53815	87.73		61345	