

Figure 1.1.1. (a) Types of organization
Overview of number of international organizations by type: 2007

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	3.03	0.42	32	96.97	0.42	33	0.42
B. Universal membership organizations	34	6.81	14.17	465	93.19	6.10	499	6.34
C. Intercontinental membership organizations	32	2.92	13.33	1063	97.08	13.94	1095	13.92
D. Regionally oriented membership organizations	173	2.77	72.08	6068	97.23	79.55	6241	79.32
TOTAL: CONVENTIONAL BODIES	240	3.05	100.00	7628	96.95	100.00	7868	100.00
GROUP: OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES								
E. Org's emanating from places, persons, bodies	828	23.57	49.49	2685	76.43	19.75	3513	23.01
F. Organizations of special form	724	14.24	43.28	4362	85.76	32.08	5086	33.31
G. Internationally oriented national organizations	121	1.81	7.23	6549	98.19	48.17	6670	43.68
TOTAL: OTHER BODIES	1673	10.96	100.00	13596	89.04	100.00	15269	100.00
TOTAL Types E + F	1552	18.05		7047	81.95		8599	
TOTAL Types A B C D E F	1792	10.88		14675	89.12		16467	
TOTAL Types A B C D E F G	1913	8.27		21224	91.73		23137	
GROUP: SPECIAL TYPES								
H. Dissolved or apparently inactive organizations	768	14.68	13.85	4462	85.32	13.46	5230	13.51
J. Recently reported bodies - not yet confirmed	56	20.14	1.01	222	79.86	0.67	278	0.72
K. Subsidiary and internal bodies	374	24.61	6.74	1146	75.39	3.46	1520	3.93
N. National organizations	0	0.00	0.00	2924	100.00	8.82	2924	7.56
R. Religious orders and secular institutes	0	0.00	0.00	907	100.00	2.74	907	2.34
S. Autonomous conference series	138	19.01	2.49	588	80.99	1.77	726	1.88
T. Multilateral treaties, intergov'tal agreements	2379	100.00	42.90	0	0.00	0.00	2379	6.15
U. Currently inactive nonconventional bodies	1831	7.40	33.01	22904	92.60	69.09	24735	63.92
TOTAL: SPECIAL TYPES	5546	14.33	100.00	33153	85.67	100.00	38699	100.00
TOTAL Types H + U	2599	8.67		27366	91.33		29965	
TOTAL ALL TYPES	7459	12.06		54377	87.94		61836	